



NEWS RELEASE

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A GIANT PEACH at EASTNOR CASTLE! Family Open Air Theatre

For the first time Eastnor Castle near Ledbury will be welcoming touring theatre company 'Illyria' who are bringing **James and the Giant Peach** to life on **Sunday 15th August at 3pm**. Illyria are currently in their 19th season and are going down a storm! They have played to sell-out audiences and widespread acclaim.

A tale told by its hero James with the help of the "very large insects" he meets along his adventurous way, not to mention the songs and the rocking and rolling music, it rattles along taking you from the Land of Opportunity to the Land of the Free, and across the Atlantic, aided and abetted by the skipper and crew of the good ship Queen Mary to the Big Apple, it's a fruity production in every sense, at breakneck speed.

Families are welcome to bring their own picnic, rugs and low backed seating for the performance within the beautiful grounds and refreshments will be available from the castle tearoom and ice cream parlour.

David Littlewood General Manager says *"We are looking forward to Illyria performing this family classic with a big piece of fruit and audience participation! It should be exciting and fun for all ages"*.

"Storytelling at its very best" The Cornishman 2009
"Children. .. were completely absorbed" Henley Standard 2009

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Tickets still available

Performance at 3.00pm – Tickets call 01531 633160

Gates open at 2.00pm

Performance approx 1hr 45mins (inc 20 min interval)

Tickets:

Adult £12.00

Child (5-15yrs) £8.00

Family (2+2) £32.00

Editors Notes:

David Wood OBE, dubbed “the national children’s dramatist” by Irving Wardle in The Times, has written over fifty plays for children, many of which have been performed all over the world. His adaptation captures all the fun and excitement of Roald Dahl’s superb children’s classic, and includes plenty of opportunities for participation!

Visit the Official Roald Dahl Website, which is packed with information and games as well as up to date news from the World of Roald Dahl, by clicking through to www.roalddahl.com. If you would like to join the sponsored read which raises money for the Roald Dahl Foundation, then click through to www.readathon.org.

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