



A MIDSUMMER
NIGHT'S DREAM

IN EASTVILLE PARK
SWIMMING POOL

EDUCATION PACK

AN INSANE ROOT THEATRE PRODUCTION

24 June - 20 August 2022



**In the hidden depths of Bristol,
magic is truly being spun**

ReviewsHub on *Rumpelstiltskin*

HELLO!

We're delighted to share details of our exciting upcoming show **A Midsummer Night's Dream in Eastville Park Swimming Pool** with you, including exclusive ticket prices and ways we can enhance the experience for your students to support their learning.

This pack includes the following sections:

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Should you have any further questions, or are ready to book, simply contact producer Justin Palmer:

team@insaneroot.org.uk or on **+44 7971 047388**



ABOUT THE SHOW

A wedding celebration disrupted by a dangerous elopement, warring fairies, a band of ambitious performers and the most famous donkey in theatre history! Shakespeare's iconic comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* bursts into life this summer in a hidden corner of Bristol....

Disappear into a world of mischief, mistaken identity and mayhem as 'Site Specific Theatre Masters' (Bristol 24/7) Insane Root bring their own special brand of magic to the Eastville Park Old Swimming Pool Garden once more after their acclaimed production of *Romeo & Juliet* in 2018!

This vibrant new **open-air** adaptation will transport audiences to Athens for a wedding celebration like no other. Adapted by the company and featuring an ensemble of nine performers playing multiple roles, integrated acapella harmonies, immersive lighting and dynamic site-responsive design from Katy Hoste.

The show is best suited to students in key stage 3 and above, with a running time of approx. 1hr 40 mins without an interval.



**an adventurous immersive
experience that embraces the fun
side of theatre**

The Stage on Orpheus & Eurydice

ENHANCED EXPERIENCE



In addition to offering priority booking and performance guide, we are pleased to offer exclusive additional workshops to allow your students to get hands-on with techniques used in the production and explore the themes of the play. These will be led by a core member of the company at your school premises on a date to suit you.

Workshops can be adjusted to fit your timetable but are generally the following durations:

- Primary school: 1 hour
- Secondary school: 1 to 2 hours
- Higher Education 16+: 2 to 3 hours

Workshops can include:

- Q&A with the creatives on location
- Intro to site-specific performance: thinking outside the box
- Once upon a time...: what choices and processes go into reimagining a classic story for a modern audience?
- Sound-scapes: using sound & music to enhance a show, including a chance to learn songs from the production!
- Site specific theatre: storytelling in 3D

**I pity anyone who did
not manage to see the
show, as it is truly
spectacular**

Alex Davies, Assistant Head at Colston's
Girls' School on *Macbeth*



ABOUT INSANE ROOT

Insane Root Theatre CIO is an award winning, critically acclaimed Bristol-born theatre charity whose mission is to provide thrilling theatrical experiences rooted in extraordinary places.

We celebrate and promote local artists, heritage and people. We believe that theatre is for everyone and that by transforming sites within the community into performance spaces we can invite new audiences to reclaim the theatre experience.

Previous shows include:

MACBETH at the Redcliffe Caves

ORPHEUS & EURYDICE in the Suspension Bridge Vaults

THE TEMPEST in St John on the Wall's Crypt


ROMEO & JULIET in Eastville Park Swimming Pool

RUMPELSTILTSKIN at the New Room and

HANSEL & GRETEL at Arnos Vale Cemetery Woodlands


The story and the setting always support each other. When you emerge blinking into the light, you have left a little of yourself behind.

Lyn Gardner on Orpheus & Eurydice




“I was so impressed with how the lines were manipulated to fit the interpretation and the shorter time length without losing any plot points. I think Shakespeare should always be that length! Really clever, really fun, would watch again!

Evine, Student, on *The Tempest*



“It was possibly the most mind-boggling just amazing thing I’ve ever seen in my life! The atmosphere was brilliant and the actors were AMAZING! Everything was just crazily good! GO SEE IT!

Logan, Student, on *Macbeth*



“It was captivating....the students had clearly enjoyed the performance... Insane Root throughout the booking process and on the evening were faultless, helpful and professional. I will be looking out for more from them in the future!

Susan Strachan, Leader of English, St Bernadette's Catholic School, Whitchurch, on *Rumpelstiltskin*

HOW TO BOOK



Dates

A Midsummer Night's Dream performs at Eastville Park Swimming Pool from **24th June - 20th August 2022**, with previews on **22nd & 23rd June 2022**. Performances take place from Tuesday – Saturday.

Times

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:30pm

Wednesday, Friday & Saturdays: 6pm and 8:30pm*

*except for Friday June 24th: 7:30pm only

School tickets are offered at the **discounted rate of £10 each**.

Capacity

The venue capacity is 160, with unreserved seating on stone steps, limited benches and a small raked seating bank. Schools groups should include at least one adult per 10 children for Key Stage 2, and one adult per 15 children from Key Stage 3 and above.

To book tickets, for further information about the production and to discuss any supplementary workshops, please contact Producer **Justin Palmer** at the company email: **teameinsaneroot.org.uk** or call **+44 7971 047388**.

FAQ



RUNNING TIME

Approx. 1 hr 45 mins NO INTERVAL.

Please arrive at least 15 mins before your performance time to check in at the Box Office and transfer to the site.

Latecomers will be admitted at a suitable break in the performance.

AGE RECOMMENDATION

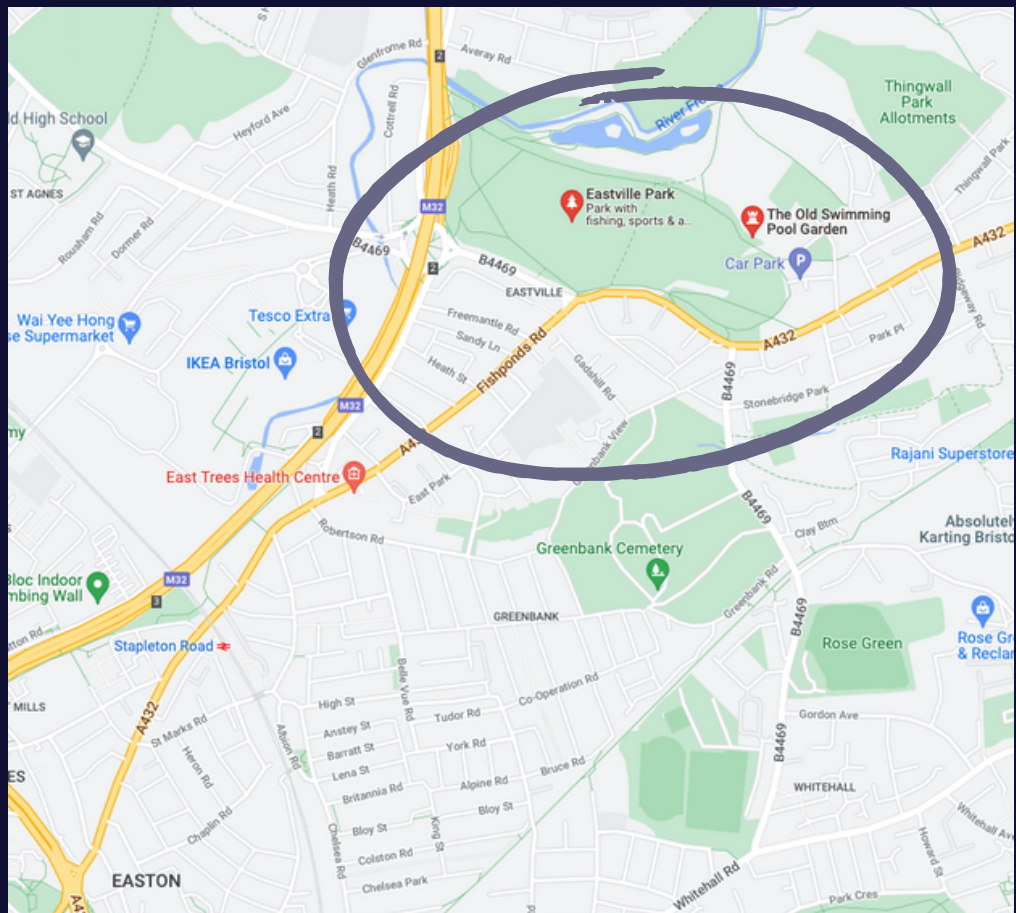
Recommended for ages 10+; babes in arms welcome.

LOCATION

Eastville Park Swimming Pool can be found at the north east corner of Eastville Park - very near the children's playground.

ADDRESS

Fishponds Rd
Eastville
Bristol
BS5 6XA



FAQ

TRAVEL OPTIONS

By car: via Fishponds Road. Bike parking is available at the top car park. Please note, the car park is operated by the council, has limited spaces and shuts at 9pm so is unsuitable for the later shows.

By train: nearest train station is Stapleton Road, 1 mile from the pool entrance.

By bus: services 48, 48a and 49 buses from Bristol City Centre stop right next to the Park on Fishponds Road (take the "Royate Hill" stop) - from there it is a 0.2 mile journey to the pool entrance.

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

A Midsummer Night's Dream is an open air, seated performance without cover for either the staging or the audience. The performances are designed to go on in inclement weather. **We recommend that our audiences come prepared for all eventualities of a British Summer.** Please avoid using umbrellas during the performance.

We will not cancel a performance due to weather unless we deem it unsafe for either audiences or performers to continue and we will never cancel a show before the advertised start time - this is because you'd be amazed how often it can rain all day and then clear up in time for a show. If the weather is considered not to pose risk to either performers or audience the show will go on.

If the weather does pose a risk to performers or audience a decision will be made by the Stage Manager and the Producer to cancel the show. We will arrange a transfer of your tickets where possible, or a refund.

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

This is an outdoor performance with no cover - please dress with the weather in mind and bring raincoats and sunglasses as appropriate, and **bring an extra layer for when the sun goes down - it can get quite chilly!**

FAQ

ACCESS

The pool venue, FOH area and toilet facilities are wheelchair accessible and step-free. Some surfaces of the park include tarmac paths and grass. Please contact us if you have any concerns.

Sign interpreted and audio described performances to be announced soon.

An **Access document with images of the terrain is available** should you wish to assess the route in advance.

FACILITIES

Toilets are available on site. There is a bar serving cold refreshments.

Please note queues can be long and we will not hold a performance start time due to these.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The health and safety of our audiences and team members is our highest priority. Stewards will be on hand to ensure safety around the site. First aid trained staff will be available on site throughout the performance.

We ask all audience members to take care when moving around the site in case of trip hazards. We will be lighting key areas at the performance venue, but some of the park's paths can be very dark at night. We recommend bringing personal torches for the journey out.

All under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your Booking

Each booking is subject to a **non-refundable 25% deposit** to secure your place. Full and final payment must be made no later than two weeks before your scheduled performance.

Workshops are priced on a bespoke basis; please contact Justin at team@insaneroot.org.uk for a full quote.

If you want to Cancel

If you wish to cancel your booking for any reason prior to final payment, your deposit will be retained by the company and no further charge will be made.

If you wish to cancel your booking for any reason after final payment has been made, but with more than one week remaining until your scheduled performance, we will refund up to 40% of your booking.

If you wish to cancel your booking for any reason within a week of your scheduled performance, no refund will be offered.

Alterations to your booking date must be made prior to final payment.

If we have to Cancel

In the event of a cancelled performance we will fully refund any deposits and outstanding balances. *Please note this does not apply to government imposed lockdowns due to Covid-19.* If a show has to be cancelled mid-performance we will try our best to exchange tickets, but this is subject to availability.

Refunds & Exchanges

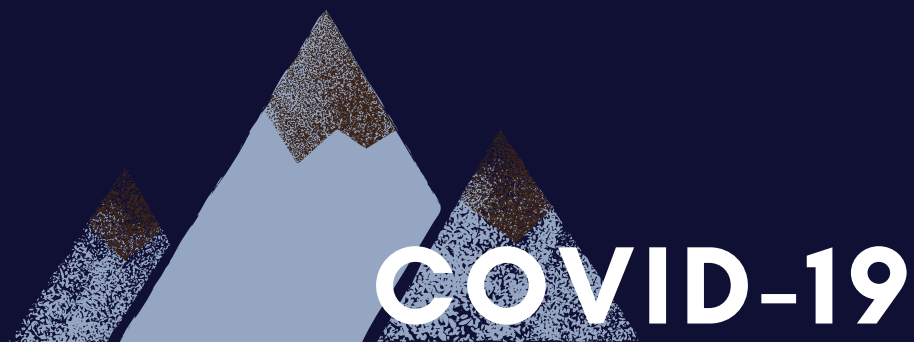
All refunds and exchanges are subject to availability. An admin charge may be incurred at the company's discretion.

Antisocial Behaviour

Insane Root reserves the right to ask anyone displaying antisocial behaviour to leave the premises with no refund offered. We operate a policy of zero tolerance for Weapons and Controlled Drugs. Flammables and spray paints will not be allowed onto the site.

Animals

Unless specifically stated, only assistance dogs are allowed onto site.



Insane Root follows all of the latest government guidance regarding Covid-19, including enhanced cleaning procedures, company testing, and hand sanitiser provided on site. We expect all company, audience and staff members to comply with the guidance and reserve the right to remove anyone who refuses this.

A full risk assessment has been carefully put together in response to the site and this includes how we can minimise any specific Covid-19 risks to anyone participating. A copy of this risk assessment can be forwarded to your school if requested.

We are happy to answer any questions surrounding your school group's safety. Please email Justin (Producer) using the email address team@insaneroot.org.uk if you have any further queries.

I can openly attest to their innovative, imaginative and pioneering spirit...Theatrically, the educational value of this company, and the opportunities offered when one is tenaciously prepared to seek alternative and exciting venues, cannot be underestimated.

**Paul Clarkson, Former Head of Acting Courses
Bristol Old Vic Theatre School**



**Insane Root has set the bar high and
clearly is in the business of making
outstanding theatre.**

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