

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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PRESS RELEASE

Great Expectations

By Charles Dickens

Adapted and Directed by Tim Baker

7.30 pm, 16 – 17 March 2009

Tim Baker, Clwyd Theatr Cymru's award-winning Associate Director, will adapt and direct *Great Expectations*, a dramatic journey of romance, adventure and mystery, at the Aberystwyth Arts Centre from Monday 16th to Tuesday 17th March.



A chilling Christmas Eve encounter between Pip, a young orphan and escaped convict Abel Magwitch is the prelude to one of Dickens' most popular novels.

Great Expectations chronicles Pip's journey as he encounters the eccentric Miss Havisham and falls in love with her beautiful step-daughter Estella. His fortunes change forever when, through an unknown benefactor, Pip is taken away to London to begin a new life as a gentleman.

Who is the benefactor? Will he ever find true love with his sweetheart Estella and will his great expectations be fulfilled?

Dickens' compelling story is brought to the stage by a company of nine and *Great Expectations* also features songs and a new musical score by Dyfan Jones.

Tim Baker's successes include *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and, in Cardiff earlier this year, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare.

Tickets for this production are £11.50 (£10.50) 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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