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Venus
& Adonis

By William Shakespeare

Alma Tavern Theatre 3rd-7th April at 8pm + 7th April at 2:30pm

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Tuesday 3rd until Saturday 7th April at 8pm
and Saturday 7th April at 2:30pm

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Full price **£10.50** Conc **£8.50**

Venus and Adonis was Shakespeare's first 'bestseller'. He wrote it in 1593, when the theatres were closed because of the plague, and it was an immediate popular success, running to 16 editions over the next few years.

It tells the story of the goddess Venus, her obsession for the young mortal man Adonis and their passionate encounter which ends in rejection and disaster.

In *Venus and Adonis*' dazzling verbal virtuosity, the young Shakespeare explores love with the wit and pathos that would be later found in his his best-loved romantic comedies.

'A perfect example in miniature of Shakespeare's genius: vivid characterisation, terrific storytelling and sublime poetry, but also sensational comic material, followed instantly by moving tragedy.' **Gregory Doran RSC**



Shakespeare's classic has been adapted into a play for four actors and violinist, with the stripped-back technique that Act V specialises in.

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"A superbly stripped-down version of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. Act V Theatre has gained a well-deserved reputation for its imaginative interpretations of Shakespeare, and this 'Macbeth' is no exception to this consistently high standard" **Bristol Evening Post**

"In fact, the best Shakespeare of 2005, was a stripped-bare Macbeth at the Alma, courtesy of locals Act V. A fast, lusty rip-roarer with a cast of four and no scene changes, thrusting the play's envy, black magic and machismo centre stage" **Venue**

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