

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

NATIONAL THEATRE WALES & WILDWORKS

THE PASSION

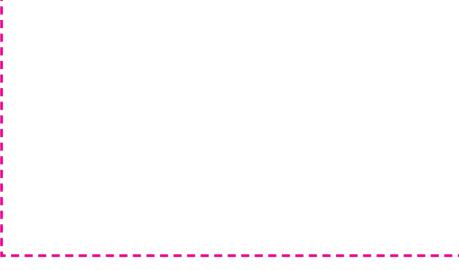
With Michael Sheen

LOVE. BETRAYAL. SACRIFICE. PASSION.

In a spectacular finale to its triumphant launch year, National Theatre Wales joins forces with WildWorks and brings Michael Sheen home to star in a one-off ground-breaking theatre event which places the Port Talbot community at its very heart.

For three days this Easter, Port Talbot is in a battle for its life. Authoritarian forces have taken over the town and plan to change it forever. The atmosphere is explosive. Resistance is inevitable. How far will each side go? Into this comes a man who needs to listen. The stories he hears and the community he witnesses make him the most dangerous element of all.

Taking inspiration from one of the defining narratives of our times, this riotous contemporary re-telling of the Passion story, scripted by Owen Sheers, takes place across the town, with the people of Port Talbot as its cast, crew, and heroes.



Click above to watch the video trailer for The Passion

"IT'S NOT MATTER THAT MATTERS, OR OUR THOUGHTS AND WORDS, BUT THE SHADOWS THEY THROW AGAINST THE LIVES OF OTHERS."

- OWEN SHEERS FROM "SHADOW MAN"

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You can choose to attend one, some, or all of the weekend events, and may catch some unexpected surprises.

LISTINGS INFORMATION

22-24 April 2011 In Port Talbot

SHOW DATES: FRIDAY 22ND APRIL

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

LOCATION PORT TALBOT

BOX OFFICE: The Princess Royal Theatre,

Civic Centre, Port Talbot, SA13 1PJ

Phone: 01639 763214

Web: nationaltheatrewales.org/passion

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TICKETS

At each event over the weekend, there will be a designated area for wristband-wearers to ensure the best view. Beyond these areas, the majority of the weekend takes place in large public spaces and can be experienced free of charge.

Wristbands can be purchased for each day or for the entire weekend, and provide designated access as specified above. See daily breakdown of the show schedule for what each wristband includes.

TICKET PRICES

WRISTBAND	COST	COLOUR	CAPACITY	
FRIDAY*	£12	YELLOW	1000	
SATURDAY*	£12	RED	1000	
SUNDAY*	£12	BLACK	500	
RESIDENTS OF SA12 AND SA13 PURCHASE ABOVE £5				
3-DAY*	£30	GREEN	120	
THE SUPPER	£20 (inc. food)	GLITTER BAND	Take Email/Phone	
PARK & RIDE ONLY TICKETS				
FRIDAY	£5	RED STRIPE	250	
SATURDAY	£5	YELLOW STRIPE	250	
SUNDAY	£5	BLACK STRIPE	250	
WEEKEND	£15	GREEN STRIPE	250	

^{*}Including Park & Ride

FRIDAY 22ND APRIL

WHEN	WHERE	STORY	ENTRY
ЗРМ	Aberavon Beach (by the RNLI)	The Arrival	WRISTBAND/ FREE
7PM	Civic Centre	The Announcement	WRISTBAND

NB: Performances will start at 12pm but will run throughout the day

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL

All of Saturday's daytime performances start at midday, but go on all day.

WHEN	WHERE	STORY	ENTRY
12PM	Llewellyn Street	The Return	FREE
12PM	Underpass	The Raising	FREE
12PM	Shopping Centre	The Resistance	FREE
7:30PM	Seaside Social	The Supper	Ticket Lottery
7.30PM	Car Park	Live Stream	WRISTBAND
9PM	Abbeyville Court	The Garden	WRISTBAND

THE SUPPER TICKET LOTTERY

The Supper event on the Saturday evening is a separately ticketed event. Tickets will be allocated by lottery, drawn at midday on Friday 8th April. To apply, register your name, address, contact number, and number of tickets required at the Princess Royal Box Office or at thesupper@nationaltheatrewales.org. Tickets for The Supper cost £20 each and include food.

Maximum 4 tickets per party.

SEASIDE SOCIAL CAR PARK

A Live stream of the performance inside the seaside social will be broadcast on a big screen in the Car park outside there will be a bar refreshments and toilet facilities.

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL

WHEN	WHERE	STORY	ENTRY
12PM	Llewellyn Street	The Trial	WRISTBAND
3PM	Station Road	The Procession*	FREE
7:30PM	Aberavon Seafront	The Cross	WRISTBAND

THE 3PM PROCESSION

We are asking all ticket holders to take part in the final procession an extraordinary spectacle ideas of what you can bring or do:

- » Wear Black
- » Bring symbols of the lost
- » Bring a photograph of places, people, events; or an object; or just names written on paper – symbols of the lost – things no longer with us that you miss.
- » Bring Offerings

THE PROCESSION IS ABOUT THE
GATHERING - OF VOICES, STORIES,
MEMORIES, AND PEOPLE. OF A MAN
WITNESSING IT ALL AND BEING PREPARED
FOR A JOURNEY. WHAT DO YOU WANT
HIM TO TAKE ON HIS JOURNEY, AS YOUR
REPRESENTATIVE?

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT













Over the last 9 months, The Passion team have worked constantly with the people and groups of Port Talbot whose work and whose stories will feed directly into this retelling of the Passion story. It has been a surprise and a joy to discover just how active and rich the community of the town already was, and how willing people have been to afford us their insight and experience. This engagement has lead to widespread and occasionally surprising collaborations: from performers and musicians to writers, builders, carpenters, seamstresses, sports teams, drivers, gardeners, teachers and even the just plain helpful.

We have met hundreds more people whose lives have in some way touched upon the themes that emerge from the Passion story: from young carers to prisoners to the people who hold the history of the town in their heads and in their photograph albums. Their stories alongside the skill of the people of the town will be instrumental in creating the world of Passion.

















The process of engaging a whole town has lead to some delightful and delightfully bonkers encounters:

WE HAVE CREATED EVENTS ON THE BEACH AND SUNG IN UNDERPASSES, CLIMBED MOUNTAINS AND BEEN INVITED INTO PEOPLE'S LIVING ROOMS ACROSS THE TOWN.

We have walked the streets, knocked on doors, taken over shopping centres, held tea parties and reunited neighbours. We have runs workshops for hundreds of performers and musicians which in turn has lead to the involvement of thousands of local people. We have been to gigs, to rehearsals, to public events, to staff rooms and class rooms and picked up loads of new knowledge ourselves along the way: from learning line dancing to listening to stories of medieval wrecks. But most of all it is what the town has offered us in return that will create the heart of the show — the people who have turned up and offered vehicles, the use of their homes, their skill, their stories, their time and their enthusiasm. Their generosity has fuelled our ambition for the piece, and ensure that The Passion is more than a piece of theatre about a community, but one that has risen out of the landscape and its people.

For more information or to get involved, please contact:

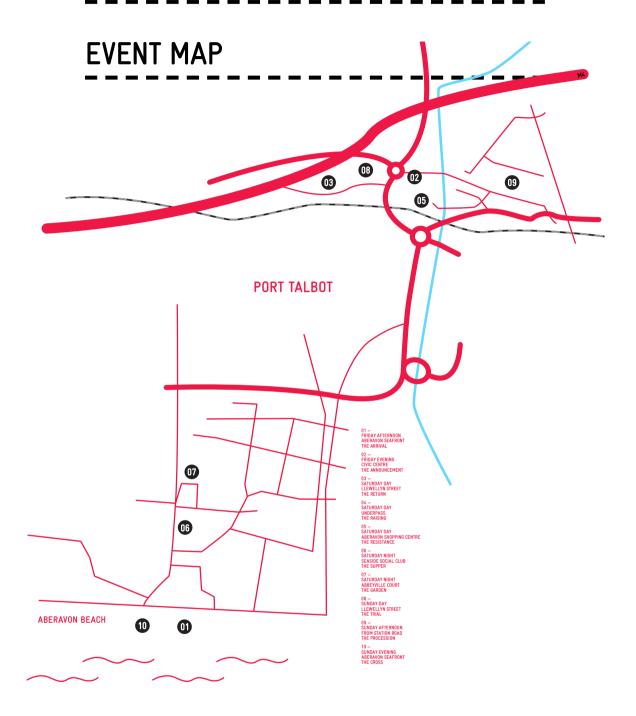


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TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION



PARK & RIDE

In order to avoid congestion, we ask that audience members do not drive into the centre of town. A Park & Ride facility is provided at the Quays and is included in the cost of all tickets outside the local postcodes, or on its own.

ACCOMMODATION

OAKWOOD

Address: 59 Oakwood Street, Port Talbot,

West Glamorgan SA13 1BD

Phone: 01639 886627

MOUNT GUEST HOUSE

Address: 78 Commercial Road, Port Talbot

West Glamorgan SA13 1LR

Phone: 01639 761077

ONLINE

www.visitwales.co.uk

PORT TALBOT

- » blancoshotel.co.uk
- » premierinn.com/en/hotel/PORBAG/port-talbot?CMP=KNC_Mb
- » mountainviewbandb.co.uk
- » greenlanterns.co.uk

ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

National Theatre Wales has a commitment to accessibility across the launch year.

NTW ASPIRES TO MAKE THE WORK ACCESSIBLE AND AVAILABLE TO ALL, EVEN WHEN IN UNUSUAL SITES.

This policy is adapted for the specific capabilities of individual productions.

ACCESSIBILITY

The performance will be a promenade style performance and will take place outdoors.

All elements will be accessible for wheel chair users but will need to buy a wristband for designated areas. (Care people and guides will be able to attend for free but will require a free wristband)

For any questions about accessibility and mobility that you cannot answer please take the enquiry and contact details and send to: info@nationaltheatrewales.org / 02920 2035 3070.

WEATHER & CLOTHING

The show will go on, whatever the weather. Make sure that you wear sturdy shoes for walking in, that you bring appropriate clothing to stay comfortable in all weather, and that you bring water. There will be opportunities to get refreshments, to find toilets, and to access First Aid at all of the locations.