

It's a tale of  
dark shadows,  
ulterior motives,  
betrayal,  
greed, suspicion,  
incompetence,  
private armies,  
murder.....

and it's all in



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# RICHARD II



*THE MASKERS ON TOUR 2015*



9 April - 9 May 2015

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Shakespeare's beautifully written play, RICHARD II, brings into sharp focus the last two years of a turbulent twenty-two year reign which swung violently between the people's adulation for God's anointed ruler and their fear of a vicious, spiteful despot.

In 1397, when the play begins, after being continually frustrated and humiliated by his powerful uncles and magnates who want to curb his power, he takes his revenge. He has his uncle, Gloucester, murdered, banishes his cousin Bolingbroke and steals the lands of John of Gaunt, his uncle and Bolingbroke's father, when he dies. These fateful decisions bring about the tragedy that is RICHARD II. We watch an increasingly desperate, deluded and frightened monarch literally fighting for his kingdom and his life.

Our touring production brings all the pain and drama of both a ruler and a country trying to reconcile power and governance with the right of the people to be heard and considered. This tale has many parallels with what we see today in news from around the world. It is an emotionally powerful story very much for the twenty-first century.

## Tour Dates

9 to 11 April - **Maskers' Studio Theatre** - at 7:30pm

*Tickets: £8      Booking: maskers.org.uk or 0333 666 3366*

17 April - **The Wallops Village Hall** - at 7:30pm

*Tickets: £10 (concessions £8)      Booking: maskers.org.uk or 0333 666 3366*

18 April - **Broughton Village Hall** - at 7:30pm

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1 May - **To be announced - See website**

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2 May - **Hanger Farm Arts Centre, Totton** - at 7:30pm

*Tickets: £10 (concessions £8)      Booking: totton.ac.uk/hanger-farm or 02380 667683*

8 May - **Berry Theatre, Hedge End** - at 7:30pm

*Tickets: £10 (concessions £8)      Booking: theberrytheatre.co.uk or 02380 652333*

9 May - **To be announced - See website**

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