National Theatre

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NEW PRODUCTION IMAGES RELEASED FOR ANNIE BAKER'S INFINITE LIFE, DIRECTED BY JAMES MACDONALD, AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE UNTIL 13 JANUARY 2024



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The National Theatre today released new production images for *Infinite Life*, a co-production with the National Theatre and Atlantic Theater Company.

Following its world premiere in New York, **Annie Baker**'s new play has its UK premiere at the Dorfman theatre on Thursday 30 November.

Five women in Northern California lie outside on chaise longues and philosophise.

Annie Baker's (*The Flick*, *The Antipodes*) new play is a surprisingly funny inquiry into the complexity of suffering, and what it means to desire in a body that's failing you. **James Macdonald** (*The Welkin*, *John*) directs this bold, dreamlike story, direct from a run at the Tony Award-winning Atlantic Theater Company in New York.

The cast is Marylouise Burke, Mia Katigbak, Christina Kirk, Kristine Nielsen, Brenda Pressley and Pete Simpson.

Directed by **James Macdonald** with set design by **dots**, costume design by **Ásta Bennie Hostetter**, lighting design by **Isabella Byrd**, sound design by **Bray Poor** and props design by **Noah Mease**.

Playing in the Dorfman theatre until 13 January 2024. Tickets are available from £20 and are on sale now via the National Theatre website. For further information, including details about assisted performances, please visit nationaltheatre.org.uk

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Notes to Editor

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Assisted performances of Infinite Life:

Captioned: Friday 8 December – 7.30pm and Thursday 11 January – 7.30pm

BSL Interpreted: Thursday 4 January – 7.30pm

Audio described: Friday 15 December – 7.30pm and Saturday 13 January – 2.30pm. Audio-described performances are preceded by a Touch Tour, 90 minutes before the performance start time. Call the Access line on 020 7452 3961 to book Touch Tours.

Chilled performance: Wednesday 3 January – 7.30pm

Smart caption glasses are planned to be available for performances of *Infinite Life* from Tuesday 5 December.

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