



## *Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare Trust*

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### **FUNDAY SUNDAY FOR CHILDREN**

A free and fun afternoon at Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare in Hampton has been organised for children on Sunday 9 August from 2-5pm to learn about the history of masks in the theatre and to make one and take it home.

Children will also have the opportunity to dress up in a variety of costumes and experience how actors feel when they have to take on classical roles such as Shakespeare or more contemporary productions.

Liz Crowther, the organiser, said: "Children love dressing up and inventing characters and hopefully this event will stimulate their imagination. I also hope it will teach them more about expressing themselves in different costumes and masks which have played such an important part in the theatre well before Garrick's time."

There is also a 'Toad of Toad Hall' theatre exhibition by the young designer Ellie Mills. The exhibition is a 'storyboard' of ideas illustrating the play and costumes.

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## Notes for Editors

1. Liz Crowther is among many actors who have taken a lively interest in Garrick's Temple and is a member of the Temple Management Committee. Liz has worked as an actor for over 35 years and has worked in television and appeared in local and west-end productions.
2. Ellie Mills comes from New Maldon and has recently graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama as a theatre designer.
3. The event will be indoors and refreshments will be available. Due to the proximity of the river all children must be accompanied by an adult.
4. The renowned actor-manager, David Garrick 1717-1779, built the temple in 1756 to celebrate the literary skill of William Shakespeare, and commissioned the sculptor Roubiliac to provide a life-size statue of his hero to be placed inside. In 1999 restoration of the Temple was completed and the statue reinstated in replica. The original statue is on display at the British Library.
5. The Temple houses a display which celebrates David Garrick's acting career and his life in Hampton.
6. The Temple is opposite Garrick's Villa on the Hampton Court Road, Hampton (near the junction with Thames Street and Church Street). The Temple and its gardens, owned by the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames, are managed with the assistance of a team of local volunteers.
7. Garrick's temple to Shakespeare is registered charity No. 1107200.
8. The Temple is open to the public on Sundays between April and September 2.00pm - 5.00pm, and the garden is open daily throughout the year from 7.30am - dusk.
9. Trustees are: John Andrews OBE (USA), Clive Bradley CBE, Clive Francis, Colin Hunter, Martin Harvey, Iain Mackintosh, Pat Parsons, Ronald Smedley, William Weisblatt.
10. For more information on the temple visit the web-site: [www.garrickstemple.org.uk](http://www.garrickstemple.org.uk)

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