

SHEFF!ELD THEATRES

**Schools
Newsletter**

Spring 2022



WELCOME!



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter, bursting with exciting projects and offers for schools. Coming up soon is all of our dynamic engagement around our **Ramps on the Moon** production of **Shakespeare's** comedy classic **Much Ado About Nothing**, plus information on our work experience, response project, shows to captivate your students and more.

If you have any questions or would like further information do get in touch with us at learning@sheffieldtheatres.co.uk

We hope to see you soon,

George and Malika
Learning Officers

INSIGHT

Professional Creative Development for specialist teachers and facilitators. Gain insight from our theatre professionals, network and find out more about Sheffield Theatres and the upcoming programmes.



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Shakespeare Abridgement with Artistic Director Rob Hastie

Discover the 'tricks of the trade' of successful abridgement of Shakespeare's plays, ensuring the narrative, character arcs and integrity of the language is retained. This session will explore accessibility, socio-political factors and how to bring previously marginalised characters into the spotlight.

Date Tuesday 28 June

Time 6pm - 7.30pm

Price £10 (bursaries available – please contact learning@sheffieldtheatres.co.uk)

To Book Available from Sat 2 April. Call the Box Office on 0114 249 6000

Rehearsing Shakespeare for performance with Sheffield Theatres Associate Director Caroline Steinbeis

Making bold and creative decisions with renowned texts, giving classic characters authentic new journeys, celebrating the accessibility of Shakespeare's prose and the intention within the verse.

Date Tuesday 5 July

Time 6pm - 7.30pm

Price £10 (bursaries available – please contact learning@sheffieldtheatres.co.uk)

To Book Available from Sat 2 April. Call the Box Office on 0114 249 6000

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Much Ado About Nothing

A Sheffield Theatres and Ramps on the Moon Production

Fri 9 – Sat 24 September

Crucible Theatre



We're so excited about our upcoming production of Much Ado About Nothing with Ramps on the Moon. You can learn more about **Ramps on the Moon** **here**.

'I do love nothing in the world so well as you. Is not that strange?'

Besotted young couple Claudio and Hero have fallen fast and are quickly engaged. Not everyone finds romance so straightforward – Benedick balks at the very thought of it and Beatrice agrees with him, on that if nothing else. But somewhere in this world, there's someone for everyone, even if they're right under your nose.

*Shakespeare's raucous comedy is directed by **Robert Hastie** (Coriolanus, A Midsummer Night's Dream). Every performance features the use of integrated creative sign language, audio description and captioning. **Ramps On The Moon** is the pioneering initiative committed to putting D/deaf and disabled artists and audiences at the centre of their work.*

Take a look at some of the exciting engagement around the show that we have coming up perfect to support your learners with this classic exam text!

EXPLORE DAY: 'MUCH ADO - THE GREAT 'SHAKESPEARE SQUABBLES!'

An exciting and practical day at the theatres exploring our world of **Much Ado About Nothing**, this is an ideal introduction for students year 9-11 into Shakespeare's comic genre and the celebrated lovers tiffs!

- Text work with Artistic Director Rob Hastie, focusing on inference and line reading
- Character development with professional actors
- 'Fighting talk' stage combat session with professional choreographer

Date Tuesday 20 September

Time 9.30am - 2.30pm

Suitability Years 9 to 11

Price £7.50 per participant (with one free supervisory ticket for every 10 bought)

To Book Available by calling the Box Office from June

'WHAT IF?' SHAKESPEARE WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS

An exciting and innovative 90-minute school workshop developed with the Artistic Director of Sheffield Theatres, **Rob Hastie**. Bringing to vivid life the world of **Much Ado About Nothing**, **Macbeth**, **Romeo and Juliet** and **The Merchant of Venice**, explore genre, pivotal moments, character arcs and **Stanislavski's** Conditional 'If' through an interactive, practical and unforgettable session.

Date Summer term

Time 90-minute workshop

Suitability Years 9 to 11

Price £195 + VAT per class (30 max) with discounts for multiple bookings.

To book Complete the [Jotform](#)

MUCH ADO - DIGITAL CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE WEBSITE

An Interactive and immersive 'choose your adventure' website ideal for either wraparound engagement to our upcoming **Ramps on the Moon** production of **Much Ado About Nothing** or as standalone digital learning. Captivating the imaginations of your students and supporting their developing appreciation of the text, characters and narrative through a uniquely engaging adventure.

Keep your eyes peeled – more info coming soon!

RESPONSE PROJECT

Join us for a unique and daring creative response project to Sheffield Theatres production of **Dario Fo's** classic political farce **Accidental Death of an Anarchist**.

Over half a term, come and watch a performance of **Accidental Death of an Anarchist** and take part in practical devising and performance workshops plus special rehearsal insight features for the teachers and tutors at theatres.

Explore key themes and ideas within this piece, as well aspects of the genre to develop a brand new piece of theatre to be performed on the set of the production in the Studio Theatre.

Dates Autumn term (workshops take place at both Sheffield Theatres and school)

Suitability Key Stage 4 and 5

Price £700 plus VAT per group.

To Book Contact learning@sheffieldtheatres.co.uk.

Places are limited, so make sure you book early!



IGNITE IS BACK!

Students who study Performing Arts or English (GCSE level or above) at a school, college or university anywhere in South Yorkshire can get a **free ticket** plus a second at £5 for Sheffield Theatres productions in the Crucible Theatre.

Students can now book IGNITE tickets for **Anna Karenina**, **Much Ado About Nothing**, **The Contingency Plan**, and any of the three shows in **ROCK / PAPER / SCISSORS**.

IGNITE tickets are redeemable when booked by individual students, not as a group booking made by a school, college or university.

If your students wish to be part of IGNITE, they can do so by contacting the Box Office on **0114 249 6000** or emailing **supervisors@sheffieldtheatres.co.uk**



DISCOUNTED TICKETS FOR SCHOOLS

For the majority of our shows, tickets are £12 for full-time education groups of 10 or more, with one free supervisory ticket for every 10 tickets bought. Speak to the Box Office for further details.

Check out [What's On](#) on our website and find out more about amazing hits from **The Gruffalo** in May, to **Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World** in June, to **Jack and the Beanstalk** in December!