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SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE GETS COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR RETURN TO YORK

TICKETS GO ON SALE FOR 2019 SUMMER OF SHAKESPEARE

York: 25th June – 1st September (on-sale 14/11/18)

[YORK, 14 November]: Europe's first ever pop-up Shakespearean Theatre – **SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE** – today received approval from City of York Council to return for another two summers of Shakespeare in the historic city – 2019 and 2020. The 13-sided scaffolding structure, complete with an Elizabethan village, will return to the foot of 13th century Clifford's Tower, where four of William Shakespeare's most popular plays will be performed during the 10-week season: *Hamlet*, *Henry V*, *The Tempest* and *Twelfth Night*. Tickets go on sale today through Ticketmaster and York Theatre Royal.

Originator of the project and CEO of international theatre company, Lunchbox Theatrical Productions, James Cundall said, "*I am absolutely delighted City of York Council have formally approved our plans to bring back **SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE** to Castle car park for 2019 as well as 2020. We had a wonderful response from our 80,000 visitors over the summer and an overwhelming number of requests to return, so now preparations are in full swing for our four new productions! We are delighted to play a part in the fabric of York and offer something different for both residents and visitors.*"

Sir Gary Verity DL, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire said: 'Shakespeare's Rose Theatre was one of the many highlights of 2018 for our county and Welcome to Yorkshire was proud to be a supporter of such a world-class event. I am very pleased to see the unique theatre return to York with four exciting new productions and am sure that once again local businesses and the wider York community will benefit hugely from this attraction. We are delighted to be a part of the drama again!'

The Elizabethan-style theatre will be constructed using state-of-the-art scaffolding technology, corrugated iron and timber. Inspired by the famous London Rose Playhouse built in 1587, 12 years prior to The Globe, **SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE** will house an audience of 900, with 560 seated on three tiered balconies around an open-roofed courtyard with standing room for 340 'groundlings'.

Once again the theatre will be located within a free-to-enter Shakespearean village, bringing an authentic Elizabethan ambience and theatricality to the event, including:

- 'wagon' performances of Elizabethan-style entertainment, including comic mini-plays, speeches and mediaeval musicians
- the best Yorkshire food and drink, housed in oak-framed and reed-thatched buildings
- and an Elizabethan garden, created by a leading Yorkshire garden designer, with ornate box-edged beds of vegetables, cottage flowers and herbs.

The plays have been selected from across the genres, offering something for everyone, and will be performed in repertory by two companies of actors from 25th June until 1st September.

Full details of the creative team and cast for the 2019 season of **SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE** will be announced in due course.

The inaugural season of **SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE**, which ran from June to September 2018, received nationwide acclaim from both theatre critics and audiences, and has been nominated for two awards: the York Culture Awards in the categories of Best Cultural Experience and Outstanding Cultural Collaboration; and the Minster FM Listener Awards.

SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE and Shakespeare's Village are produced by Yorkshire-based Lunchbox Theatrical Productions.

www.shakespearesrosetheatre.com

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Listing Information

SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE

Tower Street, York, YO1 9WD

Tuesday 25 June - Sunday 1 September 2019.

Hamlet, Henry V, The Tempest and Twelfth Night

For full performance schedule please visit www.shakespearesrosetheatre.com

Booking Information

Book online www.ticketmaster.co.uk

By phone 0844 847 2483

For Groups 0844 844 2121 or email groups@ticketmaster.co.uk

In Person SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE, Tower St, York, YO1 9WD from 11am, Tues 25 June 2019

Calls cost up to 7p per minute plus your phone company's access charge.

Ticketing/ Booking Fees apply

Tickets also available from

York Theatre Royal

Book online www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk

By phone 01904 623 568

In person St Leonard's Pl, York YO1 7HD

Tickets

Shakespeare's Rose Theatre is a temporary structure without air-conditioning or heating. All seats (560) are under cover with the groundlings area open air so please dress appropriately. Umbrellas are not permitted as they will impede the view of other patrons. All seats are the same – comfortably cushioned and backed, with plenty of leg room.

Visit www.shakespearestheatre.com for seating plan and further details.

The York Experience £90.00*

Premium £59.95

A Reserve £49.95

B Reserve £39.95

C Reserve £29.95

Groundlings £12.50

Wheelchairs - Courtyard £12.50, Premium £59.95. Each wheelchair space includes carer seat free of charge.

Children (17 and under) £3 off all seats, £2 off Groundlings.

Groups of 10+ receive 10% off and groups of 20+ receive 20% off Premium, A and B Reserve tickets, with a further 5% off if booked and paid for by the end 28 February 2018.

Schools – Ten morning performances have been set aside for schools during July, available by booking direct through Lunchbox Theatrical Productions on 01653 619650. School tickets can be purchased for all other performances at the discounted price of £10.50 for Groundlings or £20 for best available B and C Reserve (limited to 50 tickets per performance). Teacher goes free with every 10 children.

Multi-Show Discounts: Buy tickets for 2 shows and enjoy 5% discount, 3 shows - 10% discount and all 4 shows - 15% discount. Only available through York Theatre Royal in Premium, A and B Reserve.

*** The York Experience** - 16 VIP seats are available for corporate entertainment or private parties, with an exclusive backstage experience and hospitality. Please contact Lunchbox Theatrical Productions on 01653 619650 for full details and to book tickets.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About Lunchbox Theatrical Productions

Lunchbox Theatrical Productions, founded in 1992 by James Cundall, has established an unrivalled reputation for producing top quality international entertainment in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, The Philippines, Europe and South Africa.

Producing West End and Broadway musicals, plays, boutique shows, spectaculars, concerts, children's shows, ice shows and events across five continents, Lunchbox Theatrical Productions sells over one million visitor experiences per year.

In addition, from the company's UK headquarters, Lunchbox Theatrical Productions has been delivering events in the York region for over 13 years. This includes the award-winning *Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland* incorporating *The Ice Factor*; The Imperial Ice Stars' *Sleeping Beauty on Ice* at Castle Howard; *THOR'S tipi bars* in York, Leeds, Sheffield, Lincoln, London's Hyde Park Winter Wonderland and Brighton; the *Vintage Fun Fair* in York City Centre; *Christmas at York Museum Gardens*; and SHAKESPEARE'S ROSE THEATRE.

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