

## PRESS RELEASE

July 31<sup>st</sup> 2006

Unlimited Theatre and The Corn Exchange, Newbury present

### TANGLE

Written by Clare Duffy, Liz Margree, Jon Spooner and Chris Thorpe  
Directed by Jon Spooner

National tour: 29<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006

**Press night:** Weds 4<sup>th</sup> October, Sheffield Crucible Studio, 7.45pm

**"Ladies and gents; I've seen infinity. It isn't all that big"**

Unlimited Theatre have made a name for themselves for producing intelligent, stylish and thought-provoking theatre since 1997. TANGLE is their latest production which, like its predecessors, the award-winning NEUTRINO and ZERO DEGREES AND DRIFTING, makes connections between the huge ideas from the conceptual edge of science and heartfelt human stories. The result is a dense, multi-layered and funny story of teleportation and quantum physics, within the framework of a transatlantic detective story and the personal and professional entanglements of four people all searching for something or someone they have lost. And, of course, The Wombles.

Flora is a flaky Beverley Hills pet groomer who hires 'people-finder' Malcolm to track down her long lost beloved Uncle Carlos who disappeared in mysterious circumstances after apparently being involved in shady teleportation experiments. Jocelyn and Hamish are scientists, colleagues on the surface, rivals beneath, involved in a research project at the cutting edge of quantum physics. Teleportation of a living entity may be their goal, but the fundamental question of whether feelings, memories and emotions are also teleported, and therefore what makes up a unique individual, remain unanswered. As they pursue their own paths, both couples come to realise that their lives are more entangled than the USS Eldridge and one of her crew after the Philadelphia Experiment.

This witty, moving and intelligent exploration of profound ideas of what makes us who we are, also takes on board the big questions of the ethics of progress, who we choose to be our heroes and why, and what exactly was Project Tomsk?, within an unashamedly theatrical framework in which they teleport an orange. The cast includes Unlimited's Chris Thorpe and Jon Spooner (who also directs), Gemma Brockis from the celebrated Shunt collective, and Lucy Ellinson. Associate Artists in the creation of TANGLE include A Smith and Professor Vlatko Vedral, head of the Quantum Information Science Group at the University of Leeds. An extensive educational outreach programme is supported by the Institute of Physics.

*"The excellent Unlimited Theatre" (Guardian)*

*"The gifted Unlimited Theatre" (Scotsman)*

*"A force to be reckoned with" (The Independent)*

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## **Notes to Editors**

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## **TANGLE**

a co-production with The Corn Exchange, Newbury in association with the Berkshire Venues Consortium

Directed by Jon Spooner

Designer and additional direction by Alex Kelly

Sound design by Gareth Fry; Lighting design by Colin Grenfell

Cast: Lucy Ellinson, Gemma Brockis, Chris Thorpe and Jon Spooner

**TANGLE Autumn tour 2006 -** 29<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006.

29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7.45pm

Box office: 01635 522733. Ticket prices: £11 (Concs: £9, £6.50). [www.cornexchangenew.co.uk](http://www.cornexchangenew.co.uk)

**Newbury Corn Exchange**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45pm

Box Office: 0114 249 6000. Tickets: £10 or £8.50. Group discounts. [www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk](http://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk)

**Crucible Studio**, Sheffield

**Press night: Weds October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm**

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm

Box Office: 020 8341 4421. Tickets: £12 (Concs: £10)

**Jacksons Lane Theatre**, Archway, London

[www.jacksonslane.org.uk](http://www.jacksonslane.org.uk)

12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45pm

Box Office: 01227 769075. Tickets: £14 (Concs: £12, £7). [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk)

**Gulbenkian Theatre**, Canterbury

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45pm

Box Office: 0151 709 4988. Tickets: £5

**Unity Theatre**, Liverpool

[www.unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk](http://www.unitytheatreliverpool.co.uk)

31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November, 8pm

Box Office: 0161 274 0600. Tickets: £10 (Concs: £6)

**Contact Theatre**, Manchester

[www.contact-theatre.org](http://www.contact-theatre.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7.30pm

Box Office: 01902 321321. Tickets: £9 (Concs: £7).

**Arena Theatre**, Wolverhampton

[www.arenatheatre.info](http://www.arenatheatre.info)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 7.30pm

Box Office: 0117 987 7877. Tickets: £8 (Concs: £5)

**Wickham Theatre**, University of Bristol

[www.bris.ac.uk/drama](http://www.bris.ac.uk/drama)

14<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm

Box Office: 01344 484123. Tickets: £12, £10 (Concs: £11, 8) [www.southhillpark.org.uk](http://www.southhillpark.org.uk)

**Wilde Theatre**, South Hill Park, Bracknell

15<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm

Box Office: 0118 960 6060. Tickets: £12 (Concs: £9)

**South Street Arts Centre**, Reading

[www.readingarts.com](http://www.readingarts.com)

16<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm

Box office: 01892 678678. Ticket prices: £12.50 (Concs: £10.50). [www.trinitytheatre.net](http://www.trinitytheatre.net)

**Trinity Theatre & Arts Centre**, Tunbridge Wells

17<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

Box Office: 01628 788997. Tickets: £11, £10 (Concs: £10, £9, £6). [www.nordenfarm.org](http://www.nordenfarm.org)

**Norden Farm Centre for the Arts**, Maidenhead

22<sup>nd</sup> –25<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm

Box Office: 0121 236 4455. Tickets £10 (Concs: £8.50, £7.50) [www.birmingham-rep.co.uk](http://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk)

**The Door @ Birmingham Rep**

27<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 7.45pm

Matinees: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2pm and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2. 30pm

Box Office: 0113 213 7700. Tickets: £15, £12.50, £10.50. [www.wyp.org.uk](http://www.wyp.org.uk)

**West Yorkshire Playhouse**, Leeds

The Core Creative Team of Unlimited Theatre is Clare Duffy, Liz Margree, Jon Spooner and Chris Thorpe. Working together since 1997, they make new work for the theatre through collaborative writing and devising processes that tours extensively in the UK and increasingly overseas. The result is high quality, intelligent, and unpretentious live entertainment that isn't scared of either the intellectual or the emotional. They aim to be optimistic, positive, idealistic and yet realistic.

Unlimited has been invited to and presented work at international festivals and venues in the Republic of Ireland, Germany, Zimbabwe, The Philippines, Papua New Guinea, the Ukraine and the USA. It has also been recorded for and broadcast on BBC Radio 4 and Chinese State television.