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Friday 24th January 2020 – TODAY, award-winning Berkhamsted Theatre Company (BTC) is proud to announce its next production will be *Earthquakes in London* by Mike Bartlett, taking place at the [David Evans Court Theatre](#) in Tring, from Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th June.

Earthquakes in London follows three very different sisters; a passionate government minister, a troubled expectant mother, and a rebellious teenager. Whilst navigating their own personal and political issues, they find their lives unavoidably influenced by apocalyptic climate change.

Sweeping from the 1960s to 2525, Mike Bartlett's intimate yet surreal play collides decades, locations and ambitions as this dysfunctional family tries to give purpose to their lives.

**“The enemy is on its way, but it doesn't have guns and gas this time,
it has wind and rain, storms and earthquakes.”**

Ben Harris, Director of *Earthquakes in London*, expounds: “The BTC leadership team read a lot of plays trying to find just the right one for this year and in *Earthquakes in London* we have found it. The play offers a wealth of opportunities both on stage and behind the curtain. We are looking for upward of 17 people to play a range of parts, both male and female. There are some fantastic scenes, ranging from comedic Burlesque shows to emotional showdowns.” Harris concludes “the play is possibly the most ambitious production that BTC have staged since Avenue Q.”

Whether a BTC-stalwart or totally unfamiliar with the company, we would love to see you at either of our Introduction Workshops on Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th February. Our Production Team will familiarise you with the story and its characters, whilst confirming audition pieces and any other ways you can get involved.

Auditions are open to anyone over the age of 16, and will take place on Sunday 9th February.

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About Berkhamsted Theatre Company

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Founded in 1926, Berkhamsted Theatre Company brings the highest quality amateur productions to the area, showcasing the talents of local performers. The company has won a series of prestigious awards, including the coveted 'Joe Putnam Award' for *Best Musical in the NODA London Region*, for its 2016 production of *Evita*.

BTC welcomes passionate individuals who can contribute backstage, on stage, or across the production team, and would encourage any performers, Directors and Musical Directors to get in touch.

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