

BARBARA ISENBERG'S "BRITISH THEATER BACKSTAGE" TOUR

Dates: December 29, 2011 – January 5, 2012

This unusual tour combines the best of current London theater and the opportunity to meet with leading British theater artists and critics. Our previous selections have included such landmark productions as *War Horse*, *Frost/Nixon*, *Billy Elliot*, and *Red*, all before they went on to Broadway or Los Angeles. The tour is led by journalist and author Barbara Isenberg, who is founder of “British Theater Backstage,” a long-time contributor to both the *Los Angeles Times* and *Time Magazine*, and author of such books as *Making It Big: The Diary of a Broadway Musical* and *Conversations with Frank Gehry*. Among theater artists she has interviewed on our tour are Frank Langella, Colin Redgrave, Simon Callow and Patti LuPone as well as theater critic Benedict Nightingale. Each year’s trip also includes a “Britain Now” discussion with a political commentator.

Performances on recent trips have included Alfred Molina as artist Mark Rothko in *Red*, Keira Knightley's West End debut in a new production of Moliere's *The Misanthrope*, David Hare's *The Power of Yes*, *The Pitman Painters* by *Billy Elliot* author Lee Hall, Sir Peter Hall’s production of Sheridan’s *The Rivals*, and Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical, *Love Never Dies*. Last year’s trip also included major Gauguin, Canaletto and Cezanne art exhibitions.

Our 28th annual tour, which starts Dec. 29, in London, will include a new roster of plays, exhibitions and theater artists. While final theatrical selections are made close to departure to take advantage of late arrivals, holiday season schedules and press reviews, we already plan a festive New Year’s Eve dinner, Welcome Dinner, Traditional English tea, seven performances, museum visits, conversations with theater artists, and Critical Round-up. As always, space will be limited. For additional information, contact

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