

**Belvoir presents**

As You Like It

By **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**
Director **EAMON FLACK**
Set Designer **ALISTAIR WATTS**
Costume Designer **MEL PAGE**
Lighting Designer **DAMIEN COOPER**
Composer & Sound Designer
STEFAN GREGORY
Assistant Director **FRANK MAINOO**

With
ALISON BELL
BILLE BROWN
GARETH DAVIES
CASEY DONOVAN
CHARLIE GARBER
TREVOR JAMIESON
SHELLY LAUMAN
HAMISH MICHAEL
Yael STONE
ASHLEY ZUKERMAN

BELVOIR ST THEATRE | UPSTAIRS**19 NOVEMBER – 24 DECEMBER**

Orlando (**Ashley Zukerman**) loves Rosalind (**Alison Bell**). Rosalind is disguised as boy called

Ganymede. Phoebe (**Gareth Davies**) loves Ganymede. Silvius (**Shelly Lauman**) loves Phoebe. Rosalind loves Orlando back, but Orlando doesn't know that she is Ganymede. Orlando is hunting Oliver (**Hamish Michael**). Celia (**Yael Stone**) loves Oliver. Celia is disguised as Aliena. The Duke (**Trevor Jamieson**) is hunting Celia. The other Duke (also Trevor Jamieson) is hunting deer. Jaques (**Bille Brown**) loves the deer. Touchstone (**Charlie Garber**) is freaked out by Jaques. Audrey (**Casey Donovan**) loves Touchstone. Touchstone loves words... *As You Like It* turns out to be a terribly difficult play to describe. It's a ramshackle, gender-bending, pastoral romantic comedy. At the end there's a big wedding and they all go home.

Following from his huge success with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (B Sharp/Bob Presents/Arts Radar) Belvoir's Associate Director – New Projects **Eamon Flack** will bring his playful approach to Shakespearean comedy to the most outlandish of the Bard's works.

Though placed firmly in the traditions of Elizabethan culture, with references to literature, society and the politics of the time, there are disarmingly modern thoughts at the centre of this play: the idea of true personal freedom, of people running away from the city to create a new society, a new way of living, in a pastoral paradise. These displaced people are running from something – corruption, family breakdown, injustice – and in the process meet a new kind of people who live, in a way, completely removed from the structures of life in the city.

As You Like It features what can only be described as a dream cast, the very finest theatre and screen actors around, getting the chance to cut loose with a wonderfully rich and hilarious text as a spring board into a festival of delight. Under the attuned eye of a talented director with a great approach to Shakespeare this delicious extravaganza will be full of colour, music and frivolity; this will be perfect summer fare.



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NOTES FOR EDITORS

SEASON INFORMATION

Dates 19 November to 24 December 2011

Previews Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 November 2011

Opening night Wednesday 23 November 2011

Times Tuesday 6.30pm | Wednesday to Friday 8pm | Saturday 2pm & 8pm | Sunday 5pm

Tickets Full \$59 | Seniors (excluding Fri/Sat evenings) \$49 | Concession \$39

Venue Belvoir St Theatre | 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills

Bookings 02 9699 3444 or www.belvoir.com.au

BELVOIR INFORMATION

The name of our company is **Belvoir**, not the Belvoir, Belvoir Theatre or Belvoir Theatre Company. Belvoir St Theatre is our venue.

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