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Enchanting outdoor theatre across Scotland

There's something a bit dramatic happening across National Trust for Scotland properties this summer. Outdoor theatre shows to suit every taste are taking place across the country giving the chance to see some of the Scotland's most remarkable places in an even more magical light.

Families are invited to bring their blankets and chairs and watch everything from Shakespearean comedies to spooky musicals and tragic love stories. The shows are performed by some of the country's most renowned travelling players, specialists in staging outdoor theatre.

David Walliams' *Gangsta Granny* is rampaging across several Trust properties including Culzean Castle and House of Dun while Frankenstein's monster will be causing his own kind of trouble at Pitmedden Garden and Drum Castle. Staying at Drum, there's thievery afoot there with *Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves*.

Shakespeare buffs can soak up performances of some of his best-loved plays including the *Tempest* (Drum Castle, Brodie Castle, Haddo House), *Much Ado About Nothing* (House of Dun, Falkland Palace) and *Midsummer Night's Dream* (Crathes Castle, The Hill House, Pollok House). One bard's work appears in the home of another as *Hamlet* is staged at the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum.

Emily Bronte's tale of passion and revenge, *Wuthering Heights*, tours to Crathes Castle, House of Dun, Holmwood House and Pitmedden House. There's more romance with *Sense and Sensibility* at Greenbank Gardens which is also the fitting venue for the Secret Garden, along with the wonderful Harmony Garden near Melrose.

Open-air theatre goers are encouraged to bring blankets, rugs and picnics along to enjoy the alfresco entertainment. All events can be booked through each of the individual properties on the National Trust for Scotland website at www.nts.org.uk

LISTINGS

Crathes Castle, Garden & Estate, Aberdeenshire

A Midsummer's Night Dream

Date: Friday 2 August

Time: Gates open 6pm. Performance starts 6:30pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £13

Concession - £8

Child (16 and under) - £8

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) - £30

Enjoy the magnificent surroundings as well as Shakespeare's most beguiling comedy. Set in an enchanted forest where anything can happen, four young lovers are controlled by fairies and spirits in a hilarious story of love, fantasy and dreams.

Wuthering Heights

Date: Thursday 15 August

Time: Gates open 6:30pm. Performance starts 7:00pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £15

Concession - £10

Child (16 and under) - £10

Family (2 adults and 2 children) - £40

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Culzean Castle, Ayrshire

Gangsta Granny

Date: Sunday 21 July

Location: Culzean Castle, Ayrshire

Time: Performance starts at 6pm (doors open for picnics at 5pm)

Prices: Adult (17 and over) - £15.50

Concession (60 & over/ 16 & under) - £10.50

Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) - £47

In David Walliams' adapted novel, Poor Ben is bored to tears staying at his grandmother's house. She eats smelly cabbage soup and loves to play Scrabble. He longs for some fun and excitement. However, Ben's granny has two secrets. This seemingly innocent little old lady was in fact an international jewel thief and has made it her life-long quest to steal the crown jewels! Things are about to get interesting...

Pitmedden Garden, Aberdeenshire

Much Ado about Nothing

Date: Tuesday 23 July

Time: Gates open from 6pm. Performance starts at 7pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £15.00

Child (16 and under) - £12.00

This Shakespearian comedy, popular for over 400 years, follows bickering lovers Beatrice and Benedict in their tumultuous relationship. With original songs and bounds of energy, this all-male cast deliver a colourful and enthusiastic performance that is perfect for the whole family. Join this rollercoaster ride of a romance.

Wuthering Heights

Date: Wednesday 14 August 2019

Time: Gates open from 6pm. Performance starts at 7pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £15

Child (16 and under) - £12

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Frankenstein

Date: Friday 16 August

Time: Gates open 6pm. Performance

Price: Adult - £15

Child - £12

Come and experience Mary Shelley's haunting tale but like you have never seen before –a brand new musical production brought to you by theatre group, Illyria. With a cast of professional singers and a wonderful musical score, watch as Victor Frankenstein's monster comes to life in the Aberdeenshire beautiful surroundings.

House of Dun & Montrose Nature Basin Nature Reserve, Dundee & Angus

Much Ado About Nothing

Date: Wednesday 24 July

Time: Doors open from 5:30pm. Performance starts 7pm

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £13.50

Children (16 and under) - £4

Pre-order your picnic – £12 for two people.

This hilarious Shakespearian comedy, now popular for over 400 years, follows bickering lovers Beatrice and Benedict in their tumultuous relationship. With original songs and bounds of energy, this all-male cast deliver a colourful and enthusiastic performance that is perfect for the whole family. Join this rollercoaster ride of a romance.

Gangsta Granny

Date: Thursday 25 July

Time: Performance starts 6:30pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £14.50

Concession - £11.50

Child (16 and under) - £10.50

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)- £45.50

Pre-order your picnic - £12 for two people.

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Wuthering Heights

Date: Tuesday 13 August 2019

Time: Doors open from 5:30pm. Performance starts 7pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £16

Child (16 and under) - £11

Student - £11

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) - £46

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Drum Castle, Garden & Estate, Aberdeenshire

The Tempest

Date: Wednesday 24 July

Time: Performance starts at 7pm.

Price: Adult - £15

Child - £12

Concession - £12

Under 3s go free.

Having won four international awards, Illyria deliver Shakespeare at its purest – completely uncut and edited. Be swept away to an island near Italy in a story about magic, betrayal and forgiveness.

Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves

Date: Wednesday 7 August

Time: Performance starts at 7pm.

Price: Adult - £15

Concession (over 60s/students) - £9

Child - £9

With hilarious characters, plenty of chances to join in the fun and the most enchanting magical cave you have ever seen – come and see Illyria's production of Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves. A night of entertainment is guaranteed with this literary classic.

Frankenstein

Date: Tuesday 13 August

Time: Performance starts at 7pm.

Price: Adult - £15

Child (3-18yrs) - £12

Concession - £12

Under 3s go free.

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The Hill House, Argyll & The Isles

A Midsummer's Night Dream

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Child (16 and under) - £11

Family (2 adults and 2 children) - £46

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lovers are controlled by fairies and spirits in a hilarious story of love, fantasy and dreams.

Pollok House, Greater Glasgow & The Clyde Valley

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Price: Adult (17 and over) - £16

Child (16 and under) - £11

Family (2 adults and 2 children) - £46

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Holmwood, Greater Glasgow & The Clyde Valley

Wuthering Heights

Date: Sunday 11 August

Time: Gates open from 2:00pm. Performance starts 3:00pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £16

Child (16 and under) - £11

Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) - £46

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Robert Burns Birthplace & Museum, Ayrshire & Arran

Hamlet

Date: Sunday 4 August

Price: Standard - £12

Concession - £10

Add a standard picnic hamper for £8 or go luxury for £10.

The birthplace of Robert Burns is the backdrop for an innovative and fresh performance of the Shakespearean classic in this production of Hamlet. The ghost of the King of Denmark tells his son to avenge for his murder – will tragedy befall Hamlet or will he find a happy ending?

Greenbank Garden, Greater Glasgow & The Clyde Valley

The Secret Garden

Date: Tuesday 6 August

Time: Performance starts at 6:30pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £16

Child (16 and under) - £11

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) - £46

This family favourite is back and is as mystical and enchanting as ever. Follow Mary Lennox as she travels to live with her uncle in the countryside and watch the magic unfold. Taking place in the luscious landscapes of Greenbank Garden, there could not be a more beautiful setting in which to enjoy the entertainment.

Sense and Sensibility

Date: Friday 30 August

Time: Gates open from 6:30pm. Performance starts at 7:00pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £13.50

Concession - £8

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) - £46

This witty and comical production from the acclaimed Pantaloons Theatre Company boasts live music, a chance for the audience to get involved and some serious spectacle. With romance, heartbreak and a gorgeous setting – this performance is not one to be missed.

Brodie Castle, The Highlands

The Tempest

Date: Friday 30 August

Time: Gates open at 5:50pm. Performance starts at 6:30pm.

Price: Standard - £16

Child (10+) - £10

Join the all-female troupe from Handlebards for a magic filled, bicycle powered production of the Shakespearean play. Be swept away to an island near Italy in a story about magic, betrayal and forgiveness. Be prepared for all weathers and all possibilities.

Harmony Garden, Scottish Borders

The Secret Garden

Date: Thursday 8 August

Time: Performance starts at 7pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £16

Child (16 and under) - £11

Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) - £46

This family favourite is back and is as mystical and enchanting as ever. Follow Mary Lennox as she travels to live with her uncle in the countryside and watch the magic unfold. Taking place in the luscious landscapes of Harmony Garden, there could not be a more beautiful setting in which to enjoy the entertainment.

Falkland Palace & Garden, Fife

Much Ado About Nothing

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Time: Gates open from 6pm. Performance starts at 7pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £13

Child/concession - £12

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Haddo House, Aberdeenshire

The Tempest

Date: Thursday 29 August

Time: Doors open from 5:30pm. Performance starts at 6:30pm.

Price: Adult (17 and over) - £16

Child (16 and under) - £10

Early Bird Ticket - £12

Under 10s go free.

Join the all-female troupe from Handlebards for a magic filled, bicycle powered production of the Shakespearean play. Be swept away to an island near Italy in a story about magic, betrayal and forgiveness. Be prepared for all weathers and all possibilities.

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