

**RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY**  
with YORK THEATRE ROYAL

# AFRICAN SNOW

by **Murray Watts** Directed by **Paul Burbridge**  
Designed by **Sean Cavanagh** Composer **Ben Okafor**  
Lighting Design **Ben Cracknell** Movement Director **Clyde Bain**

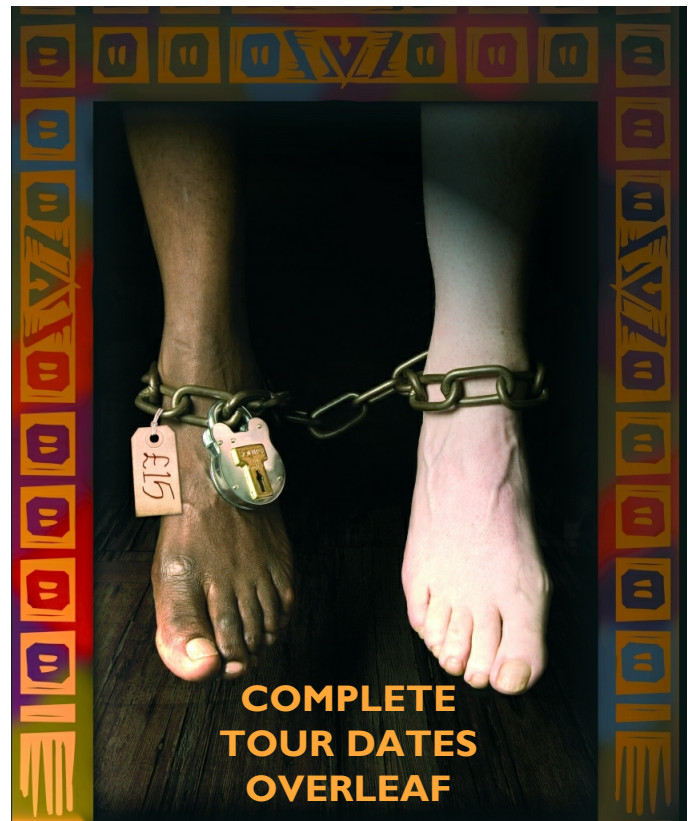
**African Snow** tells the extraordinary story of Olaudah Equiano – a forgotten hero in the battle to abolish slavery. His ascent from the living hell of a slave ship to become the leading black voice in the British abolition campaign is one of the most compelling and moving stories of any era.

The play imagines a meeting between Equiano and the English sailor John Newton, well known as the converted slave trader who gave the world its most famous hymn *Amazing Grace*.

Both men wrote remarkable accounts of their experiences and, backed by Yorkshire MP William Wilberforce, each offered crucial testimony before Parliament. Today their contribution towards abolishing the trade in African slaves is being celebrated across the country.

The worldwide battle against slavery continues but 200 years ago the course of history was changed forever...

**African Snow** features original music by the legendary Nigerian musician **Ben Okafor**.



**COMPLETE  
TOUR DATES  
OVERLEAF**

**'a staggering play... a perfectly measured performance'**



METRO

**'Superb'**



WHATSONSTAGE.COM

**'Oyelumade gives the standout performance... heartfelt, soulful'**

NORTHERN ECHO

**'undeniable disturbing power'**

THE TIMES

**'a joy to watch... intense and powerfully moving new drama'**

BBC NORTH YORKSHIRE



## TOUR DATES

**York** Theatre Royal  
Fri 30 Mar - Sat 21 Apr  
Box Office 01904 623568

**London** Trafalgar Studios  
Tue 24 Apr - Sat 5 May  
Box Office 0870 060 6632

**Clwyd** Theatr Cymru  
Tue 22 & Wed 23 May  
Box Office 0845 330 3565

**Birmingham** Alexandra  
Thu 24 & Fri 25 May  
Box Office 0870 607 7535

**Hackney** Empire  
Tue 29 May - Sat 2 Jun  
Box Office 020 8985 2424

**Hull** New Theatre  
Mon 4 - Sat 9 Jun  
Box Office 01482 226655

**Bristol** Redgrave Theatre  
Tue 12 - Sat 16 Jun  
Box Office 0117 327 0027

**Brighton** Corn Exchange  
Tue 19 - Sat 23 Jun  
Box Office 01273 709709

**Ashton under Lyne** Tameside Hippodrome  
Tue 26 - Sat 30 Jun  
Box Office 0161 308 3223

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## THE CAST

Roger Alborough  
Mensah Bediako  
Antonia Kemi Coker  
Emmanuella Cole  
Chris Jack  
Rex Obano  
Israel Oyelumade  
Kenny Thompson

