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JUN - AUG 2021
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Sandford Orcas 25 June
Milborne St Andrew 26 June
Ryall 27 June (2pm)
BEC APPLEBEE
'Oh Mary!'



Cornish actor Bec Applebee, well known for her work with internationally acclaimed companies Kneehigh, Wild Works and Dalla, now presents a one-woman physical theatre show based on the incredible life story of Mary Bryant; Cornish highway woman, convict, mother and maritime adventurer. This true story is a swashbuckling tale of transportation, love, escape, tragedy and redemption that spanned the world between Cornwall and Australia. Featuring specially commissioned music this performance uses a mix of physical storytelling and evocative narrative by Anna Maria Murphy. Expect an adventure through the senses! Suitable 11+

"Bec has managed to produce one of the most astonishing one-woman performances I have ever seen" THE CORNISHMAN

www.becapplebee.com

Swanage 27 June
THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN
'Macbeth'

Emerging victorious and decorated in war Macbeth receives a thrilling pronouncement from three weird sisters who prophesy he will one day be King of Scotland. Overcome by ambition and driven on by his powerful wife, Macbeth murders the king and sets in motion a terrible sequence of events from which there is no turning back.

The UK's premier all male theatre company, with direct links to the history of William Shakespeare, invite you to join them this summer for the breathless and brilliant tragedy, Macbeth. A play of supernatural magic, vaulting ambition and an examination of the dreadful consequences of the insatiable lust for power, Shakespeare's most chilling power couple and truly stirring poetry will keep you gripped throughout. Enjoy watching Shakespeare in the open air, with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance. Suitable 12+

"Open air theatre as it should be and at its very, very best" BBC

www.tlcm.co.uk



William Shakespeare
MACBETH



Halstock 2 July
THE FESTIVAL PLAYERS
'Henry V'

After a rebellious and spirited youthhood, carousing in the taverns of London, Prince Hal takes on the responsibility of Kingship and leads his troops across the Channel to do battle with the French at Agincourt. Follow a charismatic King Henry V in this stirring tale of leadership, bravery, humour, and love. The Festival Players Theatre Company is now well established as a professional company delivering the best in open-air Shakespeare. Expect exhilarating entertainment for a summer's evening!

www.thefestivalplayers.co.uk

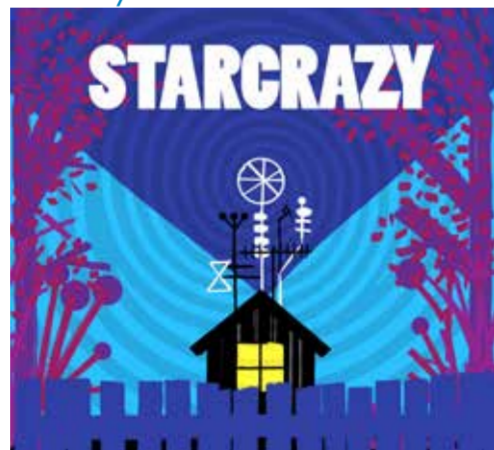
Gillingham 16 July
Blandford 17 July (2pm and 5pm)
SCRATCHWORKS THEATRE
'The Grimm Sisters'



You know the Brothers Grimm? The famous storytellers - or story stealers more like! Brunhilda and Mitzi were the true brains behind the books, but thanks to a treacherous father, a nasty curse and a great big dollop of bad luck, you've probably never heard of them. Well, this summer, The Grimm Sisters are here to set the record straight. Dive headfirst into their weird world of poisonous parents, courageous quests and a magical frog called Jeremy as they tell their twisted tales with a marvellous mix of comedy, singing and live music. Suitable 6+

www.scratchworkstheatre.com

Winterborne Stickland 16 July
MIRACLE THEATRE
'Starcrazy'



October 1957: the world lives in fear of nuclear war, Russia has launched Sputnik 1, UFOs are cropping up everywhere, M15 is on high alert and Stanley is building something in his garden shed. He may live in suburbia but, in his mind, Stanley is voyaging through outer space. He hopes to make contact with other life forms. His neighbour, Gwen, thinks he should be exploring the unknown much closer to home... Written by Bill Scott and with music by Tom Adamas, 'Starcrazy' is a cosmic comedy about obsession and the rekindling of love, hope and possibility from the award-winning Cornish company Miracle Theatre. Recommended 7+

"A glorious blend of tradition and innovation"
WHAT'S ON SOUTH WEST
www.miracletheatre.co.uk

Cerne Abbas 23 July
Powerstock 24 July (2pm and 6pm)
Morden 25 July (2pm)
DAVID MYNNE
'Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales'



From the company that brought you 'A Christmas Carol', 'Great Expectations', 'Dracula' and 'The Odyssey' comes a one-man performance of 'The Canterbury Tales' by veteran Cornish actor David Mynne. Revered as one of the most important works in English literature, 'The Canterbury Tales' paints an ironic and critical portrait of English society in the middle-ages. All of life is here in these few bawdy, funny, serious and sometimes shocking, short stories. Experience a journey down the foul and fetid footpaths of fourteenth-century England, told with the usual irreverence, wit and silliness! Expect archaic naughtiness and nonsense! Possibly tights and a codpiece! Definitely medieval swearing! Let's party like it's 1387! This is Chaucer... but not as you think you know it! Suitable 12+

"... apparently simple theatre with just one actor but you go home remembering a cast of dozens! He is a genius." PLOUGH ARTS CENTRE DIRECTOR

www.davidmynne.com

Stalbridge 31 July (2pm)
THE LAST BAGUETTE
'King Arthur'
A fun and farcical family adventure!



Somewhere in England, a long time ago, a very, very, very long time ago. So long ago that nobody quite knows whether it happened or not. Or where it happened or not. A boy pulled a sword from a stone and became King. This fun and farcical adventure is a deliberately anarchic and anachronistic re-telling of the Arthurian Legend with live music, physical comedy and lo-fi acrobatics; a story of the old world, with knights, wizards, mist, and magic. The Last Baguette make entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences. This brand new show was devised by the company and written by Sunday Times award-winning playwright T.A. Woodsmith. Suitable 5+

"The energy and commitment of the company is infectious." THEATRE BATH

www.thelastbaguette.com

Blanchards Bailey
Law for Life
Blandford Dorchester Shaftesbury Weymouth

Winterbourne Abbas 1 August (11am)
Buckland Newton 1 August (4pm)
PADDLEBOAT THEATRE
'Rustle'



Imagine that you're far from home, Playing in the woods all on your own And all is still and calm and clear - But what's that rustle you can hear?

Three young explorers are setting up camp in the great outdoors to tell the best campfire story ever told: where sleeping bags become monsters, torches illuminate the forest's darkest secrets and unlikely friendships are made. The award-winning Devon based Paddleboat Theatre Company is committed to delivering high-quality productions for children and families. Join us for an interactive adventure that's jam-packed with puppets, songs and outdoor surprises! Suitable 3+

"A wonderful, heart-warming show, that gently brings out the imaginative adventurer in all of us"
PRIMARY TIMES

www.paddleboattheatre.co.uk

Nether Compton 4 August (3pm)
Alderholt 7 August (11am)
TREEHOUSE THEATRE
'The Elves & The Shoemakers'

Set in a world without music, where humans have forgotten what dancing is for, the race is on to secretly save the Shoemakers shop from going out of business and trying to find a way to help humans remember music and the joy of dancing - all without being discovered! With themes of kindness and neighbourliness which feel so relevant this year, the Elves will need everyone's help in this immersive and interactive show. From the brilliant Treehouse Theatre comes this adaptation of the Grimms' fable. Expect energy, humour, great storytelling, and live music that will keep your feet tapping for the rest of the day!

Suitable 3+



treehousetheatre.com

Ibberton 13 August
Winfrith 14 August
Yetminster 15 August (2pm)
BASH STREET THEATRE
'The Cameraman'

From sometime in the future, a jaded detective looks back on his early career as a young crime-fighter in the roaring 1920s; the days of fake news, a worldwide pandemic and global warming. Set around a seedy French cafe, this is a playful homage to the film-noir genre with voice-over narration and live music including guitar, piano and accordion. With topical intrigue, mistaken identities and silent comedy, we follow the fortunes of an inept cameraman who inadvertently becomes involved in an international robbery. Bash Street Theatre has built a reputation for performing fast-moving, silent-comedy theatre shows around the world. With influences as diverse as Tintin, Roger Rabbit, Humphrey Bogart and Buster Keaton, 'The Cameraman' offers a comic view on the digital age with more than a touch of nostalgia for our analogue past.

www.bashstreet.co.uk

Fontmell Magna 15 Aug (11am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm)

SOPHIE & MARIE NÜZEL
'The Greenhouse'

Come and join Peppina and Pimpernell on a magical journey into the senses of plants. Using dance, spoken word and music, young audiences are introduced to the basics of plant biology, exploring some of the wonderful things that plants can do. Discover how the apple tree makes sure that all his apples are red at the same time. Find out what secret messenger system the willow tree uses to fight off the caterpillar; and join us as we explore what plants need to grow and survive. You'll even plant your own plant to take home as part of this dance performance. Suitable 4+

www.sophienuezel.com

Broadmayne 21 August (2pm)
Lyttchett Matravers 22 August (2pm)
HALF A STRING THEATRE
'The Puppet Van: The Lost Colour'



Join Malcolm Brushell, a professional painter and amateur alchemist, on his quest to find the pinky-est pink paint on the planet! Through cracking rocks, mashing vegetables, and even bottling and fermenting his own cow's wee, he has created every colour imaginable. 'The Lost Colour' is a vibrant joyful explosion of colour presented by award-winning theatre company, Half a String, all performed on top of a van! Through stunning puppetry and an energy fuelled performance, join this race to create the most potent pigmented pink paint. Suitable 5+

* POST-SHOW PAINTING WORKSHOP AVAILABLE
www.halfastring.co.uk

Circus Around & About



Yetminster 16 July
Broadmayne 23 July
Litton Cheney 26 August
'Ripe' (TILLY LEE-KRONICK) & 'Pirate Taxi' (PIRATES OF THE CARABINA)

Extraordinary physical skill, humour and storytelling are combined in this new double bill of jaw-dropping circus for all the family! Tilly Lee-Kronick is an outstanding aerialist who performs static trapeze. Her solo show Ripe fizzles with fun and fresh ideas. Through humour, music and circus skills, she will unpeel your assumptions about the effortless grace of aerial acrobatics.

Pirates of the Carabina are award-winning circus artists, acrobats and musicians. Their brand-new show 'Pirate Taxi' tells their own tale of running away to the circus, with humour, original music and an ingenious set. Join the adventure and watch an extraordinary aerial performance. Suitable 5+



Halstock 19 August
Blandford 20 August
'Roll Up, Roll Up' (SIMPLE CYPHER) & 'Pirate Taxi' (PIRATES OF THE CARABINA)

A memorable double bill of extraordinary family-friendly circus shows is coming to Dorset this summer. Prepare to be amazed by Roll Up, Roll Up as Simple Cypher perform explosive tricks with effortless agility within a large, spinning steel ring known as a Cyr Wheel. This skilled duo combines freestyle hip hop and acrobatics with juggling in an innovative and original way in this playful production. Pirates of the Carabina are award-winning circus artists, acrobats and musicians. 'Pirate Taxi' tells their own tale of running away to the circus, with humour, original music and an ingenious set. Join the adventure and watch an extraordinary aerial performance. Suitable 5+



Simple Cypher