

A 'WINTERS TALE' FOR EVERYBODY

What you are about to see is an adaptation of William Shakespeare's THE WINTERS TALE, adapted to incorporate the unique talents of Deaf Theatre mainly through the use of sign language - the manual language of deaf people as well as movement, visuality and music.

Despite the fact that sign language will be used those hearing people, who do not know the language will have no problem following the dialogue and action because everything will be accompanied by speech, singing and/ or music.

This is Deaf Theatre accessible to everyone - as it should be.

Sit back and enjoy a very different presentation of Shakespeare.

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By

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Adapted by IAN WATSON

LEONTES. POLIXENES. HERMIONE. CAMILLO/MAMILLIUS. PAULINA. PERDITA. FLORIZEL/ A LORD. THE SHEPHERD/ A LORD. LORD/ OFFICIAL/ DEAN. LORD/ GUARD/ CLEOMENES. CLOWN. -TIME. VOICES/ SINGERS. JOHN CATERIS NOEL PICKARD CHARLENE GRACE COLIN ALLEN _ SHEILA KERR MARTHA RUNDEL _ COLIN THOMPSON DAVID LONDON VIOLA THURGER MARIANNE HENDERSON STEVE RIPLEY BILL EGGERKING MARGI BROWN STEWART CHALMERS

Directed By NOLA COLEFAX and IAN WATSON

MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS & COORDINATING. STRUAN SMITH DESIGNER. IAN WATSON STAGE MANAGER & LIGHTING. GRANT FRASER MURALS. RON WILD Musicians DAVID PYE. DANNY FINE. CHRIS ABRAHAMS Music Mixing BETTY & BARRY HENNINGER AUDIO PRODUCTIONS

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TONESHTS COMPANY

1981 is the International Year of the Disabled Person. As such it has been an important year for the New South Wales Theatre of the Deaf, much of which culminates in this production of THE WINTERS TALE.

In this production most of the actors are part-time workers with the Company who give up their spare time to perform for the deaf community and represent it in productions like THE WINTERS TALE. They are not paid for their efforts other than by the enjoyment they get from the work and the applause they never hear.

It is also worth noting that the play is co-directed and one of those directors is deaf - a very conscious decision in line with the philosophy of the production.

THE PROFESSIONAL COMPANY

During 1981 the professional Company has performed at the Sydney Festival and Melbourne's Moomba, followed by a tour of Tasmania and New South Wales - the highlight of which was a special performance before His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, during his visit to Sydney. In the recent Queen's Birthday Honours it was announced that Nola Colefax, the Company's Assistant Artistic Director, had been awarded the Order of the Medal of Australia for her work with the Company.

The Company's main touring commitment is presenting specially devised productions in schools, universities and colleges of advanced education.

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Friday August 7 to Sunday August 30