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Measure for Measure

By William Shakespeare

Adapted by Christina Woodford & Christopher Bryant

Directed By Christopher Bryant

Produced by Sweet Thursday Productions & Theatre on a Horse

“For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Matthew 7:2

Shakespeare's cult play 'Measure for Measure' falls into the difficult tragi-comedy genre; swinging between the hilarious and the disturbing at a moment's notice. It is tale of faith, judgment and temptation which strikes at the very heart of human nature. Shakespeare's words are transposed into a rural Australian town ruled by its own system of beliefs and consequence; a town of religious fundamentalists, wanton whores, and at least one pirate.

The old Duke temporarily passes his rule to the inexperienced Angelo, who promptly uses his newfound power in a bid to clean up the whore-houses & town undesirables. By declaring pre-marital sex punishable by death, he sets in motion a series of events that will test not only his own faith, but that of the novice nun Isabella, who finds herself dragged down a rabbit-hole of debauchery and corruption.

Some rise by sin, and some by virtue fall.

Christopher Bryant is an artistic director of Theatre on a Horse. As a writer his plays have been performed at MUST, Collingwood Underground Carpark and 3D Fest; with an upcoming production at The Owl and the Pussycat. He has also directed many productions over the past five years: recently directing Peter Weiss' MARAT/SADE at MUST and a Commedia Dell'arte-inspired KING LEAR for the Monash Shakespeare Company.

Christina Woodford is an artistic director of Sweet Thursday Productions and over the last six years has performed in numerous theatre productions, including two previous shows for the Melbourne Fringe Festival. She recently returned from studying Shakespeare at renowned acting school RADA in London, and has written two short films that are currently in production.

<http://measure-for-measure.tumblr.com>

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VENUE

Trades Hall - Old Council Chambers
Cnr Lygon & Victoria St
Carlton, Victoria 3053

DATES: 22 - 24 Sept

29 Sept - 1 Oct

4 and 6 - 8 Oct

TIME: Thu and Sat 7.00pm, Fri and Tue 9.30pm, Matinee 24 Sept and 1 Oct 3.15pm (75min)

TICKETS

Full: \$18.00

Concession: \$15.00

Tightarse Tuesday: \$13.00

Group: \$13.00

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