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Theatre gold as West End director meets Miller

The New Vic Theatre presents

The Price**by Arthur Miller**

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Staffordshire's New Vic looks set for theatre gold this February as a legendary West End director takes on America's greatest playwright. Taking time out from his record-breaking West End hit *The Woman in Black*, Director Robin Herford brings Arthur Miller's masterpiece **The Price** to the award-winning theatre-in-the-round in an unmissable New Vic debut.

Moving, funny and insightful, **The Price** is a penetrating exploration of the price that is paid in pursuit of the American dream, penned by literary legend Arthur Miller.

Gregory Solomon, a 90 year-old New York city furniture dealer, is asked to put a price on an attic full of furniture. But he finds himself in the middle of an uneasy reunion between two long-estranged brothers: Vic, a police officer who sacrificed education and ambition to care for his ruined father; and Walter, now a wealthy surgeon, who chose to put himself first. Desperate for reconciliation after 20 bitter years, can the brothers finally come to terms with the past? And can they see that each has paid a price for the choices he has made?

At the creative helm of the New Vic production is Robin Herford, whose work on one of the West End's most successful shows, *The Woman in Black*, has won him international acclaim. Originally created to fill a two-week gap at the New Vic's sister theatre, the Stephen Joseph in Scarborough, the play has become the stuff of theatre legend, going on to achieve phenomenal success and is currently celebrating its 20th year in the West End. Director of the original 21 years ago, Herford has been at the head of every new production in the West End and all over the globe.

One of the most studied and performed playwrights in the world, Arthur Miller is an American national treasure. A prominent figure in US theatre and cinema for over 61 years, writing landmark plays such as *The Crucible* and *Death of a Salesman*, Miller was often in the public eye, most famously for refusing to give evidence against others to the House Un-American Activities Committee, being the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama among countless other awards, and for his marriage to Marilyn Monroe. Miller is considered by critics and audiences alike as one of America's greatest playwrights.

Tickets for **The Price** which cost £8.50– £17.50 (concessions available), can be booked by calling the New Vic's Box Office on 01782 717962 or online at www.newvictheatre.org.uk

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