Romeo and Juliet in Heaton Park this summer!

Following the 5 star Midsummer Night’s Dream in 2017 award winning theatre company, Feelgood Theatre Productions, return to Heaton Park to stage Shakespeare’s classic love story, Romeo and Juliet.  This beautiful site-sympathetic piece transforms Heaton Park into the set for the two young star-crossed lovers whose deaths ultimately reconcile their feuding families.

This show journeys through the park witnessing the passion of love at first sight between Romeo and Juliet and then follows them as they become an overpowering force that supersedes all other values, loyalties and emotions.  Brimming with theatrical delights that see the Egerton Family of Heaton make an ‘appearance’.  If you missed the sold out ‘Dream’ make sure you book early for this, it is an experience not to be missed!

Performed by a thrilling cast, many of whom are returning from the 2017 ‘Dream’ cast, the show is fused together with stunning music from Gounod to the Stone Roses, with sword fighting and dance by graduates from the Northern Ballet School and a special glimpse inside the closed Heaton Hall, this is outdoor promenade at its very best.

**Director Caroline Clegg says**:  *“As stakeholder Theatre Company in Heaton Hall and Park I am delighted to be bringing our nuanced and visceral Romeo and Juliet to life which cherishes the history of the hall and park and is relevant to a contemporary Manchester audience.*

*In addition, Feelgood’s long history of innovative community and educational work will come to the fore.  This summer we will be unveiling an extensive programme to give a platform to young people.  We are thrilled to be joined by 2 dancers from the Northern Ballet School who will embody in dance the spirit of Romeo and Juliet and two actors from Manchester School of Theatre will work alongside the professional cast.  We are initiating a Summer School for young people age 13 – 16 who will attend workshops with the cast and have the opportunity to perform their own devised piece in front of an audience.*

*Responding to feedback we are also trialling a new initiative this year of a matinee performance to make it as accessible as possible.”*

Manchester City Council’s Executive Member for Schools, Culture and Leisure, Councillor Luthfur Rahman, said:

“*Heaton Park and Hall will provide a stunning setting for this new production of one of the most famous love stories ever told.

"As well as providing the opportunity for families to enjoy a unique cultural experience within one of the city's greatest parks, it's particularly pleasing to know that through this project, Feelgood Theatre will be helping local young people to develop their artistic talents, by offering them to learn from the cast while producing a performance of their own."*

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**Further information:
Media enquiries:**Please contact Sarah Gormley at Tree Communications on 07919 886488. Email sarah@treecommunications.co.uk.                                                                             Interviews can be arranged with: Caroline Clegg and cast members.

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**DATES:  25th July – 12th August, 7.30pm.**

**Matinee:**   Thurs 2nd Aug, 3pm

      No show: Sun July 29th, Mon 30th July, Mon 6th August.

**Tickets:**

**Prices:**  Adult £17. Concs £12 (over 65, under 16, disabled).

**Family Ticket:** £50 (2 Adults 2 Concs)

**Online at:**  [www.jumblebee.co.uk/romeoandjuliet](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/romeoandjuliet)

**In person** (cash only) From the Stables Café, Heaton Park.

Suitable for Ages 8+.  Accessible for wheelchair users (strong pusher over grass).

**Important Notes:**Most scenes are between 10 – 20 mins long with an easy walk between scenes.

Bring something light and portable e.g.: fold up chair or rug if you wish to sit and picnics to enjoy beforehand or during the interval (you can walk around with a drink)
This is Manchester; rain does not stop play (no refunds) - please wear suitable clothing and footwear and leave your four legged friends at home.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
It will be dark when we finish so bring a torch for the walk back to the car park or tram.
**How to get there:**

• **By Metro:** Heaton Park stop then walk to the Farm Centre meeting point.

   10 min walk to meeting point.

• **By Car:**NB:  St Margaret’s Road Entrance off Bury Old Road.  M25 2SW.

   5 min walk to meeting point.

 **By Foot:**Easiest walk from Metro Link gate of Bury Old Road.

• If disabled please call the park office ahead to enable you to drive down to the hall.

**Meeting point:**   Stables Café.