

**CASTING UPDATE FOR THE WORLD PREMIERE OF**

**THE RIOTS**

**BY GILLIAN SLOVO, FROM SPOKEN EVIDENCE**

**DIRECTED BY NICOLAS KENT**

**17 NOVEMBER – 10 DECEMBER**

**Sarah Ball, Kingsley Ben-Adir, Grant Burgin, Dona Croll, Christopher Fox, Rupert Holliday Evans, Clementine Marlowe-Hunt, Okezie Morro, Cyril Nri, Tom Padley, Alan Parnaby, Selva Rasalingam, Steve Toussaint and Tim Woodward** comprise the cast for *The Riots*, by Gillian Slovo, directed by Nicolas Kent. *The Riots* runs from 17 November until 10 December, with press night on 22 November.

Each actor will portray a number of different individuals, caught up in, or affected by the August riots. From politicians to police, teachers to lawyers, rioters to victims, the full list of is as follows:

**Diane Abbott MP – Dona Croll**

Shadow Minister for Public Health, and Labour MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington. In June 2010 she made the ballot for the Labour leadership contest. In 1987 she was the first black woman elected to Parliament.

**John Azah – Selva Rasalingam**

Community activist and Director of Kingston Race and Equality Council.

**Camila Batmanghelidjh – Dona Croll**

Businesswoman, author and charity leader, Batmanghelidjh has founded two charities, The Place2Be and Kids Company. The latter works with 14,000 vulnerable, disadvantaged ex-offending children in 37 inner city schools, and at street level in Camden, Southwark and Lambeth.

**Martin Sylvester Brown – Kingsley Ben-Adir**

Tottenham-based youth worker and founder of Haringey Young People Empowered, and currently senior researcher on The Guardian/ LSE 'Reading the Riots' study.

**Dr Barbara Cleaver – Sarah Ball**

Registrar for Accident and Emergency at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

**Chief Inspector Graham Dean – Tim Woodward**

Having joined the Metropolitan Police Service in 1983, Chief Inspector Dean now serves in Haringey where he heads the Professional Standards Unit.

### **Sergeant Paul Evans – Grant Burgin**

Currently working for the Greater Manchester Police Tactical Aid Unit, primarily dealing with incidents of serious public disorder and crowd control.

### **Iain Duncan Smith MP – Tim Woodward**

Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and MP for Chingford and Woodford Green. In 2001 he was elected Leader of the Conservative Party, stepping down in 2003.

### **Harry Fletcher – Christopher Fox**

Assistant General Secretary of Napo: the trade union and professional association for workers in the National Probation Service and the Family Court Advisory Service.

### **Michael Gove MP – Rupert Holliday Evans**

Secretary of State for Education, and Conservative MP for Surrey Heath. He was a journalist by profession, and was born and raised in Scotland.

### **Mohamed Hammoudan – Selva Rasalingam**

Tottenham resident who lost his home above Carpet Right in Tottenham after arsonists set the building on fire.

### **Simon Hughes MP – Rupert Holliday Evans**

Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats and MP for Bermondsey and Southwark.

### **Chelsea Ives – Clementine Marlowe-Hunt**

Former Olympic Ambassador, prisoner at HM Prison Holloway. Chelsea wrote to the Tricycle with her story and views. She was sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment, 10 Nov 2011.

### **Owen Jones – Tom Padley**

Author of *Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class* and past trade union parliamentary researcher.

### **Sadie King – Sarah Ball**

Resident of the Pembury Estate in Hackney and past Equality Officer for Unison, a public sector trade union.

### **Superintendent Leroy Logan – Cyril Nri**

Superintendent in the Metropolitan Police Service and for the Olympic Policing Co-ordination Team. He was the founder member and past chair of the both the National and London Black Police Associations.

### **Karyn McCluskey – Sarah Ball**

Co-Director of the Violence Reduction Unit at Strathclyde Police, Glasgow. Following the riots in England this summer, David Cameron told the House of Commons that it would be ‘a national priority’ to follow McCluskey’s example in reducing gang violence.

### **John McDonnell MP – Alan Parnaby**

Labour MP for Hayes and Harlington, McDonnell was nominated to lead the party in the 2010 election but stepped down in favour of Diane Abbott. He chairs the Labour Representation Committee, a group of Labour activists, local parties, trade unions and MPs campaigning for the adoption of more socialist policies by the Labour government.

### **Rev Nims Obunge – Cyril Nri**

Reverend at Freedom’s Ark Church, Tottenham, and Chief Executive of The Peace Alliance; a voluntary organisation working to reduce crime and the fear of crime in Haringey, through working closely with the local community and celebrating cultural diversity.

### **Sir Hugh Orde – Tim Woodward**

President of the Association of Chief Police Officers. Orde assumed this position in 2009 after seven years as the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

### **Greg Powell – Alan Parnaby**

Solicitor and managing partner of Powell Spencer and Partners Solicitors which specialises in serious crime, civil liberties and terrorism. He is a past president of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors Association and a past recipient of the Criminal Law Legal Aid Lawyer of the Year award.

### **Jacob Sakil – Okezie Morro**

Seventeen year old former Young Mayor of Lewisham, Sakil spent the first ten years of his life in Boston then moved to Lewisham where he was schooled. He now lives with his mother in New Cross and is studying for his A levels.

### **Stafford Scott – Steve Toussaint**

Co-founder of the Broadwater Farm Defence Campaign in 1985, now a consultant on racial equality and community engagement. He lives in Tottenham and is a friend of the Duggan family.

### **Inspector Winter – Christopher Fox**

Anonymous online blogger and plainclothes policeman.

## Talkback Sessions

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after a performance of *The Riots*, there will be a chance to share views on the August riots, and what should be done going forward.

For a full list of confirmed speakers, please go to:

<http://www.tricycle.co.uk/current-programme-pages/special-events/the-riots-talkback-sessions/>

## LISTINGS

<b>Address</b>	Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 7JR
<b>Phone</b>	020 7328 1000
<b>In person</b>	10am – 9pm Monday – Saturday, 2 – 9pm on Sundays
<b>Online</b>	<a href="http://www.tricycle.co.uk">www.tricycle.co.uk</a>

## THE RIOTS

<b>PERFORMANCES</b>	Monday – Saturday at 8pm Saturday mats at 4pm Weekday mats at 2pm; Thurs 24 Nov, Wed 30 Nov, Wed 7 Dec Press Night – 22 Nov at 7pm
<b>PRICES</b>	£13 for all performances £10 reductions

## CAFÉ-BAR

The Tricycle Café (serving food) is open from 12noon to 8pm Mondays to Fridays and 10am – 8pm on Saturdays. The Tricycle Bar (serving drinks and snacks) is open from 12 noon Mondays to Fridays & from 10.30am Saturdays & closes at 11pm Mondays to Saturdays. On Sundays the Bar is open 3-9pm.

## TRANSPORT

<b>Tube:</b>	Kilburn (Jubilee Line)
<b>Bus:</b>	16, 31, 32, 98, 189, 206, 316, 328
<b>Train:</b>	Brondesbury (London overground)

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