

# Shobna Gulati and Joe McGann to star in April in Paris

John Godber will direct his comical, Olivier-nominated masterpiece



Shobna Gulati (*Coronation Street*, *Dinnerladies*) and Joe McGann (*Calendar Girls*, *The Upper Hand*) are to star in a UK tour of John Godber's bittersweet comedy, **April in Paris**.

Al and Bet's relationship is on the rocks. He recently lost his job, while she works in a shoe shop and can only dream of a better life. But things are about to change... When Bet wins a romantic night in Paris, the city of love, Al wonders who she'll take with her. Resigned to taking her husband, Paris actually reignites their relationship as never before, but the reality of returning home looms large... This hilarious romantic adventure, featuring John Godber's unique brand of observational comedy, was nominated Comedy of the Year in the Olivier Awards.

**April in Paris** will open at Derby Theatre (Friday 27 June - Saturday 12 July) then tour to Brighton, Woking, Aylesbury, Malvern, Bromley, Glasgow, Crewe, Manchester, Richmond, Chesterfield, New Brighton, Dundee and Coventry.

Shobna Gulati is best known for playing Anita in Victoria Wood's *Dinnerladies* and Sunita Alahan in *Coronation Street* from 2001 to 2006, a role to which she returned at the end of 2009 and departed again in 2013. Since then she has been a panellist on *Loose Women*.

Joe McGann became a household name as Charlie Burrows, the "housekeeper" in the hit TV comedy series *The Upper Hand* which ran for six years. His major stages roles include Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof* and Ray Say in *The Rise and Fall of Little Voice*.

John Godber is the third most performed playwright in the UK, after William Shakespeare and Alan Ayckbourn. His plays are performed across the world with *Bouncers* being the most popular.

**April in Paris** is produced by Paul Tyrer & Jamie Clark for April in Paris Ltd with Jane Walmsley and Michael Braham for JAM Pictures Ltd, in association with Derby Theatre

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## **APRIL IN PARIS TOUR SCHEDULE**

### **DERBY**

Derby Theatre  
Friday 27 June - Saturday 12 July  
Tickets £10.50 - £21.50  
Box office: 01332 593939  
[www.derbytheatre.co.uk](http://www.derbytheatre.co.uk)

### **BRIGHTON**

Theatre Royal  
Tuesday 22 - Saturday 26 July  
Tickets £11.90 - £32.50  
Box office: 0844 871 7650  
<http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/april-in-paris/theatre-royal-brighton/>

### **WOKING**

New Victoria  
Tuesday 29 July - Saturday 2 August  
Tickets £11.90 - £30.90  
Box office: 0844 871 7645  
<http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/april-in-paris/new-victoria-theatre/>

### **AYLESBURY**

Aylesbury Waterside Theatre  
Tuesday 5 - Saturday 9 August  
Tickets £12.90 - £33.40  
Box office: 0844 871 7607  
<http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/april-in-paris/aylesbury-waterside-theatre/>

### **MALVERN**

Festival Theatre  
Tuesday 12 - Saturday 16 August  
Tickets: £16.24 - £28.08  
Box office: 01684 892 277  
<http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk>

### **BROMLEY**

Churchill Theatre  
Tuesday 19 - Saturday 23 August  
Tickets: £11.90 - £32.40  
Box office: 08448 717 620  
<http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/april-in-paris/the-churchill-theatre-bromley/>

### **GLASGOW**

Theatre Royal  
Tuesday 26 - Saturday 30 August  
Tickets: £11.90 - £32.40  
Box office: 0844 871 7647  
<http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/april-in-paris/theatre-royal-glasgow/>

### **CREWE**

Lyceum Theatre  
Monday 1 - Wednesday 3 September  
Tickets: £16.50 - £21.50  
Box office: 01270 368 242  
<https://crewelyceum.co.uk>

### **MANCHESTER**

Opera House  
Thursday 4 - Saturday 6 September  
Tickets: £11.90 - £32.40  
Box office: 0844 871 3018  
<http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/april-in-paris/opera-house-manchester/>

### **RICHMOND**

Richmond Theatre  
Tuesday 9 - Saturday 13 September  
Tickets: £11.90 - £32.40  
Box office: 0844 871 7651  
<http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/april-in-paris/richmond-theatre/>

### **CHESTERFIELD**

Pomegranate Theatre  
Monday 15 - Saturday 20 September  
Tickets: £18.00 - £21.50  
Box office: 01246 345 222  
[www.pomegranatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.pomegranatetheatre.co.uk)

### **NEW BRIGHTON**

Floral Pavilion  
Wednesday 24 - Saturday 27 September  
Tickets: £16.00 - £20.00  
Box office: 0151 666 0000  
<http://www.floralpavilion.com>

### **DUNDEE**

Dundee Rep Theatre  
Tuesday 30 September - Saturday 4 October  
Tickets: £15.00 - £22.00  
Box office: 01382 223530  
<http://www.dundeerep.co.uk>

### **COVENTRY**

Belgrade Theatre  
Tuesday 7 - Saturday 11 October  
Tickets: £16.75 - £28.00  
Box office: 024 7655 3055  
<http://www.belgrade.co.uk>