

# Forest Fables at Mottistone Manor

An enchanted Winter's journey...

In partnership with the National Trust



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**Tickets will be available at [Forestfables.co.uk](https://www.forestfables.co.uk) on Friday, October 16th at noon.**

**Show Website:** [Forestfables.co.uk](https://www.forestfables.co.uk)

**Location:** Mottistone Gardens, Mottistone, Isle of Wight, PO30 4ED

**Dates:** 4 – 24 December, daytime and evening performances

**Genre/Theme:** Family Theatre/Immersive

**Audience:** Made for families (2yrs-100yrs)

### *Theatre makers conjure magic at Mottistone Manor*

Forest Fables at the National Trust's Mottistone Manor is a family show that will ignite the imaginations of children and parents alike. Imbued with Isle of Wight folklore, the manor is ready to be explored. You'll come across captivating, clever and curious creatures ready to impart their tales in this promenade piece of theatre. This magical journey is made for bubbled families and designed with COVID-19 in mind. 'Forest Fables at Mottistone Manor' will inspire each child to be a custodian of the precious land that surrounds us. The story draws upon the beauty of the manor, its sublime landscape along the magical ley lines and beneath the watchful eye of the Neolithic Longstone.

### *A historic home, and magical meeting place in local lore*

Following a route through the manor, families go on a journey of discovery, learning about the hidden forces at work within nature. Stories told of the tree roots, of majestic forests and landscapes and the creatures who serve them are designed to inspire each child to be a custodian of the land.

### *Staying safe*

The safety of our visitors, staff and volunteers is of utmost importance, so to help keep everybody safe, we'll have special precautions in place. In line with government guidance, all audience members over the age of 11 will be required to wear a mask, unless they are unable to do so for medical reasons. There will also be temperature checks on arrival, and we ask that bubbles should not attend if anyone in their household has been unwell in the last 14 days. A socially distanced performer or volunteer will accompany one bubble per performance, following a clear, one-way system through the house.

### *Finding the fairy houses: a half-term treasure hunt*

The team was keen to bring the show to the community, and so it is a fortuitous coincidence that fairy doors seem to have cropped up across the Isle of Wight. Follow the [@ntisleofwight](https://twitter.com/ntisleofwight) for clues to find the little houses over half term.

To find out more about the fairy doors head to [www.forestfables.co.uk/find-the-fairy-doors](https://www.forestfables.co.uk/find-the-fairy-doors)  
(Images for press found here: [FairyDoor Images](#))

## *A digital adventure*



Naiads Foundry is working in partnership with Greengage Ventures to create a digital interpretation of 'Forest Fables at Mottistone Manor,' for audiences who cannot attend. Filmed from the perspective of a child, they will follow a route through enchanted rooms, discovering the characters concealed within. Naiads Foundry hopes to create a participatory 'Choose your own adventure' experience to be enjoyed by shielding families.

(Logos for Greengage and National Trust found here: [ForestFables\\_Logos](#))

## *The company*

Naiads Foundry is a company of makers, creators and doers. They want to demonstrate that family theatre can still be crafted safely and beautifully in unconventional and thrilling ways by creating something to help families dwell in play and imagination even when the world outside feels scary. Harking from across the creative and theatre sectors, the team includes Emmy and Golden Globe-nominated film Composer **Rolfe Kent** (Credits include: *Sideways*; *Mean Girls*; *Dexter*; *Stan & Ollie*), Olivier-nominated Designer **Samuel Wyer** (Credits include: *Ocean at the End of the Lane*, *National Theatre*; *Lazuli Sky*, *Birmingham Royal Ballet*, at *Sadler's Wells & Birmingham Rep*; *Alice's Adventures Underground*, *The Vaults*), Creative Producer **Clementine Seely** (Credits include: *Black History Museum: According to the United States of America* *HERE Arts Centre*; *Phaedra*, *Happy Days Festival*; *Christo and Jeanne-Claude's The Floating Piers*), Creative Associate **Livi Prendergast** (Credits include: *Secret Cinema presents Stranger Things a Drive Into Experience LA*; *Secret Cinema presents Stranger Things*; *Secret Cinema presents Baz Luhrmann's Romeo + Juliet*; *Secret Cinema Presents Bladerunner The Final Cut*) and Comedian/Writer **Ella Prendergast** (Credits include: *Secret Cinema presents Stranger Things a Drive Into Experience*; *Secret Cinema presents Stranger Things*; *Secret Cinema presents Baz Luhrmann's Romeo + Juliet*; *Secret Cinema presents Bladerunner: The Final Cut*; *Recovery Town, Vault Festival*).

*"We are so excited to bring this original show to the Isle of Wight. The team we're working with are a fantastic group. This year's events have unexpectedly brought us together to make something we hope will be magical for the Isle of Wight. We are thrilled to have partnered with the National Trust and Greengage Ventures and look forward to proving that unconventional theatre can still exist and thrive in times of COVID."*

- Naiads Foundry

*"I am delighted that we are able to welcome this internationally-acclaimed group of artists into the magical space that is Mottistone Manor. The show is shaping up to be a wonderful experience, and it is with great enthusiasm that we look forward to hosting an amazing performance in this very special place. A treat for everyone in difficult times."*

- Mike Greenslade General Manager of the National Trust for the Isle of Wight

## *Ticketing*

**Tickets will be available at [Forestfables.co.uk](https://Forestfables.co.uk) on Friday, October 16th at noon.**

In line with current government guidelines, you can purchase a bubble of up to six attendees to see 'Forest Fables at Mottistone Manor'. You are free to use up as many spaces as you would like within your bubble of six. The cost of a bubble is £65 (approx £10/person) and £50 during previews. One bubble per performance will move through the manor at timed intervals.

Run time: approximately 1hr

If you need to contact the box office, please call 01983741302 or [hello@forestfables.co.uk](mailto:hello@forestfables.co.uk). You can find more information regarding refunds, accessibility and covid procedures on our [FAQ page here](#).

December 4 : 15.00 - 19.00 (Previews)  
December 5 : 10.00 - 19.00 (Previews)  
December 6 : 10.00 - 19.00 (Previews)  
December 8 - 10: 15.00 - 19.00 (Previews)

December 11: 15.00 - 19.00 *Opening Night*  
December 12 - 13: 10.00 - 19.00  
December 15 - 18: 15.00 - 19.00  
December 19 - 24: 10.00 - 19.00

## *Useful Information*

- There is a free car park located next to the gardens. From here there is a short, 2 minute walk to Visitor Reception along a gravel path and down a few steps.
- Toilets are located within the ancient entrance barn.
- Baby changing facilities are available in the accessible toilet which is located in the entrance barn.
- During daylight hours, you are free to explore the Gardens.

## *Press*

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