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***The Littlest Yak* will Enchant Children – and Their Families – at Lakeside Arts this Christmas**

- Lakeside Arts to welcome families to enjoy the much-loved story of *The Littlest Yak*, based on Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley's award-winning book
- Tickets are selling fast – book now to secure your festive experience
- The production runs from Saturday 13 December 2025 to Sunday 4 January 2026

High res images [can be found here](#).

Lakeside Arts, Nottingham's much-loved arts centre on University Park, brings another magical children's theatre production to the city this festive season. Perfect as a first introduction to theatre – or to continue a cherished Christmas tradition – *The Littlest Yak* promises festive fun for children aged **3+ and their families**.

A rollicking, heart-warming winter tale for all ages, *The Littlest Yak* comes to Lakeside Arts for the Christmas period. Nominated for **four OffWestEnd Awards** at this year's Offies, this musical adaptation of Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley's award-winning picture book will delight audiences young and old with beautiful puppets, catchy tunes, and an uplifting message of self-acceptance.

Gertie is great at being THE LITTLEST YAK, with the CURLIEST, WHIRLIEST wool and the GRIPPIEST of hooves for clip-clopping up cliffs. Only, Gertie doesn't want to be the littlest. She's in a rush to grow up and be just like THE BIG YAKS. But what if there are some things that only a GERTIE can do? A gorgeous story celebrating YOU being perfect...just the way you are!

An adventure sure to get you in the festive spirit, the show features original music – including a fun dance routine everyone can join in with – and plenty of touching and hilarious moments for the grown-ups too.

Lu Fraser and Kate Hindley's *The Littlest Yak* has won multiple awards, including **The Oscar's Book Prize** and **Book of the Year** at the **Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards**. Its relatable little hero reminds us all to celebrate our unique talents and the joy of belonging. If you haven't read *The Littlest Yak* yet, don't worry – copies of this and other books in the series will be available to purchase alongside your tickets.

Having been performed to glowing reviews, young audiences said, "*I LOVED it!*", "*It was so cute and amazing!*" and "*I loved the books and the show felt like you are in that place with them.*" Parents described the show as "*just so pure and lovely... a delightful little show. My daughter keeps asking to 'go back to yaks!'*" and "*a high-energy show for little ones, but with real poignancy and power.*"

If you're visiting Lakeside Arts to see the show, you'll also enjoy yak-themed decorations, festive treats in the Pavilion Café, and an art installation in the Wallner Gallery created by students from

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Djanogly Strelley Academy. Based in the beautiful University Park campus and next to the popular Highfields Park, there's plenty of space for children to play and explore before or after the show.

James Parkinson, Acting Director of Lakeside Arts says: "It's always such a joy to see our spaces filled with excited children and the magic of storytelling. Being part of families' Christmas traditions means a great deal to us, and *The Littlest Yak* is the perfect show to capture that warmth and wonder. We can't wait to welcome audiences to Lakeside this Christmas."

This enchanting production will warm hearts and spark imaginations – so book your tickets now at lakesidearts.org.uk/LittlestYak

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To reserve press tickets for shows, contact Lakeside Arts' Marketing and Communications Manager, Mária Konyelicska-Visky maria.konyelicska@nottingham.ac.uk or Amy Steels amy.steels@nottingham.ac.uk / 0115 846 7777

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CASTS & CREDITS

Based on the book written by Lu Fraser and illustrated by Kate Hindley. Published by Simon & Schuster.

Set, Costume, and Puppet Designer: Alison Alexander

Producer: Liz Bate

Writer (Book & Lyrics) & Director: Barra Collins

Composer: Joseph Hardy

Lighting Designer: Cheng Keng

Cast: Emily Attridge-Cox, Louise Grayford, Darcey O'Rourke & Alexandra Rochford

A LASTheatre production.

The creation of this production was generously supported by Arts Council England, Marlowe Theatre, Backstage Trust, Kent County Council and Folkestone Town Council.

NOTES TO EDITORS

LAKESIDE ARTS is the University of Nottingham's public arts centre presenting a programme of visual arts and museum exhibitions, theatre, dance, and families' productions, as well as a learning programme for everyone. Its venues include the Djanogly Recital Hall; the Djanogly Gallery; the University Museum; and the Djanogly Theatre presenting UK and international touring work as well as producing and co-producing new theatre and dance. lakesidearts.org.uk

LASTheatre

LASTheatre is an award-winning theatre company based in Margate, run by Barra Collins (Artistic Director) & Liz Bate (Producer). LAS is a word in the Irish language. It means to turn on or set alight. In all their work, LASTheatre aims to kindle important conversations and ignite imaginations.

Since 2012, hundreds of thousands of people have seen LASTheatre shows. These productions have explored human rights by putting audiences in the heart of a zombie apocalypse, brought award-winning picture books and novels to life, transformed Victorian medical records into an interactive ward round, and filled city streets with characters from Charles Dicken's best loved stories.

Their work is described as 'spellbinding' (Manchester Evening News), 'powerful' (The Scotsman), 'atmospheric' (The Herald), 'fascinating' (BBC) and 'thrillingly immediate' (FT).

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IMAGES



Production images of *The Littlest Yak* performed at Marlowe Theatre. Photographs by Alex Brenner



Promotional artwork, *The Littlest Yak* at Lakeside Arts

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