



## Eddie Izzard Stars in Solo 'Hamlet' at Montalbán Theatre

### Description

Eddie Izzard is performing a solo version of Shakespeare's play "Hamlet." This show is at the Montalbán Theatre in Hollywood until Saturday. Izzard is a well-known British comedian. He brings energy and skill to the role.

The performance is exciting but very challenging. Izzard plays many characters alone. This makes the show lively. However, it can be tiring to watch because the story goes fast.

Izzard has performed other famous works, like "Great Expectations." In this version of "Hamlet," he wants to tell the story clearly. The stage is simple. There are few props, but the lights and sounds create suspense.

Izzard tells the audience that this is not a comedy act. Many people stay to watch. His performance has moments of humour, especially in scenes with characters like Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.

Izzard uses she/her pronouns and has added the name Suzy. The emotions in the play are strong. Even though it is hard to act alone, Izzard's energy makes the show memorable.

### Vocabulary List:

1. **Performance** /pə'fɔːr.məns/ (noun): The action or process of performing a play concert or other form of entertainment.
2. **Exciting** /ɪk'saɪtɪŋ/ (adjective): Causing great enthusiasm and eagerness.
3. **Challenging** /'tʃæl.ɪn.dʒɪŋ/ (adjective): Testing one's abilities; demanding.
4. **Characters** /'kær.ɪk.tərz/ (noun): The individuals in a story play or other narrative work.
5. **Suspense** /sə'spens/ (noun): A state or feeling of excited or anxious uncertainty about what may happen next.
6. **Memorable** /'mɛm.ər.ə.bəl/ (adjective): Worth remembering or easily remembered especially because of being special or unusual.

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What aspect of a play or movie involves the actors portraying their roles?

Option: Challenging

Option: Exciting

Option: Suspense



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Option: Characters

2. Which element of a story keeps the audience on edge wanting to know what happens next?

Option: Memorable

Option: Suspense

Option: Drama

Option: Closure

3. What genre typically involves conflicts emotions and intense storytelling?

Option: Awards

Option: Drama

Option: Exciting

Option: Produced

4. What word can describe an engaging and thrilling performance or storyline?

Option: Theatrical

Option: Community

Option: Available

Option: Exciting

5. Who are the personalities that drive the events in a narrative?

Option: Boost

Option: Characters

Option: Opportunities

Option: Performing

6. What recognitions are given to outstanding performances or productions?

Option: Tourists

Option: Vertical

Option: Awards

Option: Micro-drama

7. What can arise from participating in auditions or being part of a production team?

Option: Filmmakers

Option: Opportunities

Option: Creators

Option: Storytelling

8. What term is used to describe the creation and realization of a play or film?



- Option: Challenging
- Option: Produced
- Option: Venue
- Option: Performing

9. What process involves individuals demonstrating their acting skills for a role?

- Option: Venue
- Option: Exciting
- Option: Auditions
- Option: Boost

10. What art form involves conveying narratives through various mediums?

- Option: Economy
- Option: Storytelling
- Option: Tourists
- Option: Nominations

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Local theaters play a vital role in bringing the \_\_\_\_\_ together through shared cultural experiences.

12. The final act of a play provides a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ to the audience by resolving the storylines.

13. The choice of \_\_\_\_\_ can greatly impact the atmosphere and success of a production.

14. Short and intense performances known as \_\_\_\_\_ are gaining popularity among modern audiences.

15. Participating in local productions can help \_\_\_\_\_ the economy by attracting tourists and visitors.

16. The talented actress was \_\_\_\_\_ for her outstanding performance in the leading role.

17. The upcoming theater season promises a lineup of \_\_\_\_\_ new plays and musicals.



18. Actors and musicians thrive on the energy of a live audience when \_\_\_\_\_ on stage.
19. Cultural events and performances are attractive to \_\_\_\_\_ looking for unique experiences.
20. Winning prestigious \_\_\_\_\_ can elevate the status of actors and directors in the industry.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The innovative set design featured a tall imposing structure on stage.
22. The experimental play incorporated elaborate costumes and dramatic lighting effects.
23. The visionary directors and writers are the of compelling stories and scripts.
24. The high-energy opening number set the tone for an performance.
25. Tickets for the popular show were not due to sold-out performances.
26. Portraying a complex character with conflicting emotions was a role for the actor.
27. The emotional final scene left a impression on the audience.
28. The intense conflict and emotional tension captured the essence of the classic genre.
29. The prestigious award ceremony announced the list of for outstanding performances.
30. The skilled worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring the play to life.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Performance 2. Suspense 3. Drama 4. Exciting 5. Characters 6. Awards 7. Opportunities 8. Produced 9. Auditions 10. Storytelling

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Community 12. Closure 13. Venue 14. Micro-drama 15. Boost 16. Nominated 17. Exciting 18. Performing 19. Tourists 20. Awards

**Matching sentence:** 1. Vertical 2. Theatrical 3. Creators 4. Exciting 5. Available 6. Challenging 7. Memorable 8. Drama 9. Nominations 10. Producers



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