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SYHA Hostelling Scotland assist in a Recovery Version

SYHA Hostelling Scotland are pleased to be supporting Kinlochleven-based Bright Productions and Dramafish with their entertaining new theatre production, The Recovery Version, being staged at Sweet Grassmarket for the duration of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

SYHA are assisting the company with their accommodation requirements throughout August at their Edinburgh Metro Youth Hostel, one of the charity's two additional summer youth hostels in the city, a few minutes' walk from the Grassmarket and the Royal Mile, the main hub of the Fringe.

Margo Paterson, CEO of SYHA Hostelling Scotland, said: "We are delighted to be supporting Bright Productions and Dramafish with their Edinburgh Festival Fringe production, Recovery Version.

"With three youth hostels in Edinburgh we are in a particularly good position to help the group and the young people involved realise their ambition to perform at the world's largest arts festival.

"The actors and production team involved come from communities local to our Lochaber group of youth hostels. We believe that by supporting these two organisations it will not only benefit the Lochaber community, it will also enable the young people involved to develop their skills for learning, life and work.

"Our relationship with this drama group will also extend beyond the Edinburgh Fringe. Dramafish will help us to welcome friends from hostelling organisations across Europe when SYHA host the European Hostelling Conference in Edinburgh in March 2018."

There are five young people, aged between 14 and 23, involved in the production.

Holly Baldwin, James Ramsay and Fiona Janzen, from Kinlochleven High School, share the role of Jack; 23 year-old Paul Hernaes Barnes plays the character, John; and 19 year-old Bethany Hardman is the company stage manager.

Ilona Munro from Bright Productions, writer and director of Recovery Version, said:
“Without SYHA I’m not sure we could have had young people involved.

“The cost of bringing them and a parent to the fringe was prohibitive. The wonderful accommodation, so central, with great views, has meant that our young folk, parents and professionals can all be together.

“Coming from Lochaber community is very important. SYHA have helped maintain that supportive community environment.”

Recovery Version is an all-male story of growing up, of long nursed hurts and lost intentions, told with lively, affectionate Scottish banter and original songs. Hogmanay in Glencoe in the north west Highlands. A time for traditions, banter and song; for second chances and gathering distant family. However the whisky should probably stay in the cupboard.

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Useful links:

SYHA Hostelling Scotland – <https://www.syha.org.uk>

SYHA on Twitter – <https://twitter.com/syahostelling> #syhadventure

SYHA on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/syahostellingscotland>

Bright Productions Website – <http://brightproductions.co.uk>

Bright on Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/brightproductionslochaber>

Bright on Twitter – <https://twitter.com/brightdrama> #TheRecoveryVersion

YouTube – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqZ4IKL-z35uNIZpMpsxU6g>

Notes to editors:

SYHA Hostelling Scotland is a self-funding charity operating a network of nearly 60 exceptional youth and affiliate hostels for the benefit of all those wishing to learn and experience what Scotland has to offer. Our unique sites provide affordable, comfortable, safe and quality-assured accommodation with a warm friendly welcome, local knowledge, activities and services for guests travelling around Scotland.

Members enjoy a range of exclusive benefits including dual membership of Hostelling International, providing access to more than 4,000 youth hostels in over 90 countries worldwide. Membership and guest overnight income supports our charitable youth programmes and the maintenance of the hostelling network, particularly in rural Scotland.

The Recovery Version by Bright Productions

Venue: Sweet Grassmarket (2)

Dates: 04 – 20 August

Time: 13:40 (ends 15:00)

Tickets: £8 (£6)

Box Office: 0131 243 3596

Venue website: www.sweetvenues.com

Dramafish Studios, based in Kinlochleven, is a not-for-profit arts hub for young people in South Lochaber.

It is aimed at those who love drama and want to get involved with youth or community theatre. Costumes, props, equipment and all manner of theatre stuff can be borrowed by community groups, schools and individuals for a donation. There is also a rehearsal/club room, remote radio/film editing suite, kitchen, and storage. Dramafish also run workshops, classes and clubs in and out of the building.

Bright Productions are a friendly team of creative minds and practical skills who produce theatre, radio, music and adverts. The team work in partnership with organisations to bring their aims into the spotlight. Most of the team who work with Bright Productions volunteer with Dramafish Studios.