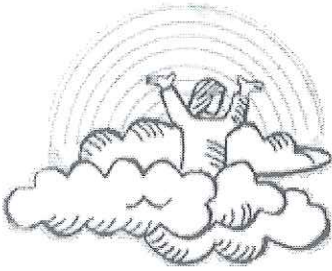


CHESTER MYSTERY PLAYS



BACKGROUND



2003 PRODUCTION



PRESS BOX



MYSTERY EVENTS



TICKETS

PRESS BOX

Chester Mystery Plays have announced their first production of the 21st century is to be postponed until 2003

The epic world famous cycle had been due to be performed this summer on the historic green of Chester Cathedral. But the green will not now be available due to the construction of the Cathedral's new song school, which is itself expected to attract international acclaim. And the Mystery Plays do not feel any other site in the city offers an appropriate setting.

'The slight delay in terms of our centuries of history will be disappointing not only to those who are eagerly awaiting the Mystery Plays but also to all those who are already involved with the production,' said Mystery Plays chairman Mr. John Ross.

'But we are sure this is the right decision.

'We all appreciate the song school is a unique project for the Cathedral to undertake and it has not been easy for them to decide when the green would, or would not, be available for the Mystery Plays.

'In the circumstances and following careful consideration of possible alternative sites, we have concluded the Mystery Plays should now be staged in 2003.

'The magnificent setting of the Cathedral Green and its very special ambience as a location for the plays in the very heart of historic Chester will by then have been further enhanced by the completion of the new song school.'

The plays will now take place between June 30 and July 19, 2003.

Mr. Ross added: 'All those who are already involved with the production have been informed and we very much hope that as many as possible will be able to take part in 2003.

'We have had a splendid response to our auditions and have assembled a first class production team.

'And we are delighted that Robin Goddard has agreed to continue as artistic director.

'The cycle will be slightly delayed but I am totally confident the wait will be more than worthwhile if it means we can retain the unique and very special setting of the Cathedral Green. 'We know this adds so much to the production and is greatly valued by our audiences.'

Those who have auditioned as named characters or as members of the ensemble company come from as far away as Merseyside, Greater Manchester, the Borders, North Wales and the North Wales coast in addition to Chester and Cheshire.

Some press comments from the last full-scale production in

'...a tribute to an astonishing act of faith and a particularly stubborn northerners who have been replaying the Bible's greatest hits since Ages monks wanted to be the Valentino of their day... For seasoned collectors of medieval cycles it is always a joy to discover little has changed... a revival of Britain's most enduring piece of t
The Times

'Chester Mystery Plays are one of the glories of English medieval lit
The Lady

'An unusual vigour...visual delight in the designs... As a community obviously a tradition worth preserving.'
Liverpool Daily P

'Delightful and enchanting... wonderfully funny and bright...'
Chester Chronicle

'Meanwhile God is in His Heaven and all's fairly well with Chester M
The Liverpool Ec

Press Contact

David Norbury
Rocliffe Public Relations
1 Orchard Croft, Guilden Sutton
CHESTER CH3 7SL
Tel: 01244 300783
email: david_norbury@lineone.net

[RETURN TO TOP OF PAGE](#)