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**Don't Miss *NT Live NATION* at Cineplex Entertainment Theatres**

A live performance from the National Theatre, London of Terry Pratchett's ***NATION*** to be broadcast in high-definition via satellite on Saturday, January 30, 2010

Toronto, ON – January 13, 2010 (CGX.UN) - The first season of the National Theatre's ***NT Live*** series continues with a spectacular family production of Terry Pratchett's ***NATION***, filmed live at the National Theatre in London on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 1 pm ET / 10 am PT and broadcast by satellite to select Cineplex Entertainment theatres across Canada. Adapted by Mark Ravenhill and directed by Melly Still, ***NATION*** is an exhilarating adventure story of survival and self-discovery featuring live music, dance and extraordinary puppets. ***NATION*** follows the hugely successful broadcasts of *Phèdre* and *All's Well That Ends Well*.

Advance tickets are available online at [www.cineplex.com/events](http://www.cineplex.com/events) as well as at participating theatre box offices. Admission for children ages 3 - 13 is \$12.95 + tax, seniors is \$17.95 + tax and general admission is \$19.95 + tax. A special group rate is also available for groups of 20 or more at \$16.95 per person. For more information on group rates, call 1-800-313-4461.

***NATION*** is set in a parallel world in 1860. Two teenagers, Mau and Daphne, are 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. Mau wears next to nothing, Daphne 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.

The cast of ***NATION*** is led by Gary Carr (as Mau) and Emily Taaffe (as Daphne), and also includes: Gaye Brown, Paul Chahidi, Elaine Claxton, Adrian Decosta, Mike Denman, Lorna Gayle, Howard Gossington, Tony Hasnath, Robert Hastie, Michelle Lukes, Nick Malinowski, Michael Mears, Itxaso Moreno, Al Nedjari, Bhasker Patel, Nicholas Rowe, Sirine Saba, Craig Stein, David Sterne, Jason Thorpe and Nancy Wei George.

The Olivier Theatre production is directed by Melly Still, who also designs the set with Mark Friend with costumes by Dinah Collin, lighting by Paul Anderson, projections by Jon Driscoll, music by Adrian Sutton and sound by Paul Arditti.

Cineplex Entertainment will present ***NATION*** at the following theatres:

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Coquitlam**

*SilverCity Coquitlam Cinemas, 170 Schoolhouse Street*

**Kamloops**

*Cineplex Odeon Aberdeen Mall Cinemas, 700-1320 Trans Canada Highway*

**Kelowna**

*Famous Players Orchard Plaza 5 Cinemas, 160-1876 Cooper Road*

**Langley**

*Colossus Langley Cinemas, 20090 91A Avenue*

**Nanaimo**

*Galaxy Cinemas Nanaimo, 213-4750 Rutherford Road*

**Pitt Meadows**

*Cineplex Odeon Meadowtown Cinemas, 19800 Lougheed Highway*

**Prince George**

*Famous Players 6 Cinemas, 172-1600 Fifth Avenue*

**Richmond**

*SilverCity Riverport Cinemas, 14211 Entertainment Way*

**Surrey**

*Cineplex Odeon Strawberry Hill Cinemas, 12161 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue*

**Vancouver**

*Cineplex Odeon Park & Tilford Cinemas, 200-333 Brooksbank Avenue*

*Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver, 900 Burrard Street*

**Victoria**

*Cineplex Odeon Victoria Cinemas, 780 Yates Avenue*

*SilverCity Victoria Cinemas, 3130 Tillicum Road*

**ALBERTA****Calgary**

*Cineplex Odeon Crowfoot Crossing Cinemas, 91 Crowfoot Terrace NW*

*Scotiabank Theatre Chinook, 6455 Macleod Trail SW*

**Edmonton**

*Cineplex Odeon North Edmonton Cinemas, 14231-137<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW*

*Cineplex Odeon South Edmonton Cinemas, 1525-99<sup>th</sup> Street NW*

**Lethbridge**

*Galaxy Cinemas Lethbridge, 501-1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SW*

**MANITOBA****Winnipeg**

*SilverCity Polo Park Cinemas, 817 St. James Street*

*SilverCity St. Vital Cinemas, 160-1255 St. Mary's Road*

**SASKATCHEWAN****Regina**

*Galaxy Cinemas Regina, 420 McCarthy Boulevard N*

**Saskatoon**

*Galaxy Cinemas Saskatoon, 347 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue*

**ONTARIO****Ancaster**

*SilverCity Ancaster Cinemas, 771 Golf Links Road*

**Barrie**

*Galaxy Cinemas Barrie, 72 Commerce Park Drive*

**Belleville**

*Galaxy Cinemas Belleville, 160 Bell Boulevard*

**Brantford**

*Galaxy Cinemas Brantford, 300 King George Road*

**Brockville**

*Galaxy Cinemas Brockville, 1250 Brant Street*

**Burlington**

*SilverCity Burlington Cinemas, 1250 Brant Street*

**Collingwood**

*Galaxy Cinemas Collingwood, 6 Mountain Road*

**Cornwall**

*Galaxy Cinemas Cornwall, 1325 Second Street E*

**Etobicoke**

*Cineplex Odeon Queensway Cinemas, 1025 The Queensway*

**Gloucester**

*SilverCity Gloucester Cinemas, 2385 City Park Drive*

**Guelph**

*Galaxy Cinemas Guelph, 485 Woodlawn Road W*

**Hamilton**

*SilverCity Hamilton Mountain Cinemas, 795 Paramount Drive*

**Kingston**

*Cineplex Odeon Gardiners Road Cinemas, 626 Gardiners Road*

**London**

*Cineplex Odeon Westmount & VIP Cinemas, 755 Wonderland Road S*

*SilverCity London Cinemas, 1680 Richmond Street*

**Mississauga**

*Coliseum Mississauga Cinemas, 309 Rathburn Road W*

**Newmarket**

*SilverCity Newmarket Cinemas, 18151 Yonge Street*

**Niagara Falls**

*Cineplex Odeon Niagara Square Cinemas, 7555 Montrose Road*

**Oakville**

*SilverCity Oakville Cinemas, 3531 Wyecroft Road*

**Orangeville**

*Galaxy Cinemas Orangeville, 85 Fifth Avenue*

**Orillia**

*Galaxy Cinemas Orillia, 865 West Ridge Boulevard*

**Oshawa**

*Cineplex Odeon Oshawa Cinemas, 1351 Grandview Street N*

**Ottawa**

*Cineplex Odeon South Keys Cinemas, 2214 Bank Street*

*Coliseum Ottawa Cinemas, 3090 Carling Avenue*

**Owen Sound**

*Galaxy Cinemas Owen Sound, 1020 10<sup>th</sup> Street*

**Peterborough**

*Galaxy Cinemas Peterborough, 320 Water Street*

**Richmond Hill**

*SilverCity Richmond Hill Cinemas, 8725 Yonge Street*

**Sault Ste. Marie**

*Galaxy Cinemas Sault Ste. Marie, 293 Bay Street*

**Scarborough**

*Coliseum Scarborough Cinemas, 300 Borough Drive*

**Sudbury**

*SilverCity Sudbury Cinemas, 355 Barrydowne Road*

**Thunder Bay**

*SilverCity Thunder Bay Cinemas, 850 North May Street*

**Toronto**

*Cineplex Odeon Sheppard Cinemas, 4861 Yonge Street*

*Scotiabank Theatre Toronto, 259 Richmond Street W*

*SilverCity Yonge-Eglinton Cinemas, 2300 Yonge Street*

**Waterloo**

*Galaxy Cinemas Waterloo, 550 King Street N*

**Windsor**

*Cineplex Odeon Devonshire Mall Cinemas, 3100 Howard Avenue*

## **QUEBEC**

### **Beauport**

*Cineplex Odeon Beauport Cinemas, 825 rue Clemenceau*

### **Brossard**

*Cineplex Odeon Brossard Cinemas, 9350 boul. Leduc*

### **Kirkland**

*Coliseum Kirkland Cinemas, 3200 rue Jean Yves*

### **Montreal**

*Scotiabank Theatre Montreal, 977 rue Ste-Catherine O*

### **Rock Forest**

*Galaxy Cinemas Sherbrooke, 4204 rue Bertrand*

### **Ste.Foy**

*Cineplex Odeon Ste. Foy Cinemas, 1200 boul. Duplessis*

**NT Live** performances are filmed live at the National Theatre in high-definition using innovative digital technologies and broadcast via satellite to 21 countries and over 300 venues throughout the world. The events are live in Europe and some US cities, and time-delayed in several countries. Canadian audiences will experience **NATION** on the same day as the performance, time-shifted by only hours. The performances at the National are nominated in advance to allow cameras greater freedom in the auditorium. **NT Live** screenings in international venues, including the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and Europe, are supported by Travelex, the world's foreign exchange and business payments specialist.

Terry Pratchett is one of the UK's best-selling authors, whose work includes the Discworld series of 36 novels. In total, his books have sold over 60 million copies in thirty-seven languages. Terry Pratchett has won numerous literary awards including the Carnegie Medal; he was knighted in the 2009 New Year's Honours List. **NATION** was long listed for The Guardian Children's Fiction Prize for 2009.

Following **NATION**, **NT Live** continues with Alan Bennett's new play, **The Habit of Art**, with Richard Griffiths, Alex Jennings and Frances de la Tour on Thursday, April 22, 2010. **NT Live** is funded in partnership with Arts Council England and NESTA, and supported internationally by Travelex.

**NT Live NATION** is supported by The Michael Marks Charitable Trust. **NT Live** is supported by The Northern Rock Foundation.

**NT Live** events are distributed outside the U.K. through New York-based BY Experience, Inc., the pioneer of global live "alternative content" digital cinema events. For more information, visit: [www.byexperience.net](http://www.byexperience.net).

To view a trailer for **NATION**, please visit: <http://www.cineplex.com/Events/NTLive.aspx>

### **About Cineplex Entertainment**

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## **The National Theatre**

The National Theatre, founded in 1963, and established on the South Bank of the River Thames in London in 1976, has three theatres – the Olivier, the Lyttelton and the Cottesloe. It presents an eclectic mix of new plays and classics, with seven or eight productions in repertory (sharing the stages) at any one time. The National aims constantly to re-energise the great traditions of the British stage and to expand the horizons of audiences and artists alike, and aspires to reflect in its repertoire the diversity of the nation's culture. With its extensive programme of Platform performances, backstage tours, foyer music, exhibitions, and free outdoor entertainment the National recognises that the theatre doesn't begin and end with the rise and fall of the curtain. By touring – and now, *NT Live* - it shares its work with audiences in the UK and abroad. The first *NT Live* season aims to capture the diversity of the National's work: a classic tragedy, a Shakespeare, a family show (*Nation*) and a new play.

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### **Notes for editors**

#### **TRAVELEX**

*NT Live* is supported internationally by **Travelex**.

**Lloyd Dorfman, Chairman of Travelex**, says: *"We're enormously proud to be part of NT Live – the result of a seven-year partnership with the National Theatre. Day-to-day, Travelex is committed to helping connect people and businesses across the globe. We really hope that this initiative makes world class theatre accessible on a truly worldwide scale."*

Travelex is the world's foreign exchange and business payments specialist. With operations spanning 35 countries, the business operates three divisions focusing on retail foreign exchange, crossborder business payments and outsourcing partnerships.

The company serves a customer every other second and, through an expansive network covering 115 airports, has a global annual audience of 1.8bn people.

