



Jack McCracken: a man of principle in a corrupt world. But not for long. Moments after taking over his father-in-law's business he's approached by a private detective armed with some compromising information.

**Running Time: 2hrs 45mins, including 20min interval**

## CAST

*Characters, in order of speaking*

Jack McCracken  
 Poppy McCracken, *his wife*  
 Ken Ayres, *Poppy's father*  
 Tina Ruston  
 Samantha McCracken  
*Jack and Poppy's daughters*  
 Roy Ruston, *Tina's husband*  
 Cliff McCracken, *Jack's brother*  
 Anita McCracken, *his wife*  
 Desmond Ayres, *Poppy's brother*  
 Harriet Ayres, *his wife*  
 Yvonne Doggett, *Harriet's sister*  
 Benedict Hough,  
*a private investigator*  
 Uberto Rivetti  
 Giorgio Rivetti  
 Orlando Rivetti  
 Vincenzo Rivetti  
 Lotario Rivetti  
*Italian businessmen brothers*

**NIGEL LINDSAY**  
**DEBRA GILLET**  
**GAWN GRAINGER**  
**ABBY CASSIDY**  
**ALICE SYKES**

**SAMUEL TAYLOR**  
**STEPHEN BECKETT**  
**NIKY WARDLEY**  
**NEAL BARRY**  
**AMY MARSTON**  
**AMANDA HADINGUE**  
**MATTHEW COTTLE**

**GERARD MONACO**  
**GORDON A. CREAM**  
**DON GROAMACER**  
**REG MACARDOON**  
**MARC GERODANO**

## CREATIVE TEAM

Director  
 Designer  
 Lighting Designer  
 Music  
 Fight Director  
 Sound Designer  
 Company Voice Work  
 Staff Director

**ADAM PENFORD**  
**TIM HATLEY**  
**PAUL ANDERSON**  
**GRANT OLDING**  
**ALISON DE BURGH**  
**GARETH FRY**  
**JEANNETTE NELSON**  
**DANIEL RAGGETT**

Production Manager  
 Casting  
 Stage Manager  
 Deputy Stage Manager  
 Assistant Stage Managers  
  
 Deputy Production Manager  
 Project Draughting  
 Digital Art  
 Costume Supervisor  
 Costume Show Buyer  
 Wigs, Hair & Make-up Supervisor  
 Prop Supervisor  
 Prop Buyers

**PAUL HANDLEY**  
**WENDY SPON, CHARLOTTE BEVAN**  
**KERRY McDEVITT**  
**SARA GUNTER**  
**ELLA MAY McDERMOTT,**  
**JULIA WICKHAM**  
**GARY PELL**  
**PAUL HALTER**  
**EMMA PILE**  
**JACK GALLOWAY**  
**SARAH HOLMES**  
**ADELE BRANDMAN**  
**KIRSTEN SHIELL**  
**ABBI DUDDLESTON, REBECCA**  
**JOHNSTON, JESSICA SHARVILLE**  
**KASPER HENSEN, PAUL TULLEY**  
**JOHAN PERSSON**

Assistants to the Designer  
 Production Photographer

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## Alan Ayckbourn and *A Small Family Business*

Since writing his first play, *The Square Cat*, in 1959, Alan Ayckbourn has become England's most prolific playwright, having written 78 full-length plays so far (William Shakespeare is believed to have written 38). His best known works include *Bedroom Farce*, *A Chorus of Disapproval*, *The Norman Conquests*, and *Relatively Speaking*.

From 1972 until 2009, Ayckbourn was the Artistic Director of the Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough, Yorkshire, where nearly all his work has been first seen. He was also an Associate Director of the National Theatre from 1986-88, and many of his plays have been staged there.

In 1987 *A Small Family Business* had its premiere in the Olivier – on the same stage on which you will see it played tonight. It won the Evening Standard Award for Best Play that year, and was later seen on Broadway.

## Coming up



Photography by Benjamin McAlister  
 Designed by Dorey Jones

### Skylight

by David Hare

Bill Nighy and Carey Mulligan feature in the highly anticipated West End production of David Hare's *Skylight*, directed by Stephen Daldry (*The Audience*), broadcast live from London's West End.

**Broadcast live  
17 July**



Photo: Helen McCrory for Alison Bell

### Medea

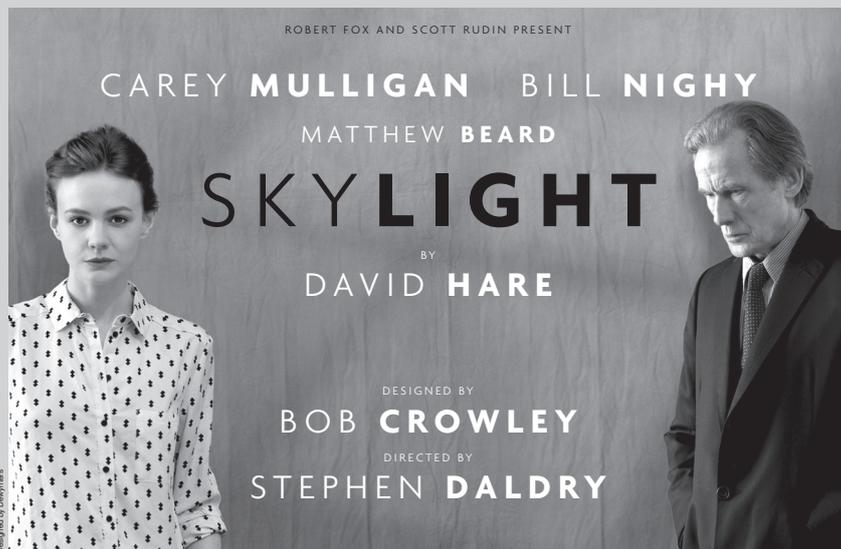
by Euripides  
 in a new version  
 by Ben Power

Helen McCrory takes the title role in the powerful Greek tragedy, with music written by Will Gregory and Alison Goldfrapp.

**Broadcast live  
4 September**

Repeat screenings in selected venues.  
 Please turn over for more details of these upcoming broadcasts  
**ntlive.com**

## Upcoming broadcasts



Photography by Benjamin McLaurin  
Designed by Chrysmas

### Broadcast live from the West End 17 July

Repeat screenings in selected venues

Bill Nighy and Carey Mulligan feature in the highly anticipated West End production of David Hare's *Skylight*, directed by Stephen Daldry (*The Audience*), broadcast live from London's West End.

On a bitterly cold London evening, schoolteacher Kyra Hollis (Carey Mulligan) receives an unexpected visit from her former lover, Tom Sergeant (Bill Nighy), a successful and charismatic restaurateur whose wife has recently died. As the evening progresses, the two attempt to rekindle their once passionate relationship only to find themselves locked in a dangerous battle of opposing ideologies and mutual desires.

### Broadcast live from 4 September

Repeat screenings in selected venues

Terrible things breed in broken hearts.

Medea is a wife and a mother. For the sake of her husband, Jason, she's left her home and borne two sons in exile. But when he abandons his family for a new life, Medea faces banishment and separation from her children. Cornered, she begs for one day's grace.

It's time enough. She exacts an appalling revenge and destroys everything she holds dear.

Helen McCrory (*The Last of the Haussmans*) takes the title role in Euripides' powerful tragedy, in a new version by Ben Power, directed by Carrie Cracknell (*A Doll's House* at the Young Vic and on Broadway), with music written by Will Gregory and Alison Goldfrapp.

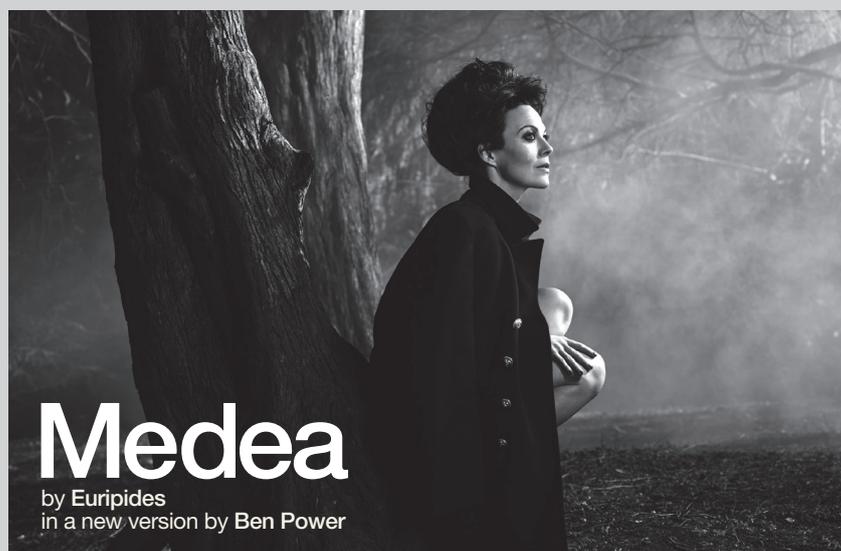


Photo: Helen McCrory by Jason Ball

## National Theatre On Tour



Original photos by Hugo Gendriming

### Now on tour

★★★★★ 'The funniest show on the planet' Daily Mail

The National Theatre's award-winning comedy *One Man, Two Guvvners* embarks on its biggest ever tour of the UK and Ireland from May 2014. With a cast including Gavin Spokes (*One Man, Two Guvvners*, London) in the lead role as Francis, Shaun Williamson (*EastEnders* and *Extras*) and Emma Barton (*EastEnders*), this acclaimed smash-hit is a glorious celebration of British comedy – a unique, laugh-out-loud mix of satire, songs, slapstick and glittering one-liners.

Visit [onemantwoguvvners.com](http://onemantwoguvvners.com) for a full list of tour venues.

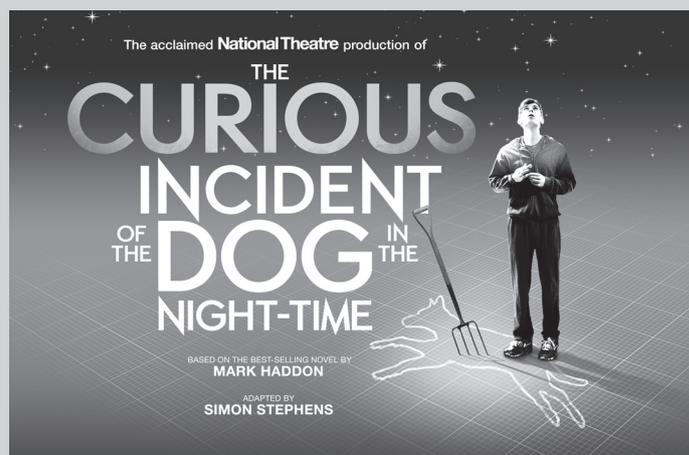


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### On tour from December 2014

★★★★★ 'Unmissable and astonishing' Sunday Express

The National Theatre's multi-award-winning production of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* will begin a 31-city tour of the UK and Ireland in December 2014, opening at the Lowry in Salford. Meanwhile, the production will resume its West End run at the Gielgud Theatre on 24 June 2014.

Visit [curiousonstage.com](http://curiousonstage.com) for a full list of tour venues and West End booking.