SEPT - DEC **2016** www.artsreach.co.uk

Corfe Castle 30 Sept LE NAVET BETE 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' along the road of yellow

Melbury Osmond 29 Sept

Join Dorothy and Toto on their fantastical and downright chaotic travels bricks with an unbelievably idiotic Scarecrow, a Tin Man straight from under the Iron Curtain and a Lion whose West-End dreams

seem just over the rainbow. Will they make it to the Emerald City or will the Mighty Oz and his powerful Green Army stop them in their tracks? Will Shirley the Wicked Witch be slightly more wicked than you could ever imagine? Prepare yourselves for a physical comedy bonanza of ridiculous characters, live music, hilarious dances, utter stupidity and much much more. This really is a long, long way from Kansas...

www.lenavetbete.com

Milton Abbas 6 October Halstock 7 October **DT2 PRODUCTIONS** 'Kinetics'



What can a teenage boy who is into free running and a middle-aged woman with Parkinson's possibly have in common? The desire to move.... Kinetics is based on the remarkable true story of two people seemingly at polar opposites. As Rose tries to come to terms with her diagnosis, an unlikely friendship springs up when Lukas literally lands on her doorstep. But will the bond between them be strong enough when things go wrong? With brilliant writing, dynamic projected images and live parkour, this play is personal, poignant and will make you laugh out loud. Recommended 12+

www.dt2productions.co.uk

Drimpton 8 October LOST DOG 'Paradise Lost'



A solo staging of Milton's epic Paradise Lost, and not like whatever came into your head when you read the first bit of that sentence. Combining theatre, comedy and movement this is a journey through the story of the creation of everything; a show which brings you the highlights of this well known but often forgotten tale, beginning with Lucifer's rebellion and ending with Adam and Eve's expulsion from the garden of Eden. A single man plays all the characters, creates all the scenes and, despite his best efforts, falls a little short of perfection. Suitable 14+

"The comedy is divine, but the images of love and loss are achingly human" THE INDEPENDENT www.lostdogdance.co.uk

Broadoak 14 Oct Evershot 15 Oct (8pm) Milb St Andrew 16 Oct TIM DALLING & MALCOLM GREEN

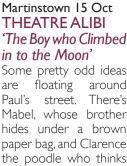
'Shearwater' In 1969, storyteller Malcolm Green spent three months on a small, uninhabited island off the coast of Iceland



there form the frame into which many different journeys are woven: from the extraordinary life of the shearwater to a young man's coming of age and the transformation of the gull-woman. Now Malcolm shares his stories with the accompaniment of the extraordinary musician and entertainer Tim Dalling (New Rope String Band).

Natural Beauty

Tour kindly supported by **Dorset** www.timdalling.co.uk



in to the Moon' Some pretty odd ideas are floating around Paul's street. There's Mabel, whose brother hides under a brown paper bag, and Clarence the poodle who thinks he can fly; but Paul has the oddest idea of all. He thinks that the moon

is a big hole in the sky and he's going to climb into it... Anything's possible in this warm and very funny story by David Almond, award-winning author of Skellig. Suitable 5+

"Theatre Alibi are among Britain's most inventive combanies" THE GUARDIAN www.theatrealibi.co.uk

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Bourton 18 October Portesham 19 October Sixpenny Handley 20 October *curry included Yetminster 21 October **KALITHEATRE** 'My Big Fat Cowpat Wedding'



You are invited to the wedding reception of Clare and Arjun. It's a celebration of a mixed marriage between a country girl and a lad from the city, with all their friends and family; what could possibly go wrong? This fast moving comedy is full of mishaps and misunderstandings, with plenty of neat twists and a Bhangra disco dance! Everyone loves a wedding, don't they? Based on real experiences of mixed marriages and rural weddings attended by city dwellers, this is a fun, lighthearted exploration of relationships across the divides of location, race and gender.

* Enjoy Authentic Lentil or Beef Curry by Pure Punjabi at Sixpenny Handley - Booking is Essential

www.kalitheatre.co.uk

Portland 20 October Langton Matravers 21 October Ibberton 22 October **KELLY OLIVER**



This young award winning guitarist/harmonicist is 'blending traditional values with bold indie pop' according to The Times, and has just released her second album Bedlam. Described as a 'vital voice in British Folk' by Bob Harris, her self-penned songs have received numerous plays on his BBC Radio 2 Sunday show. With thought provoking lyrics and distinctive and breathtaking vocals, accompanied by accomplished guitar and harmonica skills, Kelly's warm, confident and engaging stage presence ensures an evening of outstanding entertainment for all. "A singer-guitarist who straddles folk and pop"

THE SUNDAY TIMES www.kellyoliver.co.uk

Winterborne Stickland 21 October SHE'KOYOKH



Performing the best klezmer & Balkan music in Britain (Evening Standard), She'Koyokh have spent fifteen years absorbing the rich folk music traditions of Eastern and Southern Europe and Turkey. Recognised as masters of genre, their repertoire includes Bulgarian oros, Serbian kolos, Bosnian love songs, ballads from the mountains of southwest Turkey, rip-roaring klezmer music and plenty more. With a sumptuous mix of accordion, clarinet, double bass, guitar and percussion, and vocals from acclaimed Turkish singer Cigdem Aslan, expect a night of exhilarating music for singing and dancing too! www.shekoyokh.co.uk

Bourton 24 Oct Toller Porcorum 25 Oct Piddletrenthide 27 Oct Chetnole 13 Nov **MORGAN & WEST** 'Utterly Spiffing and Spectacular Magic Show for Kids'

Time travelling Victorian magic duo Morgan & West unload another boxful of bafflement and impossibility. Witness



reality, and of course a truck full of tricks and tea. (Sadly there are no actual mountains or trucks on stage during the show, Mr West simply would not have them.) Mixing brain busting illusions and good old fashioned tom-foolery, Morgan & West present a show for all the family, where magic and silliness abound! Suitable 5+

www.morganandwest.co.uk

Sturminster Newton 24 October Portesham 25 October Morden 26 October Broadoak 27 October Cerne Abbas 28 October



An old man lives in a dreary junkyard, full of other people's broken and unwanted rubbish. He dreams that one day his life will be full of life, colour and sound. His wish is about to come true... This uplifting and humorous show is full of visual invention, puppetry and musical fun, with mechanical birds, a wind-up circus and exotic animals of all shapes and sizes. Although told without words, the show has a soundscape of live music and sound effects. Suitable 3+

* Pre-show workshop available on 24-27 October FOR AGES 7+. PLACES LIMITED, ENQUIRE WHEN BOOKING

www.puppetcraft.co.uk

Gillingham 9 Nov FARNHAM MALTINGS & **BUCKET CLUB** 'The Launch Party' Twins Martha and V grew up side by side watching the stars, but recently they've drifted. While Martha stayed in their hometown laying down roots, Vi travelled all around the world



whether we leave or stay, we always carry a piece of

www.bucketclub.co.uk

it with us. Recommended 8+

Sandford Orcas 10 November Powerstock II November Sturminster Marshall 12 November Studland 13 November FLATS & SHARPS



Hailing from Cornwall, Flats and Sharps blur the lines between Bluegrass, Folk, Country & Pop, gaining recognition for performing their own highly original songs as well as renditions of Bluegrass classics. These five incredible young musicians have honed their skills in over 350 live performances, charming and wowing audiences. Expect rapid-fire banjo, mandolin and fiddle, along with acoustic guitar and double bass.

"Cornish-style bluegrass with contagious enthusiasm" The Guardian www.flatsandsharps.co.uk

Blanchards Bailey

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Drimpton 19 Nov **CHRIS FOGG PROJECTS**

'Tree House' We follow the lives of childhood friends Robbie, Jane and Alan as they navigate their way along the rungs of the social and property ladder. Jane goes into law, politics and the media, Alan

pursues a career in property, finance and the City, while Robbie joins the Army, touring Afghanistan defusing roadside bombs, where a spontaneous act of kindness leads to a sudden and unexpected tragedy. Some years later fate conspires to bring all three back to their village and a childhood tree house, where old scores are settled in a final act of reckoning.

www.chrisfoggprojects.wordpress.com

Briantspuddle 19 Nov BSO PRINCIPAL S WINDS

symphony orchestra An intimate evening with the principal wind

players and horn from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. This exciting programme includes Debussy's Syrinx, Rossini's Les Rendezvous de Chase and Elgar's Chanson de Matin, plus works by Ibert. This is an unmissable opportunity to hear a wind quintet playing at its finest - early booking is advised.

Litton Cheney 20 November KOKORO - 'Masterworks'



The Kokoro quartet perform masterpieces by four of the great composers of the 20th century. Bartok's Romanian Dances provides a brilliant curtain-raiser. Debussy follows in the guise of his atmospheric piano prelude, La Puerto del Vino, and the Suite from Stravinsky's The Soldier's Tale closes the first half. After Debussy's First Rhapsody for clarinet and piano, Shostakovich's Second Piano Trio rounds off the concert. Composed in 1944, this magnificent work reflects the exhaustion of the Russian people in the wake of the Nazi invasion, as well as the death of Shostakovich's closest friend, to whom this elegiac, defiant work was dedicated.

www.bsolive.com



TÚTŤI FRUŤTI 'Underneath a Magical Moon' Through her open window Wendy Darling gazes out at the night sky, dreaming of blue ins, magical moons and the stories that she can tell. But tonight has magic in the air... Playwright Mike Kenny

re-imagines the enchanting story of Peter Pan as told by Wendy Darling, owner of stories, mother to the lost boys, a believer in fairies and a young girl with her feet firmly on the ground. Fly into a fantastical world of adventure, where time stands still and the impossible seems possible. With exquisite music, enthralling movement and a sprinkling of magic. Suitable 3+

"A company worth watching" THE OBSERVER www.tutti-frutti.org.uk

Tarrant Gunville 25 Nov Shipton Gorge 26 Nov BOILING KETTLE THEATRE 'Defender of the Dead'

lt's December 2011 Christmas and the Winter Solstice are fast approaching, and the Summer Olympics are set to take place in London. Zac, a retired British Army NCO, has

set up a security company and won the contract to protect a sensitive archaeological site near Stonehenge, the object of a very English punch-up over politics, money, land, history and weird religious cults. This should be no problem for a man who helped to sort out Northern Ireland and The Balkans; if only they'd do things the Army way... Suitable 12+

www.boilingkettle.co.uk

West Stafford 26 Nov Toller Porcorum 27 Nov TOLD BY AN IDIOT

'Heads will Roll' A golden man wades into a lake and disappears, searching for forgiveness. A BBC TV executive flushes money down the toilet in her desperate quest for soap opera ratings.



A Spanish conquistador crashes through the South American jungle convinced he will find a city where rivers run with gold. This dark epic comedy about delusion, vanity, and the corruption of power is inspired by the historic search for El Dorado, the mythical city where rivers ran with gold. Heads Will Roll explores the quests we carry throughout our lives, even if our goals are out of reach. With live music from one of Barcelona's most unique musicians and an international cast, Told by an Idiot continue their journey of creating the unexpected since 1993. Suitable 12+

"Their work is never less than sublime" THE INDEPENDENT www.toldbyanidiot.org

Cranborne 26 November Cerne Abbas 27 November **ALEC DANKWORTH** 'Spanish Accents'



Bassist Alec Dankworth's long-standing love of all things Spanish provides the inspiration for a concert which sees his quintet playing jazz with a Spanish flavour, Metheny, Corea and even Rodrigo are reinvented alongside traditional folk songs and originals in flamenco rhythms. The band features the beautiful vocals of daughter Emily Dankworth, plus some of Europe's leading jazz musicians: saxophonist Ben Castle, violinist Chris Garrick, guitarist Phil Robson and percussionist Fred Thomas.

"A heady mix of top British players" THE GUARDIAN www.alecdankworth.com

Nether Compton 29 November Wootton Fitzpaine I December Hinton Martel 2 December Buckland Newton 3 December Portesham 4 December IOHN ETHERIDGE & VIMALA ROWE



Legendary guitarist John Etheridge has, during his 45 year career, performed with some of the most famous names of 20th century music including Stephane Grappelli, Nigel Kennedy, John Williams and Soft Machine. Now he joins forces with the sensational new vocal star Vimala Rowe, who has been gaining plaudits wherever she goes. Together John and Vimala weave a magical spell, effortlessly travelling on a musical exploration from India to Africa, the Middle East and the USA. Interspersed with several solos from John, this unique pairing perform an eclectic mix delivered with power, inventiveness and conviction. www.johnetheridge.com

Yetminster 2 Dec Sandford Orcas 3 Dec Milb St Andrew 3 Dec L Matravers 4 Dec **NORWICH PUPPET** THEATRE 'The Tinderbox' A roguish soldie acquires a magic

tinderbox gives him the power to summon three

extraordinary dogs to do his bidding. Watch the soldier's remarkable roller coaster adventure from rags to riches and back again! Will he survive and win the love of the beautiful princess? Norwich Puppet Theatre, a hub for leading international puppeteers, breathes new life into Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale of magic, bravery and love with stunning puppetry, animation and music. Suitable 4+

"An enchanting tale that's full of magic moments" EASTERN DAILY PRESS

www.puppettheatre.co.uk

Kimmeridge 3 Dec **ALISON NEIL** 'The Fossil Lady of Lyme' Imagine the world is only 6000 years old and everything was created in six days. This was the England into which Mary Anning was born, just



ago. Then came the pioneering work of geologists, studying rocks and fossils. The accepted truths about the world were blown apart. Mary Anning played a key part in this extraordinary time, discovering the first complete fossil of a prehistoric reptile in Great Britain – at the age of twelve. Throughout her life, she continued to make ground-breaking and spectacular discoveries. In Alison Neil's one-woman play, Mary Anning tells her fascinating story, and that of "the fine clever men of science" who took most of the credit for her work. * Kimmeridge is home to The Etches Fossil Collection www.alisonneil.co.uk

W.borne Stickland 8 Dec Broadwindsor 9 Dec Briantspuddle 10 Dec Martinstown II Dec LILI LA SCALA 'Songs to Make you Smile

Lili La Scala has a cascade of vintage glamour and charm in her arsenal; it's easy to see why the little diva with the big voice has become a sell-out favourite worldwide. This

award-winning cabaret show features an enthralling upbeat medley of wartime classics, show tunes and decidedly bright-and-breezy numbers from yesteryear. From American composers Irving Berlin and Cole Porter to British legends Gracie Fields and Vera Lynn, and with a splash of George Formby thrown in for good measure, Lili offers traditional tunes delivered with cabaret sass. Her huge voice and equally big personality won't fail to leave you cheered.

"Ravishing vintage glamour" THE TELEGRAPH www.lililascala.com

Burton Bradstock 8 December **Durweston 9 December** West Lulworth 10 December Halstock II December **NEAR-TA THEATRE** 'Christmas.Time.'



Charlie and Toby are feeling low, and why wouldn't they? It's Christmas Day and they're serving time at Her Majesty's pleasure. But why shouldn't they be having a Merry Christmas in spite of their incarceration? What's stopping them from creating Christmas around them? Absolutely nothing! And so they set off on a festival of carols, Claus, Christ and custody! Join them on a fantastical adventure through Dickens, pantomime, musical, Christmas dinner and Christmas films! See as they build a wonderfully Merry Christmas around them with songs, snowmen and lots of laughs in this truly festive show that puts the 'cell' firmly back in 'celebration'! Written by Ciaran Clarke (Miracle Theatre) and directed by Simon Harvey (Kneehigh), 'Christmas. Time.' is a funny musical comedy for all the family! Suitable 10+

www.neartatheatre.co.uk

Winterborne Whitechurch 9 December Marnhull II December Abbotsbury 18 December THE RIDGEWAY SINGERS & BAND 'West Gallery Carols'

With their roots firmly in the South Dorset Ridgeway and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, the Ridgeway Singers and Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present, including works from the Puddletown and Hinton St Mary manuscripts together with newly composed carols in the Dorset tradition.



September - December 2016 **PERFORMANCES**

* Venues are village halls unless otherwise stated. Please telephone contact numbers below to book and for information about ticket prices and disabled access/parking.



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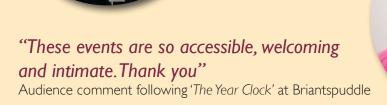
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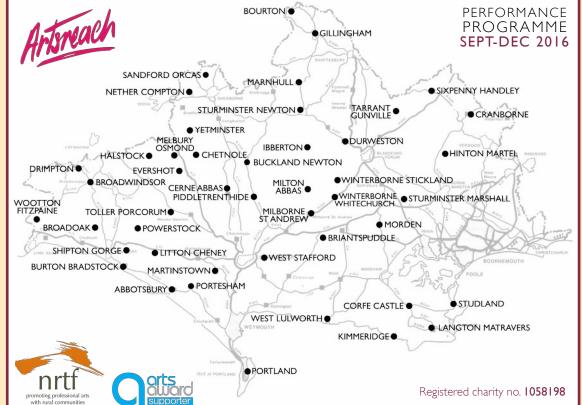
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