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EASTNOR CASTLE HOSTS

'THE TEMPEST' -

Shakespeare's Tempestuous Tale of Love and Magic!

The Lord Chamberlain's Men return by popular demand to Eastnor Castle, near Ledbury with Shakespeare's magical last play *The Tempest*, combining love, comedy and magic in equal measure.

Mark Puddle, the company's founder and creative director, says the show will prove more than popular with audiences. *'After the success of last year's Twelfth Night, we decided to do another comedy with a shipwreck in it, so The Tempest was the natural choice. We've assembled a terrific cast, and there are so many memorable characters and some of the most famous speeches Shakespeare ever wrote, so it should be a fantastic summer evening.'*

The terrace at Eastnor Castle provides the perfect setting overlooking the lake and is an excellent opportunity for a picnic with friends and family. This timeless tale of magic and comedy in beautiful surroundings, and performed in the unique style offers a theatrical experience not to be missed.

***'Open air theatre as it should be and at it's very, very best!'* BBC**

A brief synopsis....King Alonso of Naples, his son Ferdinand and their entourage encounter a violent storm and are washed ashore on a strange island inhabited by the magician Prospero, his beautiful daughter Miranda, Ariel, a sprite who carries out the bidding of Prospero, and the ugly, half human Caliban. Miranda has never set her eyes upon any human being other than her father and when she is immediately struck with the beauty of Ferdinand, her life on the island is turned upside down. The story follows this affair, but not without first taking the audience on a truly magical journey of love, comedy, revenge and forgiveness.

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Tickets still available

Performance at 7.30pm – Tickets call 01531 633160

Gates open at 6.30pm

Editors Notes:

Founded in 2004, The Lord Chamberlain's Men Theatre Company is the modern incarnation of Shakespeare's original troop of the same name. Performing with an all-male cast, they aim to revive the traditions of Elizabethan theatre and to bring to life the greatest works of drama as they would first have been performed.

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