

National Theatre

Thursday 13 August 2026

**FIRST LOOK: REHEARSAL IMAGES RELEASED FOR THE UK
PREMIERE OF**

TRACEY SCOTT WILSON'S

THE STORY

FEATURING ALIYAH ODOFFIN, WILF SCOLDING,

ASHLEY THOMAS, LORRAINE TOUSSAINT & LETITIA WRIGHT

**AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE FROM 27 AUGUST – 24 OCTOBER
2026**



IMAGES BY FERUZA AFEWERKI ARE AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

Rehearsal images have been released for the UK premiere of leading American playwright, Tracey Scott Wilson's seminal newsroom thriller, *The Story*. Directed by NT Associate Artist, Clint Dyer (the *Death of England* trilogy), this gripping and adrenaline-fuelled examination of racial politics and journalistic ethics will debut at the National Theatre's Olivier theatre from 27 August until 24 October 2026.

BAFTA Award-winner **Letitia Wright** (*Black Panther: Wakanda Forever*, Marvel Studios) makes her National Theatre debut as Yvonne, an ambitious black reporter who defies her editor to pursue an incendiary lead, choosing to go to any length to get ‘the story’, alongside **Aliyah Odoffin** (*All My Sons*, Wessex Grove/Gavin Kalin Productions/Playful Productions), who plays the role of Latisha, **Ashley Thomas** (*Hostage*, Netflix) who plays the role of Neil, **Lorraine Toussaint** (*Orange is the New Black*, Netflix) who plays the role of Pat and **Wilf Scolding** (*Cabaret*, ATG/Underbelly) who plays the role of Jeff.

The cast also includes **Antonia Bernath** as Jessica Dunn, **Josh Goulding** as Tim Dunn, **Jay Simpson** as Detective and **Unique Spencer** as Adrienne.

Tee Arnold, **Donna Augustin**, **Reanna Bleu**, **Katie Buchholz**, **Arianne Carless**, **Angelina Chudi**, **Linseigh Green**, **Roland Royal III** and **Matt Whitchurch** complete the cast as ensemble.

There’s the truth and then there’s the story. When a white teacher is killed in a black neighbourhood, four journalists race to get the headline – at any cost. But when shocking new evidence pulls them into the dark heart of the case, they are each forced to confront what they’re prepared to risk to tell their version of the truth.

Joining director **Clint Dyer** in the creative team is set designer **Anna Fleischle**, costume designer **Natalie Pryce**, lighting designer **Paul Anderson**, movement director **Lucie Pankhurst**, sound designer **Benjamin Grant**, co-video designers **Gino Ricardo Green** and **Tal Yarden**, wigs, hair and make-up designer, **Cynthia De La Rosa**, intimacy director **Ingrid Mackinnon**, fight director **Kev McCurdy**, casting directors **Alastair Coomer CDG** and **Martin Poile CDG**, dialect coach **Hazel Holder** and voice coach **Cathleen McCarron**. Also making up the team are associate director **Emily Aboud**, associate set designer **Keziah Ferguson** and associate sound designer **Nick Mann**.

Tickets available from nationaltheatre.org.uk.

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Notes to Editor

Further Materials

- Rehearsal images are available [here](#)

- Cast Headshots are available [here](#)
- Marketing Image is available [here](#)
- Teaser Trailer is available [here](#)

Production	Theatre	Dates	Press Night	Publicist
<i>The Story</i>	Olivier theatre	27 August – 24 October 2026	Thursday 3 September 2026, 7pm	Clare McCormack & Anoushka Chakrapani

Listings and Booking Information

Venue: Olivier theatre, National Theatre Upper Ground, South Bank, London SE1 9PX

Dates: 27 August – 24 October 2026

Performance Schedule: Monday to Saturday at *7.30pm with matinee performances on Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30pm

*Please note there is a 6.30pm start time on the following performances – Tuesday 22 September, Thursday 1 October, Thursday 8 October and Tuesday 20 October

Box Office:

To book online visit www.nationaltheatre.org.uk

To book tickets by phone, call **020 3989 5455** from 9.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 10am–6pm on Saturdays.

Group Bookings

To book tickets for a group of 10 or more, call 020 7452 3010 from 11am–6pm, Monday to Saturday.

Access ticket booking

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Assisted performances:

Captioned Performances: Wednesday 16 September – 7.30pm, Saturday 10 October – 2.30pm, Wednesday 21 October – 7.30pm

BSL Interpreted: Thursday 24 September – 7.30pm, Wednesday 14 October – 7.30pm

Audio Described (with touch tours taking place 90 minutes before the show):

Saturday 19 September – 2.30pm, Friday 2 October – 7.30pm

Relaxed performance: Saturday 17 October 2.30pm

With Thanks:

The Story

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