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## ***Dangerous Liaisons, a feast for the senses by Mappa Mundi***

**Dangerous Liaisons**, the celebrated 18<sup>th</sup> century novel of lust, deception and romance by French writer de Laclos, is a sumptuously mounted celebration of wickedness and sexual intrigue in this stage adaptation by Mappa Mundi. Set among the French aristocracy at the moment it was to change forever, the plot reveals itself through a series of letters written by the idle rich and it revolves around the social and sexual mores of a coterie of bored and depraved French aristocrats.

Two scheming ex-lovers, the Marquise de Merteuil and the Vicomte de Valmonte, plot the scandalous downfall of two of the most innocent and noble-minded women, Cecile de Volanges and Madame de Tourvel. The production is staged with originality, combining gorgeous costumes, sumptuous set, contemporary music (*Beyonce, Adam and the Ants*) and a biting script full of jagged one-liners - *'how civilly we people of quality hate each other'* (*Valmont*).

**Mappa Mundi**, the theatre company renowned for accessible, high quality adaptations of classical theatrical and literary works, returns to TRW with **Dangerous Liaisons** in this refreshing new production. Its previous productions *She Stoops to Conquer* and *Canterbury Tales* were well received by audiences at TRW and nationwide.

In 1988 the film **Dangerous Liaisons** was directed by Stephen Frears, won several Oscars and starred Glenn Close as the Marquise de Merteuil and John Malkovich as the Vicomte de Valmonte. **Dangerous Liaisons** is sponsored by Creative Catering and has an age recommendation of 15+.

*'The performances are flawless...endlessly watchable'* *The Guardian*

*'They (Mappa Mundi) are a breath of fresh air and with ten productions in a couple of years they have achieved cult status'* *The Guardian*

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**Dangerous Liaisons** is playing at Theatre Royal Winchester on Thurs 24 & Fri 25 June at 7.30pm & 1.30pm (Fri). Tickets are £16.00 (£11.00 mat), Concessions £14.00 (£9.00 mat), Friends £13.50 (£8.50 mat), Schools £8.00. For further information or to book tickets, please call the box office on 01962 840440 or book online at [www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk](http://www.theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk)

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