



Much Ado About Nothing

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING by William Shakespeare
BRADFORD CATHEDRAL
10th - 12th July 2007

Paper Zoo Theatre Company presents Much Ado About Nothing at the spectacular Bradford Cathedral from 10th - 12th July 2007.

The production of this dynamic two hour play will be staged for three performances both in the grounds of, and inside, the Bradford Cathedral, 1 Stott Hill, Bradford, BD1 4EH. Tickets are £8 / £5.

Damien O'Keeffe directs William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing in an exciting production devised by former Bradford College Students. Paper Zoo Theatre Company comprises of eight members; three tutors from the college, four graduates and a company manager. Having performed a showcase, Road by Jim Cartwright and the self-named devised piece - Paper Zoo as part of the course, the students chose to continue the enthusiasm for acting and form the company. The company includes Stuart Davies, Ben Eagle, Martin Knowles, Laura Milnes, Jonathan O'Connor, Damien O'Keeffe, Julia O'Keeffe, and David Peel. Thus far they have performed A Christmas Carol at The Priestley (Dec 2005), Waiting For Godot at the Yorkshire Craft Centre (Sept 2006), Twelfth Night at The Priestley (Dec 2006) and Funeral Games at Bradford College (May 2007).

Returning home from battle, Don Pedro and his army are welcomed by Leonato, the Governor of Messina, to stay with him for a month. Claudio, one of Don Pedro's men, falls in love with Hero, Leonato's daughter. To pass the time before their marriage, Don Pedro, Claudio and Leonato devise a plan to bring together Benedick, an arrogant and stubborn bachelor, and Beatrice, his female counterpart. Meanwhile, Don John, the evil stepbrother to Don Pedro, conspires to break up the wedding by accusing Hero of infidelity.

With a host of memorable characters, and some of Shakespeare's wittiest lines, Much Ado About Nothing is one of the Bard's best! With the strong cast of Paper Zoo members as well as associate actors, this really is an event not to be missed!

Cast (in alphabetical order):

- Dean Ambridge - Borachio
Leon Clarke - Don Pedro
Stuart Davies - Friar / Sexton
Ben Eagle - Benedick
Josh Fyson - Conrade
Mushud Haq - Claudio
Colin Harvey - Watchman 1
Martin Knowles - Don John
Dan Laythorpe - Leonato
Laura Milnes - Hero
Damien O'Keeffe - Verges
Declan O'Keeffe - Boy
Ellen O'Keeffe - Girl
Julia O'Keeffe - Beatrice
Malcolm Pain - Antonio
Peter Powell - Watchman
David Peel - Dogberry
Kate Shackleton - Margaret

Directed by Damien O'Keeffe.

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