



(Photographs credit Nicholas Ripley)

LOVE in SHAKESPEARE

Written by Phil Hemming . Directed by Maddy Kerr

Renowned for wonderful adaptations and imaginative open-air performances, Warwickshire based professional theatre company, Heartbreak Productions have been touring open air shows for nearly twenty years and have an exciting schedule planned for summer (July, August) 2010.

Heartbreak make their incomparable contribution to the open-air theatre season with a show that brings a new approach to the portrayal of Shakespeare and in so doing may well divide opinion.

LOVE in SHAKESPEARE – breaths a breath of fresh air into the open air Shakespeare scene. With more and more companies on the outdoor circuit offering the trusty favourites with the great man himself unable to pen any new work for obvious reasons, Heartbreak have put their 19 years of experience directing and performing Shakespeare's classics to good use, picked up their pens (no quills here!) and created **LOVE in SHAKESPEARE**. A poignant love story of the modern man interwoven with familiar extracts from Shakespearean favourites – a blend of the old and the new illustrating how amazingly transferable the words and emotions of these classics are in the context of our often confused and pressurised lives of the 20th Century.

But why mess with tradition – do we hear you cry? Well apart from being passionate about bringing fresh, vibrant perspectives on how the old can meld with the modern, sometimes as Shakespeare said, you just have to “Be bloody, bold and resolute!”

Love it or hate it you have to see it - Tour details available by visiting www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk - **Open air theatre at its best.... come and give us your verdict.**

Notes on the Direction:

I firmly believe that love lies at the heart of our existence. It is the most powerful thing within us and needs nurturing and creative expression, particularly in this crazy, scary modern world. There is an abundance of traditional Shakespeare on offer across the open air circuit and with the great man himself unable to pen any new work we thought that we should put our not inconsiderable experience to good use, pick up our pens (no quills here!) and blow a breath of fresh air into the open air arena: and here you have it LOVE in SHAKESPEARE. Or as Shakespeare said we have opted to “Be bloody, bold and resolute!” Maddy Kerr.

Notes on Maddy Kerr: Maddy is Executive Director of Heartbreak Productions and has been a driving force behind diversifying the artistic output of the company in recent years. Maddy graduated from London University in 1987 and then went onto drama school. In 1991 in association with Peter Mimmack she raised the curtain on Heartbreak Productions and in so doing realised an ambition to create engaging theatre in the open air, a passion heavily influenced by trips to the grand dame of outdoor theatre – The Minack in West Cornwall.

Tour Schedule:

June	VENUE	BOX OFFICE	START TIME
Wed 30	Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa	01926 334418	7:30:00 PM
July			
Thu 01			
Fri 02	Kenilworth Castle (EH), Warwickshire	01926 852078	7:30:00 PM
Sat 03			
Sun 04	Ashton Court, Bristol	0117 9020344	7:30:00 PM
Fri 09	The Botanical Gardens, Sheffield	0114 249 6000	7:30:00 PM
Sat 10	The Botanical Gardens, Sheffield	0114 249 6000	3:00:00 PM
Sat 10	The Botanical Gardens, Sheffield	0114 249 6000	7:30:00 PM
Sun 11	The Botanical Gardens, Sheffield	0114 249 6000	6:30:00 PM
Wed 14	Bradley Manor (NT), Newton Abbot	01803 842382	7:00:00 PM
Thu 15	Chepstow Castle, Monmouthshire	01291 625981	7:30:00 PM
Fri 16	Thornbury Castle and Tudor Gardens, Nr Bristol	01454 281182	7:30:00 PM
Sat 17	Pestalozzi International Village Trust	01424 870444	7:30:00 PM
Wed 21	Brueton Park, Solihull	0121 704 6962	7:30:00 PM
Thu 22	Mount Grace Priory (EH), Nr. Northallerton	01609 883494	7:30:00 PM
Fri 23	Hughenden Manor (NT), High Wycombe	0844 249 1895	7:00:00 PM
Sat 24	Charlecote Park (NT), Warwick	0844 249 1895	7:30:00 PM
Wed 28	St. George's Green, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	0191 230 5151	7:30:00 PM
Thu 29	St. George's Green, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	0191 230 5151	7:30:00 PM
Fri 30	St. George's Green, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	0191 230 5151	7:30:00 PM
Sat 31	St. George's Green, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	0191 230 5151	7:30:00 PM
August			
Sat 07	Wickhamford Manor, Nr. Evesham	01386 830296	7:30:00 PM
Sun 08	Goodrich Castle (EH), nr Ross on Wye	01600 890538	7:30:00 PM
Thu 12	Bramall Hall, Stockport	0161 4853708	7:30:00 PM
Fri 13	Woolley Hall, Wakefield	01226 392300	7:30:00 PM
Sat 14	Dunham Massey Hall (NT), Altringham	0161 9411025	7:00:00 PM
Thu 19	Wythenshawe Park, Manchester	0843 208 0500	7:30:00 PM
Fri 20	Wythenshawe Park, Manchester	0843 208 0500	7:30:00 PM
Sat 21	Wythenshawe Park, Manchester	0843 208 0500	2:00:00 PM
Sat 21	Wythenshawe Park, Manchester	0843 208 0500	7:30:00 PM
Sun 22	Wythenshawe Park, Manchester	0843 208 0500	6:30:00 PM
Fri 27	Worlington Hall Hotel Garden, Suffolk	01638 581091 / 01638 667200	7:30:00 PM
Sat 28			
Sun 29	Nottingham Castle, Nottinghamshire	0115 9895555	7:30:00 PM

Heartbreak have two other shows on tour: AN IDEAL HUSBAND and THE SECRET GARDEN.

For full information, please visit www.heartbreakproductions.co.uk

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