



Shattered review by Ciaran Shearer

I saw Shattered at Macrobert Arts Centre in Stirling on the 22nd of May.

Shattered was written and produced by Lisa Nicoll and directed by Jordan Blackwood.

Shattered follows the story of a woman named Lucy, played by Nicola Roy, who lost her child and has gone through the initial grieving process but is struggling to return to a sense of normality and copes by observing and documenting the lives of people outside her home.

Lucy shares this struggle with her husband Ben, played by Gavin Jon Wright, who goes to work every day to return to his wife who refuses to go outside, which he finds difficult to cope with, as he wishes to return to normality and a happy family life. Also, in the performance is a man named Tom, played by Nebli Basani, who previously was a friend to both Ben and Lucy but has become estranged to them. A woman named Katy, played by Kirsty Findlay, moves into the town, compared to all the other characters Katy is very bright and upbeat, literally wearing bright coloured clothes which effectively contrasts with the rest of the cast's dark blacks and greys.

All the cast play their characters very effectively, making them and the situation they are in very believable and realistic, which lends itself significantly to the important message of the performance as a whole. The set design is very simplistic, this is not a bad thing however as it makes all of the cast bolder and more prominent, highlighting how the characters feel that they are isolated in their situation and isolated from normality. The use of lighting throughout the show was very effective, creating a unique atmosphere which is hard to describe.

However, the audio and music in the show was very weak, they seemed very intrusive and unneeded in the performance. Overall the performance was extremely well presented and delivered by the cast, I found the message of the show that tragedy can affect people in many different ways extremely important, especially when mental health affects many young people, like myself. A message that many people need to hear.

4/5 stars

Shattered will be performed at:

The basement theatre, Edinburgh, 23rd of May,

Clarkston hall, Clarkston, east Renfrewshire 25th of May,

Beacon arts centre, Greenock, 26th of May,

Adam Smith theatre, 29th of May

MacArts, Galashiels 30th of May

Dalmelington community centre, 2nd of June

Theatre Royal, Dumfries, 5th of June

Howden Park Livingston, 6th of June

Drygate, Glasgow 7th of June

Birnam Arts, 9th of June

Lyth Arts Centre, Wick, 12th of June