

**Peter Hall directs Judi Dench in  
*A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
at the Rose Theatre, Kingston  
9 February – 20 March 2010**

The Rose Theatre, Kingston is delighted to announce its seventh home-grown production: William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Peter Hall with a cast that includes Judi Dench in the role of Titania. The production will run from 9 February – 20 March 2010.

Set in Elizabethan England, Peter Hall's new production sees Titania, the Fairy Queen, as a portrait of the ageing Queen Elizabeth I, fascinated with the theatre, besieged by courtiers but 'married to the people of England'.

This production has been specially designed by Elizabeth Bury for the Rose's open stage, which itself was modelled upon the original Elizabethan Rose Theatre on London's Bankside.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* reunites Peter Hall and Judi Dench, an enduring theatrical partnership lasting some fifty years. Judi Dench first played Titania for Peter Hall with the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1962 and they have subsequently worked together on productions such as *Antony and Cleopatra* (National Theatre), *The Royal Family* (Haymarket) and *Hay Fever* (West End).

Judi Dench, one of Britain's greatest actresses, is a long standing supporter of the Rose and hosted a fundraising gala for the theatre in 2004.

Peter Hall, internationally acclaimed director of theatre, opera and film, is the Rose's Founding Director and led the campaign to open the theatre. He continues his role as the Rose's Director Emeritus alongside Artistic Director Stephen Unwin. In 2010 Peter Hall not only celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday but also a directing career that has spanned almost 60 years.

**This production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will play exclusively at the Rose Theatre, Kingston.**

**Press Night: Monday 15 February 2010.**

**For more information please contact Louise Gilbert  
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Venue & Booking Details

- Friends of the Rose Theatre can take advantage of priority booking from Monday 24 August.
- Public booking opens on Monday 14 September.

Rose Theatre, Kingston, 24-26 High Street, Kingston KT1 1HL.

Box Office 0871 230 1552 (operated by See Tickets)

[www.rosetheatrekingston.org](http://www.rosetheatrekingston.org)

Tickets

Stage-side pit cushion seats            £8

Seated Tickets                                £5 - £37.50

Access Performances

Signed performance - Signed by Donna Ruane of Theatresign.  
Friday 5 March 7.30pm.

STAGETEXT Captioned performance  
Thursday 11 March 7.30pm

Audio described performance  
Wednesday 18 March 2pm. Touch Tour 12.30pm.