

# FESTIVAL THEATRE

## at Chiddingstone Castle

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### A Spectacular Summer of Comedy, Tragedy, Music, and Immersive Family Fun

The Festival Theatre at Chiddingstone Castle, a historic gem nestled in the heart of the Kent countryside, is once again opening its majestic grounds for a season of unforgettable open-air performances and events this summer. Steeped in over 400 years of history and surrounded by 35 acres of breathtaking gardens and woodland, the castle offers the perfect backdrop for an eclectic lineup of theatre, music, and immersive entertainment for all ages.



#### **Saturday 12th July, 7pm – *Macbeth* by The Dukes Theatre Company**

The season begins with a powerful retelling of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* by the acclaimed Dukes Theatre Company. Directed by Robert Shaw Cameron (*Coronation Street*, Regents Park Open Air Theatre), this dynamic production brings a gripping modern edge to the timeless tragedy of ambition, madness, and betrayal. Performed by a cast of six leading actors, this is Shakespeare as you've never seen it before – psychological, bold, and fiercely engaging.



### **Sunday 27th July, 3pm – *Space Chickens***

Prepare for lift-off in this high-energy, family-friendly spectacle that's truly out of this world. *Space Chickens* is a hilarious intergalactic adventure featuring ingenious puppetry and original live banjo-synth music – all performed from the roof of a van! This quirky show explores themes of environmental responsibility, growth, and the power of imagination. Fun for all ages and packed with heart, it's an unforgettable afternoon at the castle.

### **Friday 1st August, 8pm – *Forest Fest: A Woodland Silent Disco with Marcel Mendez***

Step into the spellbinding forest of Chiddingstone Castle for an immersive dance experience. *Forest Fest* invites guests to embrace the spirit of Ibiza under the stars with international DJ Marcel Mendez, known for his magnetic blend of tribal, Afro and Latin house. From tranquil pre-party vibes at 6:30pm to a high-energy silent disco among the trees, this is a celebration of music, movement, and mindfulness in a setting like no other.

### **Sunday 24th August, 3pm – *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by The Three Inch Fools**

Closing the summer in true theatrical style, The Three Inch Fools return to celebrate their 10th anniversary with a riotous open-air performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Expect laugh-out-loud comedy, and a mischievous Puck causing delightful chaos in an enchanted forest. This five-star show promises an afternoon of joy and theatrical magic.



Whether you're a Shakespeare enthusiast, dance lover, or looking for quirky family fun, there's something for everyone this summer with The Festival Theatre at Chiddingstone Castle. Don't forget to bring your own blankets and chairs – and dress for all weathers!

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