

A Midsummer Extravaganza!

A Tented Finale to Warwick Arts Centre's Summer Season

Warwick Arts Centre is celebrating Midsummer with a highly entertaining, magical and musical interpretation of one of Shakespeare's best-loved plays. **A Midsummer Night's Dream** will be performed in a special performance tent on Tocil Field, opposite Warwick Arts Centre, from **Saturday 21 – Thursday 26 June**. Shakespeare's story of mix-ups and meddling, of royal lovers and forest fairies will sit handsomely in the green surroundings of the beautiful leafy campus of the University of Warwick this summer.

Pitching up with its specially-made traditional tent and a convoy of caravans and lorries, Footsbarn Travelling Theatre is one of the world's leading touring companies. It is a truly international company with eight different nationalities including French, Japanese, Indonesian, Dutch, Swedish, American and English cast and crew. Renowned for its exciting adaptations of classics such as Shakespeare and Moliere, Footsbarn transcends the barrier of language with its unique blend of visual theatre, music and magic.

Warwick Arts Centre is inviting audiences to make an evening of it. This production will make the most of a good or inclement English summer – there will be an outdoor picnic area, plus a tent serving traditional English food and drink from local suppliers and the performance itself will be under cover in the special tent.

Tickets are available from Box Office on 024 765 24524 or via website www.warwickartscentre.co.uk

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Editor's Notes:

A Midsummer Night Dream

Performances: Sat 21 June, Sun 22 June, Tue 24 June, Wed 25 June, Thu 26 June at 7.30pm

Tickets £17.50 (£15.50) Under 16s £7.50

Footsbarn Theatre

Footsbarn Travelling Theatre is a leading international touring company performing for the most part in one of its circus tents but also in theatres all over the world. Renowned for exciting adaptations of classics such as Shakespeare & Moliere which transcend the barrier of language and its unique blend of popular theatre and magical music, masks, costumes and sets.

Founded by Oliver Foot and Jean Paul Cook in 1971, at first everyone in the company lived and rehearsed in a barn owned by the Foot family in Cornwall, hence the name 'Footsbarn'. From the very start its inimitable trade mark has been to produce theatre that breaks barriers and traditions, reaching out and creating shows that appeal to all.

For the last 20 years Footsbarn's home and base has been in the centre of France in the Auvergne. Based at its farm, La Chaussée, it is there that the shows are rehearsed and produced and from there that the convoy of caravans and trucks with the unmistakable Footsbarn livery depart on tour. Times change, new shows are rehearsed, sometimes in English, sometimes in French and sometimes in five different languages, but one thing stays the same, Footsbarn's unique brand of theatre.

PHOTOCALL OPPORTUNITY

As the actors arrive in their caravans and the tent goes up in w/c 16 June there will be a photocall. Details will follow. To sign up or for further information please contact:

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