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PRODUCTION IMAGES RELEASED FOR FAITH HEALER AT LYRIC HAMMERSMITH THEATRE



Production images are released today for the major revival of **Brian Friel's** powerful stage mystery *Faith Healer*, directed by Artistic Director **Rachel O'Riordan** at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre. *Faith Healer* is playing at the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre from **14 March – 13 April,** with opening night for press on **20 March**.

Starring in the production is one of Ireland's most respected stage actors **Declan Conlon**, playing Frank, who is also reuniting with director O'Riordan after previously working together on *Come on Home* (Abbey Theatre, Dublin). Declan is joined by **Nick Holder**, playing Teddy (*Assassins at Chichester Festival* Theatre) and **Justine Mitchell**, whose work includes *Dancing at Lughnasa* (National Theatre), Channel 4 hit series *Derry Girls* and Sally Rooney's *Conversation with Friends* (BBC), who is playing Grace.

Voted in the Independent's top 40 plays of all time, *Faith Healer* is regarded as a modern classic, interrogating truth and identity with skilful stage mastery. Rachel O'Riordan's direction of *Faith Healer* follows recent triumphs *Iphigenia in Splott* (Lyric Hammersmith Theatre) and *Romeo & Julie* (National Theatre), of which the former was voted as The Guardian's top theatre show of 2022. *Faith Healer* is designed by **Colin Richmond**, the lighting design is by **Paul Keogan**, composition and sound design is by **Anna Clock**, and casting by **Sophie Parrott CDG**.

Trawling through the remote and lonely villages of Wales and Scotland is, The Fantastic Frank Hardy, who for one night only promises miracle cures for the sick and the suffering. He might just be more showman than shaman but... the promise of the impossible is irresistible.

But it's Frank's shapeshifting gift and proclamations that bring him into conflict with his wife Grace and manager Teddy. As they each recount their lives together, they unveil a well of fractured memories.

Brian Friel's play Faith Healer has spellbinding allure, and powerful stage mystery; it has thrilled audiences across the world since it first opened on Broadway in 1979.

Tickets to Faith Healer are on sale now at <u>www.lyric.co.uk</u>

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Notes to Editors

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<u>Listings</u>

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Faith Healer

A Lyric Hammersmith Theatre production Written by Brian Friel Directed by Rachel O'Riordan Set and costume design by Colin Richmond Lighting design by Paul Keogan Composition and sound design by Anna Clock Casting by Sophie Parrott CDG Dates: Thursday 14 March – Saturday 13 April 2024 Press Night: Wednesday 20 March 2024, 7pm Chilled Environment Performance: Wednesday 27 March 2024, 2.30pm Open Captioned Performance: Tuesday 02 April 2024, 7.30pm Audio Described Performance: Monday 08 April 2024, 7.30pm BSL Performance: Thursday 11 April, 7.30pm