

PRESS RELEASE

ACT NOW! DRAMA COMPANY PRESENT

Something Wicked This Way Comes

Adapted and Directed by David Hunt from the works of William Shakespeare

"Hell is empty and all the devils are here."

Tales of evil featuring Shakespeare's most notorious villains and villainesses

In a desert place, three mysterious women conjure up Shakespeare's most infamous villains and villainesses, empowering them to commit their heinous crimes.

Iago from *Othello*, the wicked Queen from *Cymbeline*, Edmund, Goneril and Regan from *King Lear*, *Richard III*, *Titus Andronicus*, Tamora of the Goths, the Macbeths, the cunning Shylock from *The Merchant of Venice* and Angelo from *Measure for Measure* are brought together to illustrate the nature of their Natures! This dark script consists of Shakespeare's original text from his plays and sonnets, approaching the question of what creates evil in the human mind.

The sinister hostesses of the drama are the wonderful mistresses of ceremonies, the three weird sisters from *Macbeth*, who invoke the most evil of Shakespearean personae's and their unsuspecting victims.

"No one who conjures up the most evil of those half-tamed demons that inhabit the human beast, and seeks to wrestle with them, can expect to come through the struggle unscathed."
– Sigmund Freud

Something Wicked This Way Comes is presented at the **Greenwich Playhouse** by Act Now! Drama Company following on from their successful production of Sophocles *Electra* at The Courtyard.

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William Shakespeare is acknowledged as perhaps the greatest playwright of all time. His tragedies neatly cast their emotional and dramatic spells on generations of theatregoers and scholars alike. Shakespeare's surviving works consist of 38 plays, 154 sonnets, two long narrative poems, and several other poems. His plays have been translated into every major living language and are performed more often than those of any other playwright.

Director/Writer David Hunt's recent productions include **Electra** at The Courtyard, **Coward's Way**, **The Passion of Henrik Ibsen**, **That Happy Feeling!**, **Mind Games** and **The Tragedy of Federico Garcia Lorca** at The Broadway Studio Theatre, **West End Gold** at The Gaiety Theatre (IOM), **Beyond Therapy** at Swansea Grand Theatre. His other directing credits include **Blood Wedding**, **As You Like It**, **The Tempest** and **Blithe Spirit** at The Barn Theatre, **When You Wish** at Windsor, **Yerma**, **Present Laughter** and **Much Ado About Nothing** at Dramascope Studios and over 90 showcase performances at Rose Bruford College. David trained at The Webber-Douglas Academy of Dramatic Art and continues to work as an actor. He is the Artistic Director of the Act Now! Drama Company.

PRESS NIGHT ON THURSDAY 9th JULY AT 7.30PM

Dates:

7th – 12th July 2009

Tues-Sat at 7.30pm, Sun at 4pm

Venue:

Greenwich Playhouse, Greenwich Station Forecourt, 189 Greenwich High Road,
London, SE10 8JA

Tickets:

£12 (£10 concs)

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Greenwich (DLR/Rail)

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Quotes for previous Act Now! shows:

“The Act Now! Drama Company have succeeded in producing a very powerful interpretation of Sophocles vengeful saga. The strong subject of sacrifice and matricide is well executed by a company of 13 talented players. The production is beautifully framed by a haunting and moving musical soundtrack and strong choices on staging. David Hunt’s direction keeps the pace rolling and never becomes indulgent. The stage is bare of set, but, the actors dress it with splashes of vibrant colours against the purity of their white robes. The rousing final sequence brought the audience to its feet and left many memorable moments in the mind.”

REMOTE GOAT (Electra)

“In the programme notes David Hunt explains the reality of getting that happy feeling. If you need a fix of happiness then go and see this show.”

REMOTE GOAT Mark Stevenson (That Happy Feeling!)