



MR & MRS MACBETH OF HEATHCOTE VALLEY RD

The Court Theatre, Christchurch
Now until 22 June

Legendary New Zealand actor Mark Hadlow and stage veteran Lara MacGregor have wowed audiences and reviewers over opening weekend of The Court Theatre's production of *Mr & Mrs Macbeth of Heathcote Valley Road*.

"Madness and mayhem at its best", "A comedy with heart, flawlessly acted" and "masterful ... bloody marvellous."

Hadlow and MacGregor reunite to bring to life, and almost death, to their characters, husband and wife duo Jo and Tom Macbeth – professional actors who have a reputation as Shakespearean specialists.

Masterfully written by Gregory Cooper, it all begins 30 minutes before curtain up in the dressing room where something major has happened. Not great timing.

Crisp, sharp dialogue, revelations and discoveries on both sides provide moments of emotion, accusations and crackling synergy. With a crisis just before the interval, disaster seems imminent. The second half is filled with every actor's nightmare - being in the wrong play at the wrong time, especially when Taika Waititi is in the house casting for his Amazon-funded film version of the Shakespearean tragedy.

Enjoy a rollercoaster ride of comedy, drama, poignancy, and explosive conflict, as these two stage dynamos reveal the highs and lows of partnerships, on and off the stage. *Mr & Mrs Macbeth of Heathcote Valley Road* will appeal to all, including those who hated Shakespeare at school.

Tickets selling fast. Best availability from 4 June. Tickets from The Court Theatre.

Mark Hadlow, ONZM, is one of New Zealand's most cherished actors. With over 40 years experience on stage, in film, television, *Highlights include the blockbuster stage show MAMIL (Middle Aged Man in Lycra) written by Gregory Cooper and seen by 65,000 people; roles in The Hobbit (Dori); King Kong; Mortal Engines and Meet the Feebles, a cult spectacular.*

An actor, director, and performance coach, Lara MacGregor is one of New Zealand's finest theatre professionals. Having studied acting in New York City with Uta Hagen, Anthony Abeson and Tony Greco and subsequently worked for ten years as an actor in the U.S., some of her career highlights include *Misery; When the Rain Stops Falling; Things I Know to Be True; The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* and the musical *RENT*. Recent film and TV acting credits include Deborah in *Bad Behaviour*; Mrs Roidern in *One of Us is Lying*; Sgt Gillian Carmichael in *Clickbait* on Netflix and currently Moira Pierce on *Shortland Street*.