

Handout: Colchester Roman Soldiers

1. Where can I get Roman Soldiers to help with my Easter play ?

If you require the use of hired Roman soldiers in full kit with shield for your production, we have people for hire who are experienced in Roman history and the kit. Contact LEG II AVG alisagladiatrix@hotmail.com or phone 07765879610 I can also ask our fellow groups if we can not provide you with what you require.

2. What is the cost of a visit?

To hire a soldier in full kit per day is £60 this includes travel. We are based in Portsmouth, so if it is a long way for us to travel accommodation would be appreciated, it only has to be a hall with facilities.

3. If there are no Roman Soldiers available, where can we get uniforms and props for our plays?

The Roman soldiers uniform is very expensive at about £1000 for a full kit, so generally we do not hire out the kit without an experienced enactors in it. Helmets can be rented out at £10 per day per helmet, you can get cheap uniforms on the internet, but they are not correct and look poor.

4. What are your main tips on how to crucify someone safely on stage?

This is probably the most vital and visually high impact part of your production, so you must get this right and be safe. To achieve this you need good props and proper training with people who are competent and well rehearsed. We have three crosses for hire (first come first served) at £20 per cross shown below, this includes, instruction on setting up (they are free standing on any ground), effects, safety and a body/criminal if needed. The organisation is responsible for the collecting/returning of the props to Portsmouth. We can also offer workshops if you wish to build your own.

5. What are your main tips for stage combat with Roman weapons?

The weapons must be fighting grade steel, blunted or made from Larp materials. Proper training must be given by an experienced stage fighter and lots of rehearsals with competent adults. Do not use plastic weapons or real weapons. Again we offer a workshop for this and the use of our weapons.

6. What is the cost for you to give a workshop for different plays?

As stated above we offer a number of workshops from stage combat to set building, props, Roman soldiers drill and uniform, costume and Historical advisement. Generally it is £100 per person per day, plus the hire of the kit (if required), transport and accommodation if a long way from Hampshire. This is again first come first served as we only have two of us to do this. All the above please contact: alisagladiatrix@hotmail.com or call 07765879610 The prices are significantly reduced for productions of this nature, we just cover our time and costs of keeping the group running.