# Beautiful doom

The work of Dennis Kelly on stage and screen

JACQUELINE BOLTON & NICHOLAS HOLDEN

## Beautiful Doom





series editors

#### MARIA M. DELGADO MAGGIE B.GALE

advisory board
Michael Billington, Sandra Hebron, Mark Ravenhill,
Janelle Reinelt, Peter Sellars, Joanne Tompkins

This series will offer a space for those people who practise theatre to have a dialogue with those who think and write about it.

The series has a flexible format that refocuses the analysis and documentation of performance. It provides, presents and represents material which is written by those who make or create performance history, and offers access to theatre documents, different methodologies and approaches to the art of making theatre.

The books in the series are aimed at students, scholars, practitioners and theatre-visiting readers. They encourage reassessments of periods, companies and figures in twentieth-century and twenty-first-century theatre history, and provoke and take up discussions of cultural strategies and legacies that recognise the heterogeneity of performance studies.

To buy or to find out more about the books currently available in this series, please go to: https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/series/theatre-theory-practice-performance/

# Beautiful Doom

# The work of Dennis Kelly on stage and screen

Edited by

Jacqueline Bolton and Nicholas Holden

### Copyright © Manchester University Press 2025

While copyright in the volume as a whole is vested in Manchester University Press, copyright in individual chapters belongs to their respective authors, and no chapter may be reproduced wholly or in part without the express permission in writing of both author and publisher.

Published by Manchester University Press Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL

www.manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk

British Library Cataloguing-in-Publication Data A catalogue record for this book is available from the British Library

ISBN 978 1 5261 4522 2 hardback

First published 2025

The publisher has no responsibility for the persistence or accuracy of URLs for any external or third-party internet websites referred to in this book, and does not guarantee that any content on such websites is, or will remain, accurate or appropriate.

EU authorised representative for GPSR: Easy Access System Europe, Mustamäe tee 50, 10621 Tallinn, Estonia gpsr.requests@easproject.com

Typeset by Cheshire Typesetting Ltd, Cuddington, Cheshire