

Helen Mirren resurrects role of Queen Elizabeth

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The Oscar-winning actress for The Queen plays the reigning monarch once more, this time at the Gielgud theatre with The Audience

February 05, 2013, 2:31 pm -- [/EPR NETWORK/](#) -- Oscar-winner Helen Mirren, one of the UK's favourite (and most successful) actresses, returns to the London stage in one of her most lucrative and loved roles – as Queen Elizabeth II.

The Audience, opening at the Gielgud Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue on February 15th, finds Helen treading the boards as queen Liz – over sixty years of her reign.

Peter Morgan's plays an imaginary fly on the wall in the weekly private meetings that have taken place between The Queen and each of her Prime Ministers. In Westminster, these meetings are carried out with an unspoken rule of utmost privacy.

But Morgan takes the chance to premier an imagined series of scenes that depict the Queen's preoccupations, preferences and humour through a series of pivotal meetings with leaders like Churchill, Blair and Cameron.

Morgan teams up with director Stephen Daldry, the man who brought us Billy Elliot, as well as boasting a very healthy West End theatre career. He told the Guardian this weekend that he's delighted to be back in theatre, where he's happiest.

Mirren's reprisal of one of her most praised regal roles is cause for great flutter in ticket sales, and theatre goers are encouraged to book

early. Those travelling from outside of London to see the show can take a tip from HotelMap for suitable [London hotels](#).

There's 61% off the Grange Fitzrovia Hotel on February 23rd for two adults sharing, with a 4* double room coming in at £107. Or stay in a serviced apartment on the same night for under £100 – Studios 2 Let have an apartment for £73, on Gower Street in Russell Square.

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