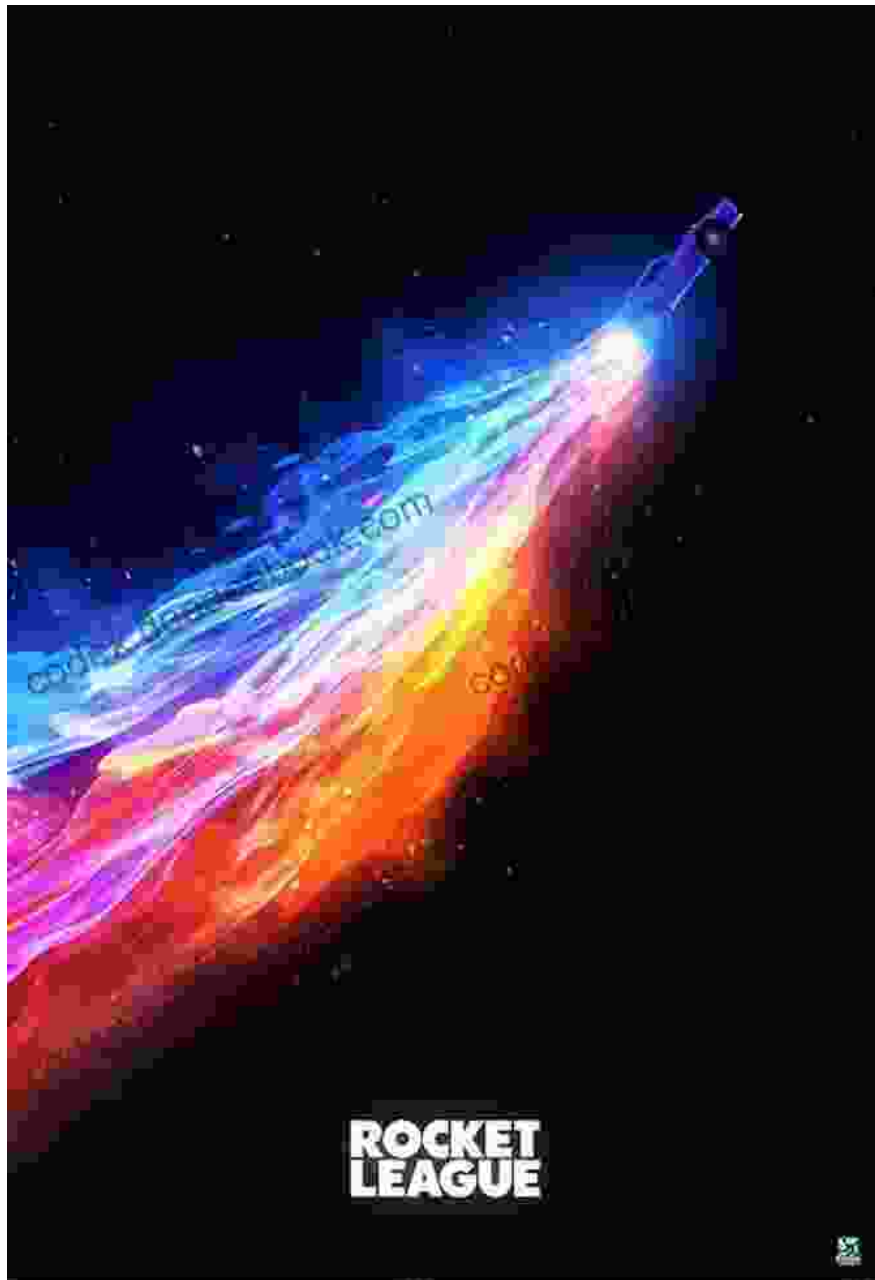


# Rockets and Blue Lights: NHB Modern Plays' Vision of Modernity in Theatre

A Theatrical Tapestry of Modernity



**Rockets and Blue Lights (NHB Modern Plays)**

by Winsome Pinnock



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In a world grappling with rapid technological advancements and the complexities of interconnectedness, NHB Modern Plays presents *Rockets and Blue Lights*, a captivating theatrical experience that delves into the very essence of modernity.

This groundbreaking production invites audiences on an immersive journey through the lives of its characters, each representing a unique facet of the modern human experience. As they navigate the intricate web of human connections, the play explores the profound impact of technology on our lives, both as a source of empowerment and a potential for isolation.

### **Characters and Connections in the Digital Age**

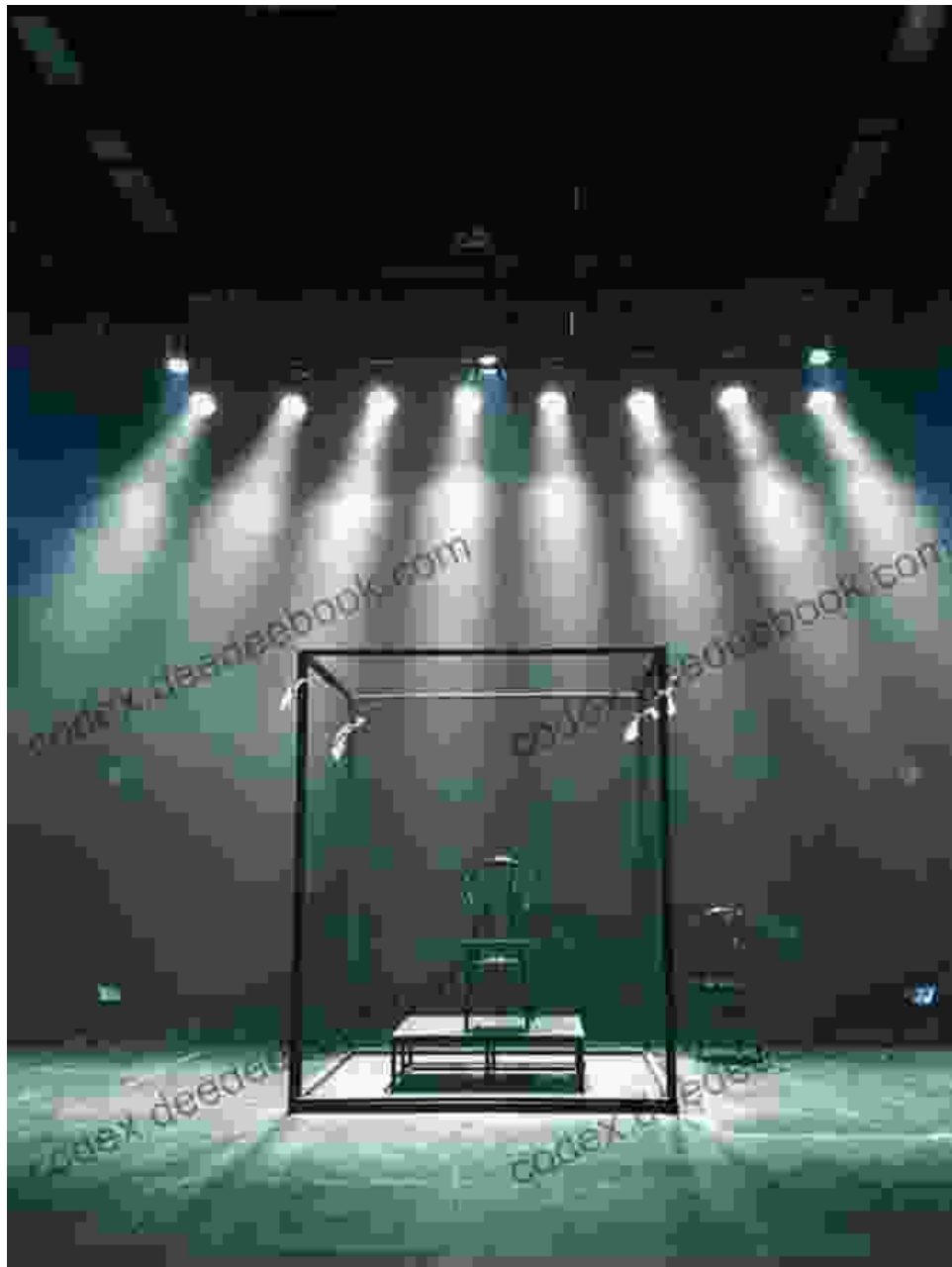


At the heart of Rockets and Blue Lights lies an ensemble of compelling characters, each with their own distinct story to tell.

- **Emily**, an ambitious journalist, grapples with the ethics of modern media and the search for truth in a world of digital manipulation.
- **Alex**, a brilliant but troubled coder, struggles with the addictive pull of technology and its impact on human relationships.
- **Sam**, an idealistic young activist, fights for social justice in a society where technology both amplifies and silences marginalized voices.
- **Dr. Khan**, a compassionate doctor, witnesses firsthand the transformative and sometimes overwhelming effects of technology on the healthcare system.

These characters, connected by their shared experiences and the invisible threads of digital technology, embark on a journey that explores the complexities of loneliness, love, and the search for meaning in the digital age.

### **A Visual Symphony of Modernity**



Rockets and Blue Lights is not just a thought-provoking play, but also a visually stunning theatrical spectacle. Director John Tiffany and designer

Utz have created a stage design that is both futuristic and evocative.

The play's vibrant visuals immerse the audience in the world of modernity. Projections of social media feeds, news headlines, and technological landscapes create a dynamic backdrop for the characters' stories. Geometric shapes and abstract forms symbolize the complexities of our digital existence.

### **Themes of Modernity Explored**



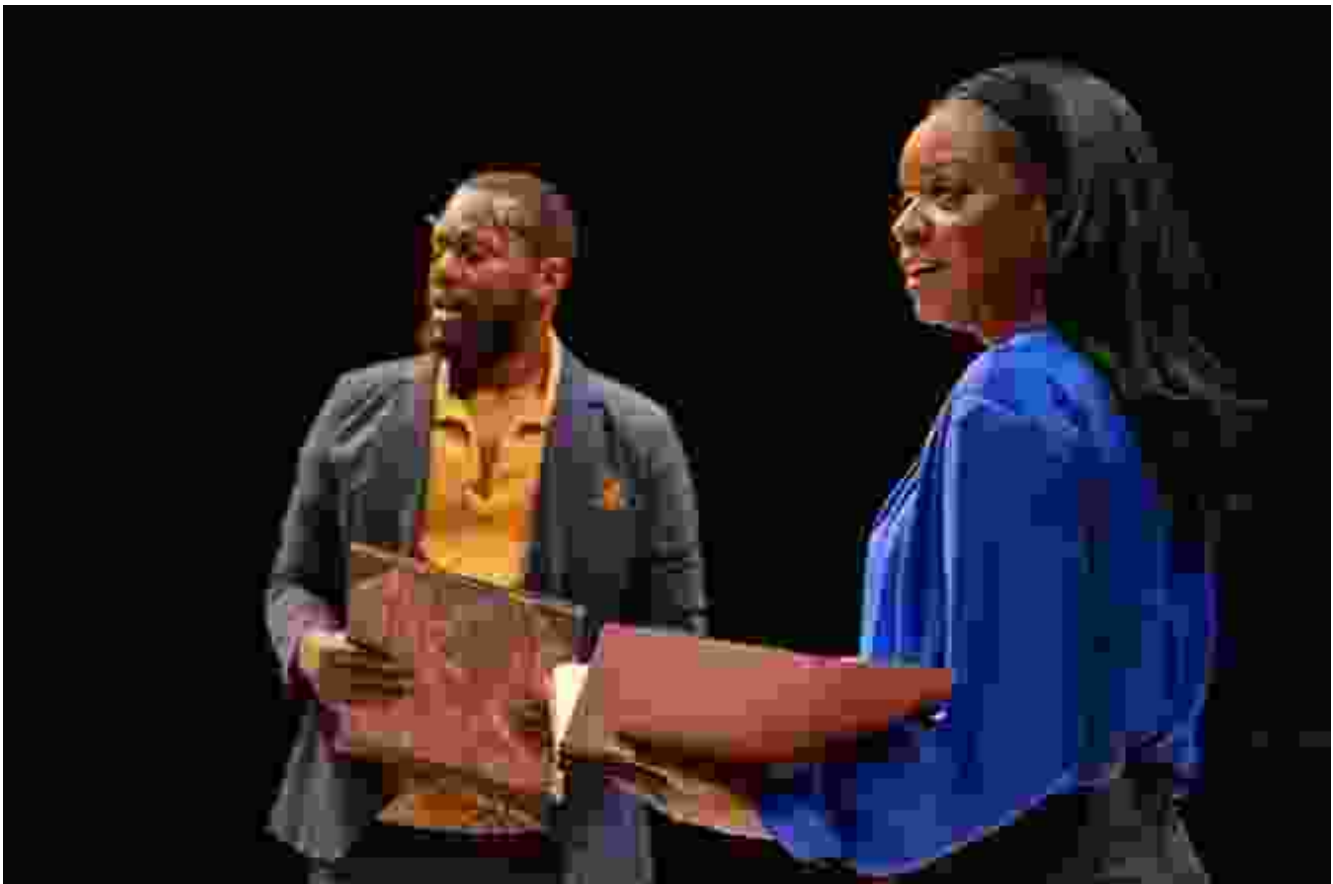
Throughout *Rockets and Blue Lights*, NHB Modern Plays delves into the profound themes that shape our modern world.

- **The transformative power of technology:** The play examines how digital technologies are reshaping our relationships, our work, and

even our sense of identity.

- **The search for human connection in the digital age:** Despite the proliferation of online platforms, the play explores the challenges and opportunities for genuine human connection in a world where technology both connects and divides us.
- **The ethics of surveillance and data privacy:** *Rockets and Blue Lights* raises questions about the ethical implications of constant surveillance and the collection of personal data in the digital age.
- **The future of humanity in a rapidly changing world:** The play ultimately invites us to consider the future of humanity in an era defined by rapid technological advancements and profound societal change.

### **Critical Acclaim and Touring Success**



Since its premiere in 2019, *Rockets and Blue Lights* has garnered critical acclaim and toured to sold-out audiences across the UK and beyond.

Critics have praised the play for its insightful exploration of modern themes, its powerful storytelling, and its innovative staging. Audiences have been captivated by the characters' journeys, the play's thought-provoking themes, and its immersive visual experience.

### **: A Modern Masterpiece**



*Rockets and Blue Lights* is a modern masterpiece that captures the essence of our rapidly changing world. It is a play that will resonate with anyone who has grappled with the challenges and opportunities of modernity.

NHB Modern Plays has created a theatrical experience that is both intellectually stimulating and emotionally resonant. Rockets and Blue Lights is a must-see for anyone interested in the future of humanity and the profound impact of technology on our lives.



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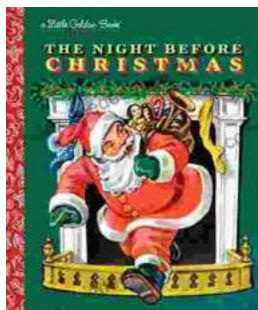
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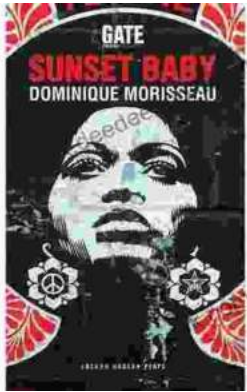
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