

the Lions part

I will roar that I will doe any mans heart good to heare me.

# October Plenty

**Sunday 23rd October 2022 from 11.00am**

A glorious collective celebration of the seasons, weather and food, OCTOBER PLENTY mixes ancient seasonal customs and contemporary festivity with performance and music.

the Lions part invites everyone to their 24th Autumn Harvest celebration

OCTOBER PLENTY begins on **BANKSIDE SE1** near **Shakespeare's Globe Gates** and **PROCESSES** to **SOUTHWARK'S HISTORIC BOROUGH MARKET**

## THE CORN QUEENE

Heavy with wheat, fruit & vegetables, the magnificent CORN QUEENE will appear in procession in front of the Globe with our company of actors, along with the traditional **HOBBY HORSE**.

## THE PROCESSION, MUSIC & DANCING

Join the procession of music, flags and spectacle through the streets to the historic **BOROUGH MARKET**. Leading us is the extraordinary **BERRY MAN**, the autumnal Green Man, decked with wild fruits & foliage. See the Borough Market's bright Market Hall come alive with festivity whilst savouring and sampling the food, cider and apple juice on offer from this famous food market.

## THE PLAY

This year *the Lions part* heartily welcomes *The Fabularium* with their boisterous Fabularium Fables the release of their **Flock of Sheep** into the Market.

## MUSIC & DANCING

See the **Ravensbourne Morris** dancers amidst the festivities, the time honoured **Redding Moreys** and **Shakespeare's Goddesses** in splendour. Catch the **Berry Man** and company for a conker fight.

Watch the infamous **EXECUTION OF JOHN BARLEYCORN** and **Dance the Hay** with us followed by the traditional stripping of the **CORN QUEENE**.

## THE STORY ORCHARD

All afternoon a little orchard of young apple trees creates a space for storytelling for children of all ages about food, magic & harvest. Our beloved master storyteller Pat Ryan joins us once again.

**CROSSBONES GRAVEYARD** At the end of the festivities join us to visit & decorate the extraordinary gates of Crossbones Graveyard in Red Cross Way and contemplate the quiet of the Graveyard with us.

OCTOBER PLENTY is FREE, FUN and PHOTO-FRIENDLY for ALL THE FAMILY.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Media Enquiries and Notes to Editors

There is a wide range of **PHOTOS** of the event. Other hi-res images can be sent on request. For web publishing, please feel free to take images from our website.

**the Lions part** is an eclectic company of like-minded professional performers who collaborate to create seasonal festivals, plays and theatre pieces that transform public and community spaces as well as traditional theatres with a fusion of stories, play texts, music, customs and heritage.

**the Lions part** also gives artistic and administrative support to company members in other projects, from all kinds of performance to music composition, as well as design and costume creation, using classical texts and living history as both an inspiration and a resource. Performances often involve local artists & community groups making costumes, banners and props, often using recycled or unwanted materials. The company has strong links with storytellers, musicians, dancers, street performers, re-enactors, costume-makers, conservation groups & food producers. Festival plays are chosen to complement the times, the site & the nature of the celebration.

the Lions part patron is world famous actor Sir Mark Rylance.

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For more information on October Plenty at Borough Market, visit:

<https://boroughmarket.org.uk/events/harvest-celebration-october-plenty/http://www.thelionspart.co.uk>

**About Borough Market** Borough Market is a source of quality British and international produce, but it is more than just a place to buy or sell food. It's a place where people come to connect, to share food and awaken their senses. Borough has long been synonymous with food markets and as far back as 1014, and probably much earlier, London Bridge attracted traders selling grain, fish, vegetables and livestock. In the 13th century traders were relocated to what is now Borough High Street and a market has existed there ever since. Borough Market's mission is to continue to provide a world class food market at Borough for the community of London and beyond. Borough Market is the only fully independent market in London. It is owned by a charitable trust and run by a board of volunteer trustees. The trust is committed to supporting the local community around Borough Market. We regularly run community events, free cookery demonstrations and we support local community projects and schemes.

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## About **The Fabularium**

**The Fabularium** was established in 2010 at Coventry University and became a Limited Company in 2015 and consists of Freelance Performers, Musicians, Acrobats, Storytellers and the odd Puppet. They have worked on outdoor events, carnivals and processions for over 12 years nationally and internationally. The Fabularium specialise in outdoor theatre and adaptations of old stories brought into the 21st Century, via traditional methods of theatre.

**The Fabularium** is a self-contained touring outdoor theatre company with a medieval twist. We specialise in a series of skills including storytelling, live music, mask work, puppetry, physical theatre and acrobatics. The company performs upon a processional pageant wagon in town centres, parks, festivals and other events. Our range of set performances and walkabout acts combine a number of disciplines make our work unique, engaging, stylish, energetic and fun. The Fabularium is unique because it can present a series of acts that can fit together perfectly while still including the featured disciplines, whether that is with one act or a multiple of productions.

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