



Pants on Fire presents Ovid's Metamorphoses

Theatrical Adaptation by Peter Bramley
Original Music by Lucy Egger
Directed by Peter Bramley



Ovid's epic tales of heroics, love, gods, monsters and the secrets of the universe revealed through gasmasks, gramophones, live original songs, dance, puppetry, film and darkly comic, dynamic storytelling.

The Metamorphoses are fantastical love stories that pursue the theme of physical transformation. In each magical myth, a human body is miraculously changed into a different form — a tree; an island; an animal; a flower; an ocean; a constellation...

PANTS ON FIRE's actor-musician extravaganza relocates Roman mythology to 1940's wartime Britain. Cupid – an evacuee with a catapult, Narcissus – a Hollywood Matinee Idol drooling over his screen image and an Andrews Sisters Chorus finding close harmony amid cosmic chaos.

An exploration of man's inextricable link with nature and the universe. At a time when the earth is beginning another metamorphosis, and humankind finds itself on the brink of 'change' these prescient ancient myths strike a poignant chord.

'Pants on Fire are capable of the purest of theatre'. METRO LONDON

'I'd say Peter Bramley was a director to watch'.
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'wonderful and improbable...and at times even breathtaking'. TIME OUT (on *'Tossed'*)

Notes to Editors:

PANTS ON FIRE is a London based ensemble, which celebrates visual theatricality, style and the language of theatre. *Ovid's Metamorphoses* is the company's 5th production. The show will be playing at the Pleasance theatre throughout August at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Previous production "*Splice*" won both the Public Prize and the Co-Production Commission at the 2006 ARENA Festival, Germany. **'Ingenious'** The Guardian (Edinburgh 2005).

The cast for *Ovid's Metamorphoses* is made entirely of professionally trained Acting and Actor-Musician graduates from Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance in Sidcup. The actors play all their own instruments and sing live.

Greenwich resident **Peter Bramley** is Artistic Director and founder of Pants on Fire and has directed all of the company's shows to date. He and composer **Lucy Egger** were in the last final-year group to ever have trained with the late Jacques Lecoq at his famous theatre school in Paris.

LISTINGS INFORMATION:

Venue:

Greenwich Theatre
Crooms Hill
London SE10 8ES

Performances:

Saturday 24th July 2010
2pm & 6pm

Ticket Prices:

£10
£7.50 concessions and Kids
£25 family ticket
£7.50 for bookings of 8 or More

Box Office:

020 8858 7755

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Suitability for Children:

Aged 9 upwards

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Stories:

The Creation, Tiresias, Daphne & Apollo, Salmacis and Hermaphroditus, Io, Echo & Narcissus, Medusa, Perseus & Andromeda, Theseus and the Minotaur, Ariadne, Icarus, Semele.

Cast:

Johnathan Davenport
Mabel Jones
Joseph Mann
Joanne Dockery
Alex Packer
Hannah Pierce
Eloise Secker

Lighting Design:
Ralph Stokeld

Stage Adaptation:
Peter Bramley

Music:
Lucy Egger
Director:
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