

ATC and Young Vic

Present

LIVING WITH THE LIGHTS ON

Written and performed by
MARK LOCKYER
directed by Ramin Gray

Young Vic
The Maria
December 7 to 21
Press night December 9

Meet Mark.

The thing is I've got myself into a bit of a mess...

Mark's an actor.

I keep forgetting my lines. I've left my girlfriend and I'm beginning to stink.

Mark was an actor.

And to make matters worse I've met the Devil.

★★★★ The Stage ★★★★★ Everything Theatre ★★★★★ The Upcoming ★★★★★ britishtheatre.com ★★★★★ West End Wilma

Mark Lockyer's critically acclaimed *Living with the Lights On* returns to the Young Vic this December following sell-out run earlier this year.

It's 1995. Mark Lockyer is in Stratford Upon Avon, having been offered a job by Adrian Noble Artistic Director of The Royal Shakespeare Company to play Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*. On a sunny afternoon he has nothing to do so decides to get out of town and go for a walk along the bank of the river Avon. An encounter along the way changes things profoundly and forever. From that point, Mark starts to lose control of his life as he abandons a promising career and embarks on a journey along a pathway to hell.

This is Mark's story - A terrifying roller coaster ride that takes him through the medical and criminal justice systems, through prison and hospital and on towards eventual recovery. This is a gripping tale of a life lived at the edge, a personal memoir as moving as it is funny, as brutal as it is true.

Mark is testament to the fact that mental illness can happen to anyone, that the bipolar mind is not a deficient one and that, with the right treatment there can be a life beyond it.

Mark Lockyer trained at RADA. His career spans three decades and includes leading roles at The National Theatre, The Royal Shakespeare Company, The Old Vic, The Young Vic and The Royal Court working with likes of Ken Campbell, Mark Rylance and Sam Mendes. This Summer Mark returned to the RSC to take the role of Subtle in Polly Findlay's production of Ben Jonson's *The Alchemist*. He was last seen with Actors Touring Company in *Martyr* by Marius von Mayenburg directed by Ramin Gray and co-produced with The Unicorn.

'Mark is one of the most compelling, extraordinary and fearless artists I've had the pleasure to work with. This show is a remarkable tour de force.'

Rufus Norris, Artistic Director of the National Theatre

Actors Touring Company (ATC) makes international, contemporary theatre that travels. We create shows with a global perspective: activating and entertaining the audience whilst asking questions of the world around us. Placing the actor at the heart of our work, and employing a lean aesthetic which promotes environmental sustainability, the company have toured the UK and internationally since we were founded in 1980, reaching audiences far and wide.

ATC's co-production of *The Suppliant Women* received universal critical praise when it opened at The Royal Lyceum Theatre earlier this month. Adapted by David Greig from the Aeschylus work and directed by Ramin Gray with music by John Browne *The Suppliant Women* brought together the team behind ATC's *The Events*, which has toured extensively in the UK, the US and internationally, and has enjoyed revivals in Denmark, France and Australia. Other recent work by the company includes *The Golden Dragon* by Roland Schimmelfennig (Traverse & UK tour) and *Martyr* by Marius Von Mayerburg (coproduction with Unicorn Theatre and UK touring) – both also directed by Ramin Gray. Future productions include; *Winter Solstice* by Roland Schimmelfennig in coproduction with the Orange Tree Theatre.



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Performances

Monday - Saturday: 7.45pm

Friday & Saturday matinees:

2.45pm

(only on 17 & 23 Dec)

Running time: 1 hr 10 mins (no interval)

Tickets

Tickets: £20

Previews: (7 & 8 Dec) £10

A limited number of discounts are available for each performance. Early booking is advised.

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