

National Theatre

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FURTHER CASTING ANNOUNCED FOR THE RETURN OF *NYE*, TIM PRICE'S EPIC WELSH FANTASIA STARRING MICHAEL SHEEN



The National Theatre and Wales Millennium Centre today announce further casting for the return of *Nye*, Tim Price's (*Teh Internet is Serious Business*) epic Welsh fantasia, directed by Rufus Norris (*Small Island*), which charts the life of Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan and his battle to create the NHS. Michael Sheen returns to play Nye Bevan in this co-production between the National Theatre and Wales Millennium Centre.

Also returning to *Nye* are Remy Beasley as Gwen Davies and Ensemble, Matthew Bulgo as Mr Orchard and Ensemble, Ross Foley as Clerk and Ensemble, Jon Furlong as Herbert Morrison and Ensemble, Daniel Hawksford as Alun Jones, Neil and Ensemble, Michael Keane as Ensemble, Nicholas Khan as Neville Chamberlain, Doctor Frankel and Ensemble, Rebecca Killick as Lucy Pritchard and Ensemble, Stephanie Jacob as Clement Atlee and Ensemble, Kezrena James as Arianwen, Nurse Ellie and Ensemble, Tony Jayawardena as Winston Churchill, Doctor Dain and Ensemble, Mark Matthews as Ensemble, Rhodri Meilir as David

Bevan and Ensemble, **Ashley Mejri** as Owen Thomas and Ensemble, **Lee Mengo** as Jack Stockton and for some performances Nye Bevan, **Mali O'Donnell** as Swing, **Sara Otung** as Ensemble and **Sharon Small** as Jennie Lee and Ensemble.

Joining the production for 2025 are **Jason Hughes** as Archie Lush, **Joshua McCord** as Councillor Williams and Ensemble, **Hannah McPake** as Ensemble and **Gareth Tempest** as Swing.

Full casting to be confirmed.

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**, revival co-director **Francesca Goodridge**, casting by **Alastair Coomer CDG**, **Chloe Blake** and **Martin Poile**, dialect coach **Patricia Logue**, voice coaches **Cathleen McCarron** and **Tamsin Newlands**, consultant medical advisor **Matt Morgan** and associate lighting designer **Lucy Adams**

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.

Playing in the National Theatre's Olivier theatre from 3 July to 16 August 2025, press performance on Thursday 10 July 2025, 7pm, and playing at the Wales Millennium Centre's Donald Gordon Theatre from 22 to 30 August 2025.

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.

A National Theatre co-production with Wales Millennium Centre.

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Notes to Editors

Images can be accessed [here](#).

Nye	Olivier theatre & Wales Millennium Centre, Donald Gordon Theatre, Cardiff	3 July – 16 August 2025 22 - 30 August 2025.	Thu 10 July 2025	James Lever
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Assisted performances of Nye at the National Theatre:

Captioned Performances: Thursday 24 July 2025 – 7.30pm, Saturday 9 August 2025 – 7.30pm.

BSL Interpreted: Tuesday 29 July 2025 – 7.30pm

Audio described (preceded by a Touch Tour 90 minutes before the performance start time):

Saturday 26 July 2025 – 2pm, Friday 8 August 2025 – 7.30pm

Relaxed Performance: Monday 4 August 2025 – 7.30pm

With thanks

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This play is a recipient of an Edgerton Foundation New Plays Award.

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As a registered charity, Wales Millennium Centre also works to fire imaginations and inspire future generations by providing creative opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds. With its iconic architecture and world-class facilities, Wales Millennium Centre is a hub of artistic excellence and innovation.

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