

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### ABOUT THE PERFORMANCE

This summer The Lord Chamberlain's Men, in their thirteenth successful year, invite you to join them this summer for Shakespeare's most hilarious farce *The Comedy of Errors* – a riotous rollercoaster of a comedy that will keep you guessing and laughing until its joyous conclusion.

This fantastical comedy follows two pairs of identical twins, Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus, and their servants, both named Dromio. When they were babies, the twins and their parents were separated in a shipwreck; now, years later, as one half of the twins search for the other they unwittingly find themselves in the same city on the same day.

**Peter Stickney, Artistic Director** says, *“In my first full year leading the company we bring you something new. The Lord Chamberlain's Men has never performed The Comedy of Errors before, and I can't wait! This hilarious summer comedy is a complete joy, but with Shakespeare it's never that simple. He elevates what could just be a story of mistaken identity to new levels with questions about relationships, family and personal identity so that alongside the confusing and hilarious circumstances, the characters are dealing with bigger questions of love and loss before, ultimately, redemption. I can't think of anything more perfect for a summer's evening than a classical retelling of this great play set against the background of some of the nation's most beautiful outdoor venues.”*

Bring a chair and a picnic and spend a glorious summer's evening watching this funny, moving and fast-paced production of one of Shakespeare's best-loved comedies. Performed in the open air, by an all-male cast with Elizabethan costume, music and dance, this is undoubtedly one of the hottest tickets of the summer.

### TIMINGS

Gates will open at 6:30pm with the performance starting at 7:30pm. There will be a 15 minute interval at 8:35pm with the performance recommencing at 8:50pm. Finishing time is approximately 9:45pm

#### WHAT TO BRING

No seating is provided so please bring low-backed seats or a picnic blanket. Picnics are encouraged and liquid refreshments will be available to purchase. Please dress for all weather situations. It can get chilly towards the end of the performance so coats are recommended. This performance will take place whatever the weather.

#### SUITABILITY

No pets are allowed at this event. Guide Dogs however will be permitted. Babies and young children are welcome and children under 3 years go free.

#### DISABLED ACCESS

There will be disabled parking available on a first come first served basis. There are no steps to avoid, all the ground is flat.

#### CAN I BRING ALCOHOLIC DRINKS TO THE EVENT?

Yes you can, in reasonable quantities – i.e. not more than 1 litre of wine or the equivalent of 4 cans of beer per person over 18 years old. Please note you are only permitted to bring 1 glass bottle of wine or 1 glass bottle of champagne per person OR 2 per hamper or combination of both. Heavy duty glass dishes/bowl (i.e. Pyrex) and glass food jars to be allowed within reason (3-4 per hamper). Glass bottles/vessels not permitted include: fragile glass drinkware, fragile glass containers/dishes/bowls which may break easily.

#### IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I AM NOT ALLOWED TO BRING?

The following articles are not permitted on site – non domestic knives, fireworks, barbecues, gazebos, tents, awnings, smoke or gas canisters (including aerosols and nitrous oxide), Chinese lanterns, megaphones, air-horns, sound systems, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass vessels, poles including selfie-sticks, unauthorised items for trading, including any goods using unauthorised event logos, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety, including unofficial tabards.

CAN I GET BACK IN TO THE EVENT AFTER I LEAVE?

There is no re-admission to the event; once you have left you will not be able to get back in.

IS DRINKING WATER AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT?

Bottled water and other soft drinks will be available to purchase from the bars and catering units.

CAN I BUY A TICKET ON THE DAY?

Provided that the performance has not sold out you will be able to buy tickets on the day.

CAN I GET A REFUND?

Unfortunately tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable.

I HAVE A GOLF UMBRELLA THAT I WOULD LIKE TO BRING WITH ME, WILL THIS BE ALLOWED?

Yes, although nothing larger than a golf umbrella and please be considerate to people around you. You might be better off using a plastic mac with a hood.

HOW TO FIND US

Sat Nav details: Knowsley Hall can be found using postcode L34 4AJ. This will take you down a road called George Hale Avenue where you will arrive at a set of gates. You will have to show your e-tickets at the gate before gaining entry onto the estate so please have this ready. Upon entry please drive down the road following signs for Hall and you will be directed to park by a steward.