

**ABTT NorthNet Members' Visit
The Crucible Theatre,
Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 1DA
Thurs. 18th March 2010
Meet 11.00 am for 11.30 am in The Foyer.**



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Following a £15.3 million Redevelopment The Crucible reopened in February this year. Originally opened in 1971 to a design by Tanya Moiseiwitsch, the theatre has benefitted from a full refurbishment lasting several years and including wide-ranging improvements both backstage and, more obviously, front of house.

Under new Artistic Director Daniel Evans, Sheffield Theatres is well placed to start the new decade in fine style.

The Main auditorium with its trademark Thrust stage is essentially the same, but with significant improvements to the understage construction to increase flexibility, whilst the flying facilities have been upgraded to current technology, along with the whole raft of technical equipment backstage. It has also been re-seated and an updated house lighting system installed, whilst retaining the original characteristics.

The integral but separate Studio Theatre has also been given a make-over, and will form part of the tour, as will the workshops, etc.

Dressing rooms and audience circulation areas have also been significantly altered, whilst the whole frontage onto the former Tudor Square has been completely changed, along with a brand new metal roof cladding, originally planned for, but omitted on cost grounds from the original build.

Our guide for the visit will be Chief Electrician Gary Longfield, who has been resident at Sheffield Theatres for a number of years and is well qualified to answer members' queries on the building.

Please note that the arrangements DO NOT include a visit to W.G.R. Sprague's magnificent Lyceum Theatre opposite, as this has formed the basis of several previous ABTT visits, but those with time to spare may be able to attend the Thursday Matinee performance there. You should contact the Box Office direct for this on 0114 249 6000.

- I would like to attend this Visit to the Crucible Theatre on 18th March 2010

Name:

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Please complete and return to the ABTT Office by **on**
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Travel:

Sheffield is well served by trains and the Railway Station is 5-10 minutes walk away from the theatre, via Howard Street, (Sheffield Hallam University), crossing Arundel Gate near the Millennium Galleries. The Sheffield Theatres Complex is adjacent.

National Express Coaches serve the Transport Interchange, adjacent to the Railway Station.

Supertram Blue and Purple Routes from the rear of the station are 2 stops away; alight at Castle Square and the Theatre is 2 mins walk on Arundel Gate.

By car, there are multi-storey car parks on both sides of Arundel Gate dual-carriageway, only a couple of mins walk away.

We look forward to seeing you there.....

NorthNet Committee.