

LIFTING THE MASK

LIFTING THE MASK, a new 21-Song MUSICAL, 'blissfully ranges in sound from Joplin to Gospel' in celebration of the life & lyrics of PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR - a son of two slaves who was ultimately christened the 'Poet Laureate of the Negro Race' by Booker T. Washington. Set backstage in a British theatre during Queen Victoria's 1897 Diamond Jubilee, LIFTING THE MASK's dramatic text is inspired by both Tennessee Williams & Shakespeare. This 'compelling musical' ranges in theme from love & loneliness to Britannia's historic racial entanglements & the abolition of her slave trade. Tim Williams' 'wondrous' original score tunefully melds 75 minutes of merriment & insight, fiercely indulging the sass of LIFTING THE MASK's vibrant cast (directed by LSW Executive Director, Dr. Bruce Wall) & encompassing such internationally noted performers as Cornelius Macarthy & Delroy Brown. Jenny Agutter calls LIFTING THE MASK 'a total knockout'. You will too!

- 8th Oct - WESTCLIFFE, Palace Theatre (Dixon Studio), 7.30 pm - 01702 351351
- 9th Oct - SWINDON, Swindon Arts Centre, 8.00 pm - 01793 614837
- 10th Oct - TAUNTON, Tacchi-Morris Theatre, 2.00 pm - SOLD OUT
- 10th Oct - BARNSTAPLE, Westcott Barton, 8.00 pm - 01271 812842
- 11th Oct - PERSHORE, Peopleton Village Hall, 7.30 pm - 01905 841332
- 12th Oct - WISBECH, Angels Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01945 585587
- 15th Oct - ISLE OF WIGHT, Quay Arts, 8.00 pm - 01983 822490
- 16th Oct - COLEFORD, Forest Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01594 833416
- 17th Oct - BANBURY, Mill Arts Theatre, 7.45 pm - 01295 279002
- 18th Oct - DERBY, Guildhall Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01332 255800
- 19th Oct - WOLVERHAMPTON, Arena Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01920 321321
- 20th Oct - LOUTH, Holy Trinity Church, 5.00 pm - 01507 329437
- 23rd Oct - NORWICH, Norwich Playhouse, 7.30 pm, 01603 598598
- 24th Oct - APPLEBY, Sir John Moore Hall, 7.30 pm, 01530 273629
- 25th Oct - LUTON, Luton Library Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01582 547474
- 26th Oct - LUTON, Luton Library Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01582 547474
- 27th Oct - LUTON, Luton Library Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01582 547474
- 29th Oct - BASINGSTOKE, Central Studio, 7.45 pm - 01256 418318
- 30th Oct - LOUGHBOROUGH, Town Hall, 7.30 pm - 01509 231914
- 31st Oct - SLEAFORD, The Playhouse, 7.30 pm - 01529 414294
- 1st Nov - SPILSBY, Spilby Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01790 752936
- 2nd Nov - SCARBOROUGH, Stephen Joseph Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01723 370541
- 3rd Nov - SLough, West Wing Arts Centre, 8.00 pm - 01753 823710
- 6th Nov - ISLE OF MAN, King William's College, 7.30 pm - 01624 820427
- 7th Nov - ISLE OF MAN, King William's College, 7.30 pm - 01624 820427
- 8th Nov - BLACKBURN, Darwen Library Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01254 706006
- 9th Nov - STOURBRIDGE, Glasshouse Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01384 399430
- 10th Nov - GLOUCESTER, Kings Theatre, 7.30 pm - 01452 396572
- 11th Nov - CAMBRIDGE, Cambridge Arts Theatre, 7.45 pm - 01223 513333

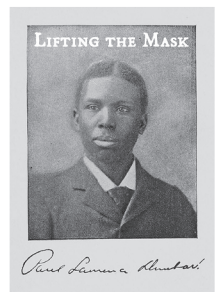
*"Perched on your shoulders sits Liberty smiling,
Perched where the eyes of our nations can see.
Keep from her pinions all contact defiling;
Show by your deeds what we're destined to be.*

*Look to the heights that are worth your attaining
Keep your feet firm in the path to the goal.
Toward noble deeds every effort be straining.
Worthy ambition is food for our soul!*

*Never again shall the manacles gall you
Never again shall the whip stroke defame!
Nobles and Freeman, our destiny calls you
Onward to honour, to glory, not shame."*



*"Why should the world be over-wise,
In counting all our tears and sighs?
Nay let them only see us,
While we wear the mask"*



LIFTING THE MASK is an LSW World Premiere Production. The London Shakespeare Work (LSW) and its Prison Project are a nationally registered charity (No. 1084717). Of LSW's work The Guardian notes: *'LSW works at the highest level. What is impressive is the commitment of the entire company and its rare passion for language.'*



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