

PRESS RELEASE

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ROYAL COURT THEATRE GALA CASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

- **Zawe Ashton, Kenneth Cranham, Aimee Ffion-Edwards, Deborah Findlay, Harry Hadden-Paton, Lesley Manville, Kika Markham, Wunmi Mosaku, Kate O'Flynn, Maxine Peake, Stephen Rea, Lesley Sharp, Andrew Scott and Meera Syal** to appear in *The Bash* at the Royal Court Theatre Wednesday 2 November 2016.
- 6 exclusive On Stage seats available.
- **Online auction prizes include** a one-to-one acting class with **Maxine Peake**, dinner with **Stephen Mangan** and **Tamsin Greig**, an exclusive *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* experience with director **John Tiffany**, playwriting masterclass with playwright **Simon Stephens**, a *Match of the Day* experience with **Gary Lineker**, a Channel Four experience with **Jon Snow**, a day at London Fashion week with the **Vivienne Westwood team** and a day on set of writer **Abi Morgan's** new drama *The Split*.



Initial casting has been announced for the Royal Court Theatre's 60th anniversary fundraiser *The Bash*.

A once in a lifetime performance including scenes from iconic Royal Court plays with actors including (in alphabetical order):



Zawe Ashton, Kenneth Cranham, Aimee Ffion-Edwards, Deborah Findlay, Harry Hadden-Paton, Lesley Manville, Kika Markham, Wunmi Mosaku, Kate O'Flynn, Maxine Peake, Stephen Rea, Lesley Sharp, Andrew Scott and Meera Syal.

The evening will begin with a Moët & Chandon reception followed by a pre-show dinner before guests head in to the Jerwood Theatre Downstairs for the gala performance. Following the performances the theatre's Front of House spaces will be transformed for a post-show party with DJs, live music, Caorunn Gin Cocktails, pop up dessert stands and POPS champagne popsicles.

Tickets start at £100 with 6 exclusive On Stage seats. See below listings for detailed ticket prices and breakdown. Tickets can be booked here www.royalcourttheatre.com/thebash

There is an online auction prior to the event where bids can be made on a host of money can't buy experiences including:

- A one-to-one acting class with Maxine Peake
- Supper with actors Stephen Mangan and Tamsin Greig
- An exclusive Harry Potter and the Cursed Child experience with Director John Tiffany
- A playwriting masterclass with playwright Simon Stephens
- A Match of the Day experience with Gary Lineker
- A Channel Four experience with Jon Snow
- A day at London Fashion week with the Vivienne Westwood team
- A day on set of writer Abi Morgan's new drama The Split

For all the lots and further details see www.royalcourttheatre.com/auction

The Bash is sponsored by Aqua Financial and Vanity Fair.

The Royal Court is a registered charity and needs to raise £1.7 million per year through private donations. All funds raised on the night will go towards the 60 year mission to seek out, develop and nurture the boldest, brightest and best playwrights.

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Notes to Editors:

Ticket information:

- £100 includes: balcony seats for the gala performance, post-show party with pop-up dessert stands, cocktails, live music and DJs



- £250 includes: pre-show Moët & Chandon reception, pre-show sit down dinner, seats for the gala performance, post-show party with pop-up dessert stands cocktails live music and DJs.
- £500 includes: pre-show Moët & Chandon reception, pre-show sit down dinner, top seats for gala performance, post-show party with pop-up dessert stands, cocktails live music and DJs , gift bag

VIP Tickets – limited number available

- £1000 includes: the opportunity to sit on in rehearsals of the gala performance, pre show VIP private Moët & Chandon reception, private pre-show sit down dinner in exclusive intimate space, best seats for the gala performance, post-show party with cocktails, pop-up dessert stands, live music and DJs, gift bag, accreditation in the Royal Court programme and complimentary membership of the Royal Court Theatre for a year.

Exclusive On Stage Tickets – Only 6 Available

- £2000 includes: Enjoy all of the VIP Ticket perks plus watch the gala performance from the exclusivity of the side of the stage of the iconic Royal Court theatre.