

THE MARLOWE YOUTH THEATRE & THE MARLOWE DANCE COMPANY PRESENT

CREED OF SPIES



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Andrew Dawson, *The Marlowe's Head Of Artistic Production*, talks about the importance of bringing the voice of the past into our own age.

“The dead are not absent, they are just invisible” these were the deliciously haunting words of St Augustine that Hillary Mantel invoked to begin her recent Reith lectures, indicating how the voices of the past continue to whisper invitingly to artists of our own age or so it would seem. Perhaps to be more exacting, we should note that, while their writings and great works may have come down to us, preserved by careful custodians, most of their conversations and interaction with the everyday are inevitably and wholly absent. It is this absence, therefore, that gives space to imagination.

As Mantel goes on to point out in her stirring defence of historical fiction, “history is not the past but the method we have devised in organising our own ignorance about the past”. *Creed Of Spies* started with the listed facts drawn from the tireless work of heroic historians like William Urry and then imagination was used to fill in the gaps, not to claim verisimilitude or historical accuracy, but to bask and revel in the wonders of exploring history's inevitable unknowns. History's inevitable gaps and its partial nature - invites our imagination into these breeches. History and creativity in Mantel's mind are complementary disciplines and it is this driving conviction that lies behind *The Marlowe's* work to champion the celebration of heritage, ensuring that

the voices of tomorrow are fired by the muses of yesteryear.

While the seemingly infinite riches of Canterbury's heritage offer has given it World Heritage status, Canterbury's most famous son has long lingered in the shadows. His name is on our theatre, a local restaurant, a monument and a shopping arcade, but there is little more indication of his place within our literary culture; yet he and his notable contemporaries Stephen Gosson and John Lyly indicate that the late sixteenth century was a particularly notable chapter in an illustrious history of writing in this part of the world. It was infused with the influence of new arrivals. It was alive with religious tumult. These were restless times as the modern world emerged from its medieval forbears. Marlowe's literary significance to our culture is given striking prominence in Lee Hall's stage adaptation of *Shakespeare In Love* in which a young, uncertain and tongue tied Shakespeare woos his beloved from Marlowe's shoulders who feeds him the words he lacks. He stands as a giant in our popular imagination, in the formation of our literary tradition, constantly provoking new responses and reactions.

We have been delighted to see how greedily and readily these young people have explored their subject. The Marlowe believes the past is a critical key to unlocking the future. It is at the centre of so much of our creative work and the generator of our activity. For us, celebrating heritage is about the power of story and storytellers and inspiring those timeless crafts in our artists, our community and, critically, our young people.



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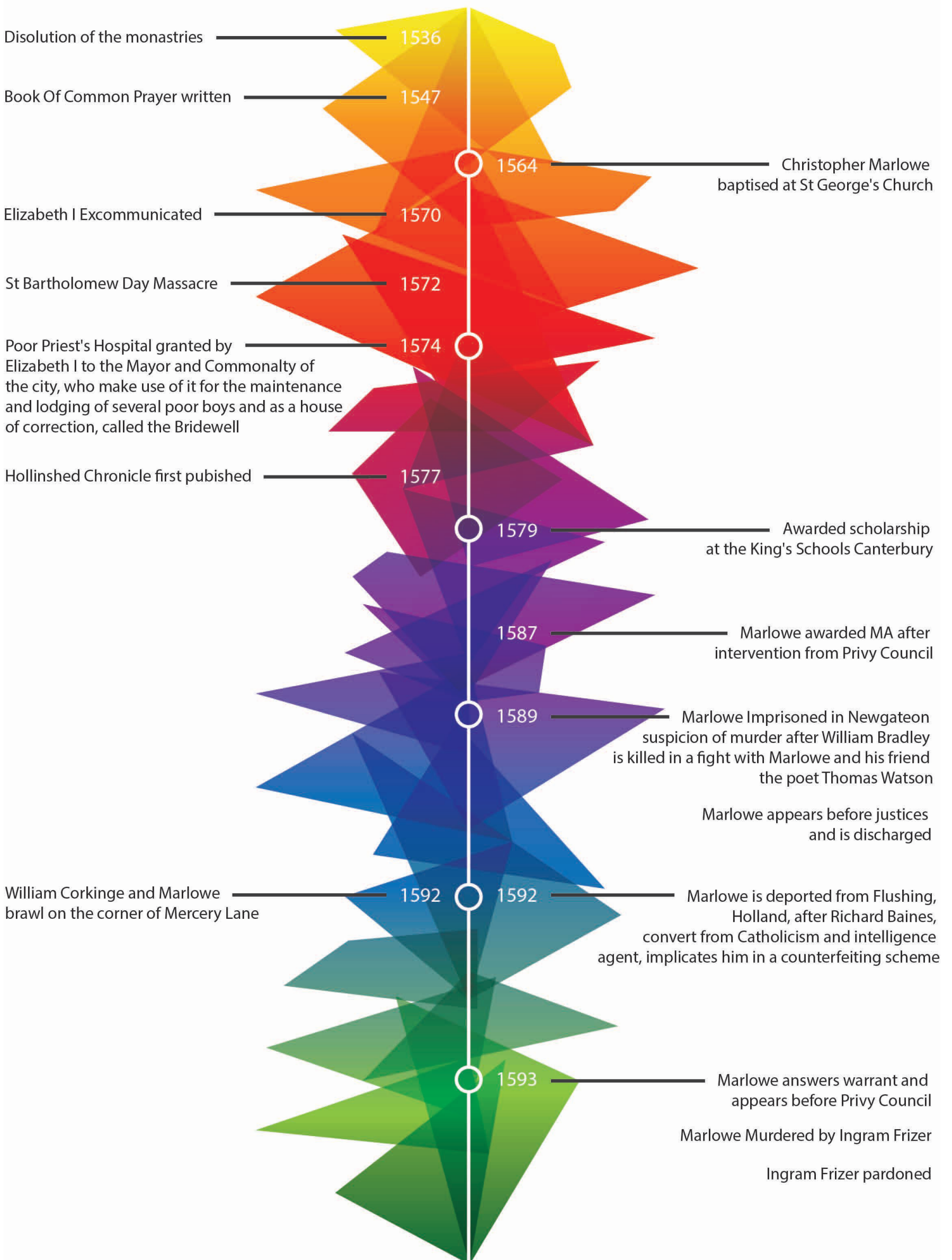
Paul Ainsworth, Director of *Creed Of Spies*, talks about how the project has been developed.

The Marlowe Youth Forum, elected representatives of The Marlowe Young Companies, crafted a project forged from the germ of an idea - that if a computer game can allow you to scale the rooftops and buildings of the past and unlock hidden rooms filled with secrets not yet told why couldn't performance do the same?

Marlowe's biography of a life in the shadows offered an opportunity for The Marlowe Youth Forum to guide and lead an immersive project, steeped in research and heritage. Through the guidance of the Marlowe Society, our key heritage partner, the project has remained grounded in facts and allowed to fly with the imagination of the young people who have worked with us.

With workshop opportunities provided by some of the city's leading heritage and academic organisations (Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury Museums and Galleries and the University of Kent with the Marlowe Society) the participants have been able to engage directly with artifacts from the period helping them to discover Marlowe's world of espionage, intrigue and religious turmoil.

MARLOWE'S TIMELINE



MAP OF CANTERBURY

The Westgate Tower

These are some of the facts on which the stories are based:

The Westgate Tower was used as a prison. John Marlowe was the constable of Westgate from 1591.

Edward Mychell, John Marlowe's apprentice, was imprisoned in Westgate Tower for not paying his debts. He fathered a child with Alice Alcocke outside of marriage.

Christopher Marlowe was imprisoned in Canterbury in 1592 following an altercation with the Musician William Corkine. The spy William Poley was in Canterbury that evening.

Weaver's Cottage

These are some of the facts on which the stories are based:

Marlowe shared a cell with a master forger when he was imprisoned in London. Both Marlowe and Richard Baines were imprisoned in Flushing for forging coins. Baines later informed on Marlowe for blasphemy.

The Stranger or Walloons and Huguenots (Belgian and French protestants) who arrived fleeing religious persecution from Europe were granted sanctuary in Canterbury Cathedral and permission to worship freely by Elizabeth I.

Many were skilled trades people such as silversmiths and weavers. A piece of anti immigrant text was attached to the door of the Stranger's church in London signed Tamburlaine (one of Marlowe most famous characters - though experts agree that it was highly unlikely that Marlowe wrote it).

Conquest House

These are some of the facts on which the stories are based:

On 29 December, 1170, four knights, Reginald FitzUrse, Hugh de Moreville, William de Tracy, and Richard le Breton, met at a house near Canterbury Cathedral to plan what they would do on the morrow.

The next day they killed Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Christopher Marlowe died in a private house belonging to Eleanor Bull in Deptford, London. Christopher Marlowe was in the company of three men Edward Skeres, William Poley, Ingram Friziers.

William Danby's coroner report represents the official version of the event of Marlowe's death.



The Poor Priest Hospital

These are some of the facts on which the stories are based:

The Poor Priests Hospital was used to house poor boys known as Bridewell Boys.

The writer John Lyly was baptised at St Mildred's church on Stour Street.

Marlowe's signature appeared on a will of one Widow Benchkin signed on Stour Street.

William Campion, an Elizabethan Catholic dissident, was caught hiding in the wall of a house with two priests after four days into the man hunt.

The Eastbridge Hospital

These are some of the facts on which the stories are based:

Eastridge Hospital was used as a petty school in the Elizabethan era.

The undercroft was used for storing coal.

Archbishop Parker served as a patron to the Eastbridge Hospital and also provided scholarships for boys to attend the King's School and Corpus Christi Cambridge where he was a master.

Christopher Marlowe attended King's School and was a scholar at Corpus Christi, Cambridge.

Queen Elizabeth visited Canterbury in 1573 when Marlowe was a young boy.

St George's Tower

These are some of the facts on which the stories are based:

Christopher Marlowe was baptised here. Stephen Gosson was also baptised here years earlier. Gosson wrote a book entitled *The School Of Abuses*. Gosson was recorded as having attended the English Seminary in Rome.

Just down the road was the city's "shambles" where animals were slaughtered.

The Reverend Sweeting was the vicar of this parish at the time.

Due to financial hardship, Sweeting lived at one point in part of the city walls.

Sweeting gave very few sermons.

PARTICIPANTS

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ST GEORGE'S TOWER

Alex Barratt Stephen Gossen
Frankie Beckett Katherine Marlowe
Leighton Milton John Marlowe

KING'S BRIDGE

Alex Charilaou Robert Poley
Brandon Ethell Lactantius Presson

EASTBRIDGE HOSPITAL & THE FRANCISCAN GARDENS

Annie Boden Margaret Marlowe
Bianca Bestelega Christopher Marlowe
Tara Woodley Elizabeth I

THE POOR PRIESTS HOSPITAL

Anna Eugenia Breuer Blandine
Jordan Supple Richard Baines
Paige Fitzpatrick Goodie
Harry Postgate Matthew
Olivia Hespe Christopher Marlowe

WESTGATE TOWERS

Connor Harmsworth Edward Middle
Liv Callingham Alice Alcock
Peter Smith Nicholas Skeers

CONQUEST HOUSE

Leeluu King Leonard Sweeting

PARKOUR TEAM

Adam Strotton Traceur
Brandon Dodgson Traceur
Ben Gray Traceur
Brett Thomas Traceur
James Ward Traceur
Joe Dunn Traceur
Tom Homard Traceur

THE BUTTERMARKE

Amber-Willow Whitesman Monk

Christopher Gradwell Monk

Daniel Stears Monk

Darcy Priston Monk

Elizabeth Dickson Monk

Hannah Bennett Monk

Hugo Boland Monk

Isobel Jeffery Monk

Joe Dawes Monk

Josef Rahman Monk

Justin Oakey-Morris Monk

Leona Eissens Monk

Max Keel Monk

Murray Ethell Monk

Rae Smith Monk

Roy Clarke Monk

Thea Payne Monk

Annie Whiteley Monk

Aram Carey Monk

Archie Croft Monk

Caitlin Hatton Monk

Daisy Greenway Monk

Donovan Wardroper Monk

Elanor Rowley Monk

George Omnet Monk

George Knight Monk

Jed Silk Monk

Josie Bass Monk

Julia-Lyne Casagrandi-Cooper Monk

Katherine Rowley Monk

Mae Bird Monk

Nelson Carnell-Mckean Monk

Ruby Caddick-Lawrence Monk

Annie Golding Citizen of Canterbury

Bethany Fulcher Citizen of Canterbury

Charlotte Brown Citizen of Canterbury

Josh Roberts Citizen of Canterbury

Lily Goodsell Citizen of Canterbury

Marie Price Citizen of Canterbury

Nikita Beales Citizen of Canterbury

Alex Lawrence Citizen of Canterbury

Lucy Cornford Citizen of Canterbury

Maeve Mena Citizen of Canterbury

Rebecca Beckett Citizen of Canterbury

Thomas Tegento Citizen of Canterbury

CONQUEST HOUSE, ROUTES & VICTORIA WALK

Matthew Walker Lead Spy

Jake Wood Lead Spy

Nathalie Sarbanovic Lead Spy

Torrin Powell Lead Spy

Victoria Williams Lead Spy

Cerys Culver Conquest House

Gabriella Haincourt Conquest House

Jazmin Gramson Conquest House

Mollie Drinkwater Conquest House

Adam Strotton

Caitlin Hatton

Donny Ferris

Evangeline Whiteley

Isobel Algar

Kiana Ferris

Natalie Austin

Ruby Keem

FILM CREW

Jade Enderby

Joe Dabbs Senior Crew Member

Leo Mapp

Lewis Blanks

Megan Parker

Max Barrett Senior Crew Member

Oscar Burr

Philip Giles

Polly Jupe Senior Crew Member

CREATIVE TEAM

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Director **Paul Ainsworth**

Parkour Choreographer **John-Daniel “Scully” Scullion**

Writer and Dramaturg **Andrew Dawson**

Costume Design **Liz White**

Scenic & Prop Design **Gem Greaves**

Music Composition & Sound Design **Salvador Ale**

Lighting Design **Euan Maybank**

Prop Design (The Hollinshed Chronicle & La Rochelle Bible)
Heather Mort

Associate Director **Stacy Golding**

Associate Choreographer **Chloe Challis**

Core Company Assistant Director **Eleanor Wright**

Assistant Associate Director **James Middleton**

Assistant Associate Director **Rosie Bright**

Assistant Associate Director **Alda Daci**

Assistant Associate Director **Abigail Murray**

Assistant Associate Director **Katie McKenna**

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The Marlowe Society

Retraceuring Steps

PROJECT TEAM

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(on behalf of the Marlowe Society)

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(on behalf of the Marlowe Society)

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E-Programme Production **Hannah Spurling**

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Caitlin Hatton	Maeve Mena
Charlotte Brown	Poppy Mansfield-Jones
Frankie Beckett	Sinclair Perry

PRODUCTION TEAM

Production Manager **Euan Maybank**
Stage Manager **Jordan Shingleton**
Company Manager **Hannah Farley-Hills**
Sound Production **Phil Wilson and Remi Weaver**
Lighting Design **Harriet Finch and Phil McCracken**
Costume Assistant **Miriam Ellis**
Technical Stage Manager **Charlie Bailey**
Technical Stage Manager **Dawid Jagusiak**
Technical Stage Manager **Louise Hickman**
Technical Stage Manager **Thomas Blackwell**
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Assistant Heritage Site Manager **Freya Stephenson**
Assistant Heritage Site Manager **Suzi Kelly**
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Chaperone **Katherine Atkinson**

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Canterbury Heritage Museum
Westgate Towers Museum
Conquest House Gallery

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Second Chef **Melanie Harris**

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