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St. LEONARD'S
STREATHAM



*Hamlet
off the Street*

Souvenir Programme

20, 21, 22 September 2018 at St. Leonards Church
A promenade performance in and around the church

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Welcome from the Chairman

Welcome to our version of the famous *Hamlet*. At Streatham Theatre Company we like to do different things – ranging from new works to well-known works; performed in conventional theatres or in re-purposed existing spaces or in newly created pop-up venues...we hope you enjoy this one!

David Harvey

Director's Notes

A great deal of work has gone into planning and creating this production. *Hamlet off the Street* began life as *Hamlet on the Street*, an idea hatched by David, our Chairman, based on the meaning of Streatham. Once we had discussed it in Committee however, it soon became obvious that organising a performance on a public street would be too problematical, and the project was shelved. Then, last July, Helen Mason and I toured St Leonard's during the Streatham Festival, and even before we had entered the main body of this beautiful building, we were convinced that we had found the ideal 'off the street' venue for Hamlet.

At the beginning of the year, I began an adaptation, which after some trial and error, we agreed was workable. David and I met Canon Anna and church representatives in June with our proposal, and were delighted to find firstly, they were as enthusiastic as we were, and secondly, the internal renovations would be completed in time!

Since then, things have moved fast. We have assembled an extremely talented cast, who have a real feel for Shakespeare's peerless dialogue, visionary technical, props, and costume specialists, and above all, a perfect stage set. Even the furniture works brilliantly. *Hamlet off the Street* is my first major outing as Director, and I'm tremendously grateful for all the support I have received, particularly from Ian and Terry, my able assistants. I couldn't have done it without any of you.

Liz Burton

Thanks

Our grateful thanks go to all at St Leonard's for allowing us to use this beautiful church, to Network Theatre for loans of props, to our volunteer front of house team, and to you our audience for coming along today in support of your very own local open-access theatre company, Streatham Theatre Company.

There will be a cash collection in aid of the St Leonard's restoration fund.

Hamlet off the Street

by William Shakespeare and adapted by Liz Burton

The castle of Elsinore
Polonius' house
The castle battlements
Polonius' house
Within the castle
Gertrude's chamber

Interval

Within the castle
A church graveyard
Within the castle

Cast

The late Hamlet (former King of Denmark)..... Terry Wynne
Claudius (King of Denmark, old Hamlet's brother)..... Alan Scott
Gertrude (Queen, wife of Claudius, widow of old Hamlet) Jindati Doelter
Hamlet (Prince, old Hamlet's son, Claudius' nephew)..... Yohann Philip
Polonius (courtier to King Claudius)..... Mike Jennett
Ophelia (daughter of Polonius)..... Frances Germain-Powell
Laertes (son of Polonius) Mick Jennett
Horatio (best friend of Prince Hamlet)..... Lucy Bartley
First Player Mel Newman
Attendants Mel Newman, Barbara Lee, Jennifer Cockfield
Sexton..... Mel Newman
Gravedigger Barbara Lee
Yorick Himself
Priest..... Frances Germain-Powell

Production Team

Director Liz Burton
Assistant Directors..... Ian Freeman, Terry Wynne
Technical Director David Harvey
Stage Management..... Eshani Weeresinghe, Ian Freeman
Fight Arranger Michael Mayne
Music Supervisor..... Liz Williams
Costume Supervisor Helen Mason
Prop Makers Liz Williams, David Harvey
Box Office and Front of House..... STC volunteers

Coming Soon

We run regular events on the second Tuesday of every month and at other times too. Our events are usually open to all, and cover a wide range of activities including play readings, workshops and socials. Most events are free to members and only £3 for non-members. Do come along, and if you have a suggestion for an event do let us know.

So far we have averaged three productions per year since our launch in April 2013, and are constantly working on our programme of future productions. These productions are performed by our members in local venues for local audiences. If you're interested in participating in any capacity, or have suggestions or proposals for a show, do get in touch.

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| 09 October | <i>Ghostly tales for Halloween</i> |
| November production | <i>A Garland of Poppies: an anthology of words and song to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1</i> |
| 13 November | <i>STC Quiz: test your local and theatre knowledge</i> |
| 11 December | <i>Streatham's Got Talent and Social</i> |

Events continue on the second Tuesday of every month.

Future productions may include a pantomime in 2019.

Membership

Membership is open to everyone (aged 18 or over), with a connection to Streatham, and whatever their level of experience in theatre - amateur, professional or none. Annual subscriptions are only £10 - ask one of our team for an application form, go to our website, or contact us as below. Members get free entrance to most events, and discounted tickets. Your subscription will help us keep putting theatre into Streatham.

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