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## **Les Miserables global internet film series launched by Torbay-based theatre company**

### Summary

A Brixham-based non-profit theatre company specialising in historical drama, breaks into film, with a internet film series, based on Victor Hugo's unabridged novel, starring an amazing local cast from around Devon and the UK, which began filming in March 2015

### Content

Following a ten-year history of researching, writing and performing historical and period dramas, from humble beginnings in a field with £80 from a carboot sale, in 2005, the South Devon Players theatre company from Brixham, in Torbay, south Devon, are moving into film, with the announcement that filming has commenced during the spring of 2015, for an ambitious film series.

In 2013, Laura Jury (Stage name Laura Jay), one of the founders of the South Devon Players, wrote and directed a (non-musical) stage production of Les Miserables, which was the Players greatest success to date, with two runs, after the first show run attracted the offer of sponsorship, out of the blue, from London, from a producer who had seen the first run.

Following this success, several members of the cast, decided to work on a new project, having fallen in love with the unabridged novel of Les Miserables, when in stage shows, or feature-length films, many parts of the story and subplots have to be omitted. It was also considered important to have a unique twist on the production, that made it different from all others to date. The project was formed, to create an internet based film series based as tightly as possible, on Victor Hugo's unabridged novel as a long-term project, expected to take 2 – 3 years to complete, and running for at least 20 hours, in hour-long episodes.

The autumn of 2014 was spent casting principal roles, and scouting locations, the majority of which have been located in Devon and Cornwall, and now, in 2015, the Players are moving into production, with filming for trailers and teaser-clips already underway and Episode 1, due to commence during the first half of 2015. The Players, who will be seeking to crowdfund the majority of the series, consider it important to prove, before asking for sponsorship, that such a project is indeed feasible, and that the skills are in place to make it happen.

The members of the South Devon Players who are involved in this production, will be in attendance at various national and regional film and TV conventions, giving panel talks, exhibitions and workshops, when not filming.

The South Devon Players are also excited to announce that concrete interest has been shown by a distribution company in the USA, to release the series on US television, and while details are still in negotiation, dependant on the teaser clips and first episode, this could bring the series, and the careers of many local people involved, to a whole new level.

Calls for supporting performers and film crew have also been released.

The series is directed by Ric Vince, who played Jean Valjean in the stage production, with Laura Jury, who also has university degrees in film and TV production, as the series producer.

The South Devon Players Theatre Company are members of both the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) and of the Brixham Chamber of Commerce.

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