

G8 Plays



CRIES OF THE CRICKET by Jean-Louis N'Tadi, translated by Trevor Mostyn.
Adapted and directed by Ben Jancovich.
Cast: Tas Emiabata, Neal Barry & Medina Ajikawo

An African writer seeking asylum discovers the fate of someone seeking refuge in Britain today.

Comissioned by FLIGHT 5065, CRIES OF THE CRICKET was written by Jean-Louis N'Tadi, a playwright from Congo-Brazzaville who fled persecution in his country and sought refuge here, only to find himself caught up in the British asylum system. Since the play was written earlier this month Jean-Louis has been released from detention, but his application for asylum has been turned down again. He is in the audience tonight.

A MODEST ADJUSTMENT

By Dan Rebellato
Directed by Toby Frow
Cast: Tom Hollander, Ian Gelder, Nigel Lindsay, Patrick Robinson and Tanya Moodie.

"Free your mind and the economy will follow!"

A heavily-indebted African country has just been storm-tossed on the open seas of international currency speculation. They need to restructure their debt before the economy melts down and famine and disease spread across the country. But help is at hand in the form of the World Bank and the IMF who come bearing the gift of a modest proposal for their country's future...

Specially commissioned by the National Theatre for the G8 Plays series this week.

ZIMBABWE BOY

Tuesday 28th June, Olivier
by Rory Kilalea
Adapted by Steve Keyworth
Directed by Ben Jancovich
With: John Lightbody, Femi Oguns, Emmanuel Idowu

A surprising encounter between a married white farmer and a black rent boy in Mugabe's Zimbabwe.

THE BIG MEN

Tuesday 28th June, Olivier
By Richard Bean
Directed by Femi Elufowoju Jr
Cast includes : Anthony Ofoegbu, Nick Oshikanlu, Wale Ojo, Mo Sesay and Raquel Cassidy

Geldof wants us to "stop talking about the corruption thing", but the ostentatious lifestyles of the WaBenzi (The Big Men of Africa) make that wish not just impossible but also stupid.

TO BRIDGE THE WORLD

Thursday 30th June, Olivier
By written Adjoa Andoh
Cast: Colin McFarlane
Music written and performed by Dominique Le Gendre

GENERATIONS

Thursday 30th June, Olivier
By Debbie Tucker Green
Directed by Sacha Wares
Cast: Jeffrey Kissoon, Rakie Ayola, Danny Sapani, Sharlene Whyte, Nikki Amuka-Bird, Golda John and Seun Shote with a special appearance of the African Voices Choir.

A short play about three generations of one family.



Platforms

Monday 27 June 2005 — 6.00pm — Olivier
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