

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY WILL BE PERFORMING *THE NARROW ROAD*

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As part of a national tour the award-winning Riding Lights Theatre Company will be performing *The Narrow Road* by Paul Birch at Christ Church Beckenham on 3rd April 2010.

Amid the heat and beauty of ancient Palestine, a man stands on a dusty road. An extraordinary journey will take place; one which will re-trace the footsteps of Jesus into a world of miracles and madness, violence and liberation. As *The Narrow Road* is walked, this turbulent world is turned upside down; its inhabitants confronted by an unexpected and surprising vision.

Meeting the characters and re-living the events of the gospels, this story takes its audience back along that original road, through the place of the cross and into the challenge of a life beyond. Compellingly performed, *The Narrow Road* asks each of us to review the understanding and practice of our own faith in relation to that journey today.

Riding Lights is one of the UK's most successful independent theatre companies and is internationally renowned for more than thirty years of touring productions. Following the huge success of their previous plays *The Passion*, *Calvary* and *Redemption Song*, this new play for 2010, *The Narrow Road*, has been commissioned jointly by the Dean and Chapter of York and Lightline Pilgrimages.

At intervals, the performance creates space for other expressions of worship, music and reflection arising directly out of the drama. The whole presentation becomes a powerful act of remembrance which is both participatory and reflective.

For full details of the performance please visit www.ridinglights.org/thenarrowroad. Tickets for the performance can be purchased from the Box Office by calling 020 8650 3458 costing £10 (concessions £8, family ticket for 4 people £30).

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Notes to the Media

Photographers and reporters are invited to come along to the performances and enjoy this new show. Interviews and photographs before the shows can be arranged through the media contact.

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