

## **A midsummer night's dream barefoot in the park**

**IT, ET, vtp and English Lovers open their doors again**

**"All the world's a stage," Shakespeare wrote - but you still might want to check out this season's programmes of English language theatres in Vienna. From comedy to classics and from thriller to improvisation everything is on the menu.**

Both the International Theatre (IT) and the vienna theatre project (vtp) are starting the 2004/05 season with a comedy. For drama go to the English Theatre (ET), and improvisation is once again provided by the award-winning Vienna-based impro group English Lovers.

"Barefoot in the Park" at the IT takes a satirical look at life in New York. This comedy by Neil Simon starts on September 14 and runs Tue to Sat at 7.30 pm until November 6. Other highlights in the IT's 30th anniversary programme include the traditional Christmas Carol performance, the hilarious show Complete Works of William Shakespeare - Abridged and various nights of Monday Night English, the IT's series of readings.

The vtp, a young theatre project which focuses mainly on modern plays, goes back to the classics this season but adds various twists. It starts off with The Nina Variations, a play based on the famous final scene of Chekov's The Seagull. Author Steven Dietz locks up the two star-crossed lovers. See what happens from September 13-25 daily at 8 p.m. (except Sept 19 at 4 p.m.). No performances Sept 16 and 20.

Shakespeare will provide the basis for two other vtp productions this year. In November, the programme will feature the world premiere of The Two Gentlemen Of Verona - A Modern Version, and next summer the vtp goes into the park with Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The oldest English language theatre in Vienna, the ET, draws its first curtain on Life after George, a drama about a father that died too soon. Other plays include a thriller, a political satire and a Mafia comedy. beo

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