

## AN INVITATION TO THEATRICAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PERFORM AT THE TRAQUAIR SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL in 2012

As part of the RSC Open Stages programme, Traquair House is running a 2 day Festival in the grounds of Traquair House from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May in 2012. An outline of the Festival can be found below.

The Festival will include outdoor performances of Shakespeare-related productions, and we are inviting participants in the RSC Open Stages programme to apply to perform their production at the Traquair Shakespeare Festival. Productions should be approximately one hour to one and a half hour in length, and capable of being performed on an outdoor, roofed, stage approximately 5 metres by 9 metres.

If your theatrical group is interested in performing at the Traquair Shakespeare Festival, please complete the attached application form, or download and complete it from:

[www.shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk/tsf2011/](http://www.shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk/tsf2011/)

and return (by mail or email) to the following address:

- Mail: Shakespeare at Traquair, c/o 6a Bridgegate, Peebles, Peebleshire, EH45 8RZ
- Email: [tsf@shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk](mailto:tsf@shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk)

## AN OUTLINE OF THE TRAQUAIR SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL in 2012

Traquair House ([www.traquair.co.uk](http://www.traquair.co.uk)) is the oldest continuously inhabited country house in Scotland. For many years it has run the Traquair Festival, the Traquair Medieval Festival and annual Shakespeare productions in the mature grounds of the House.

In 2012, to celebrate the World Shakespeare Festival, the Traquair Shakespeare Festival will run from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May. The festival will include:

- theatrical workshops run by the RSC and others; Elizabethan and Medieval music concerts; a series of Shakespeare-related productions on an open-air stage; and promenade performances of 'Twelfth Night' by Shakespeare at Traquair ([www.shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk](http://www.shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk)).
- a range of Elizabeth events to make Shakespeare's time come alive. Events under consideration include: an Elizabethan pageant; a falconry exhibition; jousting and fights; archery; and stalls with Elizabethan-style crafts, food, and drink.

Traquair is inviting community, amateur, and professional theatre groups participating in the RSC Open Stages programme, or based in the Borders, or from further afield to apply to perform at the Traquair Shakespeare Festival. We hope you will come.

For further information, check the web-site links above or contact us by email at [tsf@shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk](mailto:tsf@shakespeare-at-traquair.co.uk).

