

National Theatre

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REHEARSAL IMAGES RELEASED FOR *NYE*, A NEW PLAY ABOUT THE FOUNDER OF THE NHS, STARRING MICHAEL SHEEN



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The National Theatre and Wales Millennium Centre today released rehearsal images for [Nye](#), **Tim Price's** (*Teh Internet is Serious Business*) new play directed by **Rufus Norris** (*Small Island*), charting the life of Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan and his battle to create the NHS. **Michael Sheen** is cast as Nye in this co-production between the National Theatre and Wales Millennium Centre.

Cast includes **Remy Beasley, Matthew Bulgo, Dyfan Dwyfor, Roger Evans, Ross Foley, Jon Furlong, Daniel Hawksford, Bea Holland, Stephanie Jacob, Kezrena James, Tony Jayawardena, Michael Keane, Nicholas Khan, Rebecca Killic, Oliver Llewellyn-Jenkins, Mark Matthews, Rhodri Meilir, Ashley Mejri, Lee Mengo, David Monteith, Mali O'Donnell, Sara Otung, Michael Sheen** and **Sharon Small**.

Director **Rufus Norris** leads a creative team including set designer **Vicki Mortimer**, costume designer **Kinnetia Isidore**, lighting designer **Paule Constable**, co-choreographers

Steven Hoggett and **Jess Williams**, composer **Will Stuart**, sound designer **Donato Wharton**, projection designer **Jon Driscoll**, company voice work **Cathleen McCarron** and **Tamsin Newlands**, associate director **Francesca Goodridge**, associate set designer **Matt Hellyer**, dialect coach **Patricia Logue**, associate costume designer **Zoë Thomas-Webb** and casting by **Alastair Coomer CDG** and **Chloe Blake**.

From campaigning at the coalfield to leading the battle to create the NHS, Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan is often referred to as the politician with greatest influence on our country without ever being Prime Minister.

Confronted with death, Nye's deepest memories lead him on a mind-bending journey back through his life; from childhood to mining underground, Parliament and fights with Churchill in an epic Welsh fantasia.

Nye is playing in the Olivier theatre from 24 February until 11 May, with press night on 6 March 2024 and broadcast in cinemas via NT Live from 23 April 2024.

Following its world premiere in the Olivier theatre, *Nye* will play at the Wales Millennium Centre. Michael Sheen will continue his role as Nye Bevan in this strictly limited run from 18 May until 1 June 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 Editors

For further press information, please contact James Lever at jlever@nationaltheatre.org.uk.

Images can be accessed [here](#).

Assisted performances of *Nye* at the National Theatre

Captioned Performances: Saturday 16 March 2024 – 7.30pm, Wednesday 3 April 2024 – 2.15pm, Friday 26 April 2024 – 7.30pm

BSL Interpreted: Friday 19 April 2024 – 7.30pm

Audio described: Saturday 30 March 2024 – 2.15pm, Friday 3 May 2024 – 7.30pm

Sensory adapted: Wednesday 10 April 2024 – 7.30pm

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