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CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS 2000

presents

MYSTERIES in the STREET

JUNE 24 - JULY 30

Weekends Only

Saturdays on Town Hall Square

Sundays at The Cross

A rare opportunity to see a short adaptation of Chester's famous 14th century plays. Staged in the open air on a pageant waggon in the spirit of their medieval origin, it's Heaven to hell in a fun half hour of exciting drama!

PERFORMANCE TIMES

June 24 & 25 only: 12 noon & 3.15 pm
Thereafter at 12 noon, 1.30 pm & 2.30 pm

DURATION: APPROX. 30 mins.

DIRECTOR: NICK FRY

DESIGNER: TONY LEWERY

STAGE MANAGER: NEIL COLLIN

MUSIC: KRISTINE SZULIK, JANICE WEBB

WARDROBE: SUE JONES

CAST & CREW: THE PEOPLE OF CHESTER

SCRIPT BY NICK FRY, ADAPTED FROM A TRANSLATION OF THE MEDIEVAL TEXT BY DR.E.J. BURNS

FREE EVENT

NO TICKETS REQUIRED

MYSTERIES in the STREET

A treasured part of Chester's cultural heritage which can be traced back to the 14th century, our famous plays attract visitors from all over the world



Mystery Plays are one of the earliest forms of street theatre. Originally a series of biblical dramas enacted by medieval craftsmen and guildsmen, these performances were taken to the public on open waggons through city streets.



Original texts have survived in only five English cities, Chester's being the most complete in existence today. This city's cycle was also the longest-running prior to a national ban by royal decree in the 16th century.



Now performed every five years by an amateur company drawn from the local community, led by key professionals, this special short production is being staged as part of Chester's millennium celebrations.

The last full-scale production was in 1997 and preparations are already underway for the next in 2002.

For advance information on our next production to be staged June 29-July 17 in 2002, e-mail us at: enquiry@chestermysteryplays.com or look out for our website: www.chestermysteryplays.com

Chester Mystery Plays 2000: Mysteries in the Street

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