

## September 1748

- Monday 5*  
HAY      BUSIRIS, KING OF EGYPT. Nicanor – Stevens; Miris – Mrs Hickson; Mandana – Young Lady, first time on any stage; with an *Occasional Prologue* to be spoken by a gentleman and lady, in the character of the ghosts of Mr Booth and Mrs Oldfield. SINGING. IV: A *Cantata* by Doorsming, who never appeared in public. DANCING. V: *Drunken Peasant* by Matthews, &c.  
COMMENT. At the Desire of several Eminent Citizens. A concert, etc. Benefit for Stevens (bookseller). Mainpiece: Written by E. Young, author of the *Midnight Thoughts*. Boxes 5s. Pit 2s. 6d. Gallery 1s. 6d.
- Wednesday 7*  
SF      THE NORTHERN HEROS; or, The Bloody Contest between Charles the Twelfth, King of Sweden, and Peter the Great, Czar of Muscovy. Charles XII – Usher; Prince of Wurtemberg – Jackson; Count Gillensternia – Hazard; Count Piper – Thomson; Mazeppa – Reid; Czar – Burton; Prince Dolguruki – Paget; Prince Menzikoif – Jones; Iwan – Shawford; Princess Ellimira – Mrs Cross. Also THE VOLUNTEERS; or, The Adventures of Roderick Random and His Friend Strap. Roderick – Cross; Corporal Garbage – Bridges; Slim – Storer; Strap – Paddick; Widow Vanspriggen – Mrs Bridges; Moll Trotfutter – Mrs Vaughan; Mrs Rank – Miss Ferguson; Mrs File – Mrs Shawford; Mrs Machegogan – Mrs Paddick; Madge – Miss Tyler; Janny – Vaughan.  
DANCING. Particularly a *Hornpipe*.  
COMMENT. At Bridges, Cross, Burton, and Vaughan's Great Theatrical Booth on the Bowling Green, Southwark, (with a company from the theatres) during the short time of the Fair will be presented an Historical Drama (lately acted in Bartholemew Fair with universal applause) the *Northern Heroes* with the Loves of Count Gillensterniana, a Swedish General, and the fair Ellimira a Russian Princess, containing the most remarkable events of that time; and concluding with the memorable battle of Pultowa, and Charles's retreat into the Turkish dominions. Interspersed with a comic interlude, *The Volunteers*. Also the comical humours and amours of Corporal Garbage and Serjeant Slim, with Mrs Vanspriggen the Swedish sutler's widow, the merry pranks of her foolish son Janny, and several other diverting incidents. As the Fair will be of so short continuance, we shall begin very early each day (*General Advertiser*). [See 24 Aug. 1748, BF]
- SF      THE TEMPEST; or, The Incharnted Island. Prospero – Goodman; Hippolito – Mrs Morgan; Ferdinand – Trye; Antonio – Brown; Gonzalo – Betts; Alonso – Machen; Stephano – Smith; Mustacho – Palmer; Ventoso – Richardson; Trinculo – Morgan; Caliban – Paget; Ariel – Master Paget; Sycorax – Simms; Miranda – Mrs Roberts; Dorinda – Mrs Phillips. Also HARLEQUIN IMPRISON'D; or, The Country Wake. Harlequin – Phillips; Gripe – Smith; Flash – Fie; Blunder – Morgan; Madge – Miss Minors; Colombine – Mrs Phillips.  
DANCING. *Grand Dance of Furies* – D'Esser, Le Mont, Gramont, Fribourg; First Fury – Phillips.  
COMMENT. At Phillips's Booth, Bowling Green, Southwark. Taken from the celebrated Shakespear. Prices: 2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., 1s., 6d. To begin at Twelve.
- SF      THE FAIR MAID OF THE WEST. As 24 Aug. BF, but Sir Adam – Phenix; Lord Worthy – Cuthbert; Sir John Lovewell – Cunningham; Coachman – Harrison; Gardener – Thompson; Butler – Mason; Lucy – Mrs Peters; Gillian – Mrs Pile; The Scullion – Miss Jones; Second Witch – Adams.  
SINGING. *Sailor's Song* – Cunningham.

- DANCING*. By the Three Wild Cats of the Woods; *Hornpipe* by Adams; *The Black Joke* by Smith and Mrs Bullock. *Wednesday 7*  
SF  
COMMENT. At Lee, Yeates Sen & Jun and Warner's Great Tiled Booth, Bowling Green, Southwark. [Prices and description as 24 Aug. BF.]
- THE NORTHERN HEROES. As 7 Sept. Also THE VOLUNTEERS. As *Thursday 8*  
7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Bridges, Cross, Burton and Vaughan's Booth, Bowling Green, Southwark.
- THE UNNATURAL PARENTS; or, The Fair Maid of the West. As 7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Lee, Yeates Sen & Jun and Warner's Booth, Bowling Green, Southwark.
- THE TEMPEST. As 7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Phillips's Booth.
- THE NORTHERN HEROES. As 7 Sept. Also THE VOLUNTEERS. As *Friday 9*  
7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Bridges, Cross, Burton and Vaughan's Booth, Southwark.
- THE UNNATURAL PARENTS; or, The Fair Maid of the West. As 7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Lee, Yeates Sen & Jun and Warner's Booth, Southwark.
- THE TEMPEST. As 7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Phillips's Booth.
- THE BUSIE BODY. Marplot – Woodward, first appearance in 7 years; Sir George Airy – Mills; Sir Francis Gripe – Yates; Sir Jealous Traffic – Berry; Charles – Havard; Whisper – James; Isabinda – Mrs Mills; Patch – Mrs Green; Scentwell – Miss Cole; Miranda – Mrs Clive. Also THE LOTTERY. Jack Stocks – Woodward; Stocks – Blakes; Cloe – Mrs Clive; Lovemore – Beard, 1st appearance there in 5 years. *Saturday 10*  
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COMMENT. Boxes 5s. Pit 3s. First Gallery 2s. Upper Gallery 1s. Places for Boxes to be taken of Mr Hobson at the stage door of the Theatre. To begin exactly at six o'clock (*General Advertiser*). [This customary notice for all subsequent bills will not be mentioned further this season.] Receipts: £80 (Cross); £88 7s. 6d. (Powel).
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COMMENT. At Bridges, Cross, Burton and Vaughan's Booth, Southwark.
- THE UNNATURAL PARENTS; or, The Fair Maid of the West. As 7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Lee, Yeates Sen & Jun and Warner's Booth.
- THE TEMPEST. As 7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Phillips's Booth.
- THE NORTHERN HEROES. As 7 Sept. Also THE VOLUNTEERS. As *Monday 12*  
7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Bridges, Cross, Burton and Vaughan's Booth, Southwark.
- THE UNNATURAL PARENTS; or, The Fair Maid of the West. As 7 Sept. SF  
COMMENT. At Lee, Yeates Sen & Jun and Warner's Booth, Southwark. Mrs Bracegirdle died, at her House in Howard St. (Theatrical Clippings, Folger Library.)