

BADAC THEATRE CO.
present

“ASHES TO ASHES”

Written & Directed by **Stephen Lambert**

On February 21st 1940 it was decided that the former Polish artillery barracks in Oswiecim, would be used as a quarantine camp, intended to hold 10,000 prisoners.

Five years later this decision had led to the deaths of at least 1,500,000 people. Auschwitz/Birkenau was in fact two separate camps, the largest being at Birkenau. At the height of its power Birkenau held more than 200,000 prisoners.

Birkenau was also the single greatest killing centre ever conceived by mankind. It had within its grounds four purpose built gas chambers each one equipped with its own crematoria. People were shipped to Birkenau from all over Europe, either to be worked to death or to be gassed upon arrival. The 1,500,000 people known to have died there included men women and children.

Ashes to Ashes is the story of two of those people and an exploration of the human spirit.

"death cannot triumph over friendship and spirit"

"Ashes to Ashes is both effective and dynamic, and certainly out of the normal range of British drama. The visceral power of the work is extremely rare"
STEVEN BERKOFF

"Badac are one of British theatre's best kept secret" **BATTERSEA ARTS CENTRE**

"Badac Theatre Company's wonderful directorial devices make this look at the inhumane hell of Birkenau extermination camp into an unforgettable experience that is totally brutal, genuinely harrowing and supremely powerful". **THE STAGE**

"it cleverly circumvents any jaded preconceptions and sheds fresh light on thoughts commonly kept in the darker, seldom visited recesses of modern consciousness". **THE SCOTSMAN**

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