

Wuthering Heights comes to town's Mill Arts Centre

▶▶ Classic Bronte tale is given an innovative twist by Banbury Cross Players

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BANBURY Cross Players are set to shine in another production, this time their take on Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*.

The Players will perform their rendition of the classic love story at the Mill Arts Centre in Banbury from July 18 to July 21.

To gear themselves up for their performance, the actors promoted the play in the town centre last Saturday and are set to do the same this Saturday.

To catch the attention of their audience, the players will be staging an umbrella tableau and will hand out leaflets in Castle Quay shopping centre.

The play is an innovative staging of the classic story of the socially unequal Heathcliff and Cathy and their tempestuous love affair.

The group have brought the story to life on the stage in their stylised new adaptation featuring only five actors, five umbrellas and a window seat with superb lighting effects to create the scenes.

Director Linda Shaw of Banbury Cross Players said: "I was taken by the idea of the play from the first page of the script and I knew I had to get involved with it. The interesting presentation of the production sparked a real interest with me.

"The audience can expect the same classic story that everyone knows and loves but with a bit of a twist from the play's unusual presentation.

"We've all been working really hard on the performance and are really looking forward to it.

"We have been rehearsing since the end of April and prac-



Pictured are Banbury Cross Players actors Andy Allen, Graham MacDonnell, Tara Lacey, Helen Williams and Andy Crump

tice more than usual. We have been rehearsing at least two-and-a-half hours a night for three days a week. Because there are only five actors, each actor is playing several characters, which is a bril-

liant challenge. The audience will enjoy a fascinating evening enjoying the story that has been taken to all our hearts, presented in a new and unique way."

The performance takes place

at 7.45pm each evening and is approximately two hours long.

Tickets are priced £8.50 or £7.50 concessions from www.themillartscentre.co.uk or by calling 01295 279002.

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