

# Press Release

house presents a Transport production

## AS YOU LIKE IT

by William Shakespeare

Directed by Douglas Rintoul

Co-produced with Les Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg  
and New Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich



- **CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED THEATRE COMPANY TRANSPORT ANNOUNCE UK TOUR OF RE-IMAGINED SHAKESPERIAN COMEDY AS YOU LIKE IT DIRECTED BY DOUGLAS RINTOUL**

From 27 September to 22 November 2013, *Transport*, the critically acclaimed Folkstone-based theatre company behind *Invisible*, *1001 Nights*, *Elegy* and *Europe* will present an innovative and visceral new production of Shakespeare's age-old romantic comedy across the South East of England, Eastern England and internationally. The tour will open in Luxembourg on 27 September and finish on 22 November in London. For a full list of tour dates, please see 'listings information' below.

A vibrant, touching, and timely story about love and statelessness, *As You Like It* examines human capacity to endure. Rosalind, the daughter of an exiled leader, falls in love with Orlando. Separately the two are banished from their homeland by Rosalind's dictator uncle. In the wild depths of the forest they find unexpected freedom and are reunited with friends and family.

Casting includes: Fisayo Akinade, Ritu Arya, Colin Carmichael, Anna Elijasz, Michael Fox Elisabeth Johannesdottir, George Lasha, Mark Jax, Alton Letto.

Using theatre to examine a complex subject, director Douglas Rintoul researched experiences of exile and identity, working with asylum seekers and migrants from India, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. In this new adaptation, Rintoul underpins Shakespeare's classic English text with references to contemporary political exile, offering audiences new perspectives on the play, our own society and the wider world.

Douglas is artistic director of Transport and has directed for the Barbican, Unicorn Theatre, Watermill Theatre, Trafalgar Studios, Dundee Rep Theatre, Les Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg, National Theatre Studio, Salisbury Playhouse, New Wolsey Theatre, Ice&Fire and Creation. He is also a long-standing associate director to Complicite and was an assistant and associate director to Deborah Warner.

Transport was awarded house's first Contemporary Classic Theatre commission for their new adaptation of *As You Like It*. The commission was designed to create and tour a new piece of contemporary classic theatre to new and established theatre audiences, initially across the South East and East regions of the UK.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

### **About Transport**

Transport is an internationally minded arts company based in Folkestone. Positioned on a geographical border, the company's focus is rooted in the near and far looking towards the channel and beyond. Transport exists to make work that celebrates the diversity of the human experience, engages the imagination and promotes new forms and collaborations. Transport's work is highly visual, sonorous, physical and poetic and through collaboration the company produce strong ensemble lead story telling for the theatre - be that new text, devised work or classic drama. Transport is headed by theatre director Douglas Rintoul (Complicite, Barbican, Watermill, National Theatre Studio) and producer Emma Cameron (Complicite, Deborah Warner, Royal Court, National Theatre).

### **About house**

house is an initiative supported by Arts Council England to improve the range, quality and scale of theatre presented across south east and east of England.

## **LISTINGS INFORMATION**

### ***AS YOU LIKE IT***

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<http://transport-theatre.eu/>

### **TOUR DATES**

**Luxembourg, Grand Théâtre Studio**

**27, 30 September, 1 October 2013**

Box Office +352 47 08 951

<http://www.theatreinfo.lu/>

**Ipswich, New Wolsey Theatre**

**9 - 12 October**

Box Office 01473 295 900

<http://www.wolseytheatre.co.uk/>

**Peterborough, Key Theatre**

**14 October**

Box Office 01733 207 239

<http://www.vivacity-peterborough.com/venues/key-theatre>

**Newbury, Corn Exchange**

**15 - 16 October**

Box Office 0845 5218 218

<http://www.cornexchangenew.com/>

**Harlow, Harlow Playhouse**  
**17 October**  
Box Office 01279 431 945  
<http://www.playhouseharlow.com/>

**Bracknell, South Hill Park**  
**18 October**  
Box Office 01344 484 123  
<http://www.southhillpark.org.uk/>

**Canterbury, Gulbenkian**  
**19 October**  
Box Office 01227 769 075  
<http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian/>

**Hertford, Hertford Theatre**  
**22 October**  
Box Office 01992 531 500  
<http://www.hertfordtheatre.com/>

**Basingstoke, Haymarket**  
**23-24 October**  
Box Office 01256 844 244  
<http://www.anvilarts.org.uk/>

**Didcot, Cornerstone**  
**25 October**  
Box Office 01235 515 144  
<http://www.cornerstone-arts.org/>

**Portsmouth, New Theatre Royal**  
**26 October**  
Box Office 023 9264 9000  
<http://www.newtheatreroyal.com/>

**Oxford, The North Wall,**  
**29 October**  
Box Office 01865 319 450  
<http://www.thenorthwall.org/>

**Colchester, Lakeside Theatre**  
**30 October**  
Box Office 01206 873 261  
<http://lakesidetheatre.org.uk/>

**Diss, Diss Corn Hall**  
**31 October**  
Box Office 01379 652 241

<http://www.disscornhall.co.uk/>

**King's Lynn, King's Lynn Arts Centre**

**1 November**

Box Office 01553 764 864

<http://www.kingslynnarts.co.uk/>

**Norwich, Norwich Playhouse**

**4-5 November**

Box Office 01603 598 598

<http://www.norwichplayhouse.co.uk/>

**Stowe, Roxborough Theatre**

**6 November**

Box Office 01280 818 024

**Farnham, Maltings**

**7 November**

Box Office 01252 745 444

<https://farnhammaltings.com/>

**Tunbridge Wells, Trinity Theatre**

**8 November**

Box Office 01892 678 678

<http://www.trinitytheatre.net/>

**Brighton, Corn Exchange**

**9-10 November**

Box Office 01273 709 709

<http://brightondome.org>

**Maidenhead, Norden Farm Arts Centre**

**12 November**

Box Office 01628 788 997

<http://nordenfarm.org/>

**Eastleigh, The Point**

**13 November**

Box Office 023 8065 2333

<http://www.thepointeastleigh.co.uk/>

**Folkstone, Quarterhouse**

**15-16 November**

Box Office 01303 858 500

<http://www.quarterhouse.co.uk/>

**London, The Albany**

**19 - 22 November**

Box Office 0208 692 4446

<http://www.thealbany.org.uk/>