Preston Theatre Company to launch Royal Falkland Islands domestic abuse initiative!

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Preston's longest running professional theatre company – Certain Curtain Theatre – has won a major contract to tour the Falkland Islands with one of their award winning plays: LADY IN RED. Commissioned by the Royal Falkland Islands Police, the aim of the tour is to raise awareness about domestic abuse as well as provide a vital training opportunity for staff working in front line services.

Alex Douglas, Senior Constable for the Royal Falkland Islands Police, explains: "This is part of a bigger initiative that we are running in the Falkland Islands called 'Know What's Right'. We're a tight knit community and we want to give people the encouragement to speak up if they themselves need help, or if they think there is a problem within their own immediate circle. I'm delighted we have been able to secure Certain Curtain Theatre for this invaluable work as their track record, expertise and reputation made them an excellent choice."

Certain Curtain will fly out to the Islands in October to deliver four performances and return in November. The play will be accompanied by after-show discussion workshops to explore the wider issues, with support services on hand to offer advice and information.

"Domestic violence is a global problem. 1 in 3 women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence and yet it is grossly under-reported. Theatre is a great way to raise awareness and understanding." says John Woudberg, writer and director. "LADY IN RED explores one woman's attempts to leave an abusive relationship and helps audiences understand how difficult it can be to escape domestic abuse."

"As part of the deal we will be filming a short scene so that we can reach the more rural parts of the community via television" adds Clare Moore, who plays the lead role. "It's the first time that this type of theatre has been performed in the Islands and we are over the moon to have been chosen. We've performed in Europe before, but this will be the further we have travelled and we are really excited about the tour. I am hoping we can get to see some of the beautiful wildlife while we are there too!"

The company will also be performing for the British Forces on the Island.

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