C theatre Shakespeare for Breakfast



Edinburgh's favourite wake-up call returns for its 28th year, with a brand new Bardic beanfeast and free coffee and croissants!

Satiate your appetite for snacks and satire on one freshly baked reinterpretation of *Romeo and Juliet*. With a reputation for being fresh, contemporary, and exhilaratingly surreal, this rendition of the Shakespeare's death-filled romance is no exception.

The Shakespeare for Breakfast crew have been twisting dust covered classics into exhilaratingly quick-witted satires for 28 fantastic years. These Fringe veterans follow a perfected original recipe: a two and a half hour classic casually reduced to 55 minutes; when brought to the boil simply remove the plot, add five organic actors and immediately whisk them into twenty roles. Sprinkled with irreverent humour and bardfoolery, and served with energetic exuberance.

A pleasing plethora of pentameter, puns and pastry, perfect for hardened Bard fans or blank verse virgins alike.

Returning director **Damian Sandys** brings his bold originality to re-imagining this classic story. His other directing credits include The Kite Runner (Playhouse Theatre, London / UK Tour), When Midnight Strikes (nominated for Best Musical Production in the Off West End Awards) and the London revivals of Tick, Tick... Boom! (Union Theatre) and West Side Story (Theatre Royal). He has worked with C theatre since 2006.

The talented and energetic cast comprises five C theatre stalwarts: **Roseanna** Connolly (NewsRevue; Call The Midwife; Make All Women Safe); Emily Jane Kerr (NewsRevue; HRHaitch; Notflix – The Improvised Musical); Laura Beth Mortemore (Teletubbies UK Tour; BBC 1 Pitch Battle; Principal Vocalist, Cruise Ships); John Oakes (Russell Kane's Fakespeare; Giraffe; Radio Essex); Chris Thomson (Honk!, UK Tour; NewsRevue; Norris and Parker: See You At The Gallows).

The same cast perform **Dickens for Dinner** at 12.30 pm in C viva.

Acclaim for previous editions of **Shakespeare for Breakfast**: 'Well worth getting out of bed for' Independent 'Impossible not to like' Guardian

'Slick, humorous and thoroughly entertaining' $\star \star \star \star$ ThreeWeeks 'Bouncy and boisterous take on Willie's work' List

Notes to Editors

C theatre is the in-house producing company of C venues at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and produces new and classic drama as well as its own children's theatre programme, popular at the Edinburgh Festival and on tour both internationally and in the UK. Shakespeare for Breakfast is one of seven shows produced or co-produced by C theatre this Festival.

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Listings Information

C viva, 130 George Street/Charlotte Square, venue 16 Venue Dates 31 Jul-26 Aug (not 13) 10:00 (0h55) Time Ticket prices £7.50-£9.50 / concessions £5.50-£7.50 / under 18s £3.50-£5.50 C venues box office 0131 581 5555 / www.CtheFestival.com/2019/shakespeare-for-breakfast Fringe box office 0131 226 0000 / www.edfringe.com



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