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Shakespeare's Women

'Come, you spirits

*That tend on mortal thoughts, unsex me here,
And fill me from the crown to the toe top-full
Of direst cruelty. Make thick my blood...'*

Lady Macbeth howls to the spirits of the underworld to make thick her blood & steel her soul 'gainst murder.

She is one of the many lively dames brought to life in this 55 minute, two-woman play. A perfect introduction for years 7 & 8 and great fun for 9 & 10.

Some of the women dramatised include:

- Titania Queen of the Fairies – under the spell of a love potion she seduces a donkey to her bower!
- Cleopatra torments a poor messenger who brings her news she does not like! Antony's marriage to someone else. Talk about shooting the messenger.
- Lady Macbeth invokes the spirits & seduces her husband to murder. The original power couple.
- Helena won't let Demetrius go – literally! She grabs his legs and he drags her through the forest attempting to escape: *'I'll run from thee and hide me in the brakes, and leave thee to the mercy of wild beasts.'* Tut tut Demetrius that's no way to speak to a young woman in love.
- Ophelia, unable to comprehend Hamlet's violence toward her; slowly loses her mind. Swaddled in rosemary & thyme she sinks to a watery grave.

'When down her weedy trophies and herself Fell in the weeping brook. Her clothes spread wide; And, mermaid-like, awhile they bore her up.'



Cost per student: \$5.50 (\$5 + .50c GST)

Minimum per session: \$660 (Inc GST) If 120 students or less

Duration: 55 minutes + 15 minutes question time. Teacher notes provided