



**CYANIDE AT 5** written by |  
**Pavel Kohout**

Zofia | **Lise-Ann McLaughlin** Irene | **Philippa Heimann**  
Voice of Yuri | **Kenneth Cranham**

Director | **Peter Kavanagh**

**4x\*\*\*\* star & 3.5x\*\*\* star reviews**

'...a gripping production, with steady pacing and engaging performances.'  
**Andrew Houghton** The Reviews Hub

'McLaughlin and Heimann give captivating performances...'  
**Fiona Doyle** The Artiscap

'Rising tensions grip the audience from start to finish...'  
**Simon Parsons** Morning Star

'Undercurrents of longing simmer... a small gem directed by Peter Kavanagh'  
**Lloyd Evans** -The Spectator

'Phillippa Heimann so perfect... totally embodies the character... pain bursting out when she can't hold in the truth...'

**Keith Orton**, Theatre News

'...McLaughlin is equally formidable. ... her silent reactions show true quality. **Keith Orton** Theatre News



*Philippa Heimann and Lise-Ann McLaughlin*

'...nicely calibrated under Peter Kavanagh's direction, the intensity increases... '  
**Judy Herman** Jewish Renaissance

'Satisfyingly intriguing,... Philippa Heimann's captivating presence...  
**Andrew Houghton** The Reviews Hub

'Lise-Anne McLaughlin's intense personal struggle shows grace and warmth -  
**Simon Parsons** Morning Star

'An intensely moving story... profound and personal...  
**Simon Parsons** Morning Star

'...a gripping drama... terrifying...'  
**Judy Herman** Jewish Renaissance



*Philippa Heimann and Lise-Ann McLaughin*

'Kavanagh revives Pavel Kohout's drama in a convincing two-hander... an intensely passionate and tragic story.'

**Julia Rank** – The Stage

'Peter Kavanagh's production of this cerebral and discursive piece centres on convincing performances - nervy and hunched versus gracious steely and maternal .

**Julia Rank** – The Stage

'Kavanagh's production of this Czech thriller - a UK premiere- is a treat. Recommended.

**John Cutler** |JohnCutler

'Peter Kavanagh's tense direction (aided by classy lighting) has touches of Hitchcock and Highsmith...

**Edward Lukes** Once A Week Theatre

'In this intriguing story... the psychological twists convey such strong sense of reality.'

**Keith Orton** Theatre News

....it works especially well in the Kings Head... '

**Judy Herman** Jewish Renaissance

'Kohout can be proud of this worthy British debut.'

**Andrew Houghton** The Reviews Hub



Kenneth Cranham

## **CAST & CREATIVES**

**Author | Pavel Kohout**<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

**Cast |**

**Zofia | Lise-Ann McLaughlin**

**Irene | Philippa Heimann**

**Voice of Yuri | Kenneth Cranham**

**Director & Co-Producer | Peter Kavanagh**

**Designer | Tara Kelly**

**Co-Producer | Maddy Chisholm-Scott**