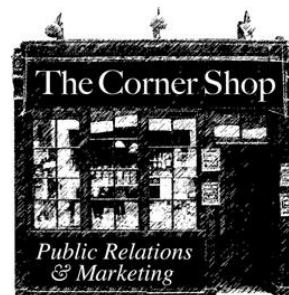


Press Release

KW & NB Ltd proudly present

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



LYRIC THEATRE, SHAFTESBURY AVENUE
Wednesday 4 July - Sunday 2 September
www.thetigerwhocametotealive.com

- Smash hit family show *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* roars back into the West End from 4th July for a nine week summer season!
- Based on the picture book written and illustrated by celebrated author Judith Kerr.
- Adapted for the stage with songs & lyrics by David Wood OBE.
- Tickets are now ON SALE.

Judith Kerr's much-loved tale of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* returns to the West End for a summer season from 4th July by popular demand.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea is one of the best-selling picture books of all time. Since it was first published in 1968, it has sold over 4 million copies worldwide and has been translated into over 20 languages.

The Tiger made his West End debut in 2011 to sell-out performances seen by over 35,000 people. His return this summer marks the tenth West End family season, since 2005, from the Company behind the hugely successful productions of *The Gruffalo*, *Room on the Broom* and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

This production of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* at The Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, completes a 20 date spring tour kicking off in Hong Kong, Singapore and Dubai, with UK dates including Birmingham Town Hall and The Lowry in Salford.

The show is directed and adapted for the stage by David Wood OBE, the country's leading writer and director of plays and musicals for children. David's many other successes include *Shaun The Sheep*; *George's Marvellous Medicine*; and *Goodnight Mister Tom*, which is tipped for a further UK tour and West End run over the coming year. In November this year, David adaptation of *James and the Giant Peach* will set off on a tour of the UK, beginning in Birmingham.

The Tiger Who Came to Tea is the ideal introduction to theatre for pre and primary school children and their families. Featuring magic and sing-along songs, the show is perfect for developing literacy and listening skills and audience participation is highly encouraged. All adults must be accompanied by a responsible child.

Press are welcome to performances from Friday 6 July onwards.

For more information please contact Charlotte Bayley at The Corner Shop PR 0207 494 3665, charlotte@thecornershoppr.com

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KW & NB Ltd present

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1D 7ES

Wednesday 4 July - Sunday 2 September 2012

Box Office: 0844 412 4661 www.thetigerwhocametolive.com

Group Bookings: 0844 412 4650

www.nimaxtheatres.com

TICKETS: £12.50*- £15.50*

Premium Tickets £20*

SCHOOLS & GROUPS 10+: £9.50 Buy 10 tickets and get the 11th ticket FREE!

*plus 50p restoration levy

Full Schedule

Wed 4 July 11.00am	Sun 5 August 10.00am & 12.00pm
Thu 5 July 11.00am	Tue 7 August 11.30am
Fri 6 July 11.00am	Wed 8 August 11.30am
Sat 7 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Thu 9 August 11.30am
Sun 8 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Fri 10 August 11.30am
Wed 11 July 11.00am	Sat 11 August 10.00am & 12.00pm
Thu 12 July 11.00am	Sun 12 August 10.00am & 12.00pm
Fri 13 July 11.00am	Tue 14 August 11.30am
Sat 14 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Wed 15 August 11.30am
Sun 15 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Thu 16 August 11.30am
Tue 17 July 11.00am	Fri 17 August 11.30am
Wed 18 July 11.00am	Sat 18 August 10.00am & 12.00pm
Thu 19 July 11.00am	Sun 19 August 10.00am & 12.00pm
Sat 21 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Tue 21 August 11.30am
Sun 22 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Wed 22 August 11.30am
Tues 24 July 11.30am	Thu 23 August 11.30am & 2.30pm
Wed 25 July 11.30am	Fri 24 August 11.30am
Thu 26 July 11.30am	Sat 25 August 10.00am & 12.00pm
Sat 28 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Sun 26 August 10.00am & 12.00pm
Sun 29 July 10.00am & 12.00pm	Thu 30 August 11.30am & 2.30pm
Tues 31 July 11.30am	Fri 31 August 11.30am & 2.30pm
Wed 1 August 11.30am	Sat 1 September 10.00am & 12.00pm
Thu 2 August 11.30am	Sun 2 September 10.00am & 12.00pm
Fri 3 August 11.30am	
Sat 4 August 10.00am & 12.00pm	

About the Author

JUDITH KERR - AUTHOR

Judith Kerr was born on 14th June 1923 in Berlin but escaped from Hitler's Germany with her parents and brother in 1933 when she was nine years old. Her father was a drama critic and a distinguished writer whose books were burned by the Nazis. The family passed through Switzerland and France before arriving finally in England in 1936. Judith went to eleven different schools, worked in the Red Cross during the war, and won a scholarship to the Central School of Arts and Crafts in 1945. Since then she has worked as an artist, a BBC television scriptwriter and, for the past thirty years, as an author and illustrator of children's books. Her three autobiographical novels are based on her early wandering years (which against all the odds she greatly enjoyed), her adolescence in London during the war, and finally on a brief return to Berlin as a young married woman. The stories have been internationally acclaimed and, to the author's considerable satisfaction, have done particularly well in Germany where they are sometimes used as an easy introduction to a difficult period of German history. Judith has a daughter who is a designer and a son who is a novelist. She lives in London. Her books include *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*, *Twinkles*, *Arthur and Puss*, *Mog the Forgetful Cat*, *Goose in a Hole*, *Bombs on Aunt Dainty*, *Birdle Hallelujah*, *How Mrs Monkey Missed the Ark*, *A Small Person Far Away* and *My Henry* (to be released in paperback this year). In August 2012, Judith's new title *The Great Granny Gang*, will be published by Harper Collins. Judith Kerr will celebrate her 90th Birthday next year and is still going strong.

For all *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* fans a new range of merchandise was launched at selected retailers in October 2011.

Adaptor & Creator

DAVID WOOD OBE

David began writing while at Oxford University. His seventy plus plays for children are performed worldwide, and he has been dubbed 'the national children's dramatist' by The Times. In addition to two productions of his adaptations of Roald Dahl's *The BFG*, four of David's other adaptations toured the UK in 2011: Judith Kerr's *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*, Michelle Magorian's *Goodnight Mister Tom*, Roald Dahl's *George's Marvellous Medicine* and Aardman Animations' *Shaun the Sheep*. In 2006, to celebrate the Queen's 80th birthday, he wrote *The Queen's Handbag*, performed in Buckingham Palace Gardens and seen by 8,000,000 BBC1 viewers. In 2004 he was awarded the OBE for services to drama and literature. Visit his website at www.davidwood.org.uk

Creatives

DAVID WOOD OBE	- ADAPTOR & DIRECTOR
SUSIE CAULCUTT	- SET & COSTUME DESIGNER
PETER PONTZEN	- MUSICAL DIRECTOR & ARRANGER
EMMA CLAYTON	- ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHY

Cast

JENANNE REDMAN	- MUMMY
ABBEY NORMAN	- SOPHIE
ALAN ATKINS	- DADDY / TIGER

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