

National Trust Press Release

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Betrayal, ill treatment, and the magic arts at East Riddlesden Hall this summer.

The Lord Chamberlain's Men return to East Riddlesden Hall on 22 August to perform *The Tempest*, a spellbinding play of high comedy and tender love. This fast-paced production will be performed outdoors by the all-male cast with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

The Tempest is a tale of magic, deception, revenge and marriage. Set on a remote island where the sorcerer Prospero, rightful Duke of Milan, plots to restore his daughter Miranda to her rightful place. He raises a tempestuous storm making his usurping brother Antonio and the complicit King Alonso of Naples believe that they have been shipwrecked on the island. There Prospero's intrigues bring about the revelation of Antonio's lowly nature, the redemption of the King, and the marriage of Miranda to Alonso's son, Ferdinand.

Peter Stickney, Artistic Director with The Lord Chamberlain's Men says, "The *Tempest* is Shakespeare's late, great gem that examines the power of true love, our capacity for vengeance and what it takes to forgive. I can't think of anything more perfect for a summer's evening than a classical re-telling of this soaring drama set against the background of some of the nation's most magical outdoor venues."

Bring a chair and a picnic and spend a glorious summer evening watching this enchanting production of one of Shakespeare's finest plays. The lower field is open at 6.30pm with the performance starting at 7.30pm. Ice creams will be on-sale before curtain-up and at the interval.

Tickets for *The Tempest* are £14 for adults, £7 for under 18s and are available to book now by calling 0344 249 1895 (booking fee 5% per ticket) or by visiting www.nationaltrust.org.uk/whats-on.

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Notes to Editors:

1. When people visit East Riddlesden Hall the money they spend on entrance fees, in the tearoom, in the shop or on additional activities goes towards helping us look after this special place.
2. About the National Trust
The National Trust is a conservation charity founded in 1895 by three people who saw the importance of our nation's heritage and open spaces and wanted to preserve them for everyone to enjoy. More than 120 years later, these values are still at the heart of everything the charity does.

Entirely independent of Government, the National Trust looks after more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 778 miles of coastline and hundreds of special

places across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

More than 24 million people visit every year, and together with 5 million members and over 65,000 volunteers, they help to support the charity in its work to care for special places for ever, for everyone.

For more information and ideas for great seasonal days out go to

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