

# DI AND VIV AND ROSE

By **Amelia Bullmore**

Directed by **Claire Lewis**



*Three friends. Two decades.  
One unbreakable bond?*

**NVT**

**NEW  
VENTURE  
THEATRE**

Bedford Place,  
Brighton BN1 2PT

PERFORMANCES:


Fri 1st - Sat 9th October 2021 - 7.45 pm

Matinee Sun 3rd October - 2.30pm

(No Sun eve)

ONLINE BOOKING: [www.newventure.org.uk/tickets](http://www.newventure.org.uk/tickets)

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**"If something bad or sad or good happens to one of us, it's like it happens to all of us."**

Manchester. 1983. Three young women join forces as university freshers. Life is fun. Living is intense. Together they feel like they can take on the world. But life has unexpected plans for them.

Spanning nearly three decades, Di and Viv and Rose is a funny, truthful and moving look at female friendship and what happens when life doesn't quite work out as you thought it would.

### CAST

**Di :** Sophie Dearlove  
**Viv :** Emmie Spencer  
**Rose :** Mandy-Jane Jackson

### PRODUCTION TEAM

**Director :** Claire Lewis  
**Production Manager :** Pat Boxall  
**Stage Manager :** Janet White  
**ASM :** Carol Croft  
**Lighting & Sound Design :** Dan Walker  
**Lighting Operation :** Alex Epps  
**Sound Operation & Projections :** Apollo Videaux  
**Set Design :** Simon Glazier & George Walter  
**Movement :** Graham Brown  
**Wardrobe :** Gladrags, Claire & Cast  
**Hair :** Richi Blennerhassett  
**Rehearsal Photography :** James Maltby  
**Original Poster :** Becky Alford  
**Programme :** Tamsin Mastoris  
**Publicity :** Aldo Henriquez, James Michael

Time period: October 1983 – August 2010  
Running Time: 2hrs (plus 20 minute interval)

#### Di - Sophie Dearlove

Sophie has been working as an actress for many years. Credits include 'The Interpreter' (Sky TV), 'Vindication Swim' (Relsah Productions) 'The Casebook of Inspector Steine' (BBC Radio 4), 'Beachcomber' Film London (Badgerboy Productions), 'Would Like To Meet' (The Lyric Theatre, Carmarthen), 'Happy Now?' (New Venture Theatre) and 'Betrayal' (Pretty Villain Productions). Sophie has recently completed filming on the feature film 'Six Years Gone' (Sixty6Media) which is due to be released later in the year.





**Viv - Emmie Spencer**

Emmie is a familiar face on Brighton's local theatre scene, most recently appearing as Mrs Twit in Brighton Little Theatre's production of 'The Twits' at Brighton Open Air Theatre this summer. As well as the New Venture Theatre, Emmie has performed at the Rialto Theatre – where this production of 'Di and Viv and Rose' was first staged in March 2020 – The Old Red Lion Theatre and The Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Emmie's delighted to be reviving the character of Viv after an 18-month break, and hopes audiences fall in love with all three characters and the play as much as she has.

**Rose - Mandy Jane Jackson**

Mandy has been a creative for many years, with acting roles as diverse as Shakespeare's Juliet, to a stunt double at the World Rally Championships. She published her first novel in 2018 and is currently working on a Trilogy due to be released next year. Acting work includes: Maggie Tulliver in BLT's 'The Mill on the Floss' (winner of the Minack Trophy) and Dorothy in 'The Wizard of Oz'. Making her directorial debut in 2018 with 'Stay Happy, Keep Smiling', she is extremely excited to be directing 'Dad's Army' in Brighton next summer.



**Claire Lewis**

Born and bred in Brighton, Claire has been involved with theatre for upwards of 30 years directing, performing, producing and all areas of stage management. As well as numerous youth productions, Claire has directed 'That Face', 'The History Boys', 'The Beauty Queen of Leenane', 'Far From the Madding Crowd', 'The Boy Friend', 'Jerusalem', 'Company', 'Parlour Song', 'Frankenstein', 'Proof', 'King Charles III', 'Happy Now?', 'The Mill on the Floss', 'Di & Viv & Rose' and most recently 'The Twits' at Brighton Open Air Theatre. Claire teaches drama locally, working with young people aged 4-18 to develop their skills and love of theatre.

**Massive thanks to:**

**Brighton Little Theatre, Barbara Campbell, Marina Tyndall, Ann Atkins, Zoe Edden, Sam Chittenden, Charly Sommers, Jo Pont and to the Front of House and Box Office team for their constant support.**

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By Nina Raine  
directed by Scott Roberts**

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