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More happening on International CO Day:

Michael Mears will not be able to perform his new play at the Edinburgh Festival, but instead he has produced a lockdown version of his previous play 'This Evil Thing' in his flat!

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Latest news - online 'lockdown movie' version of my previous project THIS EVIL THING, later this week...

Dear supporters, I hope this finds you safe and well. While plans are still being discussed for shifting my project about Hiroshima to next year...(the project you have so kindly supported) - I wanted to let you know about what I've been up to in lockdown the last three weeks or so...

Just over 100 years ago, British conscientious objectors were locked down in this country against their will because of the 'virus' it was feared they were spreading- the virus of pacifism and anti-militarism. Now as we are all locked down against our will for several weeks, I have made a home

movie version of my solo stage play THIS EVIL THING, (which I have now performed over 100 times in the UK and in the USA) which portrays the compelling and inspiring story of Britain's WW1 conscientious objectors.

Using just my i-phone and its excellent 'movie' features and using every available corner of my two-bedroom flat in SW London, I have recreated my performance of all 52 roles (some with only 1 line, granted) as well as performing all the roles within a film crew! (Including doing my own catering...) Thanks to the phone's imovie features, I am very pleasantly surprised by the results. And the powerful story comes across as strongly as ever, I feel - perhaps with more intimacy and intensity...

This lockdown offering is in 6 x 15 minute 'chapters' - and the first three chapters will be premiered on Friday May 15th, International Conscientious Objectors' Day at 3pm on Youtube - the remaining three chapters on Saturday 16th. Below are the links to the first three chapters - you may have to copy and paste? And apologies if you already know about this from Facebook etc. Hope you like it...comments very welcome!! Very best wishes, Michael

CHAPTER 1 [https://youtu.be/loDLsow0\\_Sk](https://youtu.be/loDLsow0_Sk)

CHAPTER 2 <https://youtu.be/XwR5W-H7Wr8>

CHAPTER 3 <https://youtu.be/ZZ1UzPZ8im0>

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