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Celebrity Cast in WW1 Drama *Journey's End*

RC Sherriff's classic First World War drama ***Journey's End*** comes to the stage at Theatre Royal Winchester with a stunning set and celebrity cast. Graham Seed (*The Archers*, *Midsomer Murders*) is joined by Adam Best (*Holby City*, *Waking the Dead*) to form a talented cast of 10 actors who bring to life the rat-infested trenches of northern France.

It is 1918 and the young, talented and world-weary Captain Stanhope is confronted with his past as an old schoolmate joins his platoon. As the offensive looms nearer, Stanhope must inspire his men to make the ultimate sacrifice for a war he no longer understands and for a cause he no longer remembers.

Journey's End premiered in the West End 81 years ago and tells the story of writer RC Sherriff's own experiences in the trenches with its heroism, humour and inevitable tragedy. Central to the drama is the personal conflict faced by the men as they struggle with a sense of duty and patriotism pitched against the futility of war and their own will to survive, themes that are as relevant today as they were then.

This new touring production by Icarus Theatre Collective and Original Theatre Company stays true to the original play, and sets the cast in a realistic dugout which will fill the theatre with the sights and sounds of WW1. This production is generously sponsored by Wessex Group. Age recommendation 11+.

'Journey's End is a timepiece that still strikes at the waste of war' *The Times Online*

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Journey's End is playing at Theatre Royal Winchester from Tues 30 to Wed 31 March at 7.30pm and 1.30pm (Wed). Tickets are £17.50 (£14.00 mats), Concessions £15.50 (£12.00 mats), Friends £15.00 (£11.50 mats), Schools £7.50. Education workshops are available to accompany this performance. For more information please contact the Education Department on 01962 844600.

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