

MEDIA RELEASE



ANIMAL FARM by George Orwell, adapted for the stage by Peter Hall.

Paper Zoo Theatre Company presents *Animal Farm* for five performances only as part of the Company's second tour. The Company will take this innovative production to five venues throughout Yorkshire during June 2008.

Stuart Davies, who appeared as Scrooge in the Company's production of *A Christmas Carol* last December, directs Peter Hall's adaptation of George Orwell's controversial *Animal Farm*, in a production devised by Bradford College staff and former students. Paper Zoo Theatre Company comprises of nine members; four 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 their 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, David Peel and Kate Shackleton. 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), *Funeral Games* at Bradford College (May 2007), *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Bradford Cathedral (July 2007), *An Evening of Joe Orton* at the Yorkshire Craft Centre and Square Chapel Centre for the Arts, Halifax (Sep 2007), *A Christmas Carol* (tour) (Nov 07 – Jan 08) and the extremely successful cabaret-style evening of poetry and song *Valentines*, which the Company will be taking to the Edinburgh Fringe in August after two nights at the Bradford Cathedral in July.

On "Manor Farm" revolution is in the air.

See what happens when the animals throw out Farmer Jones and run the farm for themselves; when horses, cows, pigs, sheep and hens take control of their own lives and declare war on humanity.

Using their trademark blend of music, movement and humour Paper Zoo present an energetic performance of this timeless tale of the abuse of power – as relevant in today's world of sweat-shops, fiddled elections and imprisonment without trial as it was on the day it was written.

The names of the oppressors have changed but the story remains the same.

Cast (in alphabetical order):

Stacey Davies	<i>Minimus, Hen, Cow</i>
Stuart Davies	<i>Mr Jones, Mr Pilkington, Mr Whymper</i>
Ben Eagle	<i>Napoleon</i>
Martin Knowles	<i>Boxer</i>
Damien O'Keeffe	<i>Old Major, Benjamin, Moses</i>
Julia O'Keeffe	<i>Snowball, Clover</i>
David Peel	<i>Squealer</i>
Emily Thornton	<i>Mollie, Hen, Cow</i>
Kris Vogelsang	<i>Cat, Hen, Cow</i>

With other parts being played by members of the company.

Directed by Stuart Davies. Lighting by Symon Culpan

This exciting and dynamic production will last for approximately 90 minutes, plus an interval.

Tickets are £9 full price or £6 for concessions.

TOUR SCHEDULE

Saturday 21 June –	BRADFORD, The Bradford Playhouse.	7:30pm.	01274 820666
Wednesday 25 June –	HOLMFIRTH, CragRats Theatre.	7:30pm.	01484 691323
Thursday 26 June –	SETTLE, Victoria Theatre.	7:30pm.	01729 825718
Friday 27 June –	KNARESBOROUGH, Fraser Theatre.	7:30pm.	01423 861232
Saturday 28 June –	HAWORTH, West Lane Methodist Church.	7:30pm.	01535 640300

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