

Young Vic

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FIRST LOOK AT *THE HOMECOMING* AT THE YOUNG VIC



Production images are released today for **Harold Pinter's** powerful masterpiece *The Homecoming* starring **Jared Harris**, **Joe Cole**, **Lisa Diveney**, **Robert Emms**, **David Angland** and **Nicolas Tennant**. Thrillingly re-explored by Olivier-nominated director **Matthew Dunster**, this highly anticipated revival is now in previews at the **Young Vic Theatre** where it runs until **27 January 2024** with opening night for press on 5 December. Tickets are available at www.youngvic.org

BAFTA Leading Actor award winner **Jared Harris** (*Chernobyl*, *Mad Men*, *The Crown*, *Foundation*) and **Joe Cole** (*Gangs of London*, *Peaky Blinders*, *The Ipcress File*) return to the stage, as Max and Lenny respectively, following major TV roles. **Lisa Diveney** (*Call the Midwife*, *The Seagull*) plays Ruth, and the cast is completed by **David Angland** (*The Pillowman*, *Doctor Faustus*) as Joey, **Robert Emms** (*Chernobyl*, *Star Wars: Andor*) as Teddy, and **Nicolas Tennant** (*The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, *The Duchess of Malfi*) as Sam.

Max. Sam. Lenny. Joey. Teddy.
And Ruth.

In a small house in East London lives a family of butchers and boxers. When academic son Teddy returns home from America, with a wife his family have never met, a strange power struggle between man, wife and in-laws ensues.

The Homecoming is designed by **Moi Tran**, with lighting design by **Sally Ferguson**, sound design by **George Dennis**, casting by **Heather Basten CDG**, US casting consultation by **David Caparelliottis**, voice and dialect coaching by **Hazel Holder**, fight direction by **Kev**

McCurdy, movement direction by **Charlotte Broom**, intimacy direction by **Yarit Dor** and Jerwood Assistant Director is **Bellaray Bertrand-Webb**.

Sensory Adapted Performance: Sat 6 January, 7.30pm

Captioned Performances: Tue 9 January, 7.30pm & Thu 25 January, 7.30pm

Audio Described Performances: Fri 12 January, 7.30pm & Thu 18 January, 7.30pm

Relaxed Performances: Fri 19 January, 7.30pm & Sat 20 January, 2.30pm

BSL Performance: Fri 26 January, 7.30pm

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Cast biographies

Jared Harris' (Max) illustrious stage, television and film career includes star roles as Valery Legasov in HBO's *Chernobyl* for which he earned the BAFTA for Leading Actor and further Golden Globe and Emmy nominations, as Lane Pryce in *Mad Men* and King George VI in *The Crown*. Film includes *Sherlock Holmes A Game of Shadows*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* and upcoming roles in *Brave The Dark*, and *Reawakening*. *The Homecoming* will mark his Young Vic debut and first stage appearance in more than 15 years.

Joe Cole (Lenny) is a BAFTA nominated actor best known for playing lead roles as Sean Wallace in *Gangs of London*, Harry Palmer in *The Ipcress File* and John Shelby in *Peaky Blinders*. He was nominated for the 2018 Leading Actor BAFTA for his role as Frank in *Black Mirror*, and his film credits include a BIFA winning Best Actor role as Billy Moore in *Prayer Before Dawn*. He returns to the Young Vic where he previously performed with the theatre's creative engagement department Taking Part.

Lisa Diveney (Ruth) has appeared across stage and screen with recent television credits including *Whitstable Pearl*, *Harlots* and *Grantchester*, and previously roles in *Call the Midwife*, Beth in *The Green Green Grass* and Kate Travers in the ITV series *Injustice*. Stage credits include *The Seagull* (Regent's Park), *Donkey Heart* (West End), *A Thousand Stars Explode in the Sky* (Lyric Hammersmith).

David Angland (Joey) most recently appeared in *The Pillowman* (West End), as Mephistopheles in *Doctor Faustus* (Southwark Playhouse), *My Life as a Cowboy* (Park Theatre) and *The Nobodies* (The Vaults and UK Tour). Television credits include *Pistol*, *Masters of the Air*, *The Devil's Hour* and *Everything Now*.

Robert Emms (Teddy) is known for portraying Leonid Toptunov in HBO's *Chernobyl*, Lonni Jung in the *Star Wars* series *Andor* and Pythagoras in the BBC series *Atlantis*. On stage he starred as Albert Narracott in *War Horse* (West End) and Bobby Fischer in *Ravens* (Hampstead Theatre). His film credits include *War Horse*, *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*, *Apostasy*, *Broken*, *Kick Ass 2* and *Mirror Mirror*.

Nicolas Tennant (Sam) recently appeared in the West End in *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*. His many theatre credits include *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (West End), *The Power of Yes* (National Theatre), *Three Kingdoms* (Lyric Hammersmith), *The Duchess of Malfi*, (RSC). Television includes *Peaky Blinders*, *Terry Pratchett's Hogfather*, and film includes *Denial*.

About the Young Vic Theatre

Founded in 1970 as a space for world-premiere productions as well as innovative and unexpected takes on classic plays, boldly conceived, that speak urgently to our present, the Young Vic Theatre has been one of London's leading theatres for more than fifty years. We foster future artists and collaborate with some of the world's finest directors, performers and creatives; creating award-winning productions which engage with the world we live in.

Built upon the principles of access, innovation, and community, the Young Vic stands out for balancing commercial success, drive and artistic flair with genuine grassroots social impact change in our neighbourhood.

Recent productions in the West End and on Broadway include: *Best of Enemies* at the Noël Coward Theatre and *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma!* at Wyndham's Theatre; and on Broadway, *Death of a Salesman* at the Hudson Theatre and *The Collaboration* at Manhattan Theatre Club's Samuel J. Friedman Theatre. Bringing together artists and audiences on a global scale and using the power of stories to change our world, the Young Vic extends well beyond the boundaries of its walls.

Artistic Director: Kwame Kwei-Armah

Executive Director: Lucy Davies

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