

Artsreach 25th SUMMER 2015



West Stafford 26 April
TIM LAYCOCK
'The Year Clock'

A dramatic and musical celebration of the life and writing of renowned local poet William Barnes from Dorset's own Tim Laycock. Why did a highly educated C19th teacher and parson choose to write poetry in a dialect few people could read? What does the erosion of dialect and accent tell us about ourselves? In this fully dramatised piece, with wonderful musical accompaniment from fiddle player, Colin Thompson, Tim brings his considerable acting skills to bear on a story which will both delight enthusiasts and introduce a new audience to the life and poetry of Barnes.

"an intelligent, warm and often humorous portrait" BATH CHRONICLE
www.timlaycock.co.uk

Gillingham 12 May
PANTA REI DANSETEATER
'The House GranNabo'



The House GranNabo ('neighbour' in Norwegian and Swedish mixed together to form the word GranNabo) is located between Norway and Sweden. It houses curiosity, love and uncertainty. In this brand new production, the dynamic Norwegian dance company Panta Rei explore the term 'neighbours' in every sense of the word. The House GranNabo is a beautiful, energetic and playful dance-theatre performance with five strong dancers, featuring a soundscore composed by Nathaniel Reid and Thomas Elfstadius; their music creates different moods, and combined with the performers' movement, images are created where free interpretations can run wild. Panta Rei are known for the overall immersive feeling of their productions, catching the imagination of audiences worldwide. Don't miss this!

www.pantareidanseteater.com

Kimmeridge 16 May
LANDMARK TRUST
'Lines, Loops, Bones & Stones'



One of the special sites selected for the Landmark Trust's 50th Anniversary event is Clavell Tower, Kimmeridge. At 3pm on 16th May, choirs and musicians at 25 Landmark Trust sites across Britain will perform a composition by musician Kerry Andrew in a shared 'Golden Moment'. At Kimmeridge, Sammy Hurden will lead the Freedance Choir in performing their interpretation of this Anthem, and other works in response to the dramatic coastline of this area. The Ridgeway Singers & Band will also perform pieces of local significance. Make time to visit the slipway, one of only five sites across Britain to host 'LAND', a temporary installation by sculptor Antony Gormley. Cream teas will be available during the afternoon.

www.landmarktrust.org.uk



Melbury Osmond 21 May
Burton Bradstock 22 May
BLACKFISH THEATRE
'Alaska'

Alaska is one of the last great frontiers of the modern world. A land where steam freezes, fish have mastered cryogenics and the Yukon River can make you disappear. Faced with 'a piece of the good life' the reality is no picnic; with plummeting temperatures, technical disaster and virtually no practical skills Alaska is a story of one man's carefree, joyous journey which becomes an extreme survival nightmare. Following in the intrepid footsteps of Bear Grylls and Ray Mears, the masterful trio of Giles King, Craig Johnson and Ian Ross (all Kneehigh performers) use film, firelight, live music and a whole host of forest wildlife to transport you into the unknown; Alaska is a tragi-comic riot of Pythonesque dottiness guaranteed to leave you spellbound.

"Faultless and very funny" WEST BRITON
www.blackfishtheatre.co.uk

Corfe Castle 29 May
Cranborne 31 May
NAMVULA

Namvula creates an intrepid new world where folk and urban traditions of her Zambian homeland combine with her Scottish heritage and London's vibrant eclectic music scene. Crossing boundaries with a refreshing honesty and evocative lyricism, Namvula's music draws you into different worlds, yet remains firmly rooted in African soil. Joined by a stellar cast of the UK's most respected African/jazz musicians, including Baaba Maal's Senegalese percussionist Mamadou Sarr, the group delivers evocative, honest, and ultimately uplifting performances.

"...one of the most original newcomers of the year" THE GUARDIAN
www.namvula.com



Buckland Newton 3 June
SHE'KOYOKH



She'Koyokh "Britain's best klezmer and Balkan band" (Songlines) has spent the last decade soaking up the rich folk music of Eastern Europe, Turkey and the Balkans. The band perform soulful Gypsy, Yiddish, Turkish, Kurdish, Ladino and Russian songs and music, including wedding dances and virtuosic solos, all with huge energy and passion. With a sumptuous mix of violin, accordion, clarinet double bass, guitar and percussion, and vocals from acclaimed Turkish singer Cigdem Aslan, expect a night of exhilarating music for singing, listening and dancing to.

www.shekyokh.co.uk

Portland 13 June
RIDGEWAY PERFORMERS
'East to West & West to East'

Join the Ridgeway Singers & Band in the evocative setting of St George's Church, Reforme for an exhilarating concert of local songs, stories, poetry and dance tunes that reflect the changing seasons and our long and lasting relationship with the sea. Formed in 2013 by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries to explore the West Gallery tradition of carol singing in South Dorset Ridgeway villages, this special performance extends the choir's repertoire with maritime references.



Powerstock 19 June
Durweston 20 June
Studland 21 June
DALLAHAN

Edinburgh based Irish-Hungarian phenomenon Dallahan recently exploded onto the traditional music scene, including at Scotland's Celtic Connections Festival. As individuals, they are award winning soloists who tour with groups as diverse as Kalman Balogh's Gypsy Cimbalom Band, Larsa, Fiann and Samling; as a band together, they are unstoppable! Having just released their highly acclaimed debut album 'When the Day is on the Turn', Dallahan offer a breathtaking musical journey that is as much fun to listen to as it is to play. *"the most exciting trad musicians to emerge recently"* BBC RADIO 2
www.dallahanmusic.com

Frampton 27 June
Sturminster Newton 28 June
**BRISTOL OLD VIC
THEATRE SCHOOL**
'The Beaux' Stratagem'

The Lichfield stagecoach is coming over the hill, laden with gallants and garters intent on fine females and their even finer fortunes. But are they prepared for cross-dressing Irish priests, a band of honourable highwaymen, lardy landlords, scheming servants and aimless alliteration? The stage is set for one of the finest Restoration Comedies. Farquhar knits together a panoply of stock and 'not so stock' characters, where not all is as it seems and the country folk of Lichfield are not quite as dumb as we think. Well not quite.... As ever, see the stars of tomorrow in a play for today.
www.oldvic.ac.uk



Fontmell Magna 30 July
Sandford Orcas 31 July
Kimmeridge 1 August
MIRACLE THEATRE
'The Magnificent Three'



Being a hero is just something that happens to you.... Cornwall's Miracle Theatre takes a long-awaited visit to the Wild West with this brand new Spaghetti Western for lovers of open-air theatre. Accompanied by the strains of country music, gather up your posse it's time to head out to the Wild Frontier for a rootin'-tootin', side-splittin', finger-clickin', toe-tappin', saloon-door-swingin', double-cross-dressin', hoe-down dancin', quick-draw slinging adventure... YEEHAW! A family show for those aged 7+ *"Miracle are a joy, go and see them!"* WESTERN MORNING NEWS
www.miracletheatre.co.uk

Sturminster Newton 27 August
TREEHOUSE THEATRE
'Timeliners'

History lessons just got dangerous! - When Charlie gets ZERO in his history test, his teacher hurls him back in time to learn the hard way! Hindered by Henrys and helped by Harolds, he finds peasants and pirates, battles and buboes, fire and fatigue. So many gruesome ways to die! Will Charlie ever get his timeline in order and find his way back to 2015? Can you help him re-take the history test? Brand new, interactive and immersive theatre for young people with live music. Recommended 4+
www.treehousetheatre.com

