



SSYT
Stamford Senior Youth Theatre



Torchbearer

An original play by Mary Benzies



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August 2011. Britain wakes with a hangover- and so does Eve.

The television plays images of last night's riots, and there are too many questions to be answered. Eve is a beacon, a seventeen year old inspiration to her friends, family and just about everyone at the Superstore Extra where she works. She has been nominated to carry the Olympic flame in the upcoming torch relay, to help spread the light of hope, unity and peace...

So why can she not remember what happened last night? Why do her clothes smell of fire... and where are Anna and Brian?

Torchbearer is a gripping reminder of what can happen when you forget who you are - even for a second.

SSYT IN HOUSE & SSYT ON TOUR



Particularly suited to students in Year 9 and above, this production is perfect for students studying towards a GCSE, A Level or BTEC in Drama and Performing Arts.

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS TO SUIT YOUR SCHOOL

SSYT On Tour can deliver a performance and workshop session at your school, or your group can attend one of the special In House school performance and workshop days at Stamford Arts Centre or the Guildhall Arts Centre in Grantham.

Throughout the SSYT workshops, trained drama facilitators will encourage your students to discuss and explore their reaction to the production and the key themes contained in the piece. Those participating in the workshop will then create, using various dramatic techniques and their own ideas, a devised piece of work which they will then present to the rest of the participants at the end of the session.

SCHOOLS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BOOKED FOR SSYT PRODUCTIONS INCLUDE:

- Stamford School • Vale of Catmose College • Casterton Business and Enterprise College • The King's School, Peterborough • Bourne Grammar School • Uppingham Community College • Priors Ruskin Academy, Grantham • Latimer Performing Arts College, Kettering • Robert Smyth school, Market Harborough • Brooke house school, Market Harborough • Bourne Academy • Spalding High School •

FEEDBACK FROM SSYT'S 2011 PRODUCTION *HANG ON*

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS:

- "It was an amazing experience. I would love to come again, thank you to all of SSYT"
- "It was a great experience and has definitely inspired me - it was the best!"
- "Really enjoyed the experience of working with the actors and other students from different schools"
- "It was great and really professional"

TEACHERS:

- "Thank you all for a great day yesterday - the pupils came away bubbling with enthusiasm for drama. They are really looking forward to taking it up seriously at GCSE and a few are eager to join SSYT when they are a little older!"
- "Many thanks for a great day"

SSYT ON TOUR PACKAGE

Available tour dates:

- Wednesday 4th July, Thursday 5th July, Friday 6th July, Monday 9th July, Wednesday 11th July

The On Tour package includes:

- Two complimentary tickets for teachers to the show when it is performed at Stamford Arts Centre in April before the tour starts in July. These public performances will be taking place on Friday 20th April at 7.30pm and Saturday 21st April at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. The complimentary tickets are valid for a performance of your choice.
- A performance of 'Torchbearer' at your school at whatever time is best for you. After the production, members of the cast and trained drama facilitators will deliver a fun and engaging workshop to your students.
- A Teachers' Resource Pack featuring a commentary from the writer and director of 'Torchbearer', Mary Benzies, along with a break down of the set design with information about the design process and accompanying images. The pack also includes a variety of classroom activities that can be used to develop your students' understanding of the themes addressed in the play, encouraging them to express and interpret their thoughts and opinions of the performance.

The full On Tour package is just £200 per school.

SSYT IN HOUSE PACKAGE

Following the success of last year, SSYT are once again running two In House dates: one at **Stamford Arts Centre on Friday 13th July**, and one on **Tuesday 10th July at the Guildhall Arts Centre in Grantham**. The In House day package includes:

- Two complimentary tickets to the public performances of 'Torchbearer' in April, as above.
- A performance of 'Torchbearer' followed by a Q&A with the cast, director and designer.
- Allocated space for students to eat their lunch on the premises
- Afternoon breakout sessions. We will work closely with your students, exploring their responses to the show using various dramatic techniques.
- To close the day, all breakout groups will return to the theatre to share their work and discuss their responses.

Please book in advance to guarantee spaces for your group.

Please note that lunch is not provided and therefore students must bring a packed lunch and drinks. During the lunch break, students are the responsibility of their teachers so, if you wish, you can allow them off site into the town centres.

Tickets are just £5 per student for an entire In House session, and accompanying teachers receive FREE tickets.



BOOKING AN SSYT PACKAGE

If you wish to book either an On Tour or In House package, please contact Anna Wilson on 07810 855957 or alternatively email anna@stamfordartscentre.com.

Once we have received your booking you will be sent the teachers resource pack, a booking form and an invoice.

We hope one of these superb packages will be of interest to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Anna Wilson

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on SSYT, visit www.stamfordartscentre.com or the group's own website www.stamfordyouththeatre.com.

SSYT also have a Facebook page with recent news and trailers. Please visit <http://www.facebook.com/StamfordSYT>.