

National Theatre Live

A production from

National Theatre

# WarHorse

Based on the beloved novel by Michael Morpurgo, adapted by Nick Stafford In association with the award-winning Handspring Puppet Company

Running time:

2 hours 35 minutes, with a very short interval





## Cast

Joey as a foal
Ashleigh Cheadle
Tamsin Fessey
Emma Thornett

**Joey head** Nicholas Hart

Joey heart Andrew London

Joey hind Sam Wilmott

**Topthorn head** Nigel Allen

**Topthorn heart** Michael Taibi

**Topthron hind** Lewis Peploe

The Goose
Tom Meredith

**Captain Nicholls**Alex Avery

Sargeant Allan & Colonel Strauss
Oliver Beamish

Billy Narracott and Geordie

Alistair Brammer

Rudi

Eke Chukwu

**Chapman Carter and Sergeant Fine** Ewen Cummins

**Sergeant Thunder**Paul Hawkyard

Arthur Narracott and Soldat Manfred

Tom Hodgkins

John Greig and Doctor Schweyk Pieter Lawman

**Musician**Dogan Mehmet

Songman Ben Murray

**Ted Narracott** Steve North Captain Stewart
William Rycroft

**Gefreiter Karl** Jack Sandle

Friedrich Müller lan Shaw

**Emilie** Zoë Thorne

Paulette and Nurse Annie Gilbert

Emma Thornett

Rose Narracott
Josie Walker

Albert Narracott Siôn Daniel Young

Ensemble
Gareth Aled
Antony Antunes
Derek Arnold
Richard Booth
Darren Cockrill
Sergio Priftis

All other parts play by the company

## **Creative Team**

**Directors** 

Marianne Elliot

Tom Morris

Designer

Rae Smith

Puppet Design, Fabrication and

**Puppetry Directors** 

Basil Jones Adrian Kohler

For Handspring

**Puppet Company** 

**Lighting Designer** 

Paule Constable

Music

Adrian Sutton

**Director of** 

Movement and

**Horse Choreography** 

Toby Sedgwick

Video Designers

59 Productions Ltd

Songmaker John Tams

Sound Designer

Christopher Shutt

## **Broadcast Team**

**Director for Screen** 

Tim Van Someren

**Technical Producer** 

Christopher C.Bretnall

**Lighting Director** 

Bernie Davis

Sound Supervisor

Conrad Fletcher

'This screening of *War Horse* is in fond memory of Tom Hodgkins who played Arthur Narracott and Soldat Manfred in the show in the West End and during the 2014 live broadcast.'

## Introducing War Horse

Welcome to this National Theatre Live screening of the critically acclaimed and international smash-hit play War Horse.

At the outbreak of World War One, Albert's beloved horse, Joev, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. Though still not old enough to enlist he embarks on a treacherous mission to find him and bring him home.

Now seen by more than 8 million people around the world, this powerfully moving and imaginative drama is a show of phenomenal inventiveness. At its heart are astonishing life-size puppets by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to thrilling life on stage.

We hope you enjoy the show.

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