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2019



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We continue to work towards making The Bristol Shakespeare Festival accessible for all. If you have any access requirements or suggestions, we would love to hear from you; we will try our best to accommodate your needs.

Throughout this brochure we have, where possible, made notes on the accessibility at the venue for wheelchair users. Please note our accessibility grading system below.

For further information and detailed venue descriptions please visit our website, or email events@bristolshakespeare.org.uk



Signed performance



Wheelchair access



Please email the festival for details



No wheelchair access



Please bring picnic blankets and picnics



Performance involves walking around the venue



Not suitable for those under the age of 12

WELCOME

HELLO AND WELCOME TO THE BRISTOL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2019!

Still going strong after sixteen years, our proudly volunteer-run festival welcomes you with open arms to lounge in sun-drenched parks, sit in cosy studios, and clamber aboard big ships to watch some of the Bard's greatest works, dazzlingly retold in some of Bristol's favourite spaces.

In keeping with tradition, we have worked tirelessly to programme a spectrum of Shakespearean delights from our host of talented and much-loved touring theatre companies.

Star-crossed-lovers, mortal enemies, fairies, kings and power-hungry citizens collide throughout July, with misunderstandings, sword fights and disguises galore.

We continue our collaboration with Tickets Ignite following successful partnerships in 2017 and 2018. This ticketing platform places a portion of their administration fee into a funding pot for artists, and their ethos matches our own in supporting opportunities for emerging talent.

Our Shakespeare Fringe also continues this year, with free performances and events to suit all budgets; just look out for the Shakespeare Fringe logo throughout the programme.




Following the success of 2018, the BSF creative team behind the sell-out smash-hit 'Hamlet the Musical' will bring the fabulously dark, dangerously devilish 'Macbeth the Musical' to the Room Above. Secure tickets early to avoid disappointment, you won't want to miss it! If you missed Hamlet the Musical last year, you can catch it on tour at the Bath Fringe Festival at the end of May and the beginning of June.


Our cover artist this year is the wonderful Georgi Taylor Wills. Thank you to everyone who submitted fantastic design entries. Our festival committee has grown this year too; if you fancy getting involved next year, speak to one of our friendly stewards.

We are proud to continue our membership of Bristol Festivals, an organisation dedicated to supporting the exciting myriad of festivals Bristol has to offer.

Check out our website to book tickets and to enquire about any of our performances. For instant updates about the festival, including our competitions, be sure to follow us on Twitter @BristolBardFest



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PRESENTING TWO SHOWS

THREE INCH FOOLS

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Windmill Hill City Farm **Tuesday 4 &**
Philip St **Thursday 6 June 7pm**
Bristol **£17 Full Price; £9 Conc.**
BS3 4EA **£41 Family; Free for under 10s**

Returning from the battlefield as brave soldiers, Claudio and Benedick find themselves battling feelings of the heart as they are reunited with Hero and Beatrice. A series of misunderstandings, mistaken identity, and a scheming brother threaten to sabotage Claudio's attempts to woo Hero. Meanwhile, Benedick and Beatrice find themselves stubbornly fighting their feelings for one another.

MACBETH

Windmill Hill City Farm **Wednesday 5 &**
Philip St **Friday 7 June 7pm**
Bristol **£17 Full Price; £9 Conc.**
BS3 4EA **£41 Family; Free for under 10s**

Shakespeare's notorious Scottish tale is imaginatively retold by a troupe of five multi-rolling, music-playing actors. This physically driven and vibrant performance will tell the story of witchcraft, prophecy, a dominant wife, and Macbeth's unstoppable desire to become King of Scotland. All of this is accompanied by an original, folk-inspired soundtrack.



THREE INCH FOOLS

The Three Inch Fools are a five-strong troupe of actors, performing a highly imaginative and vibrantly musical take on Shakespeare's plays across the UK. The Fools do Shakespeare differently - a fast-paced, musically-driven style, using all sorts of different instruments, plenty of multi-rolling and many a quick costume change along the way.



Price Includes
£1 Festival Admin Fee

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THE RAYMONDOS

ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE PLEBS

The Alma Tavern Theatre
18-20 Alma Vale Rd
Clifton
Bristol, BS8 2HY

**Wednesday 3 &
Thursday 4 July 8pm**
£10 Full Price
£8 Conc.

The story of two plebs trying to navigate the infamous story of Hamlet, with nothing but their wits, songs and wacky behaviour. But who are these two, where are they and why are there so many hats?

These two plebs are about to discover how absurd this story gets!

The Raymondos is a two man company based in the South West of England made by Tom Hogan and Gherto Tanzarella, who met while studying Acting at Bath Spa University and have been working together ever since.

Performing together in many Shakespeare productions with 'The Scullions' the two broke out on their own when creating the absurdist comedy 'Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Plebs'.

Being their flagship show, The Raymondos breathe new life into old favourites, putting a spin on the classics with new, witty comedy.



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FLUELLEN THEATRE COMPANY

HENRY V

The Music Room
Ashton Court Mansion
Ashton Court
Bristol, BS41 9JN

Thursday 4 July 7.30pm
Friday 5 July 2.30pm & 7.30pm
£16 Full Price; £46 Family
£13 Conc; £11 Child Under 10

King Henry IV is dead and now his wild and irresponsible son Hal must step up and take the crown. Across the Channel the French laugh with disdain at the prospect. The metamorphosis from Prince Hal to King Henry V is essential if he is to demonstrate his power and authority. Shakespeare's play, full of exciting action and superb language, illustrates the savagery of war and the delicate balance of statesmanship.

"Fluellen Theatre Company is renowned for its ability to present classic theatrical works in a manner that blows away the cobwebs while preserving the integrity of the original"
Western Mail

This production has been sponsored by Peter Lynn and Partners



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£1 Festival Admin Fee

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THE WILLMORE SINGERS

TWELFTH NIGHT

A Family Show

Bristol Central Library
Deanery Road
City Centre
Bristol, BSI 5TL

Saturday 6 July
6.30pm

£9 Full Price; £6 Child
£21 family ticket

Join us for a rollercoaster ride through Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* suitable for the whole family. Romance, late night parties and mischievous schemes unfold accompanied by beautiful renaissance music; love songs, drinking songs and slightly scary ghostly songs! Our one-hour version is for everyone; from five to 95, those who know and love Shakespeare's whole canon and those who have never been to the theatre before. Full of life and vitality, this chamber production remains faithful to the Bard's text and explores its timeless themes for a 21st Century audience.

The Willmore Singers is a company producing high quality chamber music and theatre with a commitment to community outreach and widening participation. We are passionate about finding new ways of interpreting and approaching works to challenge and transform people. Our one-hour Shakespeare adaptations use music as a vital part of performance and as a meaningful way to engage people with his plays. This has included *Twelfth Night* using renaissance songs, *Timon of Athens* using Purcell's mini opera of the same name, and *The Winter's Tale* with new music composed for the company.



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QUANTUM THEATRE

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Brandon Hill Bowling Green
Great George Street
Bristol
BS1 5QD

Saturday 6 July
7pm

£17 Full Price; £12 Conc
£50 Family

Shakespeare's most enduringly popular comedy of love and intrigue, magic and mayhem, is brought to life by family favourites Quantum Theatre in their wonderfully funny and exuberant production of the Shakespeare classic.

Quantum Theatre tours nationally with new adaptations of classic texts and Shakespeare plays into theatres, open air venues and schools across the country.

"I have had a dream, past the wit of man to say what dream it was..."



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NATURAL THEATRE COMPANY

SHAKESPEARE UNDONE!

SS Great Britain
Great Western Dockyard
Bristol
BS1 6TY

Sunday 7 - Wednesday 10 July
6:30pm, 7:30pm & 8:30pm
£16 Full Price; £13 Conc.
£13 Child

Brunel was a big fan of Shakespeare. Stored away amongst his memorabilia, the hilarious Natural Theatre Company has 'unearthed' an early work, written when Will was a young whippersnapper. This unpublished play features early sketches of his most iconic characters, first drafts of famous scenes... and just a little bit of nonsense. Shakespeare Undone! takes you on a theatrical journey through the nooks and crannies of the *SS Great Britain*, where the best bits of Shakespeare come to life around you!

The award-winning Natural Theatre Company have been making people laugh for fifty years. They produce delightfully comic, charmingly absurd performances guaranteed to bring a smile to everyone's face.



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THEATRE COMPANY



THE WIDGEON THEATREBOAT

PRESENTS 3 SHOWS

Temple Back East
Bristol
BS1 6DG

Tuesday 9 - Sunday 14 July
£12 Full Price; £9 Conc
£19.50 for 2 shows on one night

CALIBAN'S CODEX

Written and Directed by John Knowles
Produced by Fetch Theatre

In the twelve years since Prospero's departure, Caliban has painstakingly sifted through the ashes of the books of magic, slowly piecing together a new language and a way to save this island from mankind's abuse.

TOBY BELCH (IS UNWELL)

Written and Directed by John Knowles
Produced by Fetch Theatre

Toby Belch is unwell. The years of drinking, late nights and debauchery have taken their toll and now he faces his end with the knowledge that he is seen as a buffoon, a drunken sot and a bully. He could have been Hamlet, he could have been Macbeth... Is this his epitaph?

FICTION ROMANCE (ANTONIO'S STORY)

Written and Directed by John Knowles
Produced by Fetch Theatre

Antonio, from Twelfth Night, reflects on a love that was all-consuming and unrequited. From the writer of 'Caliban's Codex' and 'Toby Belch (is unwell)', comes a tale of love unrequited, of one man's odyssey for the lover he will never have. For anyone who has ever sighed for your 'Sebastian' whoever they may be.

ABOUT OUR THEATREBOAT

'The Widgeon Theatreboat' is an 82-year-old traditional working narrowboat, rejuvenated from transporting grit, sand and gravel into an extraordinary theatrical venue. We have two types of stage on the canals and rivers, one playing to the audience seated comfortably bankside, the other performing shows staged

within the boat itself under a circus-style canvas. Take this opportunity to enjoy plays in an intimate ambience... outdoor theatre at its best!

There is a bar onboard and refreshments provided.



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LIBRARIAN THEATRE HENRY V

£8.50 Full Price
Bristol Libraries

Thursday 11 -
Sunday 14 July

DATES TIMES

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| 11 | 2pm & 7pm |
| 12 | 6.30pm & 8.30pm |
| 13 | 6.30pm & 8.30pm |
| 14 | 2pm & 5pm |

VENUES

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| Bishopsworth Library |
| Bristol Central Library |
| Henleaze Library |
| Bishopston Library |

Founded in 2015 by Tom Cuthbertson and Kelly Eva-May, Librarian Theatre is a not for profit company who support libraries and communities around the UK by creating accessible, affordable tours of innovative theatrical adaptations.

Once more unto the breach, dear friends!
Back by popular demand; Librarian Theatre's 'Rapid Retelling' of Henry V returns to the BSF.

Using only two actors, with an original score performed live by a musician, the hour-long show brings the Siege of Harfleur and Battle of Agincourt to life among the bookshelves of your local library.

The casting is decided live on stage by the flip of a coin, so not even the actors know who is to play King Henry V until the play has already begun.



Price Includes Booking
and £1 Festival Admin Fee



FOOLS

RIDDLESTICK THEATRE 

The Room Above
133 St Michael's Hill
Bristol, BS2 8BS

Thursday 11 -
Friday 12 July 8pm
By Donation

Shakespeare's fools are taking to the stage for one final evening of tomfoolery. And each of them have a story to tell.

Tonight, the outsiders are taking centre stage. Through wild physical comedy, whimsical wordplay and enchanting songs, Riddlestick chart the metamorphoses of Shakespeare's fools, from the tumbling court jester to the cynical observer of society's ills. Whether you're a Bottom or a Feste, this is a party for all fellows of infinite jest.



SUN & MOON THEATRE 

Set 20 years ago in 1999, experience this delightful open-air production of Shakespeare's most popular comedy. Full of humour, chaos and magic, pack a picnic, bring chairs, blankets and enjoy with family and friends!

★★★★★

'Creative genius ... a magical production'
(*'Twelfth Night'* 2017)

SUN & MOON THEATRE

St George Park
Church Rd
Bristol, BS5 7AA

Saturday 13 July
1.30pm & 5pm
By Donation

South West-based company, Sun & Moon Theatre are invested in delighting their audiences with thought-provoking theatre, specialising in Shakespeare, ensemble practice and working with First Folio and Quarto scripts.



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DOWNPOUR THEATRE COMPANY

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

Ashton Court Estate (Cafe)
Ashton Court
Long Ashton
Bristol, BS41 9JN

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 July
2.30pm
£16 Adult; £11 Conc.
Children Under 8 Go Free

Downpour Theatre Company is thrilled to present Shakespeare's shortest play; the farcical yet witty, *The Comedy of Errors*. No strangers to open air theatre (be it in sunshine or a Downpour!), let the cast transport you to the Byzantine Empire, as hilarity ensues when two sets of identical twins, separated by tragedy, find themselves unknowingly in the same city. Over the course of a single day, mistaken identities lead to unfair beatings, wrongful arrests and false accusations of infidelity, theft and even madness.

A gloriously silly but clever farce, performed by a marvellously talented cast; what better way to spend a summer weekend!

Downpour Theatre Company is a small theatre company based in Gloucestershire and Bristol; founded in 2016 and named after a particularly damp final performance of our first production 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Although no strangers to open air theatre or Shakespeare, this is their first time performing at Bristol Shakespeare Festival.



Price Includes
£1 Festival Admin Fee



Tuesday 4 June

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

THREE INCH FOOLS

7pm

WINDMILL HILL CITY FARM

Wednesday 5 June

MACBETH

THREE INCH FOOLS

7pm

WINDMILL HILL CITY FARM

Thursday 6 June

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

THREE INCH FOOLS

7pm

WINDMILL HILL CITY FARM

Friday 7 June

MACBETH

THREE INCH FOOLS

7pm

WINDMILL HILL CITY FARM

Wednesday 3 July

ROSECRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN

RAYMONDO

8pm

THE ALMA TAVERN

Thursday 4 July

HENRY V

FLEULLEN

7.30pm

ASHTON COURT MANSION

ROSECRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN

RAYMONDO

8pm

THE ALMA TAVERN

Friday 5 July

HENRY V

FLEULLEN

2.30pm & 7pm

ASHTON COURT MANSION

Saturday 6 July

TWELFTH NIGHT

WILLMORE SINGERS

6.30pm

CENTRAL LIBRARY

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

QUANTUM

7pm

BRANDON HILL BOWLING GREEN

Sunday 7 July

SHAKESPEARE UNDONE

NATURAL THEATRE

6.30pm, 7.30pm & 8.30pm

SS GREAT BRITAIN

Monday 8 July

SHAKESPEARE UNDONE

NATURAL THEATRE

6.30pm, 7.30pm & 8.30pm

SS GREAT BRITAIN

Tuesday 9 July

SHAKESPEARE UNDONE

NATURAL THEATRE

6.30pm, 7.30pm & 8.30pm

SS GREAT BRITAIN

CALIBAN CODEX

WIDGEON

7.30pm

TEMPLE BACK EAST

Wednesday 10 July

SHAKESPEARE UNDONE

NATURAL THEATRE

6.30pm, 7.30pm & 8.30pm

SS GREAT BRITAIN

TOBY BELCH/FICTION ROMANCE

WIDGEON

7.30pm/9pm

TEMPLE BACK EAST

Thursday 11 July

HENRY V

LIBRARIAN THEATRE

2pm & 7pm

BISHOPSWORTH LIBRARY

CALIBAN CODEX

WIDGEON

7.30pm

TEMPLE BACK EAST

FOOLS 

RIDDLESTICK THEATRE

8pm

THE ROOM ABOVE

Friday 12 July

CALIBAN CODEX/TOBY BELCH

/FICTION ROMANCE

WIDGEON

6pm/7.30pm/9pm

TEMPLE BACK EAST

BAZ LUHRMANN'S

FILM: ROMEO + JULIET

ESPENSEN SPIRIT

6.30pm

BRISTOL SPIRIT

HENRY V

LIBRARIAN THEATRE

6.30pm & 8.30pm

BRISTOL CENTRAL LIBRARY

FOOLS 

RIDDLESTICK THEATRE

8pm

THE ROOM ABOVE



Saturday 13 July

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM  1.30pm & 5pm
SUN & MOON THEATRE ST GEORGE PARK

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS 2.30pm
DOWNPOUR THEATRE COMPANY ASHTON COURT ESTATE (CAFE)

HENRY V 6.30pm & 8.30pm
LIBRARIAN THEATRE HENLEAZE LIBRARY

SHAKESPEARE'S MOONS  7pm
ALEX PERRY THE GREENBANK PUB

FICTION ROMANCE/TOBY BELCH 7.30pm/9pm
WIDGEON TEMPLE BACK EAST

Sunday 14 July

HENRY V 2pm & 5pm
LIBRARIAN THEATRE BISHOPSTON LIBRARY

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS 2.30pm
DOWNPOUR THEATRE COMPANY ASHTON COURT ESTATE (CAFE)

FICTION ROMANCE/TOBY BELCH 3.30pm/5pm
WIDGEON TEMPLE BACK EAST

SHAKESPEARE'S MOONS  4.30pm
ALEX PERRY THE GREENBANK PUB

Thursday 18 July

SHAKESPEARE'S SEASONS  7.30pm
NOTABENE ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Friday 19 July

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS 7pm
FOLKSY BOILING WELLS AMPHITHEATRE

Saturday 20 July

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS 7pm
FOLKSY BOILING WELLS AMPHITHEATRE

Wednesday 24 July

WORKSHOP: THE TEMPEST 9.30am
ACTING OUT SUMMER SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SCRAPSTORE

MACBETH THE MUSICAL 7.30pm
BRISTOL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL THE ROOM ABOVE

ROMEO & JULIET 7pm
HEARTBREAK PRODUCTIONS BRANDON HILL BOWLING GREEN

Thursday 25 July

WORKSHOP: HAMLET 9.30am
ACTING OUT SUMMER SCHOOL SOUTHVILLE CENTRE

MACBETH THE MUSICAL 7.30pm
BRISTOL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL THE ROOM ABOVE

ROMEO & JULIET 7pm
HEARTBREAK PRODUCTIONS BRANDON HILL BOWLING GREEN

Friday 26 July

SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN  1pm, 3pm & 5pm
GRANIA PICKARD CIRCOMEDIA

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM 7.30pm
THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN BRANDON HILL BOWLING GREEN

Saturday 27 July

BE NOT AFEARD 11am & 2pm
COLLAR AND CUFFS CREATIVE ART SPACE

MACBETH THE MUSICAL 2.30pm & 7.30pm
BRISTOL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL THE ROOM ABOVE

Sunday 28 July

MACBETH THE MUSICAL 7.30pm
BRISTOL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL THE ROOM ABOVE



SHAKESPEARE'S MOONS

ALEX PERRY 

The Greenbank Pub
57 Belle Vue Road
Easton, Bristol

Saturday 13, 7pm
Sunday 14, 4.30pm
By Donation

Shakespeare's Moons is a spoken-word fusion of literature and science. The show features pictures and facts about the moons of Uranus named after Shakespearean characters accompanied by readings from the Bard.

Alex Perry is a scientist, an amateur actor and a public engagement officer at Brunel University London.



NOTABENE 

In company with Bristol-based actors and instrumentalists, we are presenting Shakespeare as you've (probably) never heard him before.

Songs, scenes and sonnets are given a twist in a variety of styles from blues to Elvis, from tango to barbershop. Join us for this lively celebration of the Bard's best bits.

St Paul's Church
Coronation Road
Southville, Bristol

Thursday 18 July
7.30pm
By Donation

NotaBene is a Bristol-based acappella ensemble, specialising in bringing dynamic performance elements to lively vocal harmony. We sing a wide variety of musical styles from medieval partsongs to modern jazz and pop settings.



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FOLKSY THEATRE

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

Boiling Wells Amphitheatre
Nr St Werburghs City Farm
Watercress Road
Bristol, BS2 9YJ

Friday 19 & Saturday 20 July
7pm

£13 Full Price; £39 Family
£11 Child/Conc.

Folksy Theatre present Shakespeare's classic tale of mistaken identities. After being separated from their twins in a shipwreck, Antipholus and his slave Dromio go to Ephesus to find them. The other set of twins live in Ephesus, and the new arrivals cause a series of hilarious mistaken identity. Filled with Folksy's wonderful live folk music, audience interaction and downright silliness! Bring along your picnics, blankets, folding chairs (and of course your friends and family!) to watch this wonderful production.

Folksy Theatre are a rural touring theatre company, who specialise in open-air productions. Using a mix of live folk music, puppetry and audience interaction, their shows are fun and accessible for people of all ages and backgrounds. Folksy have been part of BSF since 2012 and are delighted to be returning this year with 2 more fun-filled productions.



Price Includes
£1 Festival Admin Fee

FOLKSY
THEATRE

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

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HAMLET THE MUSICAL AT THE BATH FRINGE



BRISTOL
SHAKESPEARE
FESTIVAL

THE MISSION THEATRE
32 CORN STREET
BATH
BA1 1UF

THURSDAY 30 MAY 8.30PM
FRIDAY 31 MAY 6.30PM
SATURDAY 1 JUNE 4.30PM & 8.30PM
TICKETS £5 + BOOKING FEE

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Following a sold-out run in Bristol last year, *Hamlet: the Musical* is transferring to the Bath Fringe! If you couldn't get a ticket last year, or you loved it and want to see it again, this is your chance to catch it.

The timeless story of Hamlet is retold with cheeky irreverence through genius rewrites of modern hits - including classics by Queen, Britney Spears, ABBA, and Elvis Presley! Whether you know the plot inside out, or have never seen any Shakespeare before, hold onto your ruffs, as this is the show for you!

"Hilarious! Such fun and the musical choices were brilliant!"

Contains mild innuendo.



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HEARTBREAK PRODUCTIONS

ROMEO AND JULIET

Brandon Hill Bowling Green
Great George Street
Bristol
BS1 5QD

**Wednesday 24 &
Thursday 25 July 7pm**
£17 Full Price; £12 Conc.
£50 Family

In a world of fakery, what becomes
of true love?

Join us for this super glam outdoor adaptation of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet. Bring a chair and pack the picnic (after you've uploaded it to Instagram, obv!), dress to impress and remember to charge your phone – tweeting, snapchat and selfies advised. After all, if you haven't posted it online, has it really even happened?

Heartbreak Productions returns for their 28th season of touring open air theatre across the UK and Ireland. Focused on providing an exciting and engaging theatre experience for all, Heartbreak produces theatre that inspires all ages.



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HEARTBREAK
productions



BRISTOL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

MACBETH THE MUSICAL

The Room Above **Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 7.30pm**
The White Bear **Saturday 27 July 2.30pm & 7.30pm**
133 St Michael's Hill **Sunday 28 July 7.30pm**
Bristol, BS2 8BS **£7 Full Price**

Something wicked this way comes... After last year's smash hit at The Room Above, the team that brought you 2018's *Hamlet the Musical* take on the Scottish play!

Enjoy Shakespeare's spooky tragedy like never before, as six actors deploy wittily rewritten pop classics, uproariously silly comedy, and an array of highly questionable props to recount the rise and fall of Scotland's most murderous king. Expect queens and witches, Queen and B*Witched, ABBA, stabbers, and much more besides. Can Macbeth hold the throne? Will Banquo keep his head in the face of his best friend's treachery? And most importantly of all... is this a real knife? Or is this just fantasy?

With gloriously repurposed numbers from Broadway, the charts, and the Golden Oldies, *Macbeth: The Musical* is a hilarious ride, suitable for buffs and beginners, wee ones and wizened ones, and Scots and Sassenachs alike!

No bagpipes were harmed in the making of this musical.

As well as hosting local and national companies, Bristol Shakespeare Festival has a proud tradition of producing their own shows, drawing on their breadth of experience to create fresh new takes on the Bard's life and works.



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SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN

HANGING BY A THREAD (extract)

GRANIA PICKARD 

Circomedia
Portland Square
Bristol BS2 8SJ

Friday 26 July
1pm, 3pm & 5pm
By Donation

'Shakespeare's Women; Hanging by a Thread' is an exciting exploration of the complexities of Shakespeare's women using aerial circus and is a collaboration between Michael Corbidge (Senior Voice and Text Associate at the RSC) and Grania Pickard. This ten minute extract will introduce you to one of Shakespeare's famous women in a way you have never seen before!

Grania originally trained as a dramaturg before attending Circomedia, specialising in physical theatre and aerial circus.



BRISTOL SPIRIT
PRESENTS
BAZ LUHRMANN'S

ROMEO + JULIET

FRIDAY 12TH JULY 6.30PM

Tickets via
[www. espensenspirit.com](http://www.espensenspirit.com)



THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Brandon Hill Bowling Green
Great George Street
Bristol
BS1 5QD

Friday 26 July
7.30pm
£17 Full Price
£11 Child

The Lord Chamberlain's Men, the UK's premier all male theatre company, invite you to join them this summer to celebrate their 15th year with Shakespeare's enchanting comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

"Lord, what fools these mortals be!"

To honour Duke Theseus' wedding, a group of rustic artisans—and would-be thespians—rehearse a play. Meanwhile, feuding lovers flee the city and seek solace in an enchanted forest alive with warring fairies and the meddling sprite Puck. As the clash between the fairy king and queen, Oberon and Titania, catches everyone in its cross-fire, confusion abounds and makes asses of them all.

"The course of true love never did run smooth."

This supernatural comedy of mischievous fairies, confused lovers and rude mechanicals is an intoxicating tale of clarity found from chaos as tangled love gives way to happily ever afters.

Bring a chair and a picnic, and enjoy a glorious summer's evening watching one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies. Performed in the open air; by an all male cast with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance. This is undoubtedly one of the hottest tickets of the summer; book early to avoid missing out!

Authenticity | Excellence | Magic



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£1 Festival Admin Fee



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COLLAR & CUFFS CO

BE NOT AFEARD

A Sensory Telling of 'The Tempest'

Creative Workspace
Queens Road
Withywood
Bristol BS13 8LG

Saturday 27 July

11am & 2pm

£10 For One Adult & One Child
Additional Adult or Child £5

The isle is full of twangling sounds, paint and play; it feels scary at first, but you can learn to be confidently curious.

Join a musical sensory telling of 'The Tempest' **suitable for 0-7s** and fully inclusive for those with special needs.

Signed, relaxed, and interactive.

Collar & Cuffs Co are a multi award-winning musical sensory theatre company. The company mainly explores topics around children's emotional development, mental health and wellbeing.

Established in 2016, the company tours the UK visiting schools, early years settings, theatres, festivals, parks... and even someone's living room!



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**COLLAR &
CUFFS CO**

WORKSHOPS



THE TEMPEST

Children's Drama Workshop

Wednesday 24th July 09:30 - 15:30

Children's Scrapstore
Scrapstore House, Sevier Street
Bristol BS2 9LB

5 - 11 years

£20/£15 Children's University
(bring own packed lunch)



“We are such stuff as dreams are made on...”

Cast adrift with Acting Out and come on a magical adventure. This year we will explore and play with *The Tempest*, travelling through its themes of love, betrayal and revenge. Journey through the story together with imagination, improvisation, craft and all your favourite Acting Out drama games.

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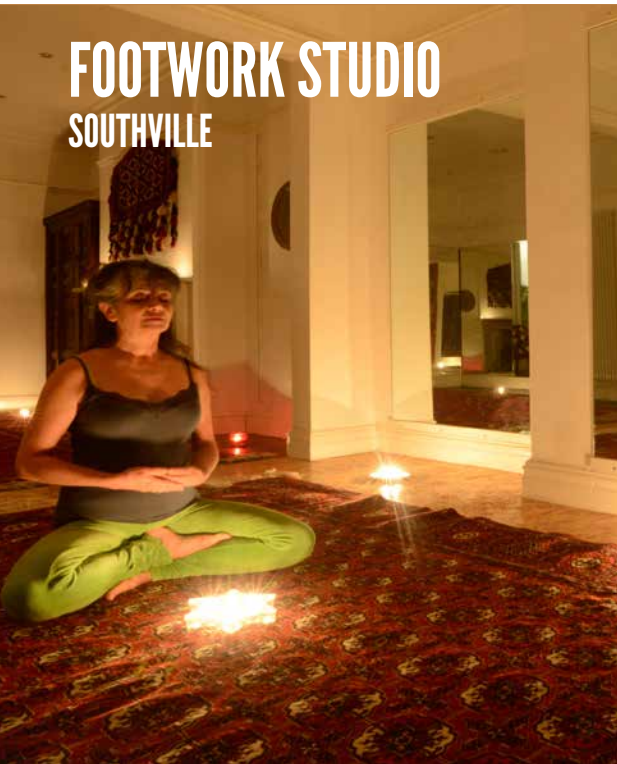
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4 - 7 June
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
MACBETH

3 - 4 July
ROSECRANTZ & GULDENSTERN

4 - 5 July
HENRY V

6 July
TWELFTH NIGHT

6 July
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

7 - 10 July
SHAKESPEARE UNDONE!

9 - 14 July
CALIBAN CODEX/TOBY BELCH
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11 - 14 July
HENRY V

11 - 12 July
FOOLS

12 July
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13 July
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13 - 14 July
SHAKESPEARE'S MOONS

13 - 14 July
THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

18 July
SHAKESPEARE'S SEASONS

19 - 20 July
THE COMEDY OF ERRORS

24 - 25 July
WORKSHOP: THE TEMPEST
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24 - 25 July
ROMEO AND JULIET

24 - 28 July
MACBETH THE MUSICAL

26 July
SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN

26 July
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

27 July
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