

# The 11th anniversary of Free Theatre in the stunning Greek Amphitheatre setting of The Scoop at More London on the banks of the Thames by City Hall

Suzanna Rosenthal for London's Free Open-Air Theatre Season presents

## THE THEBANS SEASON

Directed by Phil Willmott

The award-winning free theatre season returns with **The Thebans** directed by Phil Willmott, two fully staged productions inspired by the ancient Greek city of Thebes.

Performance dates for this year are 7 August - 1 September, with shows on Wednesdays - Sundays.

### Press night is Thursday 15 August at 6.00pm

This is the 11th anniversary of London's Free Open-Air Theatre Season in the stunning Greek amphitheatre setting of The Scoop at More London (next to City Hall) on the banks of the River Thames. Winner of a Peter Brook award for innovation, this season of completely free theatre is now firmly established as one of London's annual theatre-going must-sees.

There's no need to book – just turn up and take a seat! There's room for 1,000 people at each performance.

#### Prince of Thebes (6pm)

Aimed at a family audience and those encountering Oedipus for the first time our irresistible blend of comedy, adventure, music and puppetry will introduce you to the young Prince as he thwarts magical and mortal enemies in his quest to lift an evil spell. *Prince of Thebes* is written by Phil Willmott.

#### Oedipus and Antigone (8pm)

As twilight gathers, older audiences are invited to discover the terrible fate of the adult Oedipus and his children in a vivid new production combining two masterpieces by Sophocles. Chronicling the downfall of the Theban Royal family this epic story of a proud father and daughter battling the gods for survival echoes down the centuries and asks us to consider the role destiny plays in all our lives. *Oedipus* and *Antigone* are presented in a new translation by Lisa Kuma.

STAGETEXT Captioned performance of both shows: 22 August  
Post show chats: 11, 15, 25 and 29 August

Cast: Lucy Cudden, Robert Donald, Samantha Lawson, Philip Scott-Wallace  
Anthony Topham, Charlotte Whitaker, Joseph Wicks, Phil Willmott.

Director Phil Willmott, Movement Director Racky Plews, Set and Costume Design Philip Lindley, Lighting Design Miguel Figueiredo, Sound Design and Composer Theo Holloway.

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Evening Standard

**“Theatre you would happily pay to see”** Metro

The Scoop at More London  
More London Riverside  
London  
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Location:  
on the south bank of the River Thames, between London Bridge and Tower Bridge next to City Hall

Tubes: London Bridge or Tower Hill

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