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## Take Luas to free Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* shows this August

*Romeo & Juliet* - which is on this year's Junior Certificate English Syllabus - is Shakespeare's greatest and most beloved tragedy. Cracked Light Productions & Luas are excited to bring the raucous street fighting, boisterous frolicking, heart melting romance and gut wrenching tragedy of *Romeo & Juliet* to the community for free at two beautiful outdoor locations - **Ranelagh Gardens** from the 9th – 14th of August and in **Iveagh Gardens** from the 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of August.

Enjoy the drama and romance of one of Shakespeare's best known plays in the great outdoors for free. Performances start at 7pm on weekdays and at 3pm on Saturday and Sunday. To get to the Ranelagh Gardens performances with Luas take the Green Line to Ranelagh Stop. To get to the Iveagh Garden shows, take Luas Green Line to Harcourt stop.

### Background & Event summary

*Event Location:*

Ranelagh Gardens & Iveagh Gardens

*Event Dates:*

Ranelagh Gardens: 9 August – 14 August

Iveagh Gardens: 17 August – 21 August

*Event Times:*

9 – 12 August & 17 – 19 August: Show Starts 7PM - Show Ends 9PM

13 & 14 August & 20 – 21 August: Show Starts 3PM - Show Ends 5PM

### *Event Summary*

Due to the cancellation of the 2011 Ranelagh Arts Festival, Cracked Light Productions has offered to produce FREE performances of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* in Ranelagh Gardens from the 9th – 14th of August. When the Iveagh Gardens found out about our production, they also donated use of their park from the 17th -21st of August.

"Our goal is to fill a void in the arts and in these communities by creating an extraordinary outdoor theatrical event. We have stripped away all unnecessary production values and are focused on creating a show of the highest entertainment value. Our production is unplugged – there will be no sound system, no lights, no mics, no electricity and nothing artificial. Just like the exceptional unplugged performances on MTV, our show will utilise the talents of our performers to create an unforgettable evening of live entertainment".

In these difficult economic times, arts, culture and entertainment become more vital to communities. Providing FREE performances will allow families and friends to share and experience pride and joy in their community no matter what economic hardships they are facing. This is crucial to rebuilding morale and vitality in Ireland. Junior Cert English students and their parents will get particular value from this free and accessible production *Romeo & Juliet* is Shakespeare's greatest and most beloved tragedy. Cracked Light Productions is excited to bring the raucous street fighting, boisterous frolicking, heart melting romance and gut wrenching tragedy of *Romeo & Juliet* to the community at two beautiful outdoor settings.

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