

# October Plenty

in association with Borough Market's Apple Day

**Sunday 22nd October 2017 from 12 noon**

the Lions part invites everyone to their **20th** Autumn Harvest celebration in association with **Borough Market's 10th APPLE DAY**

October Plenty begins on Bankside near Shakespeare's Globe at 12 noon and continues at Southwark's historic Borough Market

**A glorious collective celebration of the seasons, weather and food, OCTOBER PLENTY mixes ancient seasonal customs and contemporary festivity with theatre performance**

## **THE CORN QUEENE**

Heavy with wheat, fruit & vegetables, the magnificent CORN QUEENE will appear in procession in front of the Globe with our company of actors, along with the traditional **HOBBY HORSE**.

Leading us is the extraordinary **BERRY MAN**, the autumnal Green Man, decked with wild fruits & foliage.

## **THE PROCESSION, MUSIC & DANCING**

Join the procession of music, flags and spectacle through the streets to the historic **BOROUGH MARKET** where we will join in their wonderful **APPLE DAY**. See the Green Market and Market Hall come alive with apple celebrations. Savour and sample magnificent food, cider and apple juice on offer from this famous food market as well as their usual excellent food fare. Join in Apple games, conkers and tastings. See the Ravensbourne Morris dancers amidst the festivities.

## **THE PLAY**

This year **the Lions part** heartily welcomes the return of *The Fabularium* with a selection of wacky, wicked '**Cautionary Tales**' from Hilaire Belloc and Hoffmann: toe wriggling tales to heed for those considering behaving badly!

## **APPLE GAMES and CONKERS**

Apple games follow ending with the celebrated dance **THE EXECUTION OF JOHN BARLEYCORN** and the infamous stripping of the **CORN QUEENE**.

## **THE STORY ORCHARD**

All afternoon a little orchard of young apple trees creates a space for storytelling for children of all ages about apples, markets, magic & harvest. This year our beloved master storyteller Pat Ryan joins us once more.

## **APPLES**

Discover & explore the apples of old England before they all disappear! Enjoy our display of London related types: tastes of the old, the rare, the local & the downright odd. Bring your own mystery apples & see if we can identify them! At the end of the day, everyone is invited to visit & decorate the historic **CROSS BONES GRAVEYARD** in Red Cross Way.

OCTOBER PLENTY is FREE, FUN and PHOTO-FRIENDLY for ALL THE FAMILY.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Media Enquiries and Notes to Editors

There is a wide range of **PHOTOS** of the event. Other hi-res images can be sent on request. For web publishing, please feel free to take images from our website: [www.thelionspart.co.uk/octoberplenty](http://www.thelionspart.co.uk/octoberplenty)

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#### 1. **OCTOBER PLENTY is free to attend for everyone.**

2. **the Lions part** is an eclectic company of like-minded professional performers who collaborate to create seasonal festivals, plays and theatre pieces that transform public and community spaces as well as traditional theatres with a fusion of stories, play texts, music, customs and heritage.

**the Lions part** also gives artistic and administrative support to company members in other projects, from all kinds of performance to music composition, as well as design and costume creation, using classical texts and living history as both an inspiration and a resource. Performances often involve local artists & community groups making costumes, banners and props, often using recycled or unwanted materials. The company has strong links with storytellers, musicians, dancers, street performers, re-enactors, costume-makers, conservation groups & food producers. Festival plays are chosen to complement the times, the site & the nature of the celebration.

3. **The Corn Queene** is made in conjunction with Lambeth charity, Roots & Shoots led by David Perkins and Sarah Wilson. Roots and Shoots provides vocational training for young people from the inner city, mainly from the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark, to give them the skills and self-confidence that will equip them for work. The charity was set up in 1982 by Linda Phillips to help young people from Lambeth and Southwark prepare for the world of work. Since 1982, a one-acre former Civil Defence site has been transformed into a wildlife garden with eco-training centre, plant nursery, shop & Wildlife Study Centre.

#### 4. **The Fabularium**

Established in 2010, The Fabularium has produced work for outdoor events, festivals, carnivals and processions for over 6 years. Their initial 4 years saw them producing work annually for the Coventry Mysteries Festival, and since then they have been developing work for national and international touring in the forms of stories presented upon a traditional medieval pageant wagon and street walkabout acts. Company managers Gareth Price-Baghurst and Joshua Patel, both freelance actor-musicians specialising in outdoor theatre for family audiences, work closely with associate director Glenn Noble (Spike Theatre) to produce new original work adapted from classic folklore. This year Fabularium have worked closely with students on the Theatre and Performance Practice Degree course at Coventry University adapting The Cautionary Tales for outdoor performance, with them and taking the plays to the Just So Festival 2017. Both Gareth and Joshua have worked closely with Sonia Ritter and the Lions part on a number of projects, including *October Plenty* and *Twelfth Night* for the past three years. Sonia has also acted as an external director for both *Reynard the Fox* and The Fabularium's first touring production, *The Town Band of Bremen*, which was performed

at *October Plenty* in 2014. She also workshopped *The Cautionary Tales*. We are all proud of this collaboration.

5. **Borough Market** is London's most renowned food market: a source of exceptional British and international produce. It is a haven for anybody who cares about the quality and provenance of the food they eat. The market is populated by a community of remarkable individuals from all over the UK, Europe and the rest of the world, all of whom care deeply about the food and drink on offer. Many of the stallholders are themselves producers - people who grow, rear or bake the food that they sell. Others are importers with intimate knowledge of whichever corner of the globe they source their products from. Borough Market's vision is to enrich the quality of life of the local community, and to build on its reputation as a centre of food excellence; to be a viable and sustainable, independent, quality food market, rooted in the local community. We are delighted to be working so closely with the market to create this annual festival.

5. **Information about the Lions part & event partners** can be found at  
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