



# Medieval English Theatre Society Meeting 2025

## Medieval Theatre in Action

Hosted by Eleanor Rycroft and Cathy Hume

Saturday 29 March 2025

University of Bristol

Humanities Complex, 7 Woodland Rd.

Theatrical 'action' has sometimes been characterised as unworthy of attention in comparison to text: construed as vulgar 'spectacle' or obfuscatory 'stage business'. As the essence of performance, however, it demands our attention. The study of medieval theatre in performance is complicated by the fact that the original action is all but lost, leaving scant textual traces in archival records and play scripts. For the 2025 METH conference, we invite delegates to consider how we respond to that loss, both critically and theoretically, and especially through the staging of medieval drama today. The conference will include a workshop presentation of 'The Life of Job', a fifteenth-century text that implies action but gives no clear indication of what it might have been.



**Registration now open!**

METH Members £35

Non-members £40

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