

October Plenty

in association with Borough Market's Apple Day

Sunday 23rd October 2016 from 12 noon

the Lions part invites everyone to their **20th** Autumn Harvest celebration in association with **Borough Market's 9th 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 return of *The Fabularium* with their boisterous, colourful tale of 'Reynard the Fox'. Treachery, trickery and musical magic with the woodlands' most infamous scoundrel!

APPLE GAMES and CONKERS

These follow 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 the 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

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Notes to editors:

1. **OCTOBER PLENTY is free to attend for everyone.**

2. **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.

3. **The Corn Queen** 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.

4. **Borough Market** is London's most renowned food market: a source of exceptional British and international produce. It is a haven for anybody who cares about the quality and provenance of the food they eat. The market is populated by a community of remarkable individuals from all over the UK, Europe and the rest of the world, all of whom care deeply about the food and drink on offer. Many of the stallholders are themselves producers - people who grow, rear or bake the food that they sell. Others are importers with intimate knowledge of whichever corner of the globe they source their products from. Borough Market's vision is to enrich the quality of life of the local community, and to build on its reputation as a centre of food excellence; to be a viable and sustainable, independent, quality food market, rooted in the local community. We are delighted to be working so closely with the market to create this annual festival.

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

www.thelionspart.co.uk www.boroughmarket.org.uk www.rootsandshoots.org.uk
www.commonground.org.uk www.info.org.uk/SouthwarkMysteries/CrossBonesGraveyard.htm

6. 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:

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