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TERRIERS

What do you do when you're fifteen and live on an estate where you get street cred for being in a gang? What do you do when you've got the chance of a decent future but the pull of the gang is too strong? And what are you gonna do when one of the gang passes you a gun and tells you, honour is at stake, use the gun to show you're one of us? **TERRIERS** is a play, which deals with these problems.

AALDO is bright, witty, and a gifted sportsman. His family has high hopes of him, but he's having a tough time trying to break away from his mates who want him to be in his local gang, The **TERRIERS**. Not that he's too scared to join, but The **TERRIERS** are involved in a tit for tat gang war with a crew just across the avenue called The DH CREW. Things are getting very heavy and a DH CREW kid is shot. Now there's open war. Aldo's problem is there's rumour and counter rumour and somehow the DH Crew believe he is the killer and they're looking for him. He only has one option, to get armed. Or does he? **TERRIERS** explores the immense pressure Aldo, and boys like him, are under from gang mates and his girlfriend. The play throws up the moral dilemmas and life changing decisions some young boys and girls have to make.

Maurice Bessman

TERRIERS was originally commissioned by Merseyside Police in 2008 using partnership funding, and to date over 30,000 young people from secondary schools across Merseyside have seen the play and studied the primary and secondary educational

packages. We are committed to working in partnership with schools to warn young people of the consequences of getting involved with guns and gangs and the impact that this can have, not only on their own lives, but that of their family, victims and the wider community as a whole. By working in partnership, we believe we can make a significant difference. Merseyside Police would like to thank Cobalt Housing, Liverpool Housing Trust, Liverpool City Council, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Knowsley Children's Families Board for providing the funding to take this project into schools across Liverpool and Knowsley. As a result of their contribution, over 5,000 young people will see the play and get the opportunity to study **TERRIERS** in the school setting.

We would also like to thank Maurice Bessman (writer), the **TERRIERS** cast and production team. Sincere thanks to all involved for your support, enthusiasm and commitment to this initiative.

Alison Foulkes (D/Inspector, Merseyside Police)

Cast/Production

Luke
Drew
Chelsea
Eve
Aldo
Eightball
Producer/Artistic Director

Zain Salim
Marc Hughes
Kelly Forshaw
Chelsea Farrell
Danyel Roberts
Michael Horsley
Miriam Mussa