



The Court Must Have a Queen

A new play by Ade Solanke, directed by Sam Curtis Lindsay

Friday 29 June – Sunday 02 September 2018
Thursdays-Mondays, 11:30, 12:30 and 15:30
The Great Hall, Hampton Court Palace
Included in palace admission (duration 30mins approx.)

Henry VIII is looking for a fourth wife after the death of his beloved Jane Seymour. Join the court as Thomas Cromwell oversees the finishing touches to a feast he hopes will seal the marriage treaty between Henry and Anne of Cleves.

The palace is a flurry of activity with the cooks preparing food for the feast in the kitchens, servants taking deliveries and bustling around the service areas, musicians preparing the entertainment, and guests and courtiers preparing their finest clothes.

However, with Henry's mood threatening to upset weeks of planning, everyone is watching nervously to find out what happens next. Can the returning favoured court trumpeter, John Blanke help to soothe the king's mood?

Full of music and drama this new play written for Hampton Court Palace by Ade Solanke and directed by Sam Curtis Lindsay, brings the court of the palace's most famous resident to life in a theatrical spectacle suitable for all ages.

Cast

Jack Benjamin – John Blanke
Wesley Charles – Musician
Royce Cronin – Thomas Cromwell
Steve Dorsett – Musician
Rhiann Francis – Musician
Lindsay Goodhand – Musician
Marcia Lecky – Maria
Siôn Tudor Owen – Henry VIII
Yvonne Riley – Lady Margaret Bryan
Mathew Wernham – Henry Oisleger



Creative & Production Team

Ade Solanke - Writer
Sam Curtis Lindsay - Director
Annie-Lunnette Deakin-Foster - Movement Director
Simon Slater - Music Director
Amelia Jane Hankin - Designer
Emily Jones - Casting Director
Mumba Dodwell - Assistant Director
Samantha Nurse - Company Stage Manager
Frances White - Deputy Stage Manager
Martha Mamo - Assistant Stage Manager
Wardrobe managed for HRP by Past Pleasures Ltd

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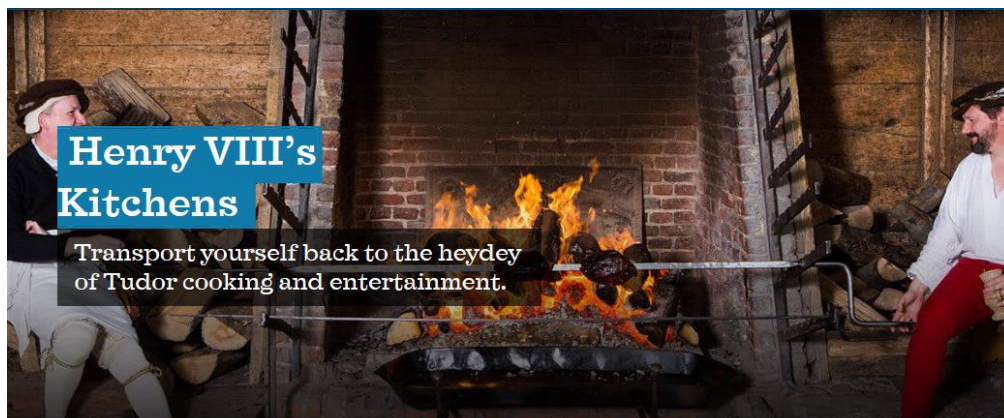
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The Court Must Have A Queen is part of Hampton Court Palace's summer season bringing to life Henry VIII's Tudor palace and showing how food and feasting, and the people behind the scenes, played a vital part at Henry's court.

As well as watching our newly commissioned play by Ade Solanke, as part of your palace admission ticket you can explore the sounds, smell and action of the bustling Tudor court.



Daily during palace opening hours
The Tudor Kitchens

Henry VIII's Kitchens at Hampton Court Palace were the largest of Tudor England. 200 cooks, sergeants, grooms and pages worked to produce over 800 meals a day for the hungry household of Henry VIII. Feeding the court was a complex business all done without modern conveniences as 1.3 million logs burned in the hellish fires every year. From boiling cauldrons to roasting spits, join the day-to-day grind of Henry's cooks as you pass through this labyrinth of kitchen spaces.

This summer, immerse yourself in a living Tudor world as we introduce you to the staff that fed Henry's courtiers and guests. Enjoy the smells of ingredients sourced from across the globe to dazzle the King and his court, and see how they were transformed into complete dishes by a skilled team of cooks; there is even a chance to lend a hand turning the spit!



Daily 11.00-16.00
Between Master Carpenter's Court and Chapel Court

As well as royalty and courtiers, Hampton Court Palace housed an army of servants working long hours to tight schedules. This summer, we bring to life the Tudor service area of the palace, with yeomen, laundresses, barbers, sergeants of the cellars and women of the nursery hurrying about the King's business.

Don't be surprised if you run into some of these members of King Henry's staff bustling about below stairs. Feel free to ask them about their work, their clothes and the tools of their trades, or indeed their opinions about their boss!

Meet the Controller

Daily, 11:00, 13:00 and 15:00 in Base Court

Who is going to pay all these servants? The man with the money will introduce you to the busy world of life below stairs at the Tudor palace.

