

Press Release

ANCESTRAL TIME TRAVEL AGENCY

A work-in-progress by Isabella Leung and Louiseanne Wong

At Camden People's Theatre

23rd November at 21:00

24th November at 20:45



Emerging duo Isabella Leung (Finalist Women's Prize for Playwriting 2021, finalist Manchester Culture Awards Independent Creative of the Year 2023) and Louiseanne Wong (TURN 2024 Prize winner supported by hÅb, Dance Consortia North West and partners) presents *Ancestral Time Travel Agency*, a new work-in-progress developed from the duo's previous scratch works. Isabella and Louiseanne previously co-created *Not Dainty* (HOME Manchester) and *You're On Mute* (The Lowry). This new work, programmed for Voial! Festival continues the duo's experimentation in form-breaking storytelling in theatre.

Ancestral Time Travel Agency (working title) is inspired by Isabella and Louiseanne's Hong Kong heritage and their respective family histories. Using parkour to physically and metaphorically time travel, characters depicted from memories, and delving into ancient Chinese customs such as footbinding, they deconstruct the idea of an honourable Chinese lady, and search for what it means to be a woman/nonbinary person in the world today.

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Previous praise for the emerging duo:

‘... an extraordinary artist who delves into issues of personal struggle with their unique combination of physical theatre, dance and Parkour.’

The Spy In The Stalls (*GRIT*, by Louiseanne Wong and Esprit Concrete)

“Exuberantly playing around with theatrical form... had real impact.”

Circles And Stalls (*A Bouffon Play About Hong Kong*, written & directed by Isabella Leung)

"I felt that, I've been there, it really touched me."

Audience member from previous scratch of *You're on Mute*

NOTES TO EDITOR:

ANCESTRAL TIME TRAVEL AGENCY work-in-progress presented as part of Voila! Theatre Festival 2024 and Camden People's Theatre 2024 Autumn season.

Performance dates	Saturday 23 rd November, 21:00 Sunday 24 th November, 20:45
Location	58-60 Hampstead Rd, London NW1 2PY
Box Office	Tickets at £8 plus £1.50 booking fee from: https://cpttheatre.co.uk/whatson/Ancestral-Time-Travel-Agency/
Running time	60 minutes
Age guidance	12+ (contains reference to racism and topics of grief)
Co-created & performed by	Isabella LEUNG & Louiseanne WONG
Written by	Isabella LEUNG
Movements by	Louiseanne WONG
Sound and Lighting Design by	Yanni NG
Music by	Val POPOV
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