

Reading of extracts from a stage adaptation by Jonathan Chadwick of RESURRECTION by Leo Tolstoy (80 minutes), interval (15 minutes) followed by a live video conversation with Jamal Al Rozzi and Hossam Madhoun, Theatre for Everybody, in Gaza (40 minutes).

3pm on Sunday 18th January 2015

Presented by Az Theatre at Rich Mix, London.

A benefit event for War & Peace: Gaza (Palestine) – London (UK), part of Gaza Drama Long Term, a ten-year partnership of cultural exchange between Theatre for Everybody (Gaza) and Az Theatre (London)



Actors:

Judge – Tom Clark Maslova – Elsa Mollien Nekhlyudov – Philip Arditti Narrator – Jennie Stoller Korablyova – Deborah Findlay Warder – Annabel Capper

Prison Superintendent – Zaydun Khalaf

Vera Yefremovna - Andrea Smith Valls

Matriona (Maslova's aunt) - Maggie Steed

Countess Tcharskaya – Deborah Findlay

Mariette - Andrea Smith Valls

Prison Doctor - David Mumeni

Natalia (Nekhlyudov's sister) - Annabel Capper

Rogozhinsky (Nekhlyudov's brother-in-law) – Zaydun Khalaf

Kryltsov (Political prisoner) – Tom Chadwick

Simonson (Political prisoner) - David Mumeni

Vorodvorov (Political prisoner) - Zaydun Khalaf

Ferrywoman - Jennie Stoller

Old Man - Tom Clark

Provincial Governor - Zaydun Khalaf

Daughter - Andrea Smith Valls

Production:

Rory Adamson (Sound), Jonathan Chadwick (Direction), Rebecca King (Slides), Anna Masing (Production), Maysoon Pachachi (Video), Emma Sangster (Graphics) Sheelah Sloane (Sound), Eman Mohammed (Photography), Amir Seidiani (Photography), Luke Hodgkin (Programme)

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Note: I re-read RESURRECTION after we started working on Tolstoy's War and Peace with Theatre for Everybody. I thought it was a deep articulation of human change connecting the personal with the social. In adapting it I wanted to see if I could bring to life this energy of connected change. Tolstoy wrote it in 1899, 20 years after his last previous fiction, Anna Karenina. He only did so to raise money to benefit the Doukhobors, a peasant sect that practiced primitive communism. Of course this work has as much to do with what is happening in Gaza as anywhere else. Tolstoy, in a letter around the time he wrote Resurrection, wrote that fiction was "like a clown at a country fair grimacing in front of the ticket-booth in order to lure the public inside the tent where the real play is being performed."

I am indebted to the wonderful translation of Resurrection by Rosemary Edmonds. Jonathan Chadwick



Notes

Thanks