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EDP Theatre Company
Soon Chun Hyang University (Korea)
The Merry Wives of Seoul
after William Shakespeare



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A 'Korean-ised' Shakespeare, SoonChunHyang University combines Elizabethan verses, K-pop and traditional Korean music into a journey through time and culture.

Merry Wives of Seoul is a Korean-ised adaptation of Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor*, mixing the contemporary with the past in a thrilling blend of traditional Korean dance, music and theatre with contemporary K-pop. With the addition of western music this show is an intercultural experience with a fresh

perspective on the past, the present and the romance of revenge.

Sir John Falstaff is an overweight, old, obscene knight with a dwindling bank account. To fight off his money troubles, he decides to woo two wives of the richest men in Seoul. A twisting, turning game of mistaken identities, double crossings and love triangles, this classic Shakespearian comedy is a whirlwind of bubbly fun.

This refreshingly contemporary take on Shakespeare and Korean culture brings together dance, music and stunning visuals into a vivacious farce.

EDP (English Drama Performance) is the student drama club from Soonchunhyang University in South Korea. EDP has performed various English plays since its establishment in 1986, starting with Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, and including a Korean-ised *Taming of the Shrew*. Starting in 2007, this production has been staged successfully in Seoul, Tokyo, Nagoya, Singapore, Edinburgh, New York, Boston, Brisbane, and London. The company also received several awards at the College Student Shakespeare Festival, hosted by the Shakespeare Association of Korea and National Theatre of Korea. The achievements of the EDP have been widely covered by the national media and press in South Korea.

C venues vibrant vivacious variety

Previous reviews for The Merry Wives of Seoul:

'Sure fire winner... genuinely fresh take on one of the Bard's best farces'
The Review

'Effortlessly impressive' The Skinny

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Venue C south, St Peter's, Lutton Place, EH8 9PE, venue 58

Dates 11-17 Aug Time 11:50 (1hr00)

Ticket prices £9.50-£11.50 / concessions £7.50-£9.50 / under 18s £5.50-£7.50

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