

October Plenty

in association with Borough Market's Apple Day

Sunday 21st October 2018 from 12 noon

the Lions part invites everyone to their **21st** Autumn Harvest celebration in association with **Borough Market's 10th APPLE DAY**

October Plenty begins on Bankside near Shakespeare's Globe at 12 noon and continues at Southwark's historic Borough Market

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

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**.

Leading us is the extraordinary **BERRY MAN**, the autumnal Green Man, decked with wild fruits & foliage.

THE PROCESSION, MUSIC & DANCING

Join the procession of music, flags and spectacle through the streets to the historic **BOROUGH MARKET** where we will join in their wonderful **APPLE DAY**. See the Green Market and Market Hall come alive with apple celebrations. Savour and sample magnificent food, cider and apple juice on offer from this famous food market as well as their usual excellent food fare. Join in Apple games, conkers and tastings. See the Ravensbourne Morris dancers amidst the festivities.

THE PLAY

This year *the Lions part* heartily welcomes *The Fabularium* with a brand spanking new heroic romp '**There be Monsters!**'. Don Quixote and his side-kick Sancho Panza take an epic quest to revive chivalry, confront monsters and seek to right what is wrong or accidentally wrong what is right...

APPLE GAMES and CONKERS

Apple games follow ending with the celebrated dance **THE EXECUTION OF JOHN BARLEYCORN** and the infamous 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 apples, markets, magic & harvest. This year our beloved master storyteller Pat Ryan joins us once more.

APPLES

Discover & explore the apples of old England before they all disappear! Enjoy our display of London related types: tastes of the old, the rare, the local & the downright odd. Bring your own mystery apples & see if we can identify them! At the end of the day, everyone is invited to visit & decorate the historic **CROSS BONES GRAVEYARD** in Red Cross Way.

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:

www.thelionspart.co.uk/octoberplenty For more information, please contact info@thelionspart.co.uk / 07736 150225 or press@boroughmarket.org.uk

OCTOBER PLENTY is free to attend for everyone.

1. **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.

2. **The Corn Queene** is made in conjunction with Lambeth charity, Roots & Shoots led by David Perkins and Sarah Wilson. Roots and Shoots provides vocational training for young people from the inner city, mainly from the London boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark, to give them the skills and self-confidence that will equip them for work. The charity was set up in 1982 by Linda Phillips to help young people from Lambeth and Southwark prepare for the world of work. Since 1982, a one-acre former Civil Defence site has been transformed into a wildlife garden with eco-training centre, plant nursery, shop & Wildlife Study Centre.

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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5. **Information about the Lions part & event partners** can be found at

<http://www.thelionspart.co.uk> <http://www.fabularium.co.uk>

<http://www.rootsandshoots.org.uk> <http://www.commonground.org.uk>

<http://www.info.org.uk/SouthwarkMysteries>