

Saturday 29 March 2025 Medieval Theatre in Action

University of Bristol Humanities Complex, 7 Woodland Rd.

9:00

Registration and Coffee

9:20

Welcome

9:30-11

Panel 1: Action in Practice

Stephen Longstaffe - 'The Farce of the Fart' and Clown Cabaret.'

Marla Carlson, 'Blindman farces as slapstick.'

Charlotte Steenbrugge and Elisabeth Dutton, 'Framing the stage and staging the frame: performing *Man's Desire and Heeting Beauty*.'

11:00

Coffee

11.20-12.50

Panel 2: Forms of action

Daisy Black, 'Does Eve talk with her mouth full? The timing of an apple bite in early performances of *The Fall*.'

Georgie Crespi, "Music is the art which is most nigh to tears and memory": audience engagement with music in the 15th-century English morality plays.'

Thomas Meacham 'Allegorical Action and Performativity in English Morality Plays and Interludes.'



12:50 Introduction to *The Life of Job* – Cathy Hume

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Performance of *The Life of Job* with coffee and cake

15:00 Break

15:30–16:30 Panel 3: Action and religion

Lucy Deacon and Sara Khalili Jahromi, 'Staging the Struggle of Satan and Ayoub (Job) in the Iranian Taʻziyeh'

Jacob Ridley, 'Reformation and stasis: did the Protestants substitute Word for action?'

Pamela King, 'Decorously communicating with the holy: a brief history of instruction on praying and its application in scriptural drama.'

17:00-18:00 METh business meeting, with wine

Optional conference dinner at Black Cumin, 50 Cotham Hill, Redland, 19:00

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