

Open-air summer Shakespeare returns to the heart of Covent Garden

Iris Theatre presents

Julius Caesar

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Director DANIEL WINDER

Assistant Director Andrew Lynford
Sound Designer Filipe Gomes
Composer/Musical Director Candida Caldicot-Bull
Lighting Designer Ben Polya
Movement Stephanie Bradbury

For the fifth successive year and following the success of last year's *As You Like It*, Iris Theatre returns to St Paul's Church in the heart of Covent Garden, with an open-air production of Shakespeare's vivid political thriller, *Julius Caesar*, which runs from Wednesday 26 June and Friday 26 July.

Press night is Monday July 1 at 7.30pm.

Set in the intimate gardens of an historic 17th century English church, this promenade production will take audiences into the racing heart of Shakespeare's drama.

The Republic stands on a knife edge. Chaos and ruin threaten on all sides. Through the fog of war a charismatic leader emerges; but Caesar's strength is a threat to democracy itself. Brother will turn on brother, freedom fighters will become terrorists, and blood will be spilled. When you play for an Empire, you win or you die...

Driven forward by a contemporary soundtrack, the audience will follow the story through the gardens and buildings of St. Paul's; dancing in the Lupercalian festival, standing judgement in the Senate, and maybe even striking against Caesar with the conspirators.

Cast includes: David Baynes, Simon Kent, Matthew Mellalieu, Laura Wickham.

This is a thrilling London summer theatre experience not to be missed.

Julius Caesar will be followed by an imaginative new adaption of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* from 30 July - 31 August.

Iris Theatre is a dynamic young company resident at the world famous Actors Church in Covent Garden. Iris Theatre was created in 2007 to produce a production of T.S. Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* at St. Paul's Church. The success of that production led on to further shows, more success, and a dynamic company which has grown year on year. Iris gained full charity status in October 2009 with a mission to support the development of the next generation of professional theatre practitioners across all theatre forms.

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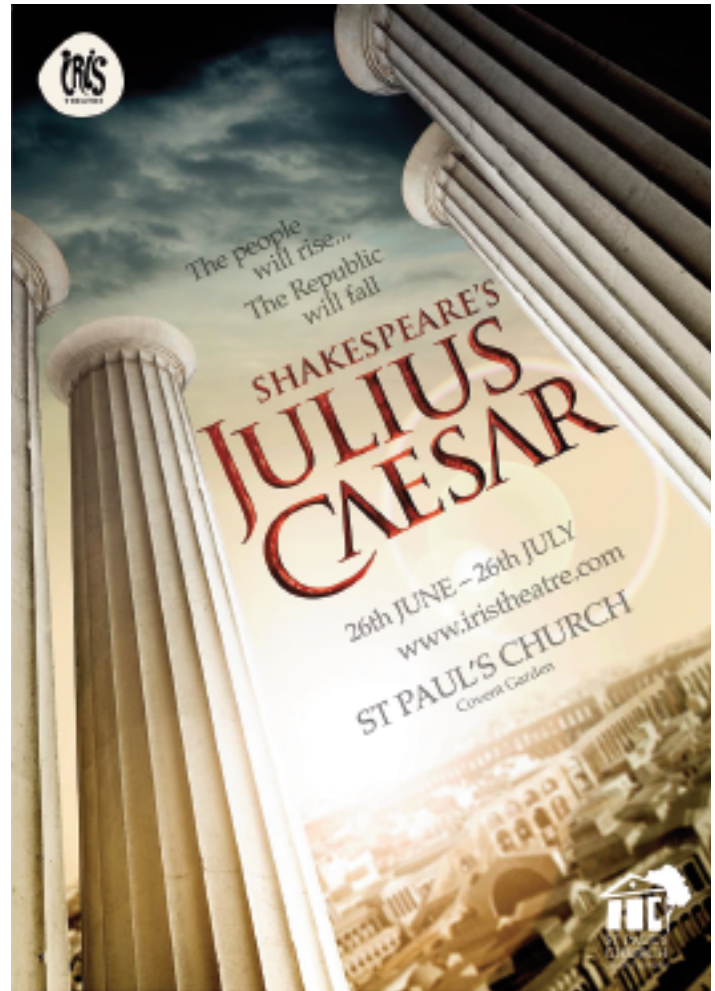
"It is a privilege to be supporting a company that is treating the Bard as if he is in the Green Room, waiting to give notes. It shows and I admire it."
Iris patron, Thelma Holt, CBE

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Book online at www.iris theatre.com
Tickets are also available in person on the door

**Wednesday 26 June -
Friday 26 July**

Monday - Saturday at 7.30pm
Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

Press night: Monday 1 July at 7.30pm

Tickets: £16.00, concessions £12.00

Tubes: Covent Garden, Leicester Square
Buses: 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 23, 24, 29, 87, 91, 139, 176



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