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Huddersfield Literature Festival to host an Evening with Adrian Lukis

The award-winning [Huddersfield Literature Festival](#) is pleased to announce it is will be hosting an entertaining and intimate 'In Conversation' evening with celebrated character actor Adrian Lukis, known for playing the rakish Mr Wickham in the 1995 BBC adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice*, alongside Colin Firth.

Adrian, whose TV appearances include *Silent Witness*, *Peak Practice* and *The Crown*, will be taking to the stage at the Lawrence Batley Theatre on Friday 1 April as part of the Festival. This event will have live subtitling to promote Access for All.

Adrian will talk about his long career – from Shakespearean theatre to roles in *Judy*, *Downton Abbey*, *The Crown*, *Black Mirror* and *Peak Practice* – and the slow descent from the glamorous leads to recently being asked to audition for the part of “a filthy wizened old man”.

Adrian will also discuss *Being Mr Wickham*, the play that he wrote (alongside Huddersfield writer Catherine Curzon) about the older Wickham looking back over his life, described by the *Sunday Times* as “A fine one-man show”.

Established in 2006, the Festival will run from 24 March – 3 April 2022, with a theme of 'One World', focusing on our shared responsibility for the wellbeing of our planet and its people.

Other key events taking place throughout the Festival include *In Conversation* with Dr John Cooper Clarke, (Sun 3 April), *Landscape and Setting* with Joanne Harris and Rupert Thomson (Sun 3 April) and an online event with award-winning speaker, writer, social content creator and Young Women's Trust ambassador Toni Tone.

Festival Director Michelle Hodgson said: “We are so pleased to announce our event with Adrian Lukis to discuss his career on some of the UK's most loved TV shows and theatre

performances. He may also be persuaded to tell us how he ended up naked and drunk in a jacuzzi with Colin Firth!”

Book tickets for An Evening with Adrian Lukis here:

<https://www.huddlitfest.org.uk/event/an-evening-with-adrian-lukis/>

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Hi-res mages are available upon request.

Notes to Editors:

About [Huddersfield Literature Festival](#)

Huddersfield Literature Festival (HLF) is an award-winning 10-day Festival held annually in the spring. A blended Festival of 50+ digital, outdoor and venue-based events, HLF champions accessibility, diversity and under-represented groups. Showcasing emerging writers and artists alongside major names, the Festival offers a diverse programme of author talks, workshops, discussion topics, performance poetry, multi-arts performances, wellbeing projects and family-friendly events.

Innovative special projects and commissions, often inspired by local community partnerships, are designed to promote community cohesion, improve wellbeing and proactively engage with under-represented artists, performers and audiences. With many free and low-cost events, including some with live subtitling, and Access Guides to key venues, HLF promotes accessibility with a view to offering more opportunities for a wider range of people to enjoy arts and culture.

Established in 2006, HLF is a major fixture on the town’s cultural calendar. The Festival has been selected as a finalist in the prestigious Welcome to Yorkshire White Rose Awards on three occasions (2016, 2017 & 2020), and in 2017 won the Examiner Community Award for Arts.