

BA (Hons) Acting presents

# Final Statespeare

# Thursday 7 - Saturday 9 April 2022, 7pm Saturday 9 April 2022, 2.30pm

University of West London, Lawrence Hall, St Mary's Road, Ealing, W5 5RF

# **Course Leader's Introduction**

Shakespeare's problematic pastoral A Winter's Tale takes us on a journey from personal trials, betrayal and heartbreak, towards a Spring of renewal, hope and possible redemption. It is a play where Time is personified and necessary for healing, growth, and the emergence of possibility.

These final year students have been through the growth pressure-cooker that is professional actor training. This assessment challenges them to rise to meet professional production standards in the rehearsal and performance of a fulllength play, preparing them to meet the demands of the industry.

Through the expert leadership of director Beck Gadsby, they have been exposed to new approaches and inspired to step outside their comfort zone (Shakespeare!). Working with support from movement director Amaia Mugica and voice specialists Sam Malone and Robert Greenhill, the students have flourished, and I am delighted to invite you to enjoy the fruits of their collective creativity.

#### Dr Isla Hall

Course Leader BA (Hons) Acting

## **Director's Introduction**

This production of A Winter's Tale is a reworking of Shakespeare's play in modern day society. Set in fictional London/other, we imagine a world further down the line from where we are; an authoritarian state.

With our right to protest being revoked, with art and creative subjects almost abolished by the government and some dark misogynistic movements on the rise; the play asks the questions, what happens when we stop listening to women? When we do not value their opinion in society anymore? When we do not take care of nature? When art has no value or place in society anymore? What could the alternative look like?

Inspired by the Handmaid's Tale, this production uses projection mapping technology to tell Shakespeare's story of betrayal, love, honesty and friendship. With a Glastonbury Festival thrown in.

It has been an honour to work with these students on this production of Shakespeare's A Winter's Tale. Against all odds and through a difficult two years of study, they have come through fighting and with a passion for performance that is a joy to see. I wish them all the best as they prepare to take their first steps on a professional stage.

# Beck Gadsby

Director

### **Characters / Cast**

Leontes Hermione Polixenes Perdita Florizel Camillo Paulina Antigonus / Time / 1st Gentleman Officer / Autolycus Archidamus / Mamillius Puppeteer / Servant Cleomines Fmilia / 1st Servant / D] Gaoler / Old Shepherd Clown / 2nd Servant 2nd Lady / Dorcas / Servant / News reporter 1st Lady / Mopsa First Lord / Dion / Mariner

### **Creative and Production Team**

Director Costume Designer Choreographer Voice Coach Set Designer Theatre Technical Manager / Video Lighting Designer Sound Designer Stage Manager Karlu Solomon Lauren Creasey **Kieren Shield** Kayla-Alexandria Giuseppe Bernardi Charlie Mann Lottie Oldham Kareem Jordan Harris Luke Brock Patricija Gloudens Alexis Irvine Victoria Stowell Kalvin Lobo Freddy Ngalelafu Julia Petersson Sasha Amani Diogo Sousa Pereira

Beck Gadsby Pollyanna Elston Amaia Mugica Sam Malone Rob Miles Paul Comerford Marcin Miloszewski Lauren Cross Justin Treadwell

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# A Government Inspector

Adapted by Deborah McAndrew, from the original play by Nikolai Gogol

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# Cast



Alexis Irvine



Charlie Mann



Diogo Sousa Pereira



Freddy Ngalelafu



Giuseppe Bernardi



Julia Petersson



Kalvin Lobo



Kareem Jordan Harris



Karlu Solomon



Kayla-Alexandria



**Kieren Shield** 



Lauren Creasey



Lottie Oldham



Luke Brock



Patricija Gloudens

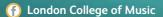


Sasha Amani



Victoria Stowell





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