



## The Torch

2012 brings the Olympic Games back to London, the first time since 1948, and Scene Change Theatre Company will be marking it with a new project called "The Torch." The rehearsal process uses a number of educational techniques over the course of the day. Children will learn about the history of the Olympic Games. Through drama workshops they will explore its journey from its birth to its demise, its eventual resurgence in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, through to today and the legacy it leaves with us. There will also be time to reflect and opportunity to shape the final performance with the children's own ideas and suggestions.

Our story starts on the eve of the opening ceremony to the 2012 games. But the gods are angry. Outraged at the corruption of the Olympics and grieving the loss of its original purpose, the gods have lost patience and have sent Prometheus, humanities mediator with the gods, to steal back the flame. Gathered in the great court, the Olympian gods meet to judge humankind and remove the flame for ever. As the fate of the Olympics hangs in the balance, Prometheus comes to the rescue and looking back through Olympic history from ancient to modern and through to today he sets out to answer the accusations. Can Prometheus convince the gods that the human spirit is still present in the games and return the flame before it is too late? Join Scene Change Theatre in 2012 to find out!

Scene Change Theatre Company's skilled workshop leaders will take the children on an important journey that will highlight the importance of understanding the Olympic history and the impact and legacy it leaves with us today. As a group response we will explore what positive action we can take for the future of our world by learning from the inspirational stories of the past.

The day will include acting skills, focus exercises, discussion forums, and interactive workshops, culminating in a performance with movement, costume and song. It has been especially designed for use by children in years 5, 6, and 7, but can be modified for use with other age groups. If you have any questions about the day or about placing a booking, please contact us using the details below.

- To book:** Contact The Education Department, Chichester Cathedral.  
Phone Vicky or Lynne on 01243 812497  
Email: [schools@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:schools@chichestercathedral.org.uk)
- Dates:** Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 9.30-2.30 – Years 5 and 6  
Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30 -2.30 – Year 7
- Cost:** £6.50 a child (£6.00 School Friends)