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Press Release – for immediate release

George Wickham is ready to set the record straight in this new one-man show. Join *Pride and Prejudice*'s most roguish gentleman on the eve of his sixtieth birthday, and find out what exactly happened thirty years ago...

'Mr. Wickham is blessed with such happy manners as may ensure his making friends - whether he may be equally capable of retaining them is less certain'
– Jane Austen, *Pride & Prejudice*

Adrian Lukis, who starred in the renowned BBC TV adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*, returns to the role of Wickham this autumn in an Original Theatre Company production. What really happened with Darcy? How did he feel about Lizzie? Not to mention Byron... Discover the truth at the Connaught Theatre on Thursday 21 & Friday 22 October 2021, 8pm.

Lukis says of the production, *'I'm thrilled to be reunited with my old friend, George Wickham. Having spent years defending his dubious reputation, I look forward to finally setting the record straight, with the assistance of the immensely talented Original Theatre Company.'* Rarely off the small screen, his most recent TV credits include Channel 4's *Feel Good*, *Poldark*, *The Crown*, *Downton Abbey* and much more. His film work includes *Judy*, *Dolittle* and *Bertie & Dickie*, and his latest theatre credits include *The Price* (Theatre Royal Bath), *The Seagull* (Chichester Festival Theatre/ National Theatre), and *Versailles* (Donmar Warehouse). A stellar CV which speaks to the quality of the show.

Operating and winning awards since 2004, Original Theatre Company has toured extensively all over the UK and produced a number of acclaimed online productions including, amongst others, *Birdsong*, *Apollo 13: The Dark Side of the Moon* and *The Haunting of Alice Bowles*. Alastair Whatley, Artistic Director of Original Theatre Company, says *'it's a real thrill to be able to get the show on the road and visit theatres up and down the country.'*

Of the creation of the piece, Lukis says, *'I wrote the play when I turned 60 and I thought 'oh God', as everything starts groaning, your knees, your feet - I had this light-bulb moment where I thought, 'what would George Wickham feel like when he got to 60?' He was a cad, someone who relies on his looks, his charm and his personality to make his way in the world and he's played those cards. Where would he have ended up? What happens to rakes when they can't rake anymore?'*



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Being Mr Wickham is being performed at the Connaught Theatre on Thursday 21 October 2021, 8pm & Friday 22 October, 8pm. Tickets are available from £10. For more information on this or any of the events, visit www.wtam.uk or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206 206.

★★★★★ *'Smart and thoughtful expansion of Pride and Prejudice... the chance to spend an hour in the company of Lukis' Wickham is all the fun you'd hope it would be'* - The Reviews Hub

★★★★★ *'A fine one-man show'* - The Sunday Times

★★★★★ *'A requiem for a rogue'* - The Daily Mail

★★★★★ The Reviews Hub
★★★★★ Broadway World
★★★★★ London Living Large
★★★★★ Pocketsize Theatre
★★★★★ The Sunday Times
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Being Mr Wickham Trailer: youtu.be/krZLM8jMCWQ

Being Mr Wickham Interview: youtu.be/pBesmdsaDLM

Being Mr Wickham In Rehearsals: youtu.be/2Hthg58eZfs



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EVENT LISTING

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Time: 8pm

Venue: Connaught Theatre, Union Pl, Worthing BN11 1LG

Tickets: £10

Link: wtam.uk/events/being-mr-wickham

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