

PRESS RELEASE

Icarus Theatre Collective and King's Theatre, Southsea present:

William Shakespeare's **OTHELLO**

Directed by Max Lewendel
Touring September 2013 to May 2014

"If this is what comes from flying too close to the sun, then long may they continue"

★★★★

Neil McEwan, *The Scotsman*

Established in 2004 and lauded as one of the most fearless and dynamic theatre companies in the UK, Icarus Theatre Collective's reputation for punchy and vibrant productions of contemporary and classic theatre continues to grow.

In this, their 10th anniversary tour, director Max Lewendel's vision of a modern Othello in a period setting has been realised in this explosive production. Combining Shakespeare, swords and strings, Othello's world is brought vividly to life by the stunning ensemble cast as this classic tale of ambition, jealousy, love and deception hurtles towards its tragic conclusion.



Following on from the success of *Macbeth* and *Romeo & Juliet*, the award-winning Icarus Theatre Collective present this bold and exciting new production of Shakespeare's tragic tale. Featuring a talented cast of actor-musicians, original music, and breath-taking fight choreography, this production of Othello is not to be missed. Opening at the Kings Theatre (Southsea) in Sept 2013, Othello will then embark on an international tour and will be played in rep with Hedda Gabler from Jan 2014.

*"An accomplished and impressive version of Othello,
Icarus Theatre Collective are a company to watch in 2014"*

★★★★

Amy Taylor, *The Public Reviews*

CAST:

Othello:	Gary Stoner	Roderigo:	David Sayers
Iago:	David Martin	Cassio:	Julian Pindar
Desdemona:	Holly Piper	Bianca:	Alice Bonifacio
Emilia:	Deborah Klayman	Sailor:	Eirik Bar

Running time: Approximately 2 hours 30 minutes, including interval.

Full tour schedule at: <http://www.icarus theatre.co.uk/shows/othello2013.html>

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Previous Press:

Review on The Public Reviews, Nov 2013:

<http://www.thepublicreviews.com/othello-brunton-theatre-musselburgh>

Feature on Othello in the Limerick Post, Oct 2013:

<http://www.limerickpost.ie/2013/10/07/othello-moor-of-venice>

Interview with Holly Piper (Desdemona) on BBC Radio, Sept 2013:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b039x4zy>

Feature on Othello on The Public Reviews, Sept 2013:

<http://www.thepublicreviews.com/interview-icarus-theatre-collective-on-othello>

Feature on Othello in SceneOne, Sept 2013:

<http://www.sceneone.biz/content/icarus-theatre-collective-brings-othello-southsea>

Audience Feedback (via Twitter):

*[#Othello](#) was amazing! Great production by the [#Icarus](#) & [#Kings](#) Theatre.
@munstergal, 11th Oct 2013*

*Consensus, chatting to others who also saw [@icarus theatre](#) Othello here in Derry is it is a must-see production!
@McGinty_Cath, 8th Oct 2013*

*Highly recommend [@icarus theatre](#) Othello. Superb production [@MillenniumForum](#) last night. Accessible & enjoyable.
@McGinty_Cath, 25th Sept 2013*

*[@icarus theatre](#) saw you last night at the Riverside what a fantastic performance loved every minute. Music was a great addition, thanks.
@Harryzander, 27th Sept 2013*

*Really enjoyed Othello at [@LboroTownHall](#) last night by [@icarus theatre](#). Iago was great, the string instruments were an interesting touch.
@CLinay, 20th Sept 2013*

*Othello at [@KingsSouthsea](#) was really brilliant!
@misslaurasalt, 12th Sept 2013*