

WR Freeforms Present A Mystery In Mind Production



# Masquerade

*"When Vice walks forth with her unsoften'd terrors,  
And Mirth is madness, and but smiles to slay;  
And Hope is nothing but a false delay,"*

*Ode to Venice, George Gordon Byron*

*Venice 1763: The Carnevale has begun and the city is swept in a myriad of colours as the celebrations take place. It is a time of magic where Venetians take to the streets dressed in lavish costumes, their identities concealed by masks of every different type, in order to indulge their greatest pleasures. Rules of society mean little in such a time of decadence and confusion. Personal identity, gender and status are no more than an ever-changing illusion that spreads through the deeply shadowed alleyways.*

*And yet a darker side slips beneath the lights and colours where the substance of nightmares lies in wait. War torn nations struggle in the search for power and wealth. Corruption and persecution roam free and evil walks unnoticed. Even the sanctity of religion may turn to the shadows, lured by false promises. Welcome to La Serenissima, where not all is as it seems.*

**Masquerade** is a weekend long, freeform roleplaying game for approximately 70 players, set in Venice 1763 during the carnival. Players will assume the roles of both locals and visitors to Venice to experience its intrigue and mystery. Please note that the game has many dark themes and may even involve some aspects of horror and is therefore unsuitable for children.

Although this game and its characters are set within a certain period of history, we would like you to note that we have taken many liberties with both the setting, characters and timeline so would advise against any in depth research. Many characters will not be what they appear to be.

### **A note on costuming...**

As the game is set during the Venice carnival, there is huge scope for costuming. Costumes can vary from simple historical (up until end 18<sup>th</sup> century) to something more fantasy based – your imagination can run wild! We do ask that people try to make some effort to fit into the theme and are more than happy to help out with resources and ideas should people need. Of course a mask will be required!

Masquerade will run over the course of the weekend of Friday 18 to Sunday 20 February 2011.

Masquerade has been written by Mystery In Mind.

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## Accommodation and Booking information

Name.....  
Email Address.....

Telephone Number.....

### Location

*Masquerade* will be run at the West Retford Hotel, 24 North Road, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 7XG, United Kingdom from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2011

### Accommodation costs

The room rate will be confirmed shortly, and will be valid for the four nights from Thursday to Sunday inclusive, although most players will only stay for the Friday and Saturday nights.

### Accommodation booking

Please indicate below which nights you wish to stay at the hotel:

- Thursday,  Friday,  Saturday,  
 Sunday

Please indicate the type of accommodation you require:

- Double,  Twin,  Single  Family

If sharing a twin or double room, please tell us the name of the person with whom you intend to share. Please indicate any special requirements you would like us to pass on to the hotel.

In order to ease administration we would be grateful if you could supply us with credit card information we can pass on to the hotel for the purpose of securing your room booking only. If you would prefer not to supply us with these details you **MUST** contact the hotel directly (01777 706333) and give them the relevant information.

Name on card
Credit card number
Expiry date

We will book your hotel room for you, but it is up to you to settle your full bill upon departure. Please do **not** enclose payment for your hotel room with your cheque for the game fee.

### Game fee

Please tick the appropriate box:

- £20 Special deposit for S&S players, balance at the current rate due by 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010  
 £65 (booking before 30th April 2010)  
 £75 (booking after 30th April 2010)

I understand and agree to the booking conditions and enclose a cheque for £..... (game fee only) made payable to UK Freeforms.

I consent to having my details stored on a computer.

Signed:.....

Please return the completed form and payment to:

**UK Freeforms (Masquerade)**  
**PO Box 32495**  
**London**  
**SE18 7XF**

### The small print

#### Cancellations

Please notify UK Freeforms as soon as possible if you need to cancel your booking. Cancellations received prior to 31 December 2010 will be subject to a £10 administration charge. No refund of the game fee will be possible for cancellations received after this date.

The hotel has its own cancellation policy in respect of room bookings. We will endeavour to pass on details of your cancellation to the hotel. However, any charges made by the hotel under this policy are your responsibility.

If, for any reason, it is necessary for us to cancel the game, all monies paid to us will be refunded in full.

UK Freeforms reserve the right to refuse admission, for any reason, at our sole discretion.

#### Credit card information

If you have provided us with credit card information this will **only** be used to secure your room booking with the hotel. You may choose how to settle your account with the hotel at the end of the event.