

Mummers Come-All-Ye!

Heroes, Lovers, and Fools Wanted

for Boston-area traditional drama troupe

Play readings 2:00 Sunday, May 4 and Sunday, May 18
R.S.V.P 781-643-5747

British folk drama has a rich heritage beyond St. George and the Dragon. Our new mummers' troupe will explore and present the early Robin Hood plays, "wooing plays" and plough texts from the Victorian Guisers and Plough Jacks, ritual animals like the Mari Llwyd, and North American mumming from Newfoundland to the Caribbean.

In the tradition of house-visiting, we'll take our plays pace-egging for Easter and Mayday, soul-caking for Hallowe'en, and first-footing for Hogmanay on First Night. (We will focus at first on the lesser known plays of the spring and fall seasons, as Christmas mumming is so widely represented and schedules are full during the winter.)

For morris tours, we'll polish the tight pacing, physical comedy, and improv timing of the traditional mummers' play into a short showpiece that will bring ritual drama into the ring with ritual dance and song. Carrying on (in) the Greater Cambridge/Somerville tradition of wedding mummers' plays, we'll fabricate foolery for weddings, fairs, festivals, and events. And of course, we'll sing!

If you love the **SPOKEN WORD**, **swordplay**, **CLOSE HARMONIES**, *seasonal customs*, and making a fool of yourself on stage,

come to a play reading and help plan our new troupe.
We welcome both men and women, and invite kids to join with a parent or friend.

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