

PRESS RELEASE

Aristophanes'
CLOUDS

BRIDEWELL THEATRE, LONDON
MARCH 24TH – 28TH 2009, 7pm
EXTRA PERFORMANCE THURS 26TH JAN 4pm
FREE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & TALKS

Clouds is a unique musical theatre adaptation of Aristophanes' comic play, originally written in 419 BC. This dazzling new musical adaptation is a riotous and absurd satire covering themes as diverse as education, the credit crunch, religion and even Richard Dawkins. Stand-up, slapstick and audience participation abound in an eclectic mix, evocative of the raucous surrealism so distinctive of ancient Athenian comedy.

This adaptation stays true to the original story whilst bringing it right up to date for current audiences: brought slap bang into the 21st Century, you'll love *Clouds* even if anything Greek is, well, Greek to you. The first production of *Clouds*, originally premiered in 2007, garnered critical acclaim on tour, and now finally lands in London with a talented and energetic cast of thousands*.

This new larger-than-life version is riotous, rude, raunchy and never less than utterly ridiculous.

*cast actually likely to be 15 actors.

Listings info:

Aristophanes' Clouds: a new musical

by Edward Tomlinson, Simon Andrews and Alex Outhwaite. Original score by Liam Dunachie.

Directed by Alex Outhwaite.

Bridewell Theatre, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, London EC4Y 8EQ

March 24th – 28th, 2009: 7pm. Tickets £12.

Groups and Schools Bookings Information

Groups of 10+ have access to special schools workshops and a reduced ticket price of **£8**.

For every **10 tickets purchased, an additional ticket is free**.

To book, please e-mail groups@flytheatre.co.uk or call **01568 613823** (groups only).

Free pre-show talks and activities for school groups

Free pre-show talks by experts on Aristophanes and ancient Greek theatre will be held before all performances except Tuesday evening. In addition, subsidised workshops for groups focusing on Aristophanes' works (tied in to GCSE/A Level Classics syllabuses) and taster workshops in classical drama are available and can be tailored to the needs of specific groups or texts. For information on these opportunities, and for the latest updates on speakers, e-mail education@flytheatre.co.uk

Notes for Editors

Tickets for *Aristophanes' Clouds* are available from www.CloudsLondon.com. Tickets cost £12, or £20 for a double ticket with our sister show *Reefer Madness!* at 9pm on the same evening.

A range of sponsor opportunities are available starting at £20.

Contact: Photographs and press tickets can be requested by emailing press@flytheatre.co.uk