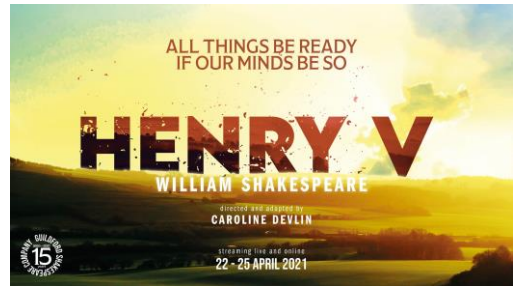


YOUR IMAGINARY FORCES

A Call to Arms for Aspiring Artists

To coincide their new production of **HENRY V**, the award-winning Guildford Shakespeare Company have launched 'Your Imaginary Forces', a project calling on aspiring artists to engage with the play and the company to submit creations that will feature as part of the new online show.



The open call is to aspiring artists of any age, ability and medium to join the theatre company in bringing Shakespeare's epic play to life, by sharing their creative responses to the play and its themes of **LOVE, HUMANITY** and **NEW BEGINNINGS**.

The plan is to then incorporate as many pieces, or parts of pieces, as possible in this new online re-imagining of their 2014 production. All pieces submitted, whether featured or not, will be shown in a special online gallery event.

Director **CAROLINE DEVLIN**: "*Creativity is at the heart of what makes humanity thrive and much of that has been stifled for the last 12 months. A defining moment of the play is when Henry discovers his humanity, his 'band of brothers'. They share a vision and defeat the negative odds, creating a bright new future. We want as many people as possible to engage with that idea, and by inviting aspiring artists to be part of a creative process we can share that vision.*"

Inspired by the chosen themes of Love, Humanity and New Beginnings for this production, artists are encouraged to submit original creations in any medium whether it be music, art, textiles, poetry... the list is infinite. All submissions will be reviewed by the *Henry V* artistic team and then those to be used in the final 70-minute show will be contacted.

Full details of the production and how to submit creations can be found on the GSC webpage <https://www.guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk/yourimaginaryforces/> Closing date for submissions is FRIDAY 26 MARCH, 6pm.

HENRY V builds on the digital innovations from the last 12 months and will be GSC's 6th original online show since March 2020, which have been watched by a worldwide live audience of over 3,600 households. Casting to be announced.

Booking opens 19 MARCH (Priority Booking from 15 March)

TICKETS: £20 (max 2 persons on one device) | Running time **70 minutes**, approx. | Strictly limited availability.

DATES: Thursday 22 April - Sunday 25 April | See website for daily timings

BOOKING: www.guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk/Henry-5-online

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Note to Editors

Guildford Shakespeare Company is an award-winning, site-responsive theatre company. Established in 2006 by actor-managers Sarah Gobran and Matt Pinches, it has produced over 40 shows in unique venues including Guildford Cathedral, Watts Gallery, West Horsley Place and a Flemish Spiegeltent. In 2015, Brian Blessed OBE played the title role in *King Lear*. Its Education and Outreach works with over 5000 people young and old every year including free-to-access social inclusion programmes. GSC is one of the largest producers of home-grown theatre in the region.