



## Andromaque

by Jean Racine  
Directed by Declan Donnellan  
Designed by Nick Ormerod  
Movement by Jane Gibson  
Lighting by Judith Greenwood

**Wednesday 22 April – Saturday 2 May 2009**

At the Barbican Silk Street Theatre as part of a National Tour – details overleaf.

**National Tour Press Night: Thursday 12 March 7.30pm at Oxford Playhouse**  
**London Press Night: Thursday 23 April 7.15pm at Barbican Silk Street Theatre**

*'the heart is a treacherous place'*

In 2009 Cheek by Jowl present Racine's *Andromaque* – a French masterpiece which took Paris by storm in 1667 but astonishingly was not performed in England until the Cheek by Jowl production in translation in 1985. Now the company present this passionate play in the original language with an eminent French cast.

Subversive, surprising and ironic, *Andromaque* exposes our capacity for self deception with lacerating clarity. The Trojan War has ended in a blaze of shame and a massacre of horrific proportions. Now Hector's widow, *Andromaque*, faces an appalling dilemma.

Although now better known for their work in Russian, this is Cheek by Jowl's second French language production following Corneille's *Le Cid*, performed internationally and in London to general acclaim ten years ago. *Andromaque* was commissioned by Peter Brook for the Bouffes du Nord in Paris, and comes to the UK after an extensive European tour, and to the Barbican as part of a seven week UK tour. Tour details overleaf.

Cheek by Jowl continue as Artistic Associates at the Barbican. As part of *bite09* *Andromaque* will be at the Silk Street Theatre, next door to the Barbican.

In French with English surtitles.

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Part of Paris Calling 2009 - a Franco-British Season of Performing Arts.

Tour listings and information overleaf/

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## **Tour Listings Information**

Oxford Playhouse

10 March – 14 March 2009 at 7.30pm  
(8pm on Friday, 2.30pm Saturday matinee)

01865 305305

<http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com>

Nuffield Theatre, Southampton

18 March – 21 March 2009 at 7.30pm

023 8067 1771

<http://www.nuffieldtheatre.co.uk>

Cambridge Arts Theatre

25 March – 28 March 2009 at 7.45pm

(2.30pm Saturday matinee)

01223 503333

<http://www.cambridgeartstheatre.com>

Northern Stage, Newcastle

1 April – 4 April 2009 at 7.30pm

(2pm Saturday matinee)

0191 230 5151

[www.northernstage.co.uk](http://www.northernstage.co.uk)

Silk Street Theatre, Barbican Centre (entrance via the Barbican)

Wednesday 22 April – Saturday 2 May 2009 at 7.15pm

(2pm Saturday matinee)

0845 1207500

[www.barbican.org.uk](http://www.barbican.org.uk)

Warwick Arts Centre

6 May – 9 May 2009 at 7.30pm

024 7652 4524

[www.warwickartscentre.co.uk](http://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk)