



westacre theatre

Spring 2024

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Patrons: Stephen Fry & Sir Antony Gormley





Welcome to Westacre Theatre's 2024 Spring Season

We have loved our Autumn/Winter 2023 season and cannot believe that we are fast approaching Christmas already! Our theatre is just as it should be at this time of year - full of dramatic and musical chaos, excited children, sparkle and magic!

As we look towards the spring and our newly planted tulips, we have another wonderful season on its way. Brilliant opportunities for our dramatic youngsters, quality offerings from our in-house production crew, more touring companies than ever before and creative workshops a-plenty!

There may even be some surprises...for the daring amongst you!

Do help us if you can by spreading the word. We love it when we are newly discovered and can promise all comers a warm and friendly welcome!

All best wishes
The Westacre Team

Philip
Pullman's

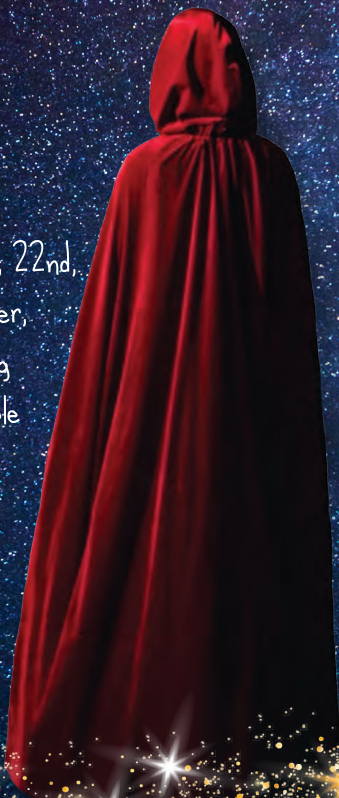
GRIMM TALES

Adapted by
Philip Wilson

Directed by
Kirsty Bushell

15th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd,
23rd & 24th December,
Matinee and evening
performances available

£16 & £10



Come along into the woods with us.



Rediscover the magic and wonder of the original Grimm Tales, retold by master-storyteller Philip Pullman in this wonderful and magical production suitable for children aged 6 to 106.

In these wonderful and colourful stories, you'll meet the familiar characters – Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel; and some unexpected ones too.

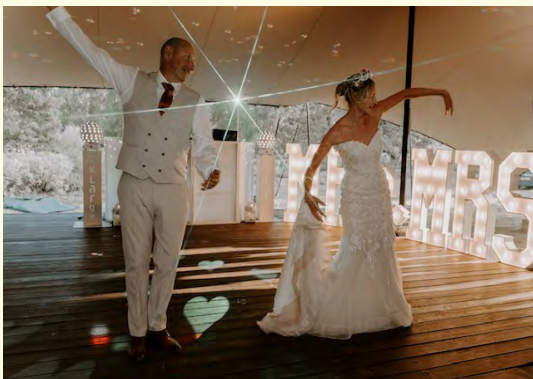
Be transported into a magical world where not everything is quite what it seems. How might a mouse, a bird and a sausage get on? Who are the Musicians of Bremen? And just how can a hedgehog outrun a hare?

Westacre Theatre welcomes guest director Kirsty Bushell, coming to us with extensive experience at the RSC, The National Theatre, The Globe Theatre, The Royal Court and many others, we are delighted that she has accepted this Grimm challenge!

Don't miss this enchanting and thrilling family production, perfect for Christmas.







If you are looking for a beautiful and unique venue for a wedding, a special event, or a corporate gathering, we'd love to talk to you.

Booking is flexible around our theatrical programme.

email
admin@westacretheatre.com
or call us on
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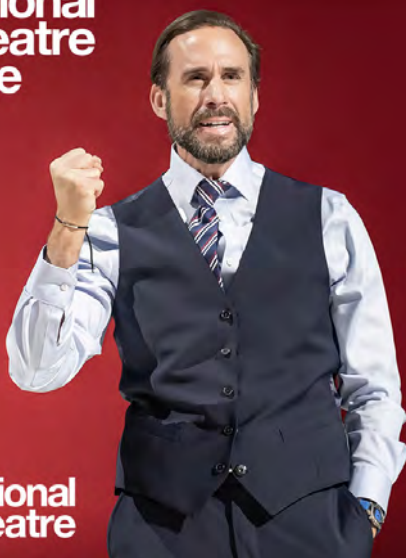
NT LIVE RETURNS WITH TWO

KICKING OFF THE NEW YEAR!

WITH THE WORST TRACK RECORD FOR PENALTIES IN THE WORLD, GARETH SOUTHGATE KNOWS HE NEEDS TO OPEN HIS MIND AND FACE UP TO THE YEARS OF HURT, TO TAKE TEAM AND COUNTRY BACK TO THE PROMISED LAND.

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY, 7PM £14

**National
Theatre
Live**



**DEAR
ENGLAND**

a new play by James Graham

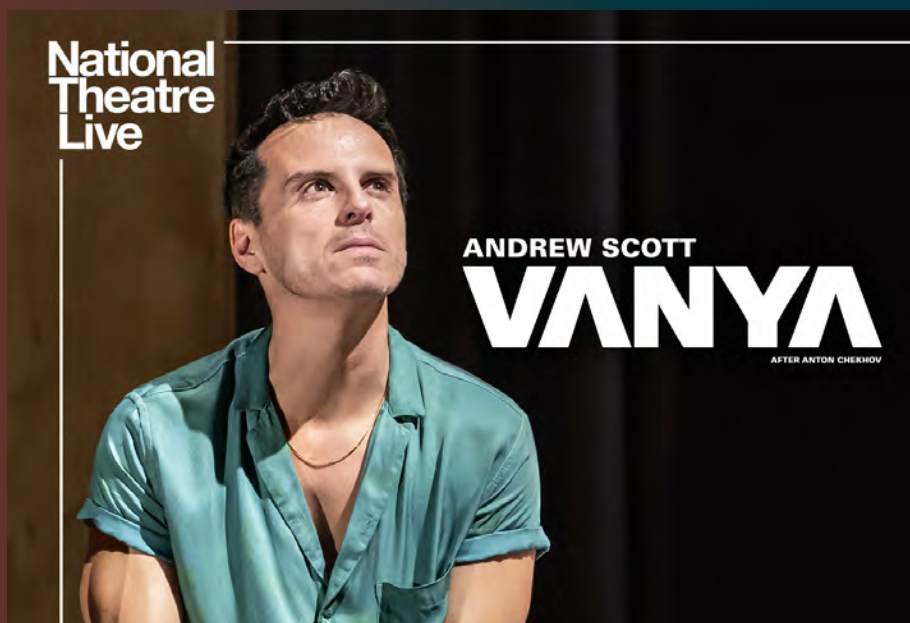
**National
Theatre**

INCREDIBLE PRODUCTIONS!

FEBRUARY BRINGS US...

HOPES, DREAMS AND REGRETS ARE THRUST INTO SHARP FOCUS IN THIS ONE-MAN ADAPTATION OF CHEKHOV'S 'UNCLE VANYA', WHICH EXPLORES THE COMPLEXITIES OF HUMAN EMOTIONS.

THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 7PM £14



7 Day Play!

Are you aged between 13 & 19?

Are you a budding actor?

Are you free over February half-term?

If you'd like to take part in this awesome opportunity,
you would need to be available for our workshop day:

Sunday 28th January 10am - 3pm.

Then from the evening of Friday 16th February
throughout half term week, with a performance on

Friday 23rd February at 7pm.

7 Day Play!

At Westacre Theatre we are lucky enough to have recently welcomed award winning playwright and author Christopher William Hill to our team!

Chris has written (amongst many other wonderful things) two fabulous plays for the National Theatre's Connections project, something we take part in as often as we can.

Sign up for our '7 Day Play' project and you will be performing one of these plays to a Westacre Theatre audience at the end of February half-term.

In another amazing stroke of luck, actor and director Becky Owen-Fisher of Lamphouse Theatre Company and last year's amazing version of Peter Pan has agreed to take the helm!

If you would like to register for a place on the initial workshop session, please head to our website and look for '7 Day Play'

Places are limited so don't miss out!

MAMA G in THE MAGIC BOOKMARK

MUSIC & LYRICS BY
KATE PRITCHARD

"THE AUDIENCE
WERE ENGAGED
& ENTHRALLED"

www.thebrokenspine.co.uk



FEATURED ON
BRITAIN'S GOT
TALENT

A storytelling show
full of panto fun,
song, dance and
puppetry.

Saturday 24th
February, 3pm
£12
Perfect for families!



PRESENTS

THE HOLLYHOCK TRILOGY

BY ROB JOHN

A lonely woman falls in love with her postman; a dog walker and a primary school teacher swap dark secrets from their past; and an ageing trapeze artist dreams of the beautiful woman who dropped him.

Friday 1st
March, 7:30pm

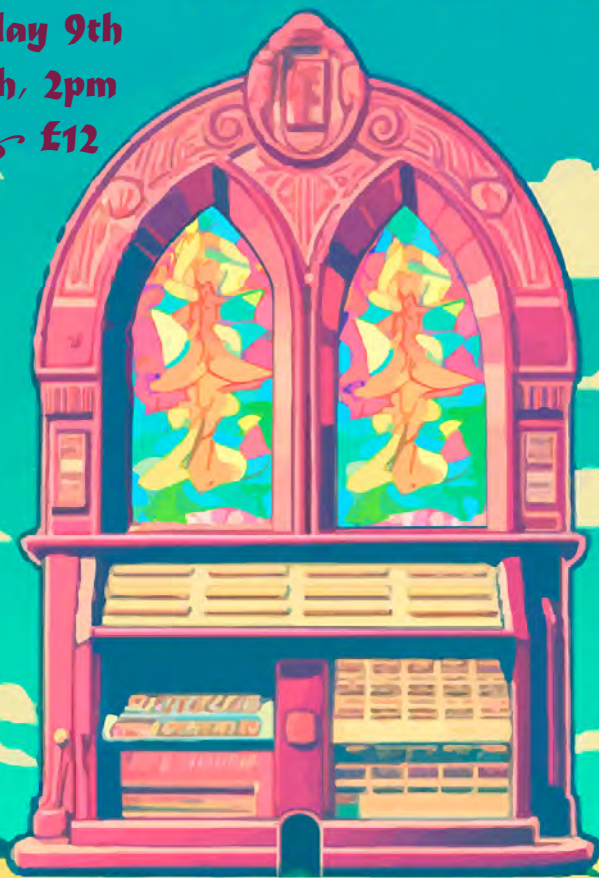
£18 & £12



THE CANTERBURY TALES

LCCT
HALF CUT THEATRE

Saturday 9th
March, 2pm
£18 & £12



Packed full of laughs and loves, music and mayhem, Geoffrey Chaucer's six-hundred-year-old-snapshot-of-medieval-society promises to be a raucous journey for young and old alike.

A Guide to Botanical Drawing in Ink

with Isobel Bartholemew



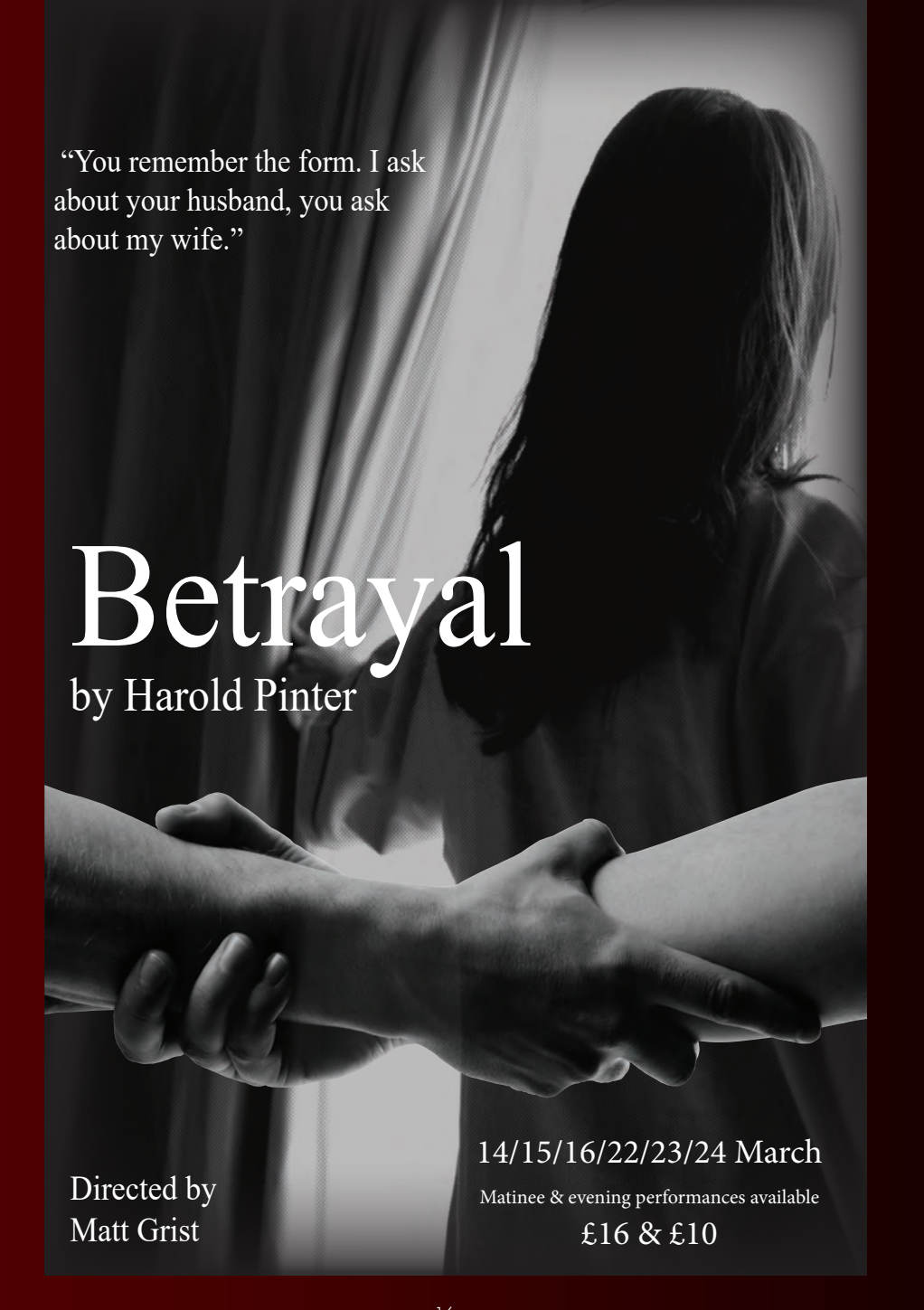
Saturday & Sunday
6th & 7th April,
10am - 4pm

£80 per person
for the 2 day course

Explore the
versatile realm of
Botanical Art.

Sketch freely and
infuse your
creations with
vibrant colour
washes.

Unleash your
creativity whatever
your ability.



“You remember the form. I ask
about your husband, you ask
about my wife.”

Betrayal

by Harold Pinter

Directed by
Matt Grist

14/15/16/22/23/24 March

Matinee & evening performances available

£16 & £10

Jerry and Emma had an affair for seven years.

Emma is married to Robert.

Robert and Jerry are best friends.

But who knew what? And when? And who betrayed whom?

There are always three sides to every story.

Harold Pinter's *Betrayal* received its premiere at the National Theatre in 1978, winning the Olivier Award for Best New Play the following year.

Set in London and Venice and based on events from his own life, the play picks its way through a wreckage of a marriage and retraces its painstaking steps through a seven year affair.

Arguably one of Pinter's most accessible and compelling pieces, the simple but clever twist that is this play's reverse chronology allows us to focus less on *what* happens, more on *why*.

Simply put, we think it is one of the greatest plays ever written. Bristling with taut, sharp dialogue and Pinter's typical wit, it is a moving, dramatic and supremely funny piece.

Presented by Westacre Theatre Company, the creative team that brought you the highly acclaimed *Private Lives & Private Fears in Public Places*.



Madame Chandelier's

OPERA PARTY FOR KIDS



Join Madame Chandelier for a high energy opera extravaganza, introducing kids to music from Mozart's Magic Flute to Bizet's Carmen. With tons of audience interaction, children can sing and join in the show!

Sunday 14th April, 2:30pm
£12

HP
HAMBLEDON
PRODUCTIONS
PRESENTS

MAYBE DICK

**THE CLASSIC TALE OF REVENGE AND RETRIBUTION IS
BROUGHT TO LIFE IN THIS INVENTIVE AND COMIC
RETELLING ON THE HIGH SEAS.**

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL, 7:30PM

£16 & £10



MAMA AFRIKA

HOPE | DETERMINATION | SONG

Anna Mudeka tells the remarkable life story of Miriam Makeba; iconic South African singer, songwriter and civil rights activist.

A story of hope, determination & song.

Friday 31st May,
7:30pm

£18 & £12





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Westacre's Mystery Play!

Because here at Westacre Theatre we like to keep things magical and mysterious....our May in house production is 'To Be Announced'!

We can tell you that it will be performed from the
16th to the 23rd May 2024.

We can also tell you it will be fabulous and well worth a watch.

We just can't tell you what it is yet!

For the daring amongst you book
your £8 tickets now!

(discount applies until the play is announced)

Watch this space!

ROARING JUNE!

JUNE 2024 IS ROARING WITH RURAL TOURING

**PACKED WITH AN ECLECTIC LINE UP OF
SHOWS - FROM CLASSIC FARCE TO THE
MAGIC OF OUR NATURAL WORLD!**

**GUARANTEED
TO BE A
FABULOUS
SHOWCASE OF
DRAMATIC TALENT!**

**IT'S GOING TO
BE WILD...**



The Importance of Being Earnest



Wilde's comic masterpiece gets The Pantaloons treatment in their anarchic take on the classic comedy of manners.

Saturday 1st
June, 3pm &
7:30pm

£19 & £12

ROARING JUNE





Dyad Productions

AUSTEN'S WOMEN LADY SUSAN

Directed by
Andrew Margerison

Performed by
Rebecca Vaughan

Friday 7th June,
7:30pm

£15 & £10



British Theatre Guide



Daily Mail



Edinburgh Guide

Lady Susan: charming, scheming, witty, and
powerful; taking on society and making it her own.
But has she met her match?

ROARING JUNE



The True Story of the Women
Who Sewed to Survive



THE DRESSMAKERS OF AUSCHWITZ

Lucy Adlington



The Dressmakers of Auschwitz

They sewed to survive...

At the height of the
Holocaust twenty-five young
Jewish inmates of
Auschwitz-Birkenau were
selected to create beautiful
fashions for elite Nazi
women, in a dedicated salon
established by the camp
commandant's wife.

Join Historian
Lucy Adlington to find out
more about their lives and
fates as she discusses her
bestselling book

“The Dressmakers of
Auschwitz”: a remarkable
true story of resilience, ca-
maraderie, and quiet hero-
ism in the most extreme
circumstances.

Saturday 15th June,
7:30pm

£18 & £12

ROARING JUNE





Witching the Wild Year

Ajay Tegala & Zoë Howe

Join witchy wordsmith Zoë Howe and wildlife whizz Ajay Tegala (as seen on BBC *Springwatch*) on a voyage around the zodiac, exploring folklore and seasonal nature.

Facts, fun, festivity!
Real magic is closer than you think...

Thursday 20th June, 7:30pm

£19 & £12

ROARING JUNE



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All-Electric Productions

CALF 2 COW
PRESENTS

SHERLOCK AND WATSON A MURDER IN THE GARDEN

'AN OUTRAGEOUS COMEDY!'

OUR NATION'S TOP DETECTIVE DUO
BATTLES THROUGH BADDIES AND
VILLAINS TO DISCOVER WHO IS BEHIND
THE MURDER IN THE LANDSDOWN
MANOR GARDENS.

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE,
7:30PM

£18 & £12
SUITABLE FOR 12+



ROARING JUNE



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PRESENTS



Elephant

In a house balanced on an eroding cliff in North Norfolk, four people must come to terms with the bitter truths that have brought them together, and the strangely redemptive power that might be buried beneath their feet.



Thursday 27th June, 7:30pm £18 & £12



**YOUR
THEATRE
NEEDS
YOU!**

**VOLUNTEER
BAR STAFF
WANTED**

email us for more info: admin@westacretheatre.com

WEDNESDAY FLICKS RETURN!

£12 PER TICKET

WEDNESDAY 7TH
FEBRUARY, 2PM

DREAM HORSE



MICHAEL CAINE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
GREAT MICHAEL CAINE'S
BIRTHDAY!

GLENDA JACKSON

THE GREAT ESCAPER

INSPIRED BY A TRUE LOVE STORY

WEDNESDAY 6TH
MARCH, 2PM

WEDNESDAY 3RD
APRIL, 2PM

SEARCHLIGHT
PICTURES

Rye Lane





YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKSHOPS AT WESTACRE



Join us for our regular Saturday drama groups,
where young people have the chance to explore all
things theatre in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere!

ACT ONE

For 8-11s
9:30am till 11am

ACT TWO

For 12-15s
11:30am till 1pm

£10 PER SESSION, PAID TERMLY

Story Seekers

Songs, silliness and stories in a real
life theatre space!

4 - 7 years (drop off)
Tuesdays, 4pm - 5pm

Just £6 per session, paid half termly
Taster sessions available



	Westacre Theatre Company	Grimm Tales 15/16/18/19/21/22/23/24 December, evening & matinee performances available	£16/£10
	Screening	NT Live: Dear England Thursday 25th January at 7pm	£14
	Screening	Dream Horse Wednesday 7th February at 2pm	£12
	Screening	NT Live: VANYA Thursday 22nd February at 7pm	£14
	Westacre Theatre Company	7 Day Play Performance 23rd February at 7pm	£10
	Petite Pantos	Mama G in The Magic Bookmark Saturday 24th February at 3pm	£12
	fEast Theatre	The Hollyhock Trilogy Friday 1st March at 7:30pm	£18/£12
	Screening	The Great Escaper Wednesday 6th March at 2pm	£12
	Half Cut Theatre	The Canterbury Tales Saturday 9th March at 2pm	£18/£12
	Westacre Theatre Company	Harold Pinter's Betrayal 14th, 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd March at 7:30pm 16th, 23rd & 24th at 3pm	£16/£10
	Screening	Rye Lane Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm	£12
	Workshop	A Guide to Botanical Drawing in Ink 6th & 7th April at 10am - 4pm	£80 for 2 day course
	Madame Chandelier	Opera Party for Kids Sunday 14th April at 2:30pm	£12

	Hambledon Productions	Maybe Dick Thursday 25th April at 7:30pm	£16/£10
	Screening	The Miracle Club Wednesday 1st May at 2pm	£12
	Westacre Theatre Company	Westacre's Mystery Play 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, 24th & 25th May at 7:30pm 18th & 25th May at 3pm	£8 while offer lasts
	Anna Mudeka	Mama Afrika Friday 31st May at 7:30pm	£18/£12
	The Pantaloons	The Importance of Being Earnest Saturday 1st June at 3pm & 7:30pm	£19/£12
	Screening	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry Wednesday 5th June at 2pm	£12
	Dyad Productions	Austen's Women: Lady Susan Friday 7th June at 7:30pm	£15/£10
	Lucy Adlington	The Dressmakers of Auschwitz Saturday 15th June at 7:30pm	£18/£12
	Ajay Tegala & Zoe Howe	Witching the Wild Year Thursday 20th June at 7:30pm	£19/£12
	Calf 2 Cow	Sherlock and Watson: A Murder in the Garden Saturday 22nd June at 7:30pm	£18/£12
	fEast Theatre	Elephant Thursday 27th June at 7:30pm	£18/£12
	MissAdventures Theatre Company	Act 1 & Act 2 Workshops Term time Saturdays Act 1 9:30am - 11am & Act 2 11:30am - 1pm	£10 per session
	Workshop	Story Seekers Term time Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm	£6 per session

Contact us

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