

# STAR



A new monologue by Katherine Tozer for Palimpsest.

A Doctor Johnson's House commission to mark  
the tercentenary of the birth of David Garrick,  
Star of the first magnitude.

For their current exhibition Johnson & Garrick:  
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Set in September 1747, as a wave of 'Garrick Fever' hits London for the opening of the Drury Lane Theatre under the actor's management.

With the reputation of theatre at an all-time low, Garrick sets out to make himself rich and his profession acceptable.

With a Prologue to the new season written by Samuel Johnson, Garrick promises to throw new light on elocution and action, banish ranting and bombast and to restore simplicity and humour to the British Stage. He also casts his keen eye towards dramatic special effects.

But his 'spirits are uncomposed and every circumstance about him in a perfect dilemma'; it's three hours before curtain-up and Peg Woffington is arguing the Epilogue and he's quarrelled with Macklin, the Season's opener.

It'll be alright on the night, won't it?





David Garrick is played by Nick Barber. Nick trained at RADA. He has appeared at the RSC, the National, the West Yorkshire Playhouse and the Wrestling School. He has been directed by Peter Hall, Howard Davies, Rachel Kavanaugh, Stephen Daldry and Felix Barrett and Maxine Doyce for Punchdrunk. Film includes *Colour Me Kubrick* and *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*. He is also a regular on BBC Radio 3's *The Archers* playing Rex Fairbrother.

Costume by  
Alicia Bloundele.

Thanks to  
Celine Luppò McDaid, **Curator**.  
Helen Woollison, Assistant Curator.

Artwork design by  
Chloë Hanks at Node.

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