



Somerset Emergency Theatre commission:

## Let The Sun Shine



### **Wassail Theatre Company: who are we?**

Wassail is Somerset's theatre company. 'Wassail' literally means "good health", from the Old English word *was hál*. It is also evocative of cultural traditions in the south west of England and, in particular, Somerset.

Our mission is to use theatre as a catalyst for creating healthy, culturally connected communities.

You can find out more about us, including our Manifesto and Core Values, [here](#).

### **Let The Sun Shine: concept and aims**

This commission forms part of Wassail's Somerset Emergency Theatre programme.

The commission's aims are:

- To give audiences in Somerset and Dorset something to look forward to in 2021.
- To help people living close to Yeovil feel the sun shine on their faces.
- To make people smile.

### **Somerset Emergency Theatre: what's that?**

Somerset Emergency Theatre is a programme of activity managed by Wassail, designed to ensure artists and audiences remain culturally connected during the challenges created by coronavirus.

You can find out more information on the work we've supported so far, [here](#).

### **So, what's the concept?**

Wassail wants to make an inventive show, that is a contemporary reimagining of the Yeovil folk story, Jack The Treacle Eater.

The show will be presented to the general public and suitable for ages 6+.

We don't yet know whether the performance will take place in the real-world, online or both. If it involves performing in the real-world, it'll need to be Covid-secure, outside, and at Yeovil College. We imagine making a final decision on this either way by Easter 2021.

We'd like you to propose how you will collaborate with us in making the show. You will either take a creative, production and performance team role.

**Who's this commission for?**

We're looking for actors, aerialists, choreographers, composers, dancers, directors, musicians, production managers, singers, writers and other performing artists who understand Wassail's Manifesto and share our Core Values.

This commission is exclusively for Yeovil College's Performing Arts department.

**Production timeline**

Performances will take place in May 2021. We will have weekly production meetings from w/c 22 February which will help inform the rest of the process.

**Budget**

We've got a £500 budget for the show, plus unlimited use of Yeovil College's existing resources.