

MASKERS
theatre company
1968 - 2018

A Bunch of Amateurs

by
Ian Hislop &
Nick Newman

Hollywood royalty takes on the Bard
with comic consequences

MASKERS STUDIO THEATRE
off Emsworth Road, Shirley, SO15 3LX

13 - 18 May
At 7:30pm

Full details and online booking at:
maskers.org.uk

Tickets £11

Telephone booking:
0333 666 3366

Registered charity 900067

This amateur production is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD

An ageing Hollywood action hero inadvertently accepts the role of King Lear in a Stratford Players amateur production thinking it to be THE job that will resurrect his flagging career. Acerbic infighting, tantrums and bickering soon play out in this delightfully funny take on professional meets amateur theatre. The proven writing skills and wit of Hislop and Newman guarantee laugh-out-loud moments and classic one-liners that you'll be remembering all the way home.

*This play contains occasional use of strong language.
Recommended for ages 14 and over*

Unless stated otherwise

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a booking fee applies to telephone bookings

Other shows

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In Remembrance

compiled by Ken Hann

An anthology of words and songs

Sunday 11 Nov
at 7:30pm

An opportunity to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War through poetry, songs and readings from the trenches and beyond.

**6 Oct, 10 Nov,
15 Dec, & 6 Jan**
at 10:30am

For children aged 3 to 7.
Come along and hear some stories and songs, told by our talented actors. Each show is different!

No booking necessary, just turn up. £5 per adult and up to 3 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Doors open at 10:15am

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Children's Story time!

Shirley's own studio theatre opens its doors to children aged 3-7

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Deck the halls, light the candles & enjoy a pre-Christmas treat with the Maskers

Ticket includes mulled wine, or orange juice, and a mince pie!

Comfort Me with Apples

by Nell Leyshon

A family and a way of life struggle to survive

Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons

by Sam Steiner

Just 140 words a day. How would you use them?



A warm welcome and licensed bar awaits you at our easy-to-find Studio Theatre, just off Emsworth Road, SO15 3LX. Plenty of local car parks are available off Shirley High Street (no charge after 6pm). Follow the QR code overleaf to our website for further location details.

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November 2018 - May 2019
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7 - 14 December

At 7:30pm - no performance Sunday 9 December

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Join us for an intimate evening from a bygone era. Its 1910 and Sir Francis and Lady Helena await your company for a special evening of Christmas delights! Allow Maskers to transport you back to a more elegant time when Christmas entertainment was stylish and traditional.

A glass of mulled wine (or orange juice) and a mince pie is included in the ticket price.

Period costume is not essential, but very welcome.

Suitable for all

Maskers Theatre Company was established in 1968 and now has over 130 members involved in creating theatre and bringing a wide range of performances to the people of Hampshire. In 1994 with the help of Lottery funding the Maskers were able to purchase an industrial unit in Shirley which was converted into a Studio Theatre and workshop. This valuable base enables us to continue to produce quality theatre both within the Studio and at other theatres and venues in and around Southampton. The Studio has a 40-seat auditorium and a bar for our audiences and members. Although the Studio is upstairs there is a stair chair lift. Maskers Theatre is a registered charity providing the community with the opportunity to learn new theatrical skills, utilising some state of the art equipment, and participate in a wide range of theatrical productions. We are always keen for new members to join us in all areas, technical, marketing, front-of-house or onstage please do get in touch. We are now 50 years old and would love to continue for another 50!



Comfort Me with Apples

by Nell Leyshon

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28 Jan - 2 Feb

At 7:30pm

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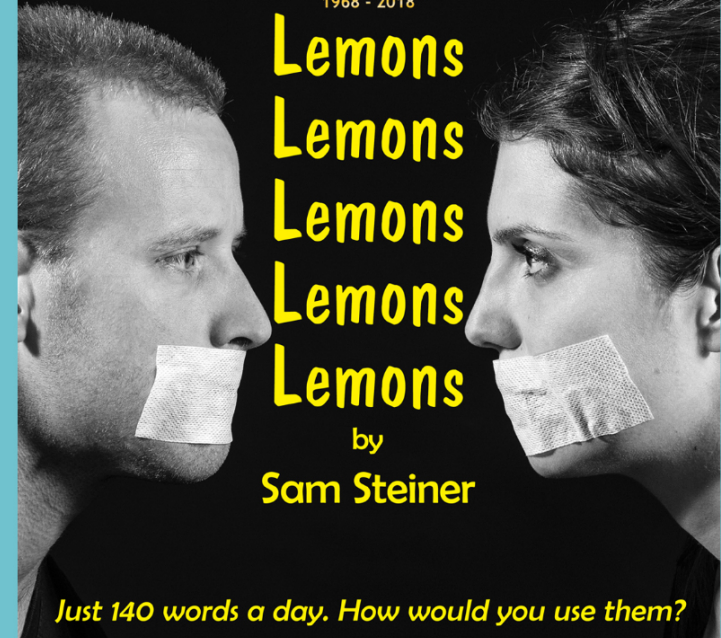
Autumn, and the West Country orchard is full of cider apples. Inside the farmhouse, the rule of the matriarch Irene is challenged when her estranged daughter returns and her middle-aged son grows restless. A richly evocative tale about life in our changing rural landscape. In a Chekhovian way, the play is a simple allegory for the loss of English country ways, as the family orchard looks certain to give way to a property development as the banks close in.

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Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons Lemons

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MASKERS STUDIO THEATRE
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4 - 9 March

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A new law means everyone has a daily limit of just 140 words each - considering the average person uses around 123m words during their lifetime, it's clear that, in such a situation, you'd have to really think hard to ensure you always say what you mean and mean what you say. This cleverly written and tightly packed play from award-winning author Sam Steiner, takes the canopener to a typical opposites-attract romcom in order to explore wider issues of democracy and free speech. When we are lost for words, we are at our most powerless.

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We desperately need to raise money to repair our roof. Unless we secure funds for this we risk closure of our Studio Theatre. Please help us by buying tickets for our shows or making a donation - visit our website for more details.

THANK YOU!