

***Goodnight Mister Tom***  
**by Michelle Magorian**  
**adapted by David Wood**  
**8th - 10th & 15th - 17th December**

This wonderfully uplifting tale is brought gloriously to life in the magical stage adaptation by David Wood, based on the modern classic book by Michelle Magorian. Set during the dangerous build-up to the Second World War, *Goodnight Mister Tom* follows young William Beech, who, physically and emotionally scarred, evacuated from London, arrives in the idyllic English countryside village of Little Weirwold. There he forges a remarkable and heart-warming friendship with the elderly recluse Tom Oakley, another evacuee, Zach, and together with George, Ginny and Carrie, local children from the village, learns to explore and enjoy life. All is perfect until William is suddenly summoned by his mother back to London...

Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and commended for the Carnegie Medal, *Goodnight Mister Tom* is now a worldwide literary favourite and BAFTA-award-winning TV film starring John Thaw, which continues to inspire audiences and bring generations together. Not necessarily considered to be a Christmas tale, it is, however, a story about family, community and hope, perfect for this time of year.

**Cast**

Billeting Officer	Nan Morran
Sammy	Callum KacKenney
Tom Oakley	Chris Loft
William Beech	Murray Johnstone, Annabell Craig
Charlie Ruddles	Oliver Hewson-Parkinson
Mrs Fletcher / Gladys	Zo Hartley
Dr Little	Kate Brookes
Mrs Anne Hartridge	Libby Pearson
David Hartridge / Vicar	William Barnard
Carrie / Nurse	Lola Johnson, Maddie Hallmark
Ginnie / Sister	Erin Shevlane, Jasmine Webb
George Fletcher / Policeman	Peter Steers, Evan Capon
Miss Thorne / Mrs Stelton	Francesca West
Zach	Camron Thompson, Delilah Craig
Mr Miller / ARP Warden	Colin Colley
Miss Miller	Gracie Brindley, Suzie Glinska
Mrs Beech	Charlotte Bailey
Ticket Collector	Gracie Brindley, Dottie Derbyshire
Youth Ensemble as Evacuees,	Isla Kearns, Darcie Morgan, Emily
Villagers, Londoners, and Medical	O'Loughlin, Lilah Pearce, Anna Pole,
Staff	Kenzie Reilly, Felicity Smith, Ellis
	Stoner, Izabel Williams, Tom Wells

**Crew**

Stage Manager	Kairn Bignell
Assistant Stage Managers	Reiss Foley, David Huntley, Kerrie Owens, Sophia Selvini, Hunter Shaw, Kerrie Thompson
Light	Menno Willemes
Sound	Derek Thompson
Costume	Carol Scott, Elaine Thomas,
Properties	Kerrie Owens, Carol Scott, Kerrie Thompson
Set Building	James Taylor, Luke Taylor, the cast and crew

## Coming Up

### *THE PIED PIPER PANTOMIME*

by Helen Bradshaw

20-21 January 2023

Alternate Shadows bring fun, frivolity and jolly japes to put the winter blues 'behind you'. Two hours of feel-good silliness and laughter. Hamelin's May Day celebrations are in full swing when the Pied Piper strolls into town, and King Rat is determined to waste no time in tricking him into his dastardly plan.

### *PRIVATE PEACEFUL*

by Michael Morpurgo

9-11 February 2023

Our Youth Company bring the award-winning tale to the MLT stage. The Peaceful brothers have a tough rural childhood, but their fierce loyalty to each other pulls them through, until one day they both fall for the same girl, and then the Great War comes.

In the trenches, 18-year-old Private Tommo Peaceful tells us a story of courage, devotion and sibling rivalry on what may be his last night on earth.

### *DEATH AND THE MAIDEN*

by Ariel Dorfman

27 February - 4 March 2023

This provocative, award-winning drama is set in a country that has only recently returned to democracy. Gerardo has just been chosen to head the commission that will investigate the crimes of the old regime when his car breaks down and he is picked up by the humane doctor Roberto, but in the voice of this Good Samaritan, Gerardo's wife thinks she recognizes another man, someone from her past...

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Special thanks to Switch Packaging Specialists for recreating the gas mask boxes and David Scott for making some of the vital props needed for this production

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