

YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE: UK PRESENT

Terry Pratchett's MORT

Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 August 2008

Adapted from the novel by Librettist **Jenifer Toksvig**

Composer **Dominic Haslam**

Directed by **Clive Paget**

Youth Music Theatre: UK bring their vibrant and dynamic company to Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud Theatre with a musical adaptation of one of Terry Pratchett's Discworld novels **Mort**.

Terry Pratchett has sold over 55 million novels worldwide since his work was first published at the age of thirteen! He is currently the second most read author in the UK and his novels have been adapted for TV, film, stage, comics, computer games and radio plays. *Mort* is just one instalment of Terry's many Discworld novels.

The story is set around Mortimer, an awkward, unemployable young man, who is taken to a local job fair by his father, keen to have *Mort* taken off his hands. As the fair draws to an end, a tall thin man approaches and offers *Mort* the job of a lifetime! With free room, free board, and no shortage of customers. He doesn't even need to be dead to take the position! Death comes to us all. When he came to *Mort*, he offered him a job...

Being Death's apprentice, however, comes with great responsibilities. Death is a difficult boss to work for and, understandably, *Mort* begins to make mistakes. Coupled with the fact he's fallen in love with a Princess who should be dead, will *Mort* regret his unique career choice?

Youth Music Theatre: UK was founded in 2003 by a group of experienced and committed directors, administrators, pastoral staff, young people and parents, who were determined to create a participatory company which could bring together young people from around the UK in music theatre projects.

Jenifer Toksvig jumped at the chance of working with Youth Music Theatre: UK and has relished the opportunity of adapting a Terry Pratchett novel. Jenifer said, "I've wanted to adapt a Discworld novel ever since I started writing musicals. Terry Pratchett is one of my favourite authors – I have every book!"

Wildly witty and inventive, this new musical adaptation based on Terry Pratchett's classic Discworld novel is a dead funny treat for all ages.

Tickets for *Mort* are on sale now! You can book yours by calling the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Box Office on (01483) 44 00 00 or by visiting our website at www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk

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Notes to Editors

Press Review Tickets are available for the performance on **Wednesday 20 August at 7.45pm**. For these, any further information, images and interview requests please contact Kate Robinson in the Press Office on 01483 440077 / krobinson@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk.

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