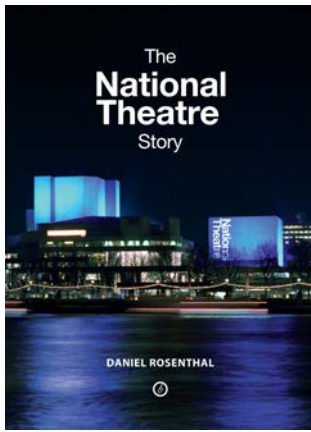




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NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the availability of *The National Theatre Story* by Daniel Rosenthal, published by Oberon Books (London). Published to mark the National Theatre’s 50th anniversary, Rosenthal’s meticulously researched volume chronicles the political, architectural and artistic history of London’s National Theatre, starting with its 19<sup>th</sup>-century origins through the inauguration of the National Theatre Company under Laurence Olivier at the Old Vic in 1963 up until the present day with the recent announcement of Rufus Norris as successor to Nicholas Hytner as artistic director.

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Coinciding with this publication is the U.S. network premiere of *The National Theatre: 50 Years on Stage*, which will air on *Great Performances*, February 14 at 9 PM, EST, on PBS. It showcases live footage of the NT’s star-studded 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala, directed by Nicholas Hytner, alongside archive clips of many of the most celebrated actors who have performed at the NT since 1963. Mr. Rosenthal will also be in conversation with Frank Dunlop, associate director with Laurence Olivier’s NT Company from 1967–71 and founding Director of the Young Vic Theatre, followed by a book signing, at New York City’s Drama Book Shop on February 10. For more information on the event, please visit [www.tcb.com/publications/books/bookevent.cfm](http://www.tcb.com/publications/books/bookevent.cfm).

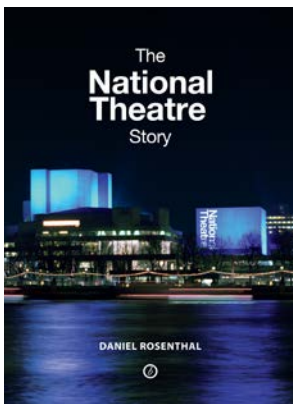
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**Daniel Rosenthal** has contributed interviews and features on film and theatre for publications including *The Times*, *Independent*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Observer* and *TES*. From 2002-06, he was editor of *International Film Guide*, the annual world cinema almanac. He is the author of *Shakespeare on Screen* (Hamlyn, 2000) and *100 Shakespeare Films* (BFI Publishing, 2007) and the Commentary for Methuen Student Editions of David Mamet's *Oleanna* and Patrick Marber's *Closer*. He has lectured at schools throughout England, and teaches undergraduate "Film and Theatre Journalism" and "Screen Adaptation" courses for the International Programmes department of Pembroke College, Cambridge. He has chaired more than 30 National Theatre Platforms. Daniel is an Associate Producer of the two-part *Arena* documentary *The National Theatre*, and presented *The National Theatre at Fifty*, a three-hour archive sequence for BBC Radio 4 Extra, which featured extracts from his audio interviews with actors and directors for *The National Theatre Story*. ***Daniel will be available for interviews in New York, from February 7-15.***

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