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Community Roadshows

Join Gary Clarke Company at a free community roadshow for conversation, reflection and a rare insight into our multi-award-winning show COAL

COAL roadshows offer an exclusive opportunity for communities and groups to meet Gary Clarke Company's Artistic Director Gary Clarke and to learn more about **COAL**, including his motivation to create the show, the people and elements involved and the intricate creative processes behind making it. Gary will share rare access to his research and source materials including choreographic notebooks and story boards. Participants will be invited to take part in group conversation, the sharing of stories and personal reflections, sensitively facilitated by Gary Clarke.

"COAL is a direct response to my upbringing in the working class mining village of Grimethorpe, South Yorkshire. It's about trying to capture a time in British history that is too easily forgotten. It is an attempt at keeping the memories of the mining industry alive, an industry that I believe shaped the fabric of our society and how we live our lives today. These communities are at the heart of COAL."
Gary Clarke

Originally created to mark the 30th anniversary of the 1984/85 British Miners' Strike and described as 'emotional dynamite' Gary Clarke Company is reviving their multi-award-winning production **COAL** — a riveting dance theatre show which takes a nostalgic look at the hard-hitting realities of life in the coalfields. **COAL** brings together Gary Clarke's striking choreography performed by 7 professional dancers, a local cast of women and a live brass band, in an ever-relevant story about community, solidarity and survival.

★★★★ **"Outstanding" The Times**

"One of the most powerful, moving pieces of theatre I've ever seen on the miners' strike"
Paul Winter, Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign

Roadshow participants will be offered the opportunity to access discounted tickets to see **COAL** at their nearest venue.

Watch the **COAL** trailer **here**

To find out more, or to book a free roadshow contact:

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