

Marking the 250th anniversary of the birth of William Blake

# William Blake's Divine Humanity

*a dramatisation of Blake's life & work*



**THE NEW PLAYERS THEATRE**

The Arches, Villiers Street, London WC2 6NG

**20 November – 02 December 2007 at 7.30pm**

plus a full supporting programme of lunchtime events

A THEATRE OF ETERNAL VALUES PRODUCTION

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Misunderstood by much of 18th-century English society, Blake is today recognised as a leading poet and artist, confounding the intellect with works that appeal directly to the human spirit.

This theatrical journey through Blake's prophetic books has been specially created to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of this painter, poet, prophet and visionary. Here the story of Jerusalem is set against living tableaux of Blake's masterly engravings from *THE BOOK OF JOB* and interspersed with key moments in Blake's life, incorporating original music and contemporary dance.

## PERFORMANCES

Nightly 20 November – 2 December 2007, at 7.30

Preview performances 20 and 21 November

### World premiere Thursday 22 November 2007

Blake's birthday celebrations Wednesday 28 November

Matinee performance Saturday 1 December, at 2.30 pm

The performance on Monday 26 November will be a rehearsed reading of *BLAKE – A PLAY* by Paul Duncan.

(Tickets £5 on the door – start 7.30 pm)

## TICKETS

£15, £12 (concessions) and £10 (preview tickets and groups of 10 or more); online at [www.newplayerstheatre.com](http://www.newplayerstheatre.com),

or from **TICKETWEB** on 08444 771 000  
[www.ticketweb.co.uk](http://www.ticketweb.co.uk)

## ETERNITY IN AN HOUR

The play is accompanied by a full supporting programme of lunchtime events, 12.30 – 1.30 pm. Tickets £5 on the door.

### Wednesday 21 November

Letters from Paradise – Kenneth Jay

A Modern Interpretation of Blake Songs – Sia Reddy and Jeremy Clancy

### Thursday 22 November

Blake recital by Phillip Beckwith with violin accompaniment

Songs of Blake – Jeremy Clancy

### Saturday 24 November

The Life of Christ through the Paintings of Blake – Luis & Carol Garrido

A Modern Interpretation of Blake Songs – Sia Reddy

### Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 November

Songs of Innocence and Experience

Classical and Modern – Meta Hillerud, Jan Waterfield & Victor Vertunni

### Thursday 29 November

Blake recital by Phillip Beckwith with violin accompaniment

Dance improvisation to Blake – Marja Merisalo

### Saturday 1 December

The Life of Christ through the Paintings of Blake – Luis & Carol Garrido

Meet the cast