

## ***Polka Theatre Announces Autumn/Winter Season***

Polka Theatre announces its Autumn/Winter programme with a trip into space and the future in a brand-new show by **Unlimited Theatre**, a journey through icy landscapes at Christmas with two wonderful wintry tales, and an adventure back in time with an adaptation of a classic children's war story.

### ***Autumn programme***

**1 October – 6 November 2010**

*Polka Theatre and Unlimited Theatre present*

#### **Mission to Mars**

*By Clare Duffy, Jon Spooner & Chris Thorpe, written in consultation with Dr Gail Iles & Dr Andy Newsam*

*Directed by Jon Spooner*

Polka Theatre is delighted to present a brand new show by the acclaimed **Unlimited Theatre**. Set in 2035, *Mission to Mars* has been written in consultation with space scientists and is based on the real science of planned Mars missions. Gail and Stephan have been selected from thousands to be the first human beings to land on Mars. In this journey of a lifetime, Unlimited Theatre's new show is fun, fast-paced and packed with emotion. **For ages 7-11 yrs**

### ***Winter programme***

**13 October 2010 – 12 February 2011**

*Polka Theatre and Travelling Light present*

#### **Lost and Found**

*By Oliver Jeffers, directed by Sally Cookson*

*Once there was a boy and one day he found a penguin at his door...*

After the success of *How to Catch a Star* in 2008, this Christmas Polka will once again bring to life on stage another of **Oliver Jeffers'** beautiful picture books. **For ages 1-5 yrs**

**19 November 2010 – 5 February 2011**

*Polka Theatre presents*

#### **The Snow Queen**

*By Hans Christian Andersen, adapted by Mike Kenny & directed by Jonathan Lloyd*

*Enter the spellbinding world of the Snow Queen....*

This Christmas, *The Snow Queen* comes to Polka in a brand new magical adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairytale by **Mike Kenny**. **For ages 6-11 yrs**

**11 February – 9 April 2011**

*Polka Theatre presents*

#### **The Machine Gunners**

*Based on the novel by Robert Westall, adapted by Ali Taylor*

Adapted from the Carnegie award-winning novel by **Robert Westall**, *The Machine Gunners* is a story of friendship and loyalty set against a backdrop of bombs and air raids during the war-torn Britain of 1940. Staged in collaboration with Imperial War Museum, London, this moving and touching story vividly recreates life in Britain during World War II, and is guaranteed to resonate with children and adults today. **For ages 9-13**

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#### **Notes to editors**

- Polka no longer holds specified press performances. Press are welcome to attend any show and should contact Elise on 020 8545 354 to reserve tickets
- Ticket prices are as follows: *Mission to Mars* £6 - £12, *Lost and Found* £7 - £9, *The Snow Queen* £8 - £16, *The Machine Gunners* £6 - £12

For more information about events including images and interviews or to book press tickets please contact Elise Neve on 020 8545 8354

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