



Bath

For two thousand years Bath has been a spa town, built around Britain's only hot mineral springs. For centuries this natural phenomenon has attracted visitors to Bath, and led to a unique historic urban environment around the springs.

The thermal waters rise from a depth of about 3000 metres or 10,000 feet at a daily rate of around 1.17 million litres ¼ million gallons, at a constant temperature of 46.5 C (116F). The waters are thought to originate from rainwater which fell on the Mendip Hills to the south between 20-80,000 years ago. They reach the surface in three places in the city centre, and baths have them built over each of them. In 1984 a new inclined borehole was drilled to tap the spring 84 metres below street level to ensure a pure supply of water.

The Romans were the first to realise the value of the hot mineral water. They built their religious spa of Aquae Sulis around the three springs. The Saxons and Normans also made use of the thermal waters for curative purposes. By the late 16th century there were no fewer than the baths attracting the poor and leprous to the city's hospitals and almshouses in

search of healing and relief from discomfort. Visits to the city's baths by members of the royal family and the court during the 17th century helped establish Bath as a fashionable watering place. By the mid 18th century. Bath had become the leading spa in Britain.

Did you know? Jane Austen lived in Bath for 5 years.

Mikhail Bulgakov's *The White Guard* in a new version by Andrew Upton



Following the successes of Russian epics ***Burnt by the Sun*** and ***Philistines***, the National stages Andrew Upton's vigorous new version of Mikhail Bulgakov's rarely performed masterpiece, unrivalled in its depiction of the near-farcical mayhem of civil war across a vast and vivid canvas.

This overcoat is neutral darling, neither Bolshevik nor Menshevik. Just essence of Prole.

In Kiev during the Russian Civil War, the Turbin household is sanctuary to a ragtag, close-knit crowd presided over by the beautiful Lena. As her brothers prepare to fight for the White Guard, friends charge in from the riotous streets amidst an atmosphere of heady chaos, quaffing vodka, keeling over, declaiming, taking baths, playing guitar, falling in love.

But the new regime is poised and in its brutal triumph lies destruction for the Turbins and their world.

NT Associate Howard Davies directs this major new production of *The White Guard*, featuring a fantastic NT ensemble cast.

Andrew Upton's fresh and vibrant adaptation of Maxim Gorky's *Philistines* received great critical acclaim at the National in 2007

This week's events

Tuesday, April 27th

3:30 pm NO THEATRE CLASS TODAY

Wednesday, April 28th

1:00 pm **Royal Parks Visit (Green London).** Meet at AHA before heading out.

6:00 pm **Pre-theatre talk about *The White Guard at the National Theatre* followed by a performance of *The White Guard* at 7:30 pm.** There will be time to eat dinner between the talk and the performance. DIRECTIONS: Take any bus from Southampton Row (except the 91) over Waterloo Bridge to the National Theatre.

Thursday, April 29th

10:00 am **Imperial War Museum (Brit Art).** Meet Carole outside the steps of the main entrance. DIRECTIONS: Take the Met line to Baker Street and change for the Bakerloo line to Lambeth North.

Filmscape class will meet at the Imperial War Museum following British Art.

Friday, April 30th

Bath Day Trip with Martin

9:15 am **Meet between the overhead destination boards at Paddington mainline rail station (for the 9:30 am train to Bath Spa).** DIRECTIONS: Take the Met line from Harrow to Baker Street and change for the Bakerloo line to Paddington.

Trip will include: the Roman Baths, Bath Abbey, walking tour of Georgian Bath

next week

- 3 May Pre-theatre visit with Tom Goodman Hill. Meet for class at AHA first (Theatre)
- May *Anderson's English*, Hampstead Theatre (all students)
- 5 May ICE class (this class will be extended) Hampstead Heath (Filmscape and Green)
- 6 May Henry Moore Exhibition, Tate Britain (Brit Art)

Looking ahead

May 7th — May 16th Midterm Break

