

THE YOUNG COMPANY PRESENTS...

THE TALE ABOUT ERRORS

CAST

Angelos	Cai Jones
Aleon	Dominic Baker
Mariana	Emmaline Miller
Paula & Lucia	Erin Atalla
Rose	Georgia Brown
Geonato & The Merchant	Isaac Davey
Benix	Logan Barton
Jamillo	Luca Murton
Emile & The Officer	Lucy Davey
Luna	Mallie Waterfield
Bianca & Solna	Molly Carlton

The play was devised by the company.

Directed and written by **Ant Stones**.

Stage Manager and GSC Company Stage Manager **Beth Sweeney**.

There will be an interval of 15 minutes, during which the bar will be open.

Thank you for joining us for this special performance of *The Tale About Errors*.

WELCOME FROM GSC'S HEAD OF EDUCATION, ANT STONES

We are delighted to close **WILL'S BIRTHDAY BASH**, with a brand new play devised, written and performed by the GSC Young Company.

The club was established last September as part of GSC's 10th Anniversary, to give our young actors an opportunity to follow more closely in the footsteps of the professional company. We wanted the cast to turn one of Guildford's local landmarks into a performance venue and benefit from a closer link to our in-house creatives.

Over two terms the Young Company have written and devised an original performance, based on the three Shakespeare plays GSC staged last year – *The Winter's Tale*, *The Comedy of Errors* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. This was no easy task, but they have risen to the challenge with real skill and created a clever play, full of Shakespeare's signature twists and turns.

While working on the play, each member of the Young Company has been allotted a GSC mentor – a professional actor who regularly works with the main company – to provide one-on-one acting sessions throughout the course. This has allowed them to learn new skills and grow in confidence as performers.

The impact drama can have on someone's life cannot be under-estimated and I'm really looking forward to this performance, set in one of our favourite Guildford venues, the beautiful St Mary's Church...

Ant Stones

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THE STORY...

ACT I

Aleon, the king of Meracuse, is due to marry **Emile**, who is heavily pregnant. He returns for the wedding, after nine months at war, and asks his identical twin brother, **Benix**, to be his best man.

Meanwhile, **Jamillo**, the third brother is tired of being left out and plans to ruin the wedding. He discovers that **Mariana** is in love with **Benix** and persuades her to help him.

Jamillo and **Mariana** convince **Aleon** that the father of **Emile's** child is **Benix**. When **Aleon** learns that **Emile** is going into labour, he vows to shame her.

Emile's baby daughter is born and everyone gathers for the wedding. In the middle of the service, **Aleon** attacks **Emile** and warns everyone that he will kill the baby if he sees it again. **Emile** faints and **Aleon** leaves with **Jamillo**.

Benix decides to take the baby far way, out of harm's way. **Paula** fears for **Emile's** safety and decides they should pretend that she is dead. **Mariana** decides to join **Benix** on his voyage and they all depart.

On their way to their ship, **Benix** and **Mariana** decide to call the baby **Luna**, before they are attacked by a bear...

ACT II

16 years pass. **Aleon** has been searching the world for **Luna** and has arrived in Arphesus. He is caught upon entry and taken before **Solna**, the Duchess. She decides to grant **Aleon** a day to find his daughter, but then he will be executed.

Benix and **Mariana** have found a new life in Arphesus. **Benix** carries a scar on his side from the bear attack, but they are otherwise recovered. **Luna** has no idea that **Benix** and **Mariana** are not her real mother and father. In secret, **Benix** commissions **Angelos** to make a ring for him.

Solna is told by her new advisor, the traitor **Jamillo**, that her daughter, **Rose**, has fallen in love with a local girl. They decide to travel to her, in disguise.

Angelos discovers **Aleon** and, mistaking him for **Benix**, gives him the ring. **Aleon** goes along with the mistake and gains new hope of finding his missing family.

Solna finds **Rose** at a party and forbids her relationship with **Luna**. **Jamillo** manipulates the situation to his advantage and **Rose** and **Luna** plan to leave immediately.

Angelos asks **Benix** to pay him for the ring, but **Benix** claims he never received it. **Angelos** calls for **Benix** to be arrested, but he runs away. **Aleon** arrives shortly after with the ring. Confronted by **Angelos**, he hides in the local abbey.

Solna arrives and **Angelos** pleads for justice. When **Benix** arrives, everyone is confused until **Aleon** emerges from the abbey. The two brothers meet for the first time in sixteen years and **Benix** introduces **Luna** to her real father. The **Abbess** shocks everyone by revealing herself to be **Emile**. **Solna** forgives **Rose** and the two countries will be united as one.

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