Nutcase

By Yael Ronen

Play: 614

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Directed by <u>Yael Ronen</u> **Set Design:** <u>Anat Sternshus</u> **Costume Design:** <u>Oren Dar</u>

Music: Arik Avigdor

Lighting Design: Meir Alon

CAST

Aya: Hila Feldman

Edith Pelzig: <u>Tatiana Kanellis-Ollier</u>

Tomy: Osnat Fishman

Vivian: Miki Peleg-Rothstein

Benny: Michael Koresh Yana: Rinat Matatov Dr. Sirkin: Orna Rotberg Guy: Tomer Ben David

Aya is a new patient in a mental hospital. Denying her suicide attempt, Aya's mother is opposed to her hospitalization. Yet Aya and her three roommates form a deep bond: Tommy, who arrived six years ago from an abusive home, Yana, a paranoid schizophrenic who is sure the safety of the entire Jewish people rests upon her shoulders and Vivan, with her shattered soul and evasive memory, missing her absent mother, and only able to recall vague moments from the past.

Through Aya's eyes we are led through her experiences in the ward, we are introduced t the special and complex bond between the patients and the head psychiatrist and the love-hate relationship of the medical staff.

A very human comic drama on pain and solace, on mothers and daughters and above all on friendship found in a place where the soul has been laid bare. An intimate peek into the tormented soul and the fine line dividing those considered healthy, and those whose pain is defined as an illness.