

Full Cast Announced for David Greig's *Damascus*

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Ewen Bremner, Nathalie Armin, Alex Elliott, Dolya Gavanski, and Khalid Laith will star in David Greig's [Damascus](#), to run May 8-June 1, as part of the Brits Off Broadway Festival at 59E59 Theaters. The show, to be directed by Philip Howard, will open officially on May 14.

The play is about an English language textbook salesman (played by Bremner) on assignment to the oldest continuously inhabited city on earth. Greig is also known for his adaptation of *The Bacchae*, which will be seen this summer as part of the Lincoln Center Festival.

The festival, which runs through June 29, also includes Greig's *Yellow Moon: The Ballad of Leila and Lee*, about two Scottish teens who get caught up in murder; Torben Betts' *The Unconquered*, about a fiercely intelligent young girl and her relentless refusal of the establishment; Mike Bartlett's *Artefacts*, about a London teen whose father suddenly turns up; Ian Rowland's *Blink*, an edgy examination of the close-knit lives and lies of a small south Wales community; Howard Goodall and Melvyn Bragg's musical *The Hired Man*, which tells the story of a young married couple and their struggle to carve a living from the land, just as the rhythms of English country life are being interrupted by the gathering storm of war in Europe; Philip Ridley's *Vincent River*, about a woman visited by a teenager who has some connection with the death of her son; and Samuel Adamson's *Some Kind of Bliss*, starring Lucy Briers as Rachel, a small-time hack and seeker of minor adventure, who sets off to interview British pop legend Lulu for her tabloid's glossy supplement.



Dolya Gavanski in *Damascus*
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