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A punchy, provocative look at the Black British experience and the need, or not, for solidarity.

'This is the bicentenary year of the abolition of slavery, and it is the first time that I know that we have been able to talk about slavery as a Black community and not feel that we're being subversive, having a chip on the shoulder or talking about a subject that others would rather not talk about.'

Kwame Kwei-Armah on *Statement of Regret*

With Don Warrington in the lead role, *Statement of Regret* tells the story of a Black policy think tank, the fractious characters within it and the shattering consequences of one controversial decision.

Statement of Regret is Kwame Kwei-Armah's third play for the National Theatre. He won an Evening Standard award for most promising playwright for *Elmina's Kitchen* (2003) which was also nominated for an Olivier award for best new play. This was followed in 2005 by the politically barbed *Fix Up*.

'Kwame Kwei-Armah ... a truly compelling voice in modern British theatre.'

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Visit nationaltheatre.org.uk/statement to watch the film trailer and for more information on the play including cast biographies.

Production supported by JPMorgan through the JPMorgan Art of Learning Programme

Win tickets to see *Statement of Regret* on 13 November

We have 5 pairs of free tickets to give away to onlinebld.com readers to the first five people who email info@onlinebld.com and quote 'Statement of Regret competition' in the subject line, no later than 5 November. You will be contacted in due course to let you know if you are a winner.

If you are not a winner you can still get exclusive discounted tickets for £15 (usual price £29) for the following performances: November 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 (7:30pm start). Simply call 020 7452 3000 and quote '£15 preview offer.'

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Statement of Regret

a new play by
KWAME
KWEI-ARMAH