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Internationally award-winning British theatre company, from Devon, returns to the live stage after the Covid lockdowns, with Shakespeare's Henry V, after a successful online performance streamed via the Edinburgh Fringe Festival

The South Devon Players Theatre & Film Company, based in Brixham; Devon, UK, is returning to the stage after the pandemic lockdowns, with Shakespeare's Henry V.

During the lockdowns, the theatre company continued working online, creating a series of plays digitally, with the actors working from their home studios, concluding with a production of William Shakespeare's Henry V. Originally performed online earlier this year, this show went on to be well received as part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August 2021.

Henry V now heralds the South Devon Players full return to the live stage at Brixham Theatre, after the pandemic, with three performances of this drama set in and around the Battle of Agincourt. Transplanted to a war-torn "near-future", but performing the original text and characters, the play follows the both the English and French nobility, as well as a group of "common soldiers" combining action, drama, and comedy as we follow the fortunes of a wonderful array of memorable, and diverse, characters through the events of the campaign.

At the end of October, the cast re-convened, to re-rehearse the show; ready for three live stage performances at Brixham Theatre – on the evening of November 26th 2021, and a matinee and evening performance on November 27th 2021.

Visit <https://www.southdevonplayers.com/box-office.html> for ticket links and show information

The actors, drawn from across Devon, come from a wide variety of previous experience, and all are thrilled to be returning to the stage at long last.

Set in a simple, post-apocalyptic styling, the focus is drawn to the story and the actors. Performed as the original Shakesperian text, and being a longer play, the production is most suited to teenage and adult audiences.

For tickets and more information on the show, we ask that anyone interested

visits our website <https://www.southdevonplayers.com>

The South Devon Players Theatre and Film Company, are developing a proud tradition of creating world-class historical and classical dramas. In 2019, their production of Macbeth, was booked for a second tour and won an international theatre award in New York for its professionalism, inclusion, and creativity. Laura Jury, the director of that production of Macbeth, & many of the Player's shows, and founder of the theatre company, has returned to lead this new project. During lockdown Laura was also recently been selected to appear in an online Shakespeare project by the world famous Globe Theatre.

The South Devon Players were founded in the winter of 2005-6, on the proceeds of a carboot sale, to create professional opportunities for local actors, and has flourished ever since; previously winning national and regional arts awards, including the national Epic Award 2017 for England, a national arts award celebrating creativity and innovation in grassroots arts. Based in Brixham, a fishing port in Southwest England, the Players primarily specialise in researched historical theatre productions and adaptations of classical literature. .

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Promotional photo of actor Rich Sandford from Torquay, who leads the production as King Henry V himself.

Theatre show poster.

Rehearsal photo (left to right Rich Sandford, Sarah Gregori, Steve Walsh)



The South Devon Players Theatre & Film Company
Present



William Shakespeare's Henry



FREE EDUCATION PACK - from Nov 1
Via theatre company website www.southdevonplayers.com

*Content advisories: General Suitability: Teens & Adults
Strong Language: mild | Violence: mild | Sex/Nudity: none*

Friday. Nov 26th, 7.30pm
Saturday. Nov 27th 2pm, 7.30pm



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