



# Not For All The Tea in China (2008/2009)

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## "NOT FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA"



"While I appreciate that the grandeur of your surroundings and the splendour of the lawns and the majesty of the occasion may be new and unsettling, may I ask you to curb any giddiness and refrain from any vulgarities." - *Mr. Perseverance (Percy) Webb*




Lord Ogilvy-Smythe is hosting an elegant tea party on the fabulous lawns of his grand estate. You are invited to partake of afternoon tea and cake in honour of the recent medal-winning successes of the 1908 British Olympic team in London.




Tea is served by a troupe of anxious servants under the ever-watchful eye of Mr. Webb, the butler. Delicious cakes and a few home-truths come courtesy of the loud and boisterous housemaid Nuala.

But under the surface of the nicely pressed table cloths, is there more than tea brewing?



Amidst polite chat about etiquette and Edwardian culture, other matters are stirring. Could the British Empire itself be challenged by talk of workers' rights and votes for women? And who is the rather rowdy and unusual guest seated at the table?



Join us for an Edwardian Olympic tea party with a difference to tantalise the taste buds and the mind.



**Not For All the Tea in China** is booking now for the Summer 2009 festival season.  
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Not For All The Tea in China (NFATTIC) was originally commissioned by Kirklees Council to celebrate the Olympic handover day between Beijing and London in August 2009. It is an interactive street theatre piece where the audience are invited to join an Edwardian tea party, where they partake of tea, cake and some lively debates from the many characters present.

The production returned in Summer 2009 for a national tour of festivals, melas, and other events and was even included in BBC2's Glastonbury 2009 national coverage. The piece was also selected to be part of the Decibel Performing Arts Festival in Manchester in September 2009.



## Credits

### Director

Andrew Loretto

### Producer

Susan Burns

### Costume Design (2008)

Moira Benoit

### Costume/Set Design (2009)

Emma Wee

### Movement Director

Lucy Cullingford

### Tour Managers

Sue Tongue

Leanne Henniker

### Rehearsal Assistants

Laura Hamlet

Holly Hulse

### Design Assistant

Claire Haynes

### Tour Booking

Ralph Dartford



## Cast:

Gerald Fox  
Victoria Gillmon  
Anne Larkin (August 2008 only)  
Jag Sanghera

### **Actor/Stewards**

Rebecca Legg  
Lateisha Lovelace-Hanson  
Peter Swales  
Megan Thomas



## National Tour 2009

**Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield**  
*6th June 2009*

**Glastonbury Festival**  
*26-28<sup>th</sup> June 2009*

**Arts & Craft Fair, South Woodham Ferrers**  
*4<sup>th</sup> July 2009*

**Limetree Festival**  
*24<sup>th</sup> July 2009*

**2012 Open Weekend, Southend-on-Sea**  
*26<sup>th</sup> July 2009*

**Yorkshire Day, Dewsbury**  
*1<sup>st</sup> August 2009*

**Croydon Summer Festival**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009*

**Huddersfield Food & Drink Festival**  
*16<sup>th</sup> August 2009*

**Kendal Mintfest**  
*30<sup>th</sup> August 2009*

**Smythes Tea Room, Holmfirth**  
*12<sup>th</sup> September 2009*

**Decibel Performing Arts Showcase/ Platform for Piccadilly,  
Manchester**  
*18<sup>th</sup> September 2009*

