

# chichester festival theatre

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## Full companies confirmed for the *The Government Inspector* and *Anna Karenina* at Chichester Festival Theatre

The full casts have been announced for the first two Festival Theatre productions of Chichester's new season, *The Government Inspector* and *Anna Karenina*.



*The Government Inspector* by **Nikolai Gogol**, in a new adaptation by **Phil Porter**, runs at Chichester Festival Theatre from 25 April – 24 May (press night: 1 May). Directed by former RSC Artistic Director **Gregory Doran**, this brilliantly inventive 19<sup>th</sup> century satire of skulduggery, mistaken identity and human absurdity stars actor and comedian **Tom Rosenthal** as Klestakov.

Joining him are: **Scott Bowden** as Svitsunov, **Shereener Browne** as Fevronya/Charity Commissioner's Wife, **Joe Dixon** (*Renegade Nell*, *Imperium I & II*) as the Judge, **Joe Eyre** as Waiter/Gendarme, **Mohsen Ghaffari** as Mishka/Abdullin, **Nick Haverson** (*The Cat and the Canary* CFT, *Charlie & Stan*) as Osip, **Lloyd Hutchinson** (*Dear England*, *King Lear*) as the Mayor, **Reuben Johnson** as Postmaster, **Sylvestra Le Touzel** (*The Crown*, *Intelligence*) as Anna, **Christopher Middleton** as Head of Schools, **Laurie Ogden** as Marya, **Mark Oliver** as Chief of Police, **Oscar Pearce** as The Charity Commissioner, **Leigh Quinn** as Avdotya, **Paul Rider** as Dobchinsky, **John Rogers** as Derzhmorda, and **Miltos Yerolemou** as Bobchinsky.

**Natalie Dormer** stars in **Tolstoy's** romantic masterpiece *Anna Karenina*, in a new adaptation written and directed by **Phillip Breen**, running at Chichester Festival Theatre from 7 – 28 June. This witty and sensual version – blending period dress with a contemporary tone – is a surprisingly funny, romantic and unforgettable portrait of infidelity, passion and the search for fulfilment.

Joining **Natalie Dormer** (*Game of Thrones*, *The Hunger Games*) as Anna, and the previously announced **David Oakes** (*Victoria*, *Vikings: Valhalla*) as Levin, are: **Donna Berlin** as Countess Vronskaya, **Jonnie Broadbent** (*The Norman Conquests* CFT, *Much Ado About Nothing*) as Stiva, **Les Dennis** (*Twelfth Night*, *Red or Dead*) as Petka, **Seamus Dillane** (*The Invention of*

*Love, Richard II*) as Vronsky, **Florence Dobson** as Marya, **Tomiwa Edun** (*Romeo and Juliet*, *Trigger Point*) as Karenin, **Sandy Foster** as Countess Lydia, **Ivan Ivashkin** as Nikolai, **Shalisha James-Davis** (*The Comedy of Errors*, *Romeo and Juliet*) as Kitty, **Anne Lacey** as Agafya, **Marcia Lecky** (*Coriolanus*, *Brian and Maggie*) as Princess Shcherbatskaya, **John Ramm** (*The Spy Who Came In From The Cold* CFT, *Wolf Hall/Bring Up The Bodies* RSC) as Prince Shcherbatsky, **Riad Richie** as Titus, and **Naomi Sheldon** (*The Girlfriend*, *Witness for the Prosecution*) as Dolly.

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