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The Caretaker by Harold Pinter

Pinter's **The Caretaker** is a landmark of twentieth century theatre and fifty years after its first performance at The Arts Theatre, London in 1960, this compelling study of loneliness and power games still has the capacity to amuse, to shock and to fascinate.

Davies, an elderly drifter, is given shelter by the kindly but vulnerable Aston. He quickly makes himself at home in the squalid, junk-filled attic, but an uneasy peace is fractured by the arrival of Mick, Aston's quick-witted, streetwise younger brother. As the shadows lengthen and the three men reveal more about the past and themselves, a battle of wits begins that will have irrevocable consequences for them all.

Playwright, director, actor, poet and political activist, Harold Pinter was born on 10 October 1930 in East London. He wrote twenty-nine plays including *The Birthday Party*, *Old Times*, *The Homecoming* and *Betrayal*. In 2005, he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. He died on Christmas Eve 2008.

This year London Classic Theatre celebrates ten years on tour, having performed to over 300,000 people at more than 150 theatres and arts centres around the UK and Ireland. The company, led by founder and Artistic Director Michael Cabot, produces challenging, accessible drama for audiences in London and the regions. LCT has explored the work of some of the finest playwrights of the last 50 years, including Joe Orton, Harold Pinter, Brian Friel, Frank McGuinness and Mike Leigh.

As the centrepiece of LCT's ten year anniversary, this revival of **The Caretaker** looks set to bring this tragic comedy to a 21st century audience with as much impact and freshness as at its debut.

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The Caretaker is playing from Tuesday 15 to Saturday 19 June at 7.30pm, with matinees on Thursday at 1.30pm and Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £16.00/concessions £14.00 and matinees £12.00/concessions £10.00. Schools tickets cost £7.50. For further information or to book tickets, please call the box office on 01962 840440 or book online at www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk

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