

# Shakespeare's Avengers Assemble: All's War that Ends War

Written and Produced by Drake's Drummers Theatre Company Ltd



## About

Shakespeare's Avengers Assemble: All's War that Ends War is a new comedy created by award winning theatre company Drake's Drummers for Shakespeare's Birthplace where it is set to premiere in June 2018.

We will welcome audiences to Bardland, where war has raged for as long as anyone can remember, and winters last a lifetime (but not nearly as long as King Lear). The Histories, spearheaded by King Richard III control the South, whilst the Tragedies – led by the Manic Price Hamlet have claimed the North as the two ancient factions battle for dominion over the land.

However, an old power is on the move. Infuriated by both sides' refusal to acknowledge that the Comedies are funny, Sir John Falstaff has gathered an army, and is hunting down the Shakespeare Stones – echoes of their creator – to re-forged the oldest weapon in the world: The Infinity Boot. A new bard will be born.

Join Drake's Drummers as they take you to a world where all of Shakespeare's creations live, laugh and love together. Full of tragedy, history and lashings of comedy!

## Press

"Sound crazy? It is. It is also ridiculously funny, from the crossovers (Brutus and Lady Macbeth comparing bloody hands, Romeo and Ophelia commiserating together over the difficulties of their relationships) to the pop culture references...It won't matter if you only know one Shakespeare play or all thirty seven; you will find something to amuse you in Drake's Drummers Theatre Company's original, well crafted, wonderfully silly script."

#1 comedy of the Edinburgh Fringe in Broadway Baby's Top 10 list, Edfringe 2015

**Broadway Baby [Shakespeare's Avengers Assemble: Age of Oberon]**

"A very funny 60-minute romp through mythology with much stomping about and clattering of swords. There's carnage, chaos and a huge amount of humour as five Drake's Drummers populate Greece, Troy and a doorless wooden horse."

Rated in British Theatre Guides top South West Picks of 2017

**British Theatre Guide [The Shodyssey]**

## Industry

"The company not only presented a highly entertaining production which sold out, but also were hugely supportive in ensuring the smooth running of the space and bringing in an audience to a new pop-up theatre scheme."

**Dan Baker**

**Creative Producer, Barbican Theatre Plymouth**

"Their [Drake's Drummers] work is of an impeccably high standard and the shows that we have hosted have always been reviewed fantastically and been very well attended by audience members - no mean feat at the Fringe."

**Darren Neale**

**Venue Director, Greenside Venues Ltd**

"Shakespeare's Avengers Assemble: Age of Oberon was a delight to welcome to our theatre: refreshingly sophisticated and crazy, the company performed with ease leaving the audience roaring with laughter. Audience polls show they would very much like to see this production again!"

**Natalia Berrett**

**Artistic Director, Re:Act and Somerset Fringe**

## The Company

Drake's Drummers Theatre Company are an award winning new writing company based out of Plymouth. Having been formed in 2014, the company have gone on to have success at several national and international festivals as

well produce theatre for a local and national stage. In 2016 their critically acclaimed comedy Shakespeare's Avengers Assembleth: Age of Oberon completed a 32-date national tour. In 2017 they produced the first Plymouth Waterfront Theatre Festival in collaboration with Plymouth City Council, as well as performing across the South-West. This year they are set to bring Shakespeare's Avengers Assembleth: All's War that Ends War to Shakespeare's Birthplace and tour throughout the summer and autumn.

Company Members:

**Plum Grosvenor-Stevenson** – Plum is a graduate of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and has toured across the UK and Europe as an actor, he is a founder member of Drake's Drummers.

**Cal Moffat** – Cal studied at the University of Plymouth and has worked in outreach work with Balik Arts across the continent. He is the other founder member of Drake's Drummers.

**Owen Lewis** – Owen trained as part of the Actors Wheel, Marjon University. He has worked on several collaborations with Drake's Drummers as well as for the Barbican Theatre.

**Josephine Helen** – Jose trained on the Musical Theatre course at Chichester University, she toured the UK with Wonder Productions. This is Jose's first show with Drake's Drummers.

## Touring Specs

The show is very tech light and can be toured in professional theatres to village halls and outdoor spaces. It needs a simple PA system to run, however if this is unavailable we can travel with our own (this will need to be discussed in advance).

## Additional Information

### Marketing Tools

- Print: leaflets (A5) and posters (varying sizes)
- E-flyer: PDF format
- Production Shots: Downloadable via Dropbox
- Press release: Word document via email
- Twitter: @assembleth
- Facebook: Drake's Drummers Theatre Company
- Website: [www.drakesdrummers.co.uk](http://www.drakesdrummers.co.uk)

### Audience Outreach

We have a combined 8 years' experience of leading workshops across a variety of age ranges. We can tailor sessions for ages 8+. We specialise workshops on one or more of the following areas: History of Shakespeare, understanding Shakespearean in a modern context, re-imagining Shakespeare's work and characters from a contemporary perspective. Workshops use original texts as stimulus for the participants to prepare devised work and physical comedy under tutoring by company members. We are happy to deliver lectures concerning Shakespeare and his work in a modern context and comedic script writing. We are also able to take part in post-show discussions or Q&A sessions, involving a wide range of topics.

## Additional Information

Our prices usually start at £750 per show. However, this is negotiable, and we do sometimes operate on box office splits or first calls. The show is often offered as part of a deal with our other touring show Shakespeare's Avengers Assembleth: Age of Oberon, which will bring the price of both shows down. More information on Shakespeare's Avengers Assembleth: Age of Oberon is available upon request.

## Contact Information

For any more information or to book please contact Plum on [plum@drakesdrummers.co.uk](mailto:plum@drakesdrummers.co.uk) or 07971723880.

