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PRESS RELEASE

Canolfan y Celfyddydau
Aberystwyth Arts Centre

Nation
based on a novel by Terry Pratchett
adapted by Mark Ravenhill
NT Live
1.45pm, Saturday 30 January 2010
Approx Run Time 2hrs 23 minutes
(including interval)



On Saturday 30th January the performance of **Nation** will be filmed live and in high definition at the National Theatre and broadcast via satellite to the Aberystwyth Arts Centre Cinema.

Following **His Dark Materials**, **Coram Boy** and **War Horse**, the National Theatre's latest spectacular family production is an exhilarating adventure story of survival and self-discovery that will enthrall both children and adults.

A parallel world, 1860. Two teenagers thrown together by a tsunami that has destroyed Mau's village and left Daphne shipwrecked on his South Pacific island, thousands of miles from home. One wears next to nothing, the other a long white dress; neither speaks the other's language; somehow they must learn to survive. As starving refugees gather, Daphne delivers a baby, milks a pig, brews beer and does battle with a mutineer. Mau fights cannibal raiders, discovers the world is round and questions the reality of his tribe's fiercely patriarchal gods. Together they come of age, overseen by a foul-mouthed parrot, as they discard old doctrine to forge a new Nation.

Live music, thrilling dance and spectacular puppets combine to bring to life the spectacular and surprising world of Mau and Daphne's Nation on the National Theatre stage.

The production is suitable for age 10years+. 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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