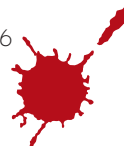




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## **PRESS RELEASE - 13th February 2009**

Brother Tongue presents  
the UK Premiere of

# **About Tommy** **by Thor Bjørn Krebs**

Translated by David Duchin  
Directed by Elly Green, Production Design by Signe Beckmann  
Lighting Design by Anna Watson, Sound Design by Matt Downing

**31 MARCH - 25 APRIL 2009**

**PRESS PERFORMANCE: FRIDAY, 3 APRIL 2009 at 7.30pm**

Southwark Playhouse finishes its Love and War season with critically acclaimed Danish play *About Tommy* by Thor Bjørn Krebs. In a brand new translation by David Duchin, Brother Tongue presents the UK premiere of this vitally relevant new play which previously has had successful runs in Copenhagen and Berlin.

Tommy joins the Danish army, looking for a way to make a difference in the world. Posted to Croatia as part of the UN's peacekeeping mission during the early 1990s, he is under strict instructions not to shoot. But when he and his comrades find themselves in the firing line, Tommy begins to fight back.

*About Tommy* tells the absurd and tragicomic story of a young soldier trying to preserve his humanity against all the odds. Based on real accounts of the bitter war in the former Yugoslavia, it is an uncompromising and darkly humorous exploration of how far we will go to make peace, when everyone else seems determined to do the opposite.

Brother Tongue is an emerging company dedicated to creating new translations of classic and contemporary European drama. The company has previously produced *The Beach* (Theatre 503). Its proposal for *About Tommy* was shortlisted for the 2008 Oxford Samuel Beckett Theatre Trust Award.

Joining the cast is rising star, Gwilym Lee ("Tommy") who recently featured in *Oedipus* at the Olivier Theatre. Later this year he plays Guildenstern in Michael Grandage's *Hamlet* in the West End. Other cast includes Hywel Morgan and Beatrice Curnew.

European press on *About Tommy*:

"original and inspiring" - Politiken (DK)

"precisely what is needed on the stage today" - Information (DK)

"ironic, raw theatre, smack bang in the middle of the political debate ... It's MASH, uncensored" - Ekstrabladet (DK)

**For press information and reviewing tickets please contact Chris Smyrnios  
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# LISTINGS INFORMATION

## **Producer**

Brother Tongue

## **Production**

About Tommy  
by Thor Bjørn Krebs

## **Venue**

Southwark Playhouse  
Shipwright Yard  
(Corner of Bermondsey Street and Tooley Street)  
London SE1 2TF

## **NEAREST TUBE: LONDON BRIDGE**

## **Performances**

31 March - 25 April 2009  
Monday to Saturday  
Evening performances start at 7.30pm sharp

18 & 25 April 2009  
Matinee performances start at 3pm sharp

## **Box Office**

### **Online**

[www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.southwarkplayhouse.co.uk)  
24 HOURS

### **By Telephone (New No.)**

020 7407 0234  
Mon-Fri, 10.30-18.30

### **In Person**

The ticket office at Southwark Playhouse is open from 1 hour before the beginning of each performance.

### **Ticket Prices**

£8, £13, £18  
'Airline Style' Pricing  
The earlier you book the cheaper the tickets!

### **Concessions**

Disabled people can bring one companion free of charge  
There are no other concessions