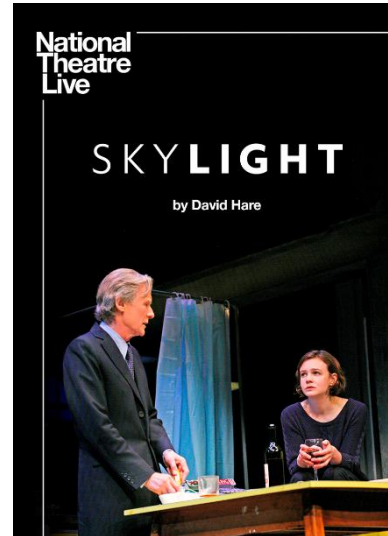
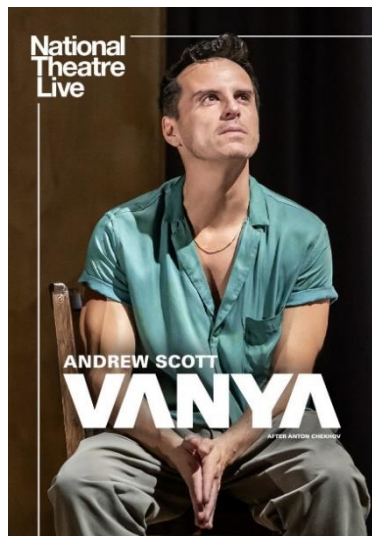
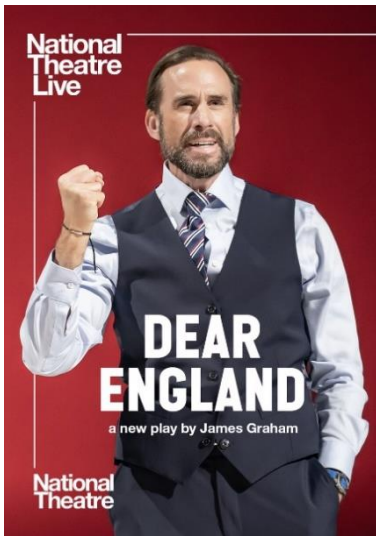


National Theatre Live

National Theatre Live announces *Dear England* with Joseph Fiennes and *VANYA* with Andrew Scott, set to release in cinemas across the UK and Ireland



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The National Theatre today announces two new National Theatre Live productions that will be released to audiences in cinemas across the UK and Ireland this winter. Following sold-out runs, *Dear England* and *VANYA* will be new to NT Live, alongside the rerelease of Olivier-award winning production, *Skylight*.

A hard-hitting tale of love, passion and ideology, **David Hare's** *Skylight* with **Carey Mulligan** and **Bill Nighy** will return to UK cinemas on 16 November 2023. Filmed from its hugely successful run in the West End in 2014, it is one of the highest grossing NT Live titles of all time, with the original broadcast seen by over 115,000 people in the UK almost 10 years ago.

Next January, audiences are invited to **James Graham's** spectacular hit play, *Dear England*, filmed live during its sold-out run at the National Theatre. With the worst track record for penalties in the world, Gareth Southgate knows he needs to open his mind and face up to the years of hurt, to take team and country back to the promised land. With **Joseph Fiennes** (*The Handmaid's Tale*) as Gareth Southgate and directed by **Rupert Goold**, the production will be released in cinemas from 25 January 2024.

Andrew Scott (*Fleabag*) brings to life multiple characters in *VANYA* - a radical new version of Chekhov's comedic and tragic masterpiece *Uncle Vanya*, adapted by **Simon Stephens** (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*) and directed by **Sam Yates**. Filmed

during its sold-out critically acclaimed run in London's West End, this one-man adaptation exploring the complexities of human emotions will be released to cinemas from 22 February 2024, presented by Wessex Grove, Gavin Kalin Productions and Kater Gordon.

In addition to these releases, four other popular productions from recent years will be available in cinemas between now and Christmas, perfect to keep audiences warm this autumn season. The rollicking comedy, *Jack Absolute Flies Again*, the fantastical adventure *The Book of Dust – La Belle Sauvage*, **Simon Stone's** powerful reworking of *Yerma* featuring **Billie Piper** (*I Hate Suzie*) and Shakespeare's romantic tragedy, *Romeo & Juliet* will be available for screenings from 19 October 2023.

Andrew Scott, on the NT Live broadcast of *Vanya*, said:

"We put our heart and souls into creating this show together, and we are completely overwhelmed and thrilled with the response. I'm honoured and delighted that our version of this masterpiece can be watched by a wider audience through our colleagues at NT live.

I've never been more convinced by the necessity and connective power of live theatre. Long may it reign."

Emma Keith, Managing Director, Digital, National Theatre, said:

"We are delighted to grow our National Theatre Live offering and bring some of the very best of NT's theatre capture to screens across the country. We are steadfast in our commitment to making world-class theatre accessible to all, and we can't wait to see these new and beloved productions resonate with audiences nationwide."

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Notes to Editors

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For access requirements and screenings, please visit the listing for your local cinema.

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The National Theatre makes theatre that entertains and inspires using its creativity, expertise and unique reach. The National Theatre shares unforgettable stories with millions of audience members across the UK and around the world – on its own stages, on tour, in schools, on cinema screens and streaming at home.

World-leading artists make their best work at the National Theatre with the widest possible audience and impact. The National Theatre invests in talent and innovation on stage and off, taking seriously its role as the nation's theatre. Of the new productions developed each year

with a wide range of theatre companies, a third of that research and development resource is dedicated to shows staged at theatres outside London.

Through touring our work to local theatres and schools and nationwide education and community programmes, we are active in 71 of the 109 levelling up priority areas in the UK.

A registered charity with deeply embedded social purpose, the National Theatre works with hundreds of schools and communities across the UK to fire imagination and inspire creativity, and to develop skills and pathways for careers in theatre.

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WESSEX GROVE

Wessex Grove is a theatrical production company set up by Benjamin Lowy and Emily Vaughan-Barratt in 2020.

Current and upcoming productions include: *The Old Man & The Pool* at Wyndham's Theatre; Simon Stephen's *Vanya* starring Andrew Scott at The Duke of York's Theatre; a site-specific touring production of *Macbeth* with Ralph Fiennes and Indira Varma (Liverpool, Edinburgh, London & Washington D.C.); *Kathy and Stella Solve a Murder!* (Edinburgh Fringe, Bristol Old Vic & Home, Manchester); *Quiz* (UK Tour); and *Cabaret* at the Kit Kat Club, Playhouse Theatre and Broadway.

Recent productions include: Hanya Yanagihara's *A Little Life* directed by Ivo van Hove at the Harold Pinter Theatre & Savoy Theatre; *One Woman Show* at Greenwich House Theater,

New York & Ambassadors Theatre, West End; *Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons* at the Harold Pinter Theatre & UK Tour; *Best of Enemies* at the Noël Coward Theatre; *Constellations* at the Vaudeville Theatre, winner of the Olivier Award for Best Revival; *A Strange Loop* at the Barbican Theatre; *A Doll's House* at the Hudson Theatre, New York; *A Streetcar Named Desire* at the Phoenix Theatre; *Mother Goose* at the Duke of York's Theatre & UK Tour; *The Doctor* at the Duke of York's Theatre; *Mad House* at the Ambassadors Theatre; *The Seagull* at the Harold Pinter Theatre; *Cyrano de Bergerac* at the Harold Pinter Theatre, Glasgow Theatre Royal & Brooklyn Academy of Music; and *The New Tomorrow Festival* at the Young Vic.

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