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THE ROMAN INVASION OF RAMSBOTTOM



A MUSICAL COMEDY
BY DAVID NIELD AND
JEREMY JAMES TAYLOR



THE ROSE THEATRE, KINGSTON UPON THAMES
4TH AND 5TH JULY 2024

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FOLLOWING THE CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS OF *TIN PAN ALI*, A MUSICAL COMEDY BY COMPOSER DAVID NIELD AND WRITER/LYRICIST JEREMY JAMES TAYLOR IN 1979 ON THE EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL, GRANADA TELEVISION COMMISSIONED A NEW WORK FROM THEM WHICH RESULTED IN A LANCASTRIAN-THEMED FARCE CALLED *THE ROMAN INVASION OF RAMSBOTTOM*



THE FIRST PERFORMANCES WERE GIVEN IN MAY 1980 AT TIFFIN SCHOOL IN KINGSTON – WHERE DAVID WAS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – SHORTLY FOLLOWED BY A RUN AT THE YOUNG VIC CULMINATING IN TWO WEEKS IN EDINBURGH WHERE THE PRODUCTION WON WONDERFUL REVIEWS AS WELL AS A HIGHLY COVETED SCOTSMAN FRINGE FIRST AWARD.

FINALLY, THREE HECTIC DAYS OF RECORDING IN GRANADA'S BIGGEST STUDIO IN MANCHESTER LED TO ITS NATIONAL TRANSMISSION LATER THAT YEAR AT PRIME TIME ON BOXING DAY.

DAVID AND JEREMY WENT ON TO WRITE 17 MORE SHOWS, THE LAST OF WHICH, *JUST WILLIAM'S WAR*, WAS COMPLETED IN JUNE LAST YEAR. TRAGICALLY DAVID WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER JUST AS REHEARSALS STARTED SO HE NEVER SAW THE FINISHED PRODUCTION.

AS WELL AS DAVID'S EXTRAORDINARY BODY OF DRAMATIC WORKS WAS AN EQUALLY EXTENSIVE CATALOGUE OF CHORAL AND ORGAN MUSIC WHICH ALSO ADDED SO MUCH TO THE WHOLE FIELD OF MUSIC-MAKING IN KINGSTON. HE WAS ALSO A TRUSTEE OF CREATIVE YOUTH AND

CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE FOR SOME 24 YEARS, AND IT IS WITH RESPECT FOR ALL HIS CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT THE NEWLY-FORMED THAMES MUSIC THEATRE DEDICATES THIS PRODUCTION TO HIS MEMORY.



DIRECTOR AND STAGE DESIGN
MUSICAL DIRECTOR
CHOREOGRAPHER
LIGHTING DESIGN
COSTUME DESIGN
(BASED ON ORIGINAL DESIGNS BY BILL TIDY)
SOUND DESIGN AND RECORDING

JEREMY JAMES TAYLOR OBE
JOHN PEARSON
SUZIE CURRAN
RICHARD HOUSE
CAROLINE EVERSON
MICHAEL MCCARTHY



MUSICIANS:

REEDS:

**JEN FLATMAN, AMY PEARCE, ROB BLANKEN
AND OLLY SYRUS**

TRUMPETS:

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JEREMY JAMES TAYLOR OBE

WHILE WORKING AT THE YOUNG VIC AS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR IN 1976 JEREMY FOUNDED A YOUTH COMPANY WHICH GREW RAPIDLY TO BECOME TODAY ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING YOUTH COMPANIES, THE NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE – WHICH HE RAN AS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR FOR 27 YEARS.

IN THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD HE CONTINUED AS A FREELANCE DIRECTOR STAGING WORKS AT VENUES INCLUDING GLYNDEBOURNE, THE ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA, THE BANFF CENTER IN CANADA, THE NATIONAL THEATRE OF NORWAY, THE SNAPE MALTINGS AND MANY MORE INCLUDING THE ROSE.

HE WAS AWARDED AN OBE IN 2019 FOR SERVICES TO MUSICAL THEATRE AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

JOHN PEARSON

JOHN WAS AN ASSOCIATE MUSICAL DIRECTOR WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE FOR OVER 30 YEARS, HIS FIRST SHOW BEING *RAMSBOTTOM* AT THE EDINBURGH FRINGE IN 1987. SINCE THEN, HE HAS CONDUCTED PERFORMANCES AT MANY THEATRES BOTH IN THE UK AND ABROAD, INCLUDING A WEST END RUN OF *BUGSY MALONE*. HIS PROUDEST MOMENT WAS ARRANGING AND CONDUCTING THE MUSIC FOR A LARGE PRIVATE DINNER WITH ENTERTAINMENT AT WINDSOR CASTLE TO CELEBRATE THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II. HE IS THRILLED TO BE WORKING ON A SHOW BY HIS GREAT FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, THE LATE DAVID NIELD.



SUZIE CURRAN

SUZIE TRAINED AT LAINE THEATRE ARTS AND WITH THE NYMT AND WHILST TRAINING WAS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE MCONIE COMPANY. MOST RECENTLY SUZIE WORKED AS THE ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER TO SIMONE SAULT ON ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S INTERNATIONAL TOUR OF *LOVE NEVER DIES* IN SHANGHAI, CHINA. AS A PERFORMER WITH NYMT SUZIE WAS IN *THE*

DREAMING AT THE ROSE THEATRE IN 2012. FOLLOWED BY *WEST SIDE STORY* IN MANCHESTER AND WAS ASSISTANT CHOREOGRAPHER ON *ANYTHING GOES* AT THE OTHER PALACE IN LONDON. SUZIE WAS THE MOVEMENT DIRECTOR FOR *THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER* AT TRINITY THEATRE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND HAS CHOREOGRAPHED IN MANY SCHOOLS, FOR SHOWS INCLUDING *FOOTLOOSE*, *FIDDLER ON THE ROOF*, *CHICAGO* AND *LEGALLY BLONDE*. SUZIE IS HONOURED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE ALONGSIDE THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN HER WHEN SHE FIRST STARTED HER CAREER - IT'S A FULL CIRCLE MOMENT TO BE BACK WORKING WITH JEREMY AND JOHN AT THE ROSE THEATRE WITH THE PRODUCTION OF *THE ROMAN INVASION OF RAMSBOTTOM*, BUT THIS TIME ON THE CREATIVE TEAM!

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CREATIVE YOUTH AND THE FUSE FESTIVAL
AND ALL THE PARENTS OF OUR CAST AND CREW (FOR GETTING THEM TO AND FROM OUR REHEARSALS!)



THE PRODUCTION YOU HAVE SEEN THIS EVENING IS THE VERY FIRST OUR BRAND NEW YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE COMPANY – THAMES MUSIC THEATRE – HAS PRODUCED.

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TO WHOM WE ARE ALL EXTREMELY GRATEFUL.

IT HAS BEEN A HUGELY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE FOR THE YOUNG PERFORMERS – FOR A NUMBER OF WHOM IT HAS BEEN THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE ON A PUBLIC STAGE, AND WE VERY MUCH HOPE BOTH THAT IT WILL NOT BE THEIR LAST SUCH EXPERIENCE – AND SIMILARLY THAT IT WILL NOT BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE THEM!

WE ALREADY HAVE EXCITING PLANS FOR 2025 AND BEYOND FOR WHICH WE WILL BE NEEDING SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT.

IF YOU OR YOUR COMPANY FEEL YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING US IN THIS CHALLENGE, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT TOGETHER WE CAN CONTINUE TO OFFER FURTHER YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENJOY THE THRILL OF SHOWING THE WORLD WHAT EXCITING THINGS THEY ARE CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING ON THE STAGE TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS.

THANK-YOU IN ANTICIPATION. JEREMY JAMES TAYLOR OBE

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THIS AUTUMN!**

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