

KOLBE'S GIFT

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A PLAY BY DAVID GOODERSON



'Kolbe's Gift' for Catholic Secondary Schools

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 1-5 OCTOBER 2013 WWW.KOLBESGIFT.COM

"This place is not simply a concentration camp. It's a laboratory dedicated to the destruction of human identity. It is the gospel of hate, which can only be defeated by the Gospel of Love."

In 1941, Polish priest Maximilian Kolbe entered the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz.

A gifted man, Kolbe was the founder of monasteries in Poland and Japan, produced a monthly magazine with a circulation of over one million, and formed an international movement to help bring people to the Catholic faith. Then, a chance encounter with an ordinary soldier, Franek Gajowniczec, led Kolbe to an extraordinary act – walking away from all that he had and could have achieved.

David Gooderson's powerful play tells the true story of these two men. One became feted across the globe. The other faded into obscurity. This is their story.

"I am delighted to offer my support to Ten Ten in their production of the play Kolbe's Gift. As a boy I was very inspired by the story of Maximilian Kolbe and some years ago moved by a visit to his monastery, and indeed his very room, in Poland. I hope that this play inspires many people today to emulate the profound life of prayer of Maximilian Kolbe which resulted in his act of total self-giving."

+Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

Ticket price: £12.50 to £20

Performances:

Tuesday 1 October	7pm
Wednesday 2 October	7pm
Thursday 3 October	2pm / 7pm
Friday 4 October	7pm
Saturday 5 October	3pm / 7pm

To book:

Contact Ten Ten Theatre

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Email: enquiries@tententheatre.co.uk

Website: www.kolbesgift.com

Recommended age: 13+



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THE THEATRE PRODUCTION

"Kolbe's Gift" will be performed at The Leicester Square Theatre, a 400-seat venue in the heart of Central London. Tickets are on sale to the general public. However, a number of tickets have been reserved by Ten Ten for school groups across all performances (matinees and evenings).

TEACHER RESOURCES

Ten Ten have teamed up with Aid to the Church in Need to produce Lesson Resources, background information and activities to support your preparation before the visit and, after watching the play, to deepen the experience back in the classroom. These resources will be available online from September 2013.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Complementing the Teacher Resources, Aid to the Church in Need are also hosting a photographic exhibition on "Christian Witness Throughout the World" in Notre Dame de France Church which sits above The Leicester Square Theatre. This exhibition will run throughout October and will be freely accessible to the general public.

FREE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Before each evening performance, Ten Ten will run Education Workshops free of charge. These workshops will enrich the experience of watching the play for your students. There are a limited number of places per workshop so please book early to avoid disappointment.

FAQs

What is "Kolbe's Gift"?

It is a professionally-produced theatre production by the Catholic theatre company, Ten Ten. It tells the story of the Polish priest, Fr Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life for another man in the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz. The story follows Kolbe in this act of self-sacrifice and the impact on Franek Gajowniczec, the man whose life he saved.

Why is it suitable for Catholic students?

Kolbe was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1982 and he is widely recognised as one of the most inspirational saints of the modern age. Through watching the play, it is our aim that:

- Students will know more about Kolbe, his impact and legacy;
- They will be inspired to live a life of faith in prayer and action;
- They will have a unique experience of Catholic faith-inspired theatre.

Is it a professional production?

Yes. Ten Ten Theatre is a professional Catholic theatre company working to the highest professional standards. This production of "Kolbe's Gift" is on sale to the general public.

What else does Ten Ten Theatre do?

Ten Ten works in Catholic primary and secondary schools throughout the UK with its 11-year-programme in Relationship Education. The company also works with confirmation groups, young offenders, parents and teachers through inset training.

Where and when does it take place?

At The Leicester Square Theatre, a 400-seat venue in the heart of London's West End, between 1 - 5 October 2013.

How much does it cost?

Tickets are priced between £12.50 and £20. Prices have been kept low as a result of considerable fundraising by Ten Ten, and the generous financial support of many organisations and individuals.

Will the play tour the UK?

No. This is a different type of production to Ten Ten's regular touring work. Currently, there are only plans to perform it at The Leicester Square Theatre. Nevertheless, school and parish groups from across the UK are booking coaches and trains to make the trip.

What is included in the "package"?

- Entrance to the play "Kolbe's Gift", a two-hour production (including interval) in The Leicester Square Theatre, Central London.
- Free education workshops led by the Ten Ten team at 5pm before each evening performance. Please note: there is very limited availability and early booking is essential.
- Access to online Teacher Resources produced by Ten Ten Theatre in association with Aid to the Church in Need.
- Free entrance to the photographic exhibition, "Christian Witness Throughout the World", in Notre Dame de France Church, Leicester Square.
- Additional resources, such as a short film on the production of "Kolbe's Gift" made by students from a Catholic secondary school with professional filmmakers from Open Cinema.

How do I book?

Ten Ten Theatre has reserved a limited number of seats for each performance specifically for school groups. Please contact the Ten Ten office on **0845 388 3162** or **enquiries@tententheatre.co.uk** to make a group booking.

Tickets can also be booked directly from the theatre box office. Visit www.kolbesgift.com for access to the online box office. Tickets booked directly with the theatre may incur a booking fee.



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