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## VO LADKIYON WALA NATAK

Written and directed by **Chaitali Das & Teertha Bhatt**

### Synopsis:

वह लड़कियों वाला नाटक is a mixture of joyful, heartfelt stories of women being women, literally and figuratively. It is a humorous take on roles and rituals of women be it a thoughtful daughter, a working mother, a flirtatious maid or the goddess herself!

### Director's Note:

I was angry. And I was looking for more angry women who were tired of playing women. We gathered. And we asked each other what it was that made us women. Sometimes catching us off guard. Did we agree? Or, did we at all care? Who's taking the poll?

There was one significant moment during the rehearsals which describes the whole play and process pretty well. First three days of discussions everyone therapeutically ranted their hearts out about their gendered lives. Then, we had a realization that if we focus only on these things, the play is gonna become the typical sad lamenting about women's sufferings. So we decided let's talk about what's good about being a woman. Silence followed. We all looked at each other awestruck. Voh Ladkiyon vala natak, some have said, is a symbolic messenger dressed in a satirical set of short stories. We think, having done 10 shows, that it is a culmination of our lived realities that are beyond theory and opinions, that is beyond this gaze and that. We leap formats and have hidden meanings in between, to be sensed, not spotted. This is a coming together of voices simple but stark, just like our mothers' wisdom that gets passed: speak as often as possible so that you don't have to scream one day.



### Cast & Credits:

Cast: Anannya Vaidya, Neha Upadhyay, Aayushi Sameriya, Teertha Bhatt, Yashi Thanki, Preeti Das, Snigdha, Paridhi Bhandari, Lipi Trivedi, Nishika Lalwani, Chaitali Das, Kanksha