

Shakeshorts

presents

A Midsummer Night's Dream

by Chris Dingli

Schools Tour 2017



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Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears! I come to present Shakespeare like he hath never been seen before upon thine eyes in Malta!

Aye, tis true - thou must believe me - Shakespeare's plays are most full of jollity, excitement and naughtiness... perfect for young minds full of mischief.

Shakeshorts presenteth unto you, a rendition of Shakespeare that hath been condensed in length and acted out in brevity using wit, jest and silly hats.

This most excellent show is written by Chris Dingli (with the help of one William Shakespeare), and is presented by no more bodies than can sit in the front seat of a carriage. In duration, it lasts less than the length of time it takes to wax a coxcomb (under an hour).

Thy kids will not sit passively by and watch some old (well 30-something) guy drone on about the Big S. Nay! Children verily will be encouraged to participate and will experience to world of the play itself!

Written and performed in a humorous style that will allow Maltese children to enjoy the stories, and identify with themes and characters whilst gaining confidence with the language, Shakeshorts is most certainly an excellent introduction to Shakespeare (and medieval insults, but that's just a bonus).



Specifications

Ideal Audience Age:
8 - 12

Maximum Audience:
150

Minimum Audience:
80

Duration:
Approx. 45mins

Performance requirements:

Shakeshorts can visit your school. A playing space of 3m x 2m is required with easy access to the audience (kids participate in the show and must be able to get onto the stage)





Ideal playing space

Shows are performed by one of Shakeshots' trained performers.

Fees

Free for the school under



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"Hilarious, I loved the sword fight" Luca, age 10

"Best show ever! Please do one similar next!" Jake, age 11

"Brilliant introduction to Shakespeare." Mariella (Mother of child age 10)

"What a fantastic show! So clever and animated. We definitely need more of these shows. Thank you!" Ann (Mother of child age 9)

Amazing! Well done for managing to include the children in the show and for entertaining adults and kids at the same time!" - Elena (Mother of child aged 7)

My daughters loved it and so did I. Hilarious and a great way of presenting Shakespeare. We look forward to your next creation." - Jeanette (Mother of children aged 11 & 13)

Shakeshots presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was commissioned by and first performed at Žigužajg International Arts Festival for Children and Young People, in November 2016