

MEDIA RELEASE

SPORT FOR JOVE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY SUMMER SEASON SHAKESPEARE'S *ROSE RIOT*

This summer **Sport for Jove** celebrates ten incredible years of theatre-making, ten summers of thrilling and surprising outdoor theatre, with our most immersive and ambitious season yet: Shakespeare's *Rose Riot*.

Rose Riot is Artistic Director **Damien Ryan**'s furious new adaptation of Shakespeare's extraordinary history cycle, covering a hundred years of riotous humanity and a pantheon of the earth's most remarkable political thinkers and drinkers, warriors and clowns, villains, heroines and despots. From Richard II to Henry IV, Harry and Kate Percy, Falstaff and Henry V, Joan of Arc, Henry VI, the Queens Margaret and Elizabeth, Richard Plantagenet, the Lady Anne and her lover 'misshapen Dick'.

"The history cycle is the work of a young Shakespeare tackling a wild, bold, daring, dangerous feat of storytelling and is among his most illuminating and prescient creations," said Ryan. "It's not just the extraordinary battles, political factionalism and its revolving door of new kings and queens, it is its sheer humanity that draws me to it. It is extravagant, violent, funny, fierce and very moving. It could be described as history's greatest leadership spills.

"We've waited ten years to bring this epic, seething cycle to the outdoor festival and can't wait to unleash these productions this summer with a brilliant cast of some of our most cherished actors."

We welcome back many festival veterans to mark the tenth anniversary including **James Lugton** (*Macbeth, Taming of the Shrew*), **Eloise Winestock** (*Romeo & Juliet, As You Like It, The Tempest*), **Bernadette Ryan** (*A Midsummer Night's Dream, As You Like It*), **Tim Walter** (*Ear to the Edge of Time, Love's Labour's Lost, Much Ado About Nothing*) **Lizzie Schebesta** (*Measure for Measure, The Comedy for Errors*), **Francesca Savige** (*All's Well That Ends Well, Twelfth Night*), **Christopher Stalley** (*Cyrano de Bergerac, All's Well That Ends Well*) **Terry Karabelas** (*The Taming of the Shrew, The Comedy of Errors, Romeo and Juliet*) and **Christopher Tomkinson** (*Hamlet, Cyrano de Bergerac, The Taming of the Shrew*). They will star alongside exceptional artists joining the festival for the first time, including **Emma Palmer** (*Playschool ABC, Kindertransport* Darlinghurst Theatre Company), **Bronwyn Lim** (*The River at the End of the Road*) and **Damon Manns** (*Infini* Vertical Entertainment).

Encompassing The Hills Shakespeare in the Park at Bella Vista Farm and Leura Shakespeare Festival at Leura Everglades Gardens, Sport for Jove's Summer Season has been bringing world class theatre to Sydney's west and the mountains for ten years. This season *The Hollow Crown* (*Richard II, Henry IV, Henry V*) and *The Wars of the Roses* (*Henry VI, Richard III*) will be presented as two distinct but linked productions. Audiences can enjoy either show as a standalone production or experience full the cycle by seeing both.

Creatives

Adaptor & Director **Damien Ryan**
Set Designer **Anna Gardiner & Damien Ryan**
Costume Designer **Anna Gardiner**
Sound Design **Ryan Patrick Devlin**
Assistant Director **Francesca Savige**

Cast

Alan Faulkner, Chantelle Jamieson, Terry Karabelas, Bronwyn Lim, Drew Livingston, James Lugton, Damon Manns, Abe Mitchell, Emma Palmer, Adele Querol, Bernadette Ryan, Francesca Savige, Lizzie Schebesta, Berynn Schwerdt, Brittanie Shipway, Christopher Stalley, Wendy Strehlow, Christopher Tomkinson, Tim Walter & Eloise Winestock

Dates & Venues

8-30 December 2018
Bella Vista Farm

Previews

8 Dec 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
14 Dec 2.30pm *The Hollow Crown* & 7pm *The Wars of the Roses*
15 Dec 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*

Opening Night

16 Dec 2.30pm *The Hollow Crown* & 7pm *The Wars of the Roses*
18 Dec 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
19 Dec 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
20 Dec 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*
21 Dec 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*
22 Dec 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
23 Dec 2.30pm *The Hollow Crown* & 7pm *The Wars of the Roses*
27 Dec 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
28 Dec 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*
29 Dec 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
30 Dec 2.30pm *The Hollow Crown* & 7pm *The Wars of the Roses*

12-27 January 2019
Leura Everglades Gardens

12 Jan 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
13 Jan 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*
18 Jan 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
19 Jan 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*
20 Jan 2pm *The Hollow Crown* & 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*
25 Jan 6.30pm *The Hollow Crown*
26 Jan 2pm *The Hollow Crown* & 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*
27 Jan 2pm *The Hollow Crown* & 6.30pm *The Wars of the Roses*

Tickets

Adult \$42, Concession \$32, Family bundle (2 Adult, 2 Concession) \$120, Children 9 and under are free.

Come once or come see both shows and get an extra 20% discount off tickets on the second show.

Bookings

www.sportforjove.com.au

ABOUT SPORT FOR JOVE

Sport for Jove is Sydney's leading independent theatre company. Founded in the summer of 2009 to present the first outdoor Shakespeare season at Bella Vista Farm and Leura Everglades Gardens, the company has thrilled Sydneysiders for ten years with its energetic, playful and illuminating productions of Shakespeare and the classics, as well as vibrant new Australian works.

Led by award-winning Artistic Director Damien Ryan, Sport for Jove is committed to nurturing and challenging young artists and offering audiences a detailed, insightful, intelligent, surprising and affordable experience every time they come to the theatre. The company also provides a bold, vigorous and inventive program of syllabus-based works for NSW school students and teachers through its Education Program and The Shakespeare Carnival.