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DONMAR DISCOVER TAKE THE STAGE *MEASURE FOR MEASURE*



**YOUNG
+ FREE.**

ABOUT TAKE THE STAGE

Alongside the Donmar Warehouse's new season, Donmar Discover is proud to be offering our popular Take the Stage project for schools. This project gives young people a chance to learn about our productions and work with professional theatre-makers to create their own piece of theatre, to be shared on the Donmar stage with a culmination performance.

We are delighted to be offering the Take the Stage project to accompany ***Measure for Measure***. Through practical workshops both at the Donmar and in-school, students will investigate the creative process and the themes of the play, learning practical theatre-making skills and developing their confidence, both as a performer and an individual.

The project will launch with an event at the Donmar's rehearsal space in Covent Garden followed by a series of in-school workshops. Each student will see the production for free during the course of the project.

***Take the Stage* is aimed at groups of students between the ages of 14 and 18 years old from London state schools.**

We aim to work with groups of 15-20 participants, and hope to work with young people of a wide range of experience and ability.

As a result of the generosity of our friends and funders, we are delighted to be able to offer this project for free to participating schools.

“I am now a risk taker!”

Take the Stage participant

MEASURE FOR MEASURE

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Directed by JOSIE ROURKE



The tempter or the tempted, who sins most?

Vienna is corrupt. The Duke, who has let the city fall to vice, hands control to his Deputy, a hardline, puritan reformer.

The Deputy uses ancient laws to sentence citizens to death for sexual misconduct. But when a religious Novice pleads for clemency, their heady encounter leaves the Deputy guilty of the very crime that the law condemns.

Artistic Director Josie Rourke's new production imagines *Measure for Measure* in its original year of performance, 1604, and also in 2018.

DATES (2018)

**Week commencing
Mon 24 Sep**

Project launch at
Donmar Dryden Street

**Launch Day
Thu 18 Oct**

Three in-school
workshops to be
arranged individually

Thu 18 Oct

Masterclass at the
Donmar and performance
of *Measure for Measure*

19 Oct– 23 Nov

Four in-school
workshops to be
arranged individually

Fri 23 Nov 10am – 3pm

Group culmination
performance at the Donmar

To accompany the Donmar production of *Measure for Measure* Donmar Discover is delighted to offer a term-long project for schools examining the play and production in depth.

Through practical workshops both at the Donmar and in-school, students will investigate the creative process and the themes of the play, learning practical theatre-making skills and developing their confidence, both as a performer and an individual.

The project will launch with an event at the Donmar's rehearsal space in Covent Garden followed by a series of in-school workshops. As part of our Masterclass day, each young person will take part in a series of workshops with theatre-makers and attend the show.

Each group will work with the Donmar's expert team of theatre-makers over a term to create short pieces of theatre in response to this play which will culminate in a performance on the Donmar stage.

The project will consist of:

- **A launch event at the Donmar's rehearsal space, introducing participants to the project, its themes, and the production.**
- **Seven workshops/rehearsals in school with a professional Donmar theatre-maker.**
- **A Masterclass at the Donmar Warehouse .**
- **A free ticket for *Measure for Measure* for every participant**
- **An opportunity for the whole group to perform on the Donmar stage.**

DONMAR WAREHOUSE SCHOOLS' AGREEMENT

Participating schools will need to:

- Commit to all aspects of the project (see dates for details).
- Ensure that all participants are able to commit to all aspects of the project.
- Liaise with the Donmar to arrange suitable dates and times for the necessary amount of workshops.
- Provide appropriate space for the workshops to take place.
- Ensure that students have adequate supervision at all times during the project.
- Abide by the terms of the Donmar Warehouse Schools' Agreement.

The Donmar Warehouse's Take the Stage programme offers schools groups an extraordinary chance to work closely with professional practitioners and perform on the Donmar stage, as well as receiving tickets to our productions. We are delighted to be able to offer this project free of charge to schools, but expect that every school working with us will agree to the terms set out below.

We expect schools taking part in *Take the Stage* to agree to:

- Take part in all elements of the Take the Stage programme as outlined in the project summary, including launch event, attending the production, in-school workshops and culmination event.
- Contact the Donmar's Education & Access Assistant and theatre-makers to arrange mutually convenient times for in-school workshops, and ensure that suitable space is provided for the workshops to take place in.
- Ensure that students are adequately supervised by school staff throughout the project, and that a member of school staff is present throughout in-school workshops with Donmar theatre-makers.
- Ensure that Donmar theatre-makers are fully informed if there will be any changes to the group participating in the project, or if individual students require particular support.
- Ensure as far as possible that all students taking part in the project are available to participate in all aspects of the project, and inform the Donmar in advance if any individual students are unable to participate in particular elements of the project.
- Ensure that all tickets allocated by the Donmar Warehouse are used by students, and to inform the Donmar's Education & Access Assistant a minimum of 1 week in advance of any performance if fewer students than the number agreed will be attending.
- Ensure that students have their mobile phones and other electronic equipment switched off for the duration of the performance, and that students adhere to basic theatre etiquette whilst at the Donmar.
- Ensure that evaluation forms are completed and returned to the Donmar.

The Donmar reserves the right to charge schools that do not attend a workshop, or cancel a workshop with less than three working days' notice, up to £150 per workshop. We also reserve the right to charge groups who do not attend a performance, or who bring fewer students than agreed to a performance, up to £25 for every ticket that is not used. While we will use our discretion in exercising these options, we expect every school to honour the commitments they have made, and to contact us well in advance should any changes need to be made. We also reserve the right not to work with schools in future who do not fully commit to every aspect of this programme.

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