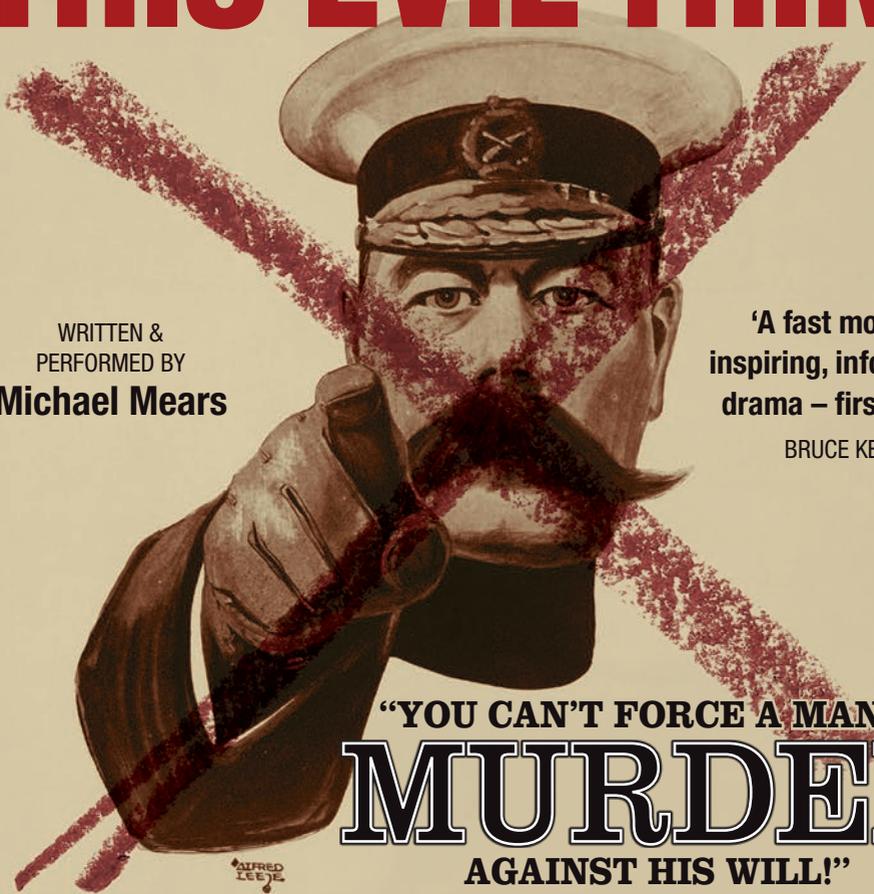


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'Moving and dynamic'
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**‘For God’s sake,
ask yourselves
– this protest of
yours ...
is it really
worth losing
your lives
over?’**



January 1916. Bertrand Russell is one of the greatest mathematicians of his time. Bert Brocklesby is a young schoolteacher and Methodist preacher. When military conscription is brought in, their worlds are turned upside down.

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**‘Michael Mears
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combination
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and formidable
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Set design by
Mark Friend

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