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## **Getting The Third Degree**

**By Dougie Blaxland**

**Getting The Third Degree** was commissioned by **Kick it Out** to recognise the 25th anniversary of its ongoing battle against racism in football. This compelling new drama tells the powerful and deeply moving story of Laurie Cunningham who came to prominence with West Bromwich Albion in the late 1970's. The first of the black footballing trio famously dubbed *The Three Degrees* - Laurie Cunningham with his swaggering style and dazzling skills forced favourable comparisons with the legendary Pele. The first millionaire black footballer, the first player of colour to sign for the mighty Real Madrid and only the second to win a full cap for England he inspired a whole generation of young black players to follow in his pioneering footsteps.

In dramatising Laurie Cunningham's meteoric rise to stardom **Getting The Third Degree** also explores how he and his fellow black players - Brendon Batson and Cyrille Regis - triumphed over the racial abuse and physical threats often orchestrated by *The National Front* through a potent combination of footballing brilliance, charismatic style and compelling dignity.

Incorporating 1970's funk, soul, blues, jazz/jive dance, football songs/chants, contemporary commentary and social and political speeches **Getting The Third Degree** is a powerful piece of total theatre that vividly recreates a tense and troubled period in the history of football and the wider society.

\*\*\*\* (4 Stars) "Brimming with charisma and honesty" *The Stage* on *When The Eye Has Gone*

"Compelling" *The Telegraph* on *When The Eye Has Gone*

"A real tour de force" Deep Extra Cover on *When The Eye Has Gone*

"Entertaining, thought-provoking and far transcends the rugby field." British Theatre Guide on *Hands Up For Jonny Wilkinson's Right Boot*  
\*\*\*\*\* (5 Stars) "...inspiring and mesmerising; hugely enabled by the wit and charm of Morgan's fiercely clever vision." Theatre Bath on *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*

Further details: [www.roughhousetheatre.com](http://www.roughhousetheatre.com)

### Tour Schedule

Thurs 24th Oct Burnham Community Centre email:mrviv.nicholas@btinternet.com

Fri 25th Oct The Sherman Theatre Cardiff 029 2064 6900

[www.shermantheatre.co.uk/online-booking/](http://www.shermantheatre.co.uk/online-booking/)

Sat 26th Oct The Core at Corby Cube 01536 470470

[www.thecorecorby.com/whats-on/](http://www.thecorecorby.com/whats-on/)

Mon 28th Oct The Castle Theatre Wellingborough 01933 270007

[www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/castle-theatre/whats-on](http://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/castle-theatre/whats-on)

Tues 29th Oct The Maddermarket Theatre Norwich 01603620917

[www.maddermarket.co.uk/whats-on/](http://www.maddermarket.co.uk/whats-on/)

Weds 30th Oct The Hawth Theatre Crawley 01293553636

[www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/The-Hawth/Whats-On](http://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/The-Hawth/Whats-On)

Thurs 31st Oct The Hazlitt Theatre Maidstone 01622758611

[www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/Hazlitt-Theatre/Whats-on](http://www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/Hazlitt-Theatre/Whats-on)

Fri 1st Nov Oct The Mac Theatre Birmingham 01214463232

[www.macbirmingham.co.uk/whats-on?category=theatre](http://www.macbirmingham.co.uk/whats-on?category=theatre)

Sat 2nd Nov The Greenwich Theatre London 0208858 7755

[www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk/whats-on)

Sun 3rd Nov The Greenwich Theatre London 0208858 7755

[www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk/whats-on)

Tues 5th Nov Charterhouse School Godalming 02073849020

Weds 6th Nov South Street Studio Reading 01189606060

[www.readingarts.com/south-street/whats-on](http://www.readingarts.com/south-street/whats-on)

Thurs 7th Nov Salford Arts Manchester 01619250111

[www.salfordartstheatre.com/whats-on](http://www.salfordartstheatre.com/whats-on)

Fri 8th Nov Salford Arts Manchester 01619250111

[www.salfordartstheatre.com/whats-on](http://www.salfordartstheatre.com/whats-on)

Sat 9th Nov The Everyman Cheltenham 01242572573

[www.everymantheatre.org.uk/box-office/](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk/box-office/)

Mon 11th Nov Bradfield College Reading 01189634500

Tues 12th Nov Winchester College Winchester 01962621100

Weds 13th Nov The Rondo Theatre Bath 03336663366

[www.rondotheatre.co.uk/whats-on/](http://www.rondotheatre.co.uk/whats-on/)

Thurs 14th Nov The Julian Slade Theatre Prior Park College Bath 01225835353

Fri 15th Nov Phoenix Arts Bordon 01420472664  
[www.phoenixarts.co.uk/events/category/all-events/](http://www.phoenixarts.co.uk/events/category/all-events/)  
Sat 16th Nov The Marlborough Theatre Brighton 01273273870  
[www.marlboroughtheatre.org.uk/events/](http://www.marlboroughtheatre.org.uk/events/)

