

Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre is proud to present

# *Elsie and Norm's "Macbeth"*

A comedy written by John Christopher-Wood

Directed by Jeremy Thomas-Poulsen

Performed by Jens Blegaa and Vanessa Poole

## **Performances**

4 - 27 May 2016, on Thursdays and Fridays at 20:00

## **Tickets**

Ticket prices: 70kr students, 150kr adults and group discounts are available.

Where to buy: [www.rabbithole.dk](http://www.rabbithole.dk)

## **Venue**

**A Touch of Vintage.** Badstuestræde 12, 1209 København K. [www.atouchofvintage.dk](http://www.atouchofvintage.dk)

## **Synopsis**

In *Elsie and Norm's "Macbeth"* you are invited to join English ex-pat couple, Elsie and Norm in their living room for a cup of tea and some culture. Usually they like to spend the evening playing Trivial Pursuit, but this time they have decided instead to treat you to a performance of Shakespeare's classic play *Macbeth*. However, in their opinion Shakespeare's script is too long and wordy, his poetry is rubbish (it doesn't even rhyme) and the play has way too many characters, so they've simplified the original text, and play all roles themselves. Using the entire space to create the story's magical underworld and dark castle, they use the things they have on hand to create their set; a bookshelf becomes a heath, potted plants turn into forests and tea sets turn into royal banquets. Elsie (played by Vanessa Poole) and Norm (played by Jens Blegaa) skillfully perform the various roles from Ladies to Lords and messengers to Kings. The audience ends up sitting in the middle of Macbeth's castle while the show goes on around them. *Macbeth* is transformed into a fun and eccentric experience that the audience will remember for a very long time.

## **Anniversary of Shakespeare's Death**

In celebration of the 400 years after Shakespeare's death, Down the Rabbit Hole presents a different kind of homage to Shakespeare, which is funny and deeply clever. Shakespeare is known as the world's greatest playwright for his poetic expression, his complex characters and twisted plots but he was also a playwright for the people and his plays were both

involving and engaging. *Elsie and Norm's "Macbeth"* has fun with Shakespeare and, at the same time, presents his murderous *Macbeth* with great love and energy by using modern language.

### **A Touch of Vintage**

A Touch of Vintage, in the center of Copenhagen, is a new performance space, which can be used for theatre, intimate concerts and poetry readings. The room is in the basement of the shop, with an entrance from Badstuestræde, close to the pedestrian street. It is an intimate space with room for around 30 people. This production is the inaugural show for both Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre and A Touch of Vintage.

**Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre** is Copenhagen's newest English-based theatre company, which aims to produce the highest quality professional theatre, with a multi-disciplined and multi-textural aesthetic. Copenhagen needs a multi-lingual theatre that breaks boundaries and dares to present new and innovative works; a theatre company that challenges the traditional theatrical framework, engaging multi-cultural audiences where they are and speaking with them on their terms. This is the way forward for a more diverse theatre scene in Denmark, bringing more cultural offerings and experiences to all.

**Director Jeremy Thomas-Poulsen says,** "With Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre, I want to bring something new and innovative to everyone, but especially the international community in Copenhagen. I want to create a place where you can experience something you've never seen or heard before, something that engages you and makes you think about the world in a new way. We are removing the labels: classic, traditional, contemporary, English; for us everything is mixed and matched in new and exciting ways, where you never know what you might find. Just like *Alice in Wonderland*, when you go Down the Rabbit Hole with us, you will enter an exciting and new world that will challenge and stretch your imagination."

For more information about Jeremy Thomas-Poulsen: [www.jmthomaspoulsen.com](http://www.jmthomaspoulsen.com)

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