

MOSCOW SHADOWS

(a Full-length Play)

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*SYNOPSIS*

Moscow 1989, in the atmosphere of perestroika and glasnost. Two widows of the Soviet system have

*Time & Place:* Moscow, 1989  
*Settings:* Anna's apartment in Moscow.  
*Cast Breakdown:*

3 females (2 age late 60's; 1 age 30.), 2 males (1 age 30's; 1 age 45)

*Production History:* 1990; New End Theatre, Hampstead London.  
*Staged Readings:* Roundabout Theatre, NYC, USA  
East Hampton Playhouse, Long Island, NY, USA

**What the Critics said about the London Premier of Moscow Shadows**

*"...two gutsy Jewish widows...fine performances..."* Time Out, London.

*"...moves stylishly from politics, to drawing-room drama, to whoops-no-sex-I'm-a-Red farce, to whodunnit...police interrogation, remorse...self-sacrifice..."* City Limits, London.

*"...As the dust clears, discernible behind the powdery rubble of the Berlin Wall is the infinitely bleak*

*"The play's observations could not be more politically apposite..."* Independent

*"...goes for (and gets) the laugh to be found in a fond portrayal of Jewish matriarchy."* Independent

*"...persuasive performances..."* Independent

*"The author has written splendidly meaty parts...fine and funny performances...a play rich with humour as well as pathos..."* What's On In London

*"...Moscow Shadows is a rich mix, combining the loss of innocence, the all-pervading atmosphere of insecurity...the thrills and skills of black-marketeering, and a detective story."* Jewish Chronicle, London.

*"...The 'visa speech,'...is surely going to be a classic."* Jewish Chronicle, London.

*"It is unusual to have a new play of such topicality arrive on the London Stage so immediately after the events it is recording."* What's On In London

*"...multi-faceted drama, highlighting inherent fascism in Russia..."* City Limits, London.

*"...bang up to date...effective comedy...a play to provoke heartfelt debate..."* Ham & High, Hampstead, London.