



## CHESIL THEATRE

### STATEMENT ON CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In accordance with the latest advice from government and the theatre industry, the Chesil Theatre has cancelled all performances of *Dracula* scheduled to take place from 28 March to 4 April 2020 and *A Fine Bright Day Today* scheduled to take place from 16 to 23 May 2020. A full refund will be given to all patrons who had booked for these shows in advance. We hope that we may still be able to include both of these plays as part of a future programme.

The Chesil Theatre is keeping under review the outdoor production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, scheduled for performance in the beautiful gardens of Wolvesey Palace from 14 to 18 July 2020. We shall also be continuing with arrangements for the *TakeTen* New Writing Festival and currently invite members to suggest a theme for the festival. We plan to launch the writing competition in May 2020, with *TakeTen* performances scheduled to take place in February 2021. Plans for our programme for 2020/2021 are continuing.

In addition to our productions, we have also suspended our Youth Theatre sessions and drama workshops for the time being. We will not be holding our monthly open mornings, held on the first Saturday of the month, for the foreseeable future. We will keep members and patrons informed of all future developments.

It is with great regret that we have to make this announcement, but we have the best interests of our members and patrons in mind. We are very grateful for the support we continue to receive from the people of Winchester and its surrounding areas and look forward to greeting you at our charming theatre in future.

**David Small**

**Chairman, Chesil Theatre**

**17th March 2020**