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Lung Ha Theatre Company and Six Point Productions present

***LUNG cHAts Live with Ian Rankin***

Part of [Book Week Scotland](#) 2019

7.30pm on Tuesday, 19 November at The Royal Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh



Join Nicola Tuxworth and Gavin Yule of Lung Ha Theatre Company in conversation with Ian Rankin, one of the world's most celebrated crime writers. This special event takes place just days after the re-release of Ian's 1990 novel, *Westwind*; and will be followed by a Q&A and book-signing.

Ian Rankin is a highly-celebrated Scottish author based in Edinburgh whose novels are translated in 22 languages and are best-selling on several continents. His latest Rebus novel, *In a House of Lies*, was published in paperback earlier this year and was a number one bestseller.

**Michael Fraser, Company Manager at Lung Ha Theatre Company said:** *"Lung Ha Theatre Company is absolutely delighted to be working with the brilliant Ian Rankin as part of Book Week Scotland. LUNG cHAts is a series of interviews conducted by Lung Ha Theatre Company performers, that, to date, have featured many very important figures from the Scottish cultural and creative scenes; LUNG cHAts Live with Ian Rankin promises to be one of the best interviews yet."*

*"We would like to thank our wonderful event partners Six Point Productions as well as Book Week Scotland, the Royal Lyceum Theatre Edinburgh and Orion Publishing for their help in making this special event happen."*

**Fergus Munro from Six Point Productions said:** *"We are excited and privileged to be working alongside Lung Ha Theatre Company. Six Point is an emerging production company made up of Acting and English students from Edinburgh Napier University. We are united by a passion to elevate the Scottish voice, embrace culture and reinvent tradition. We are delighted to be co-producing an event which reflects these values. We have loved working with Lung Ha Theatre Company as co-producers, they are a company who are consistently inventive, inspiring and passionate."*

LUNG cHAts is a series of filmed interviews with prominent Scottish arts figures conducted by members of Lung Ha Theatre Company, Scotland's leading theatre company working with people with learning disabilities. Thus far interviewees have included Diane Henderson, Deputy Artistic Director of Edinburgh International Film Festival; award-winning photographer Peter Dibdin; Mark Fisher, leading theatre critic and author writing for The Guardian and The Scotsman; and Jude Docherty, Chief Executive and Co-Artistic Director of Grid Iron Theatre Company. *LUNG cHAts Live with Ian Rankin* is the first time an interview will take place in front of a live audience.

Tickets are on sale now on [www.lyceum.org.uk/lungha](http://www.lyceum.org.uk/lungha)

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**Notes to editors:**

[lungha.com](http://lungha.com)

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Episode 1: in conversation with Jude Docherty <http://lungha.com/blog-post/lung-chats---episode-1>

Episode 2: in conversation with Mark Fisher <http://lungha.com/blog-post/lung-chats-episode-2>

Episode 3: in conversation with Pete Dibdin <http://lungha.com/blog-post/lung-chats---episode-3>

Episode 4: in conversation with Diane Henderson <http://lungha.com/blog-post/lungchats-episode-4-is-here>

**Venue:**

Royal Lyceum Theatre, Rehearsal Studio  
30b Grindlay Street  
Edinburgh  
EH3 9AX

**Tickets:**

£5 (no concession)

Tickets available from 10am on Thursday, 19 September at [www.lyceum.org.uk/lungha](http://www.lyceum.org.uk/lungha)

**Ian Rankin**

Born in the Kingdom of Fife in 1960, Ian Rankin graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 1982, and then spent three years writing novels when he was supposed to be working towards a PhD in Scottish Literature. His first Rebus novel was published in 1987, and the Rebus books are now translated into thirty-six languages and are bestsellers worldwide. Ian Rankin has been elected a Hawthornden Fellow, and is also a past winner of the Chandler-Fulbright Award. He is the recipient of four CWA Daggers including the prestigious Diamond Dagger in 2005. In 2004, Ian won America's celebrated Edgar Award. He has also been shortlisted for the Anthony Award in the USA, won Denmark's Palle Rosenkrantz Prize, the French Grand Prix du Roman Noir and the Deutscher Krimipreis. Ian Rankin is also the recipient of honorary degrees from the universities of Abertay, St Andrews, Edinburgh, Hull and the Open University. A contributor to BBC2's Newsnight Review, he also presented his own TV series, Ian Rankin's Evil Thoughts. Rankin is a No.1 bestseller in the UK and has received the OBE for services to literature, opting to receive the prize in his home city of Edinburgh, where he lives with his partner and two sons.

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### **Lung Ha Theatre Company**

The multi award-winning company is the leading theatre Company for people with learning disabilities in Scotland, and with a growing reputation internationally. Since its inception in 1984 Lung Ha Theatre Company has produced over 45 original works for the stage - in that time across Scotland, and beyond, as part of the creation of its work. The Company's work is now seen as a vital part of Scotland's cultural offering as it provides a creative platform for performers whose voices may not otherwise be heard. Lung Ha Theatre Company has a membership of 25 actors with learning disabilities.

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### **Six Point Productions**

'Six Point' are an emerging theatre company made up of fourth-year Acting and English students from Edinburgh Napier University. Their mission is to elevate the Scottish voice, by embracing culture and reinventing tradition through contemporary live performance. They have been collaborating with Lung Ha Theatre Company over the past six months, in the lead-up to this event, and have worked closely with the company members on movement, vocal technique and improvisation skills. Six Point are currently working towards a run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August 2020 and look forward to continuing their successful partnership with Lung Ha Theatre Company.

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