

As You Like It

A Romantic comedy by William Shakespeare, presented by Sprite Productions

Ripley Castle

Tuesday 22nd June – Sunday 11th July 2010

“An unique way to entertain clients, reward staff, or simply enjoy a wonderful evening with family and friends”

This summer challenge your ideas of conventional theatre, and transform your views of Shakespeare by attending an exciting production in and around the beautiful grounds of Ripley Castle. Shakespeare at Ripley Castle is becoming increasingly popular within the summer months in Yorkshire with over 6,000 people enjoying the production of *The Tempest* in 2009.

Sprite Productions will be making full use of the grounds and woodland at Ripley Castle to tell the story of *As You Like It*. You can expect Sprite to use the woodland to depict the Forest of Arden and with a nod back to their much loved promenade style of playing you'll be in for a truly cinematic experience. Ripley is the perfect setting for this romantic comedy.

Sponsorship / Hospitality packages

Possibilities are endless; you can sponsor the full three week production or your own evening show, host a champagne picnic or a reception in the castle, advertise in the souvenir programme amongst many other options.. all of which will entitle you to complimentary tickets.

Sponsors are invited an hour before the show begins where they are met by their host. Champagne is served on arrival as your guests enjoy the live pre-show entertainment. Enjoy your first two food courses alfresco in your marquee, before watching the first half of the *Tempest* as you have never experienced it before! Finish the deserts from your deluxe hamper during the interval and relax and enjoy the second half as the sun sets on Ripley Castle and Gardens.

Sponsorship & Hospitality Costs:

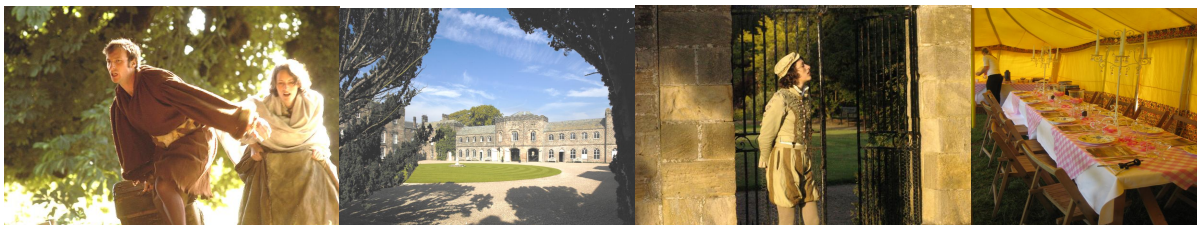
Packages start from £1,000 inc VAT and would include the following;

- 12 tickets for an evening performance in the Castle's grounds
- 2 glasses of champagne per guest
- Free souvenir programme for all guests
- Four course, sit down meal with wine, served by an on site chef
- A full page advert in the souvenir programme (A5)
- Your company logo and weblink on the Sprite Production's website

Other options and costs are available, we would be happy to discuss these with you.

Provisional Itinerary: (The times are approximate)

6.00pm	Arrive at Ripley Castle for champagne reception and canapés
6.30pm	Supper in your Moroccan tent
7.30pm	Performance begins
9.00pm	Interval. Pudding will be served followed by tea or coffee
10.15pm	Performance ends.



As You Like It - A Romantic Comedy by William Shakespeare

Rosalind is daughter of the banished Duke Frederick who was usurped by his brother, Rosalind's Uncle. She has been allowed to stay as a guest of her uncle but has always been aware of the contempt he holds for her.

Whilst in the crowd watching her uncles wrestling champion beat and injure many an opponent her eye falls on one of the new challengers - a young man by the name of Orlando. After seeing him become the first man to beat the champion wrestler they have a small exchange that sends both of them away with the feeling that only comes with meeting that someone special.

Orlando is forced to leave the court after he hears of his older brothers plan to kill him and he flees to hide away in the Forest of Arden. There he finds the banished Duke (Rosalind's Father) living with his closest friends - a band of merry men - free from the stress of living at court and enjoying their exile.

On hearing of Orlando's escape, and as her Uncle becomes more resentful towards her, Rosalind decides she too must leave the court and find this young man who she cannot bare to be without. With the help of her cousin, Cecilia, she dresses up in disguise as a man and also heads for the renowned Forest of Arden. Of course it proves far more difficult than expected to find Orlando, explain why she is dressed as a man, and express her love for him.

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