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PRESS RELEASE

All's Well That Ends Well by William Shakespeare

Broadcast Live from the National Theatre

6.30 pm, 1 October 2009

Due to the success of their pilot season of live high-definition performance transmissions Aberystwyth Arts Centre Cinema have confirmed a spectacular programme of screenings for the autumn. The Autumn Season will feature a diverse range of major international productions from the world's leading companies, the first of which will be *ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL* from the National Theatre on Thursday 1st October, 6.30pm



5 STARS

'A masterpiece of deep feeling and cutting intelligence.'

Sunday Times

Set against a background of sexism, snobbery and a battle between the generations, *ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL* turns fairytale logic on its head in a bittersweet story. The feisty but lowly Helena falls in love with Bertram, a haughty count. To gain his hand she is set a string of impossible tasks. Even if accomplished, they can hardly guarantee his love. He refuses to bed her and yet says he'll only be hers if she bears his child; and he lusts after another. Nevertheless, our heroine, whether wisely or no, refuses to give him up.

'It is so richly conceived, such a pleasure in every detail that I'd love to see it all over again.'

Observer

'The performances are uniformly excellent...Marianne Elliott's direction has a clarity not short of visionary.' *Evening Standard*

The cast includes Oliver Ford Davies, Clare Higgins (as the Countess of Rossillion), Janet Henfrey, Conleth Hill (Parolles), Sioned Jones, Elliot Levey, Brendan O'Hea, George Rainsford (Bertram), Michelle Terry (Helena) and Michael Thomas. The production is designed by Rae Smith, with lighting by Peter Mumford, music by Adam Cork and sound by Ian Dickinson.

'A fairy-tale for adults... beautiful funny and touching.'

Daily Telegraph

Tickets for this performance are £10 (£9) and can be booked by contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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