

LondonTown: David Tennant brings his acclaimed performance as Richard II to London's Barbican Theatre



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David Tennant stars in the RSC's hotly anticipated production

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Shakespeare's history play paints Richard not just as a leader chosen by divine right but as a man whose human weaknesses threaten to plunge the country into civil war. Royal Shakespeare Company Artistic Director Gregory Doran has directed this new production, which has already enjoyed a successful run at Stratford-upon-Avon.

The cast includes Oliver Ford Davies (who played Polonius to Tennant's Hamlet for the RSC in 2008) as the Duke of York, Nigel Lindsay as Henry Bolingbroke and Michael Pennington as John of Gaunt.

Tickets cost £10-55 and as bookings are expected to be very popular, a small number of £10 tickets will be kept back for sale on the day from 10.30am at the Barbican box office.

Backstage tours will run from 13 December to 11 January, and there will be an intensive weekend workshop on 11 & 12 Jan where students in higher education and drama professionals can find out more about the rehearsal process.

Richard II is the first of a series of history plays that Doran will direct during his tenure at the RSC; in November 2014 he will bring Henry IV, Parts I and II to the Barbican with Antony Sher as Falstaff.

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