



## ***ShakeltUp:***

### ***The Improvised Shakespeare Show***

**Gilded Balloon Teviot (Billiard Room), 13 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AJ**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023, 15:00**

The Bard hasn't written anything new for centuries... so ShakeltUp Theatre are here to lend a helping hand. Using Shakespeare's language, audience suggestions, and the company's overactive imaginations, ShakeltUp create a brand-new Shakespeare play live on stage.

William Shakespeare's plays contain the greatest love stories, tragedies and tales of greed and jealousy in literature. *ShakeltUp: The Improvised Shakespeare Show* takes all the most exciting and high stakes elements of Shakespeare, and combines them with his most bonkers bits – a Fairy Queen falling in love with a donkey, anyone? – to create an all-new engaging and entertaining Shakespearean epic.

The audience is asked if they want a Bloody Tragedy, a Romantic Comedy, or an Epic History, and the ShakeltUp team takes it from there – with the addition of some audience-penned Shakespearean lines. Unlike many other improv troupes, ShakeltUp doesn't have a directing character on stage, with the story instead being created live in the moment by the actors, with no pre-set characters or plots. Using improvised verse, song, dance, fights and more, the improvising ShakeltUp bards create a new play, live on stage. Assistant Director Joe Prestwich comments, *This, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shakespeare's first folio, is the perfect time for some new Shakespearean Classics to take Edinburgh by storm.*

ShakeltUp Theatre believes that improv is much more than quick gags, and can instead be used to create hilarious and moving stories. The company, under the mentorship of Mischief Theatre's Dave Hearn, has performed at venues and festivals across the UK, from the prestigious Minack Theatre to Pentonville Prison, providing improv workshops to prisons and charities.

## Notes to Editors

Title	<i>ShakeItUp: The Improvised Shakespeare Show</i>
Performance Dates	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August, 15:00
Running Time	60 minutes
Location	Gilded Balloon Teviot (Billiard Room), 13 Bristo Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9AJ
Box Office	Tickets are available from £13 (£8)
Performers	Abigail Clay Becky Gibbs Caleb Mitchell Edward Kaye Frederick di Rosa James Alston James Dart Joe Prestwich Rose Trustman Silvia Manazzone
Notes	Suitable for all ages with parental guidance
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