



# Rain or Shine Theatre Company



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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Love's Labour's Lost – Open Air Theatre Tour

Rain or Shine Theatre Company, winners of the Buxton Festival Fringe 'Best Drama Award' and renowned for their 'exquisite' outdoor renditions of classical comedy – from Shakespeare to Sheridan - are set to delight audiences once again, whatever the weather this summer, as they embark on an ambitious 48 date open air UK tour of perhaps the Bard's liveliest comedy classic - *Love's Labour's Lost*.

The plot centres around The King of Navarre and his three best friends, who make a pact to give up wine, women and song etc. for three years whilst devoting themselves to the study of philosophy. One of the terms of their pledge specifically prohibits women from their presence, but their vow is soon severely tested by the arrival of the Princess of France and her three chums. Naturally, all the boys fall for all the girls, and the play is spent sorting out their tangled love lives.

Directed by James Reynard, the 9 strong Gloucester based professional troupe's whistle-stop tour encompasses outdoor venues across the UK from The Channel Islands to North Yorkshire and West Wales to Norfolk - visiting on the way some of the land's most beautiful and picturesque castles, stately homes and gardens.

Audiences are invited to bring their own low-backed seating or rugs, and a picnic, to maximise their enjoyment of the 'al fresco' performances. Tickets can be purchased from each venue, or on-line for the entire tour via the [www.rainorshine.co.uk](http://www.rainorshine.co.uk) website.

True to their name, the company performs in all weathers except hurricanes and blizzards.

For further details, radio interviews or photos of the cast - contact Jayne or Ken Meekings on 01452 521575. / 07774 852644 / 07833 745682 or look on the Rain or Shine website.

Internet Website [www.rainorshine.co.uk](http://www.rainorshine.co.uk)

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**Rain or Shine Theatre Company Love's Labour's Lost Tour Schedule Summer 2004**

<b>June</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Box Office</b>
9	PICTON CASTLE	Haverfordwest, Pembroke	7.30pm	01437 751326
11	HERGEST CROFT GARDENS	Kington, Herefordshire	7.30pm	01544 230160
12	MANNINGTON GARDENS	Saxthorpe, Norfolk	7.00pm	01263 584175
13	BELVOIR CASTLE	nr. Grantham, Leics.	6.30pm	01476 871010
18	MARWARDEN COURT	Stratford Sub Castle, Salisbury Wilts	7.30pm	01722 327120
19	WELFORD PARK	Newbury, Berks.	8.00pm	01488 608691
20	SAINT HILL MANOR	East Grinstead, Sussex	4.00pm	01342 326711
22	KING EDWARD VII & QUEEN MARY SCHOOL	Lytham St. Anne's, Lancs.	7.30pm	01253 784100
24	BISHOPS WALTHAM PALACE	Bishops Waltham, Hants.	7.30pm	01962 840440
25	WOLVESEY CASTLE	Winchester, Hants.	7.30pm	01962 629675
26	LAMPORT HALL GARDENS	nr. Northampton	6.30pm	01604 686272
27	BULLARDS	Widford, Herts.	6.00pm	01279 843737
<b>July</b>				
1	OLD CHURCH HOUSE	Wantage, Oxon.	7.30pm	01235 763112
2-3	EYAM HALL	Hope Valley, Derbys.	7.00pm	01433 631976
4	PRIOR PARK	Widcombe, Bath	4.30pm	01985 843601
6	THE RED MAIDS' SCHOOL	Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol	7.30pm	0117 9622641
7	BRYNGARW COUNTRY PARK	Bridgend, Mid Glam.	7.00pm	01656 729009
8	BARRINGTON COURT	Ilminster, Somerset	7.30pm	01985 843601
9	MANOR FARM	Corsley, Wilts.	8.00pm	01373 832113
10	SUDELEY CASTLE	Winchcombe, Glos.	7.30pm	01242 602308
11	CASTLE DROGO	nr. Exeter, Devon	4.30pm	01647 433306
14	CHEPSTOW CASTLE	Chepstow, Gwent	7.30pm	01291 625391
15	WYCLIFFE HALL	Oxford	7.30pm	01452 521575
16-17	POULTON HOUSE	nr. Cirencester, Glos.	8.00pm	01285 851237
18	COTEHELE	nr. Saltash, Cornwall	7.30pm	01579 351346
20	MARLBOROUGH COLLEGE	Marlborough, Wilts.	8.00pm	01672 892388
22	MILLETTS FARM CENTRE	Abingdon, Oxon.	6.30pm	01865 391169
23	LLANTHONY SECUNDA PRIORY	Gloucester	7.30pm	01452 505089

24	OLDOWN COUNTRY PARK	Tockington, S. Glos.	7.30pm	01454 413605
25	DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL	Cheltenham, Glos.	8.00pm	01242 258002
31	LODGE PARK	nr. Northleach, Glos.	7.30pm	01985 843601
<b>August</b>				
2-3	ORMER HOUSE GARDENS	Alderney, Channel Is.	8.00pm	01481 822345
5	THE MOHAIR CENTRE	nr. Lewes, Sussex	7.30pm	01825 872457
6	THE RECREATION GROUND	Cuckfield, Sussex	7.30pm	01444 451610
7	WILDFOWL & WETLANDS CENTRE	Slimbridge, Glos.	7.00pm	01453 891923
8	THE MANOR HOUSE HOTEL	Castle Combe, Wilts.	7.00pm	01249 782206
11	DORE ABBEY	Abbey Dore, Hereford	7.30pm	01981 570251
12	DUMBLETON HALL HOTEL	Evesham, Worcs	8.00pm	01386 881240
13	CHOLMONDELEY CASTLE	nr. Malpas, Cheshire	7.30pm	01829 720383
14	MOUNT GRACE PRIORY	Northallerton, N. Yorks	7.30pm	01609 883494
15	HOLKHAM NURSERY GARDENS	Wells, Norfolk	7.00pm	01328 711636
21	KEYNES COUNTRY PARK	nr. Cirencester, Glos.	8.00pm	01285 861459
22	CALDICOT CASTLE	Caldicot, Monmouthshire	7.00pm	01291 420241