

At the King's Theatre – The Real Thing by Tom Stoppard

☒ Theatre Royal Bath Productions, Cambridge Arts Theatre and Rose Theatre Kingston present The Real Thing.

Henry is the smartest and sharpest playwright of his generation. His wife, Charlotte, an actress, has been appearing in a play by Henry about a couple whose marriage is on the verge of collapse. Max, her leading man, is also married to an actress, Annie. When Henry's affair with Annie threatens to destroy his own marriage, he realises life has started imitating art. But are they really in love? Is it the real thing?

Laurence Fox stars in **Tom Stoppard's The Real Thing**, directed by Stephen Unwin, coming to the King's Theatre Edinburgh from Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 October 2017 as part of a limited UK tour.

First staged in the West End 1982, The Real Thing subsequently transferred to Broadway, where it went on to win multiple awards including the Tony Award for Best Play in 1994 and, 16 years later, the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play. Combining the intellectual and dazzling wordplay of Stoppard at his most witty with some of his most tender and touching writing, this clever, poignant and entertaining examination of infidelity is a modern classic.

A member of one of the UK's leading acting dynasties, Laurence Fox is best known for playing DS James Hathaway in Lewis from 2006-2015. Other television credits include A Room With A View and Wired. His film credits include Gosford Park and Becoming Jane and recent stage roles include Our Boys and Strangers on a Train.

Tom Stoppard's many plays include *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* and *Arcadia* and he co-wrote the Academy Award-winning screenplay for *Shakespeare in Love*. His numerous awards include the 2013 PEN Pinter Prize for "his determination to tell things as they are".

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