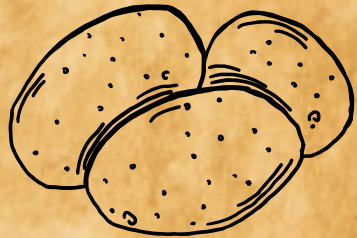
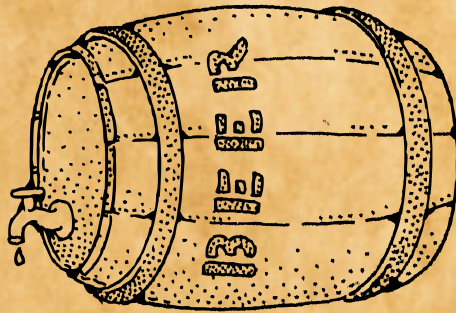


Blackadder II

Bells-Pot at o-Beer

Written by Richard Curtis and Ben Elton

Directed by Ian Hammond-St ark



Tue 10th - Sat 14th December

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1 Church Lane, Northampton NN13NL

Notes from the Director

Heralded as one of the greatest comedy series of all time, Blackadder II is comedy genius at its best and has been seen by many as the benchmark of the complete Blackadder dynasty. With a cast of hilarious and memorable characters, it has truly stood the test of time and still creates new waves of fans with every generation. When I decided to adapt it for the stage, the hardest part was deciding NOT to do the whole series of six episodes (it was a constant struggle).

With the original cast having so many iconic characters played by incredibly talented comedic legends, I knew the casting was going to be one of, if not, THE most important milestone with this production. However, I am proud to say that collected in this ensemble is an absolutely mind-blowingly perfect cast of some stunning local talent! This show promises to be one not to be missed. Each rehearsal I find myself laughing uncontrollably and, as with the series itself, no matter how many times I watch it, it never gets old.

For those who don't know the series, we are covering three episodes: 'Bells' sees Blackadder falling in love with his new servant 'Bob'; 'Potato' sees Blackadder embarking on a quest to one up Sir Walter Raleigh and 'Beer' sees Blackadder trying to coax an inheritance from his extended family.

I hope you enjoy the show!... If not, then by Jove I will slap my face, call myself Susan and flap around like a pigeon called 'Speckled Jim'!

Ian Hammond-Stark

Cast



Rik E Dean - Lord Blackadder

Ladies & gentlemen, I present my lapdog Baldrick and idiot, Lord Percy Percy. Whom, to my greatest pleasure, will whisk you off on a thrilling adventure...to leave me alone, in peace.



Jake Turner - Baldrick

After a few shows with Masque Jake is excited to return to the stage once more as Baldrick working with some new faces and old friends.



Robin McAllister - Lord Percy Percy

Robin has been a fan of Blackadder since he first saw it aged 8 and is very excited to be playing the inimitable idiot Lord Percy Percy. With all the bumps and scrapes that entails.



Michaela Clement-Hayes - Queenie

Michaela is thrilled to be making her debut with Masque Theatre as Queenie - a bucket list role which feels particularly appropriate as she's currently writing a book about her mother Anne Boleyn!



Di Wyman - Nursie

Diane has performed for many years with local groups and was last seen in 'Titus Andronicus'. She has previously appeared in professional productions of 'A Tale of Two Cities' and 'The Hook' at the Royal & Derngate Theatre.

Blackadder

Bells-Pot

Cast

Lord Blackadder Rik E Dean

Baldrick Jake Turner

Lord Percy Percy Robin McAllister

Queenie Michaela Clement-Hayes

Nursie Di Wyman

Lord Melchett Jem Clack

Kate / 'Bob' Ashleigh Standage

Kate's Father / Owen Warr

Lord Whiteadder

Wise Women / April Pardoe

Lady Whiteadder

Lord Flashheart / Josh Pugh

Simon Partridge

Captain Redbeard Rum / John Myhill

Geoffrey Piddle

Dr. Leech / Adrian Wyman

Sir Walter Raleigh / Freddie

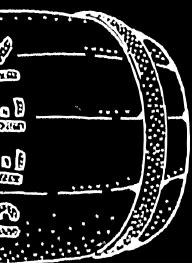
Frobisher



There is one interval
Refreshment

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at o-Beer



Creative & Production Credits

Director Ian Hammond-Stark

Lighting Alison Thomas

Sound Ian Hammond-Stark

Stage Manager Clare Brittain

Technical Support Phil Welsh

Costumes Clare Brittain & Pamela Mann

Props Clare Brittain & Mark Mortimer

Continuity Clare Brittain

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Poster Design Meryl Couper

Programme Meryl Couper

Booking Manager Elizabeth Allan

Box Office Sue Howes

Hospitality Manager Maggie Holland

FOH / Refreshments Masque Members

Performance Safety officer Masque Committee Members

Special thanks to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for their support, to the Masque committee and members, including Robert Vaughan and everyone who has moved platforms, props and helped put this show together.

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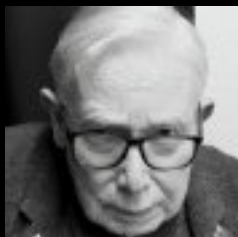
Jem Clack - Lord Melchett

Jem has been haunting amateur stages across the county since the 1998 Masque production of 'Much Ado About Nothing'. Recent roles have included Nigel Slater in 'Toast', Jack Mullen in 'The Weir' and Ormonroyd in 'When We Were Married'.



Ashleigh Standage - Kate / 'Bob'

Ashleigh's recent roles were Nicola in 'Kinky Boots', Princess Fiona in 'Shrek' and Ruth in 'Calendar Girls' all at the Royal and Derngate and Maureen in 'RENT' at the Masque Theatre, Kettering. She is also playing Rachel in 'The Girl on the Train' at Moulton Theatre next year. Ashleigh can't wait to play the role of Kate/ 'Bob'.



Owen Warr - Kate's Father / Lord Whiteadder

A return to the boards, - after a year's rest and once more succumbing to the draw of Masque's comedic strengths, - after an absence from the stage.



April Pardoe - Wisewoman / Lady Whiteadder

April joined Masque in 2012 playing a range of roles including Mrs Gibbs (Our Town) and Hippolyta (Midsummer Nights' Dream). She was last seen as Aunt March in Little Women.



Josh Pugh - Lord Flashheart / Simon Partridge

Josh has performed both professionally and in amateur productions in a variety of roles across the years. Some of his favourite roles include the Wolf/Cinderella's Prince in 'Into the Woods', Dr Frankenfurter in 'The Rocky Horror Show', Thomas Bowbray/Exton in 'Richard II', '.

Cast



John Myhill - Captain Redbeard Rum / Geoffrey Piddle

With Duston Players John has previously played Blackadder characters created by Tony Robinson, Rowan Atkinson, Robbie Coltrane and Brian Blessed, so he is happy to add Tom Baker to that list!



Adrian Wyman - Dr. Leech/ Sir Walter Raleigh / Freddie Frobisher

Adrian has appeared in numerous roles, with numerous companies. Having always been a fan of Blackadder this is an opportunity he didn't want to miss. Leech, leech, leech, potato, Hurray!



Autumn Season

Shadowlands

by William Nicholson

Directed by Rob Kendall

An award-winning and heart breaking play, Shadowlands is the true story of the author, C.S. Lewis' late flowering love for American poet, Joy Gresham. When Joy receives a diagnosis of cancer, though devastated, the two are drawn closer together. Set in 1950's Oxford the play recognises Lewis' passion for his children's books such as The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Tue 11th- Sat 15th February, 7.30pm

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Blood Brother

The Play written by Willy Russell

Directed by Lee Winston

Blood Brothers is a story that will take you on a journey so intense, so vivid, with love mixed with tragedy. The play version delves deep into each character, and draws out every ounce of emotion on stage, taking the audience with the actors at every turn. An evening of theatre that will live with you for a long, long time.

Tue 22nd - Sat 26th April, 7.30pm

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