

theatrepreview

The Flying Machine

Unicorn Theatre,
until June 1

TAKE off with The Flying Machine – a new production for over-sevens starting today at the Unicorn Theatre in Southwark. "It's set in a children's eye hospital," reveals 24-year-old



actor Daniel Naddafy, pictured left, who plays a nine-year-old boy as part of a cast of just four. "The children's ward is run by a mean

nurse called Nurse Cakebread," continues Naddafy, "And I am on her ward when the kids decide to break out and fly a flying machine."

Because his character spends the play with his eyes bandaged, Naddafy says he doesn't get to see much of what's going on while he's on stage.

"I have to be careful with where I am going," he says. "And the cast have played a few tricks on me!"

But, even though he can't see the looks on the faces of the audience and his fellow cast members, playing a child is clearly a role the Camberwell based actor has relished. "Basically you revert to being a child," he says.

"And the Unicorn Theatre is a lovely theatre to work in.

"It's a real adventure comedy, I think older children in particular will really enjoy it."

● See The Flying Machine at the Unicorn Theatre, 147 Tooley Street, More London, Southwark, SE1 2HZ. Tickets cost £9.50-£14.50, £40 for a family ticket, from 020 7645 0560.



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The cast of
Flying Machine