



# *Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare*



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# WHAT IS GARRICK'S TEMPLE TO SHAKESPEARE?

In 1756, David Garrick (1717-1779), the greatest actor-manager in the history of the British stage, built in his garden alongside the Thames at Hampton, a Temple to his hero William Shakespeare. This beautiful octagonal building overlooking the Thames is in the Classical style inspired by the 16th century Italian architect Palladio. Inside is a magnificent exhibition of Garrick's life and work, including a replica of the famous Shakespeare statue by the sculptor Roubiliac, as well as over 60 original prints and reproductions of paintings by Gainsborough, Hogarth, Reynolds, Zoffany and other major 18th Century artists.

With its peaceful riverside setting in Garrick's garden at Hampton, the Temple provides an inspirational resource for local schools. It has been described as "The most beautiful classroom in the country" - Come and find out why.

## education at the temple

### SCHOOL VISITS & WORKSHOPS

The Temple provides an inspiring starting point for learning. For many years it has been used by schools for teaching pupils of all age groups about local history, and about 18th Century life and art. Programmes for schools aim to encourage active learning through looking, discussions, drawing and movement. Areas covered include English, Literacy, Drama, Local and Social History, Theatre Studies, Music, Art and Design, and Maths. Sessions can also be tailored to cater for different age groups and for pupils with special needs.

### PRIMARY

As well as sessions in History, Literacy, and Art and Design, the Temple hosts the popular "Maths with Palladio" workshops, which use its proportions and symmetry to teach the principles of architecture and maths.

## SECONDARY

The Temple is an exciting venue for learning about or performing Shakespeare, while the paintings and prints of Garrick on the stage, or at his home in Hampton, are invaluable in helping to bring the 18th Century to life. They, and Roubiliac's magnificent statue of Shakespeare, can also provide inspiration for figure drawing and sculpture.

## PRELIMINARY STAFF VISITS

The Trust welcomes visits from teachers and lecturers to help them decide how the Temple may best serve their needs and those of their pupils. It can offer a range of activities related to the permanent exhibition, and volunteers are available to lead and support educational workshops.

## FURTHER EDUCATION & ADULT LEARNING

The Temple is a peaceful oasis which provides the perfect space for drama projects and poetry, or play readings for 6th form or College students. The building and exhibition are of particular interest to historians, and students of art, of eighteenth-century life, or of Shakespeare in performance.

Talks and discussion groups for adults are a regular feature of the Temple's life - together with poetry readings, concerts and dramatic performances.



## facilities

The Temple can accommodate classes of up to 30 pupils. Additional facilities including a kitchen and exhibition area and toilet available in the adjacent loggia. The Temple is heated all year round, and a horizontal ramp provides safe and easy access for people with disabilities.

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## access & public transport

Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare and its riverside garden lie on the north bank of the Thames on the A308 at Hampton. Trains run regularly from Waterloo to Hampton or Hampton Court. The following buses stop within a few yards of the Temple gates: R68 (Richmond to Hampton Court), 111 (Kingston to Heathrow), 216 (Kingston to Staines). In the summer a ferry runs across the Thames from Hurst Park to near the Temple.

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## parking

Arrangements may usually be made in advance for school minibuses to park in the Bushy Park Stockyard which lies within 200 yards of the Temple. Parking is not allowed on the A308, though it is available where indicated in High Street and Church Street, Hampton.

For further information and school bookings please contact Orleans House Gallery. Tel: 020 88316000. Email: [artsinfo@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:artsinfo@richmond.gov.uk)

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