National Theatre

National Theatre at Home announces four star-studded productions to stream during the winter season



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National Theatre at Home, the National Theatre's pioneering streaming platform, announces a collection of iconic productions and heartwarming stories are set to join the platform for the festive season. With something for everyone – from intense drama to biting comedy – these world class productions will light up winter evenings from the comfort of home.

Kicking off the season is Shakespeare's *Macbeth* with Ralph Fiennes (*The Menu, Straight Line Crazy*) and Indira Varma (*Game of Thrones, Disclaimer*), releasing to the platform on 31 October, filmed live at Dock X in London. Celebrate Halloween with this critically acclaimed and cinematic new production directed by Simon Godwin (*Hansard, Romeo & Juliet*), with set and costume design by Frankie Bradshaw (*Dear Octopus*), presented by Trafalgar Releasing.

In November, audiences worldwide can enjoy the previously announced free stream of *Nye* as part of the 'Take Your Seats' initiative. The epic Welsh fantasia with *Michael Sheen* (*Good Omens*) about Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan who founded the National Health Service (NHS) will be available *from*7pm GMT 7 November – 11 November on the National Theatre YouTube channel for free.

The festive fun continues in December with the release of *Present Laughter*. Matthew Warchus (*Matilda The Musical*) directs Noël Coward's provocative comedy, filmed live from its sold out run at The Old Vic in 2019. From 6 December, audiences worldwide can watch **Andrew Scott** (*Vanya*, *All of Us Strangers*, *Fleabag*) in his Olivier award-winning performance as Gary Essendine, a star actor preparing to embark on an overseas tour, alongside **Indira Varma**, who also won an Olivier award for her performance, and **Sophie Thompson** (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*) also stars.

The new production of Frank Galati's Tony Award-winning adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath* joins the platform on 6 December. Directed by Carrie Cracknell (*Julie, The Deep Blue Sea*) and based on the acclaimed novel by John Steinbeck, the production was filmed live from the Lyttelton stage earlier this year. The cast includes Tony Award-winner Cherry Jones (*The Glass Menagerie, Succession*) as matriarch Ma Joad, Harry Treadaway (*The Chemistry of Death, Penny Dreadful*) as her son Tom Joad and Natey Jones (*Small Island, Pretty Red Dress*) as Jim Casy.

This winter, the UK premiere of **Katori Hall**'s (*Tina: The Tina Turner Musical, The Mountaintop, P-Valley*) Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Hot Wing King* sizzles onto the platform** filmed live during its run at the Dorfman theatre this summer. This delicious production is told with the love language of food; about family, Black Masculinity, sexuality and the journey to finding home, in a fiery new production directed by **Roy Alexander Weise** (*'Master Harold'... and the boys, Nine Night*).

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Notes to Editors

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**The Hot Wing King will not be available to subscribers in the US

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