



William Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing' at Dubai Opera this September

***A Combination of Humour and Serious Contemplations on Social Matters
Brought Up-to-Date by the New English Shakespeare Company***

United Arab Emirates, Dubai, 28 April 2019 - Following the huge success of Othello, Dubai Opera is pleased to announce its second Shakespearean theatre production, ***Much Ado About Nothing***.

From 25 -28 September, Dubai audiences will enjoy the society-examining, comedy of power and passion. Written around 1598, within a few years of “As You Like It” and “Twelfth Night,” it is considered to be one of William Shakespeare’s best comedic plays.

Everyone knows Beatrice and Benedick are perfect for each other. Everyone, that is, except Beatrice and Benedick. They are content to outwit and belittle each other at every opportunity.

As friends and family gather for the wedding of Claudio and Hero, two simultaneous plots emerge. The first, a sinister attempt by Don John to destroy the impending marriage. The second, a hilarious battle to bring Beatrice and Benedick together at last!

A company of Britain’s top theatrical talent brings fresh life to this timeless story of passion, penance, forgiveness and love. Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing is brought up-to-date in a vibrant, funny and profoundly moving production directed by Derek Bond.

New English Shakespeare Company takes the most iconic works by the world’s most celebrated playwright to new audiences all over the globe. The company



brings its own contemporary and musical twist to Shakespeare's most beloved plays.

Jamie Hendry (Producer): *"Shakespeare is one of the best, if not the best, British cultural export. His plays have the extraordinary ability to transcend borders, cultures and language. New English Shakespeare Company was born out of a passion to make Shakespeare's work resonate with today's audiences. The world is an increasingly fractured place to live in right now, and Britain's place within it is under the spotlight. Shakespeare's words speak to everyone, and our mission is to help his plays sing out loud and clear to the hearts and minds of audiences everywhere in productions that are bold, lively, relevant, meaningful and, above all, entertaining!"*

Derek Bond is an award-winning British theatre director who has worked extensively with Royal Exchange Theatre, Southwark Playhouse, Soho Theatre and Watford Palace Theatre. His five-star production of Sweet Charity won two Manchester Theatre Awards and was nominated at the UK Theatre Awards for Best Musical.

Jasper hope, Chief Executive of Dubai Opera, commented: "I'm so excited to welcome this new production by the New English Shakespeare Company and directed by Derek Bond in a very contemporary take on perhaps the original Rom-Com. Featuring a global cast and set in Messina, this production examines passion, joy, honour and desire and is a story filled with laughter and music throughout.

Tickets are on sale now at www.dubaiopera.com starting from AED 150. There is an Early bird offer 20% off on VIP and Platinum seats until 12 May.

Much Ado About Nothing is proudly sponsored by Lufthansa.

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Note to Editors

About Dubai Opera:

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