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Press Release – for immediate release

Frantic Assembly's acclaimed adaptation of Othello is coming to Worthing!

This autumn, Frantic Assembly will tour its award-winning and electrifying take on Shakespeare's tragedy of paranoia, sex and murder. As relevant today as it ever was, Othello exposes the tension, fear and paranoia buried beneath the veneer of our relationships and how easily that can be maliciously exploited.

Frantic Assembly takes Shakespeare's muscular and beautiful text, combines its own bruising physicality, and presents an Othello firmly rooted in a volatile 21st century. Directed by Frantic Assembly's artistic director and co-founder Scott Graham and designed by Laura Hopkins, this is a world of broken glass and broken promises, of poisonous manipulation and explosive violence. Othello's passionate affair with Desdemona becomes the catalyst for jealousy, betrayal, revenge and the darkest intents.

Originally presented to great acclaim in 2008 and 2014, this updated version in co-production with Curve Theatre Leicester, will tour the UK from autumn onwards. Kicking off at Curve Leicester from 19 September, it will visit Liverpool Playhouse, Theatre Royal Plymouth, Theatre Royal York, Yvonne Arnaud Guildford, Oxford Playhouse, The Lowry Salford Quays, MAST Mayflower Studios Southampton and the Lyric Hammersmith Theatre London.

Othello is directed by Scott Graham, designed by Laura Hopkins, with lighting design by Natasha Chivers, sound design by Gareth Fry, music by Hybrid and casting by Will Burton CDG.

Award winning theatre company Frantic Assembly's method of devising theatre has been impacting theatrical practice and unlocking the creative potential of future theatre-makers for over 25 years. One of the most exciting theatre companies in the UK, Frantic Assembly is led by Artistic Director and co-founder Scott Graham. It has toured extensively across Great Britain and worked in more than 40 countries internationally, collaborating with some of today's most inspiring artists.

Frantic Assembly is currently studied as leading contemporary theatre practitioners on five British and international academic syllabuses. The success of the company's distinct approach has influenced contemporary theatre-making and foregrounded the use of movement directors and choreographers in new dramatic works. With a history of commissioning writers such as Simon Stephens, Abi Morgan, Bryony Lavery, Anna Jordan and



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Mark Ravenhill, the company has been acclaimed for its collaborative approach.

Frantic Assembly productions include *I Think We Are Alone* (UK Tour), *The Unreturning* (UK Tour), *Fatherland* (Manchester International Festival 2017 and Lyric Hammersmith Theatre 2018), *Things I Know To Be True* (UK and Australia), *Othello* (UK), *Beautiful Burnout* (UK, Australia, New Zealand and New York), *Lovesong* (UK and Australia) and *The Believers*. They are also the Movement Directors on the award-winning National Theatre of Great Britain, production *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (West End, Broadway, UK & International Tours). Television credits include Movement Direction on BAFTA winning British - American series *Humans* (AMC, Channel 4 & Kudos).

Othello will be held at the Connaught Theatre from Tuesday 29 November – Friday 2 December 2022 at various times. Tickets are available from **£12.50**. For more information or to book visit wtam.uk or call the WTM Box Office on 01903 206 206.

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Show

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EVENT LISTING

Show

Date: Tuesday 29 November – Friday 2 December 2022

Time: Various

Venue: Connaught Theatre

Price: From £12.50

Age guidance: 14+

Link: <https://wtm.uk/events/othello/>



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