*A Unicorn production***MY FATHER, ODYSSEUS**

By Timberlake Wertenbaker

Directed by Purni Morrell

Designed by Louie Whitemore with lighting by David W Kidd and sound by Ed Lewis

Fight Direction by Alison De Burgh

*Sun 13 Mar – Sun 10 Apr*

**PRESS NIGHT: THURSDAY 17 MARCH AT 7PM**

Purni Morell directs Jeffery Kissoon as Odysseus in Timberlake Wertenbarker’s potent new play My Father Odysseus; a Unicorn commissioned work inspired by Homer’s epic poem; examining absence, longing and fatherhood in a world where war is never far away.

Jeffery will be joined by Theo Solomon as Telemachus and Ginny Holder as Penelope. Ben Adams and Guy Rhys play the Suitors and Charlotte De Bruyne is Athena.

This lively and inventive premiere features live oud music in an original score performed by Frank Moon and Baha Yetkin.

*Telemachus’ father left long ago to fight a war. He doesn’t remember him. Now the man of the house, he must step up to defend his father’s legacy and protect his mother from the suitors that lounge around the court.*

*Meanwhile, the great Odysseus has been trapped by the goddess Kalypso for ten long years. Lost in his memories of past glories he longs to return home.*

A timeless Greek myth refreshed for today, about a son searching for his father and a father searching for himself.

Timberlake Wertenbaker is an internationally renowned writer and translater with over 40 plays to her name, including the award-winning Our Country’s Good. Her many credits include most recently *Jefferson’s Garden*, *The Ant and the Cicada* , *The Line*, *The Grace of Mary Traverse*, *The Love of the Nightingale*, *Three Birds Alighting on a Field*, *The Break of Day*, *After Darwin* and *Galileo's Daughter*.

Jeffery Kissoon’s extensive credits for stage include *Rudy’s Rare Records* (Birmingham Rep/Hackney Empire), *The Jungle of Cities* (Arcola), *War and Peace* (Hampstead/Tour), *Amazonia* (Young Vic), *Julius Caesar* (RSC) and *Hamlet* directed by Peter Brook (France/Int Tour). Film credits include *Hamlet* directed by Kenneth Branagh, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* directed by JJ Abrams, *The Tragedy of Hamlet* directed by Peter Brook and *Dirty Pretty Things* directed by Stephen Frears.

Age guide is suitable for 11+ and the duration is approx 1 hr 15 mins.

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