

# Artsreach

SUMMER 2019



Wootton Fitzpaine 9 May  
Buckland Newton 10 May  
Shillingstone 11 May  
**MODOU NDIAYE AND BAND**

Modou Ndiaye, aka Mamadou Cissokho, brother of Seckou Keita, is a virtuoso kora player, songwriter, drummer and percussionist, and a member of the famous Cissokho family of Griot musicians from the Cassamance region of Southern Senegal. Modou's latest album

*Londo* draws inspiration from his homeland, life experiences and current world issues. Performing with his West African kora-based group, Modou blends together an irresistible mix of beautiful harmonies with the gentle yet lively tones of the kora, calabash, djembe, bass guitar and a variety of African percussion instruments. Uniting traditional and modern sounds, this energetic band will leave you invigorated and inspired!

[www.modoundiaye.com](http://www.modoundiaye.com)



Corfe Castle 24 May  
**JIM CAREY AND THE SABOTEURS**  
*'Riots and Lobsters'*

An enthralling evening of music first created for plays toured nationally by Kneehigh Theatre in the 1990s, including *Ting Tang Mine*, *The Bogus*, *The King of Prussia*, and *The Riot*. All the music has been re-imagined and arranged by the original composer Jim

Carey, and played by his 8-piece multi-instrumentalist band, The Saboteurs. Travel on a musically diverse, story-rich journey from America to Cornwall, telling tales of riots and lobsters, fishermen and miners, corrupt officials and power-driven politicians, pioneers and saboteurs - tales of love and redemption. Sometimes through folk song, sometimes ska or swing, lyrical laments and brass arrangements, the Saboteurs will tell the stories and bring to life the worlds created by Nick Darke and Jim Carey.

Charmouth 11 June

Broadmayne 12 June

Winterborne Stickland 13 June

**LIVING SPIT'S LIVING QUIZ**

Living Spit present a quiz night with a refreshing live twist! The show is exactly as the name suggests: a quiz night that's sprung to life, with every question being acted, sung, mimed or danced by Living Spit's very own Howard Coggins and Stu Mcloughlin! Armed with just a guitar, double bass and ukulele, they mix improvisation techniques with their own unique performance style which happily subverts the familiar pub quiz format, resulting in an explosively exciting live quiz night. With the teams competing to win a very unique star prize, no two nights are ever the same! Suitable 12+

\*TICKETS FOR CHARMOUTH AND BROADMAYNE INCLUDE FOOD

[www.livingspit.co.uk](http://www.livingspit.co.uk)



Sturminster Newton 20 June

Frampton 29 June

**BRISTOL OLD VIC THEATRE SCHOOL**

*'The Canterbury Tales'*



A colourful cast of characters set off for Canterbury, competing to tell their tales of love, lust, adventure and chivalry. Brimming with verve and energy, Chaucer's well-loved stories are brought beautifully and vividly to life by students from the prestigious Bristol Old Vic Theatre School, whose notable alumni include Daniel Day Lewis, Peter O'Toole and Olivia Colman. All of medieval life is here, with the wide range of social strata rubbing shoulders as the Miller, the Steward and the Wife of Bath, among others, all have their tales to tell. *The Canterbury Tales* is a touchstone of English literature and has delighted readers for centuries. See the stars of the future on stage today. Suitable 14+

[www.oldvic.ac.uk](http://www.oldvic.ac.uk)



Blandford 26 July  
Martinstown 27 July  
**SQUASHBOX THEATRE**

*'Curious Creatures'*

Welcome to the Curious Creatures wildlife park, established by Jeremiah Johnson; the world-famous explorer, zoologist and animal collector. Nobody knows more about animals than him. Unfortunately, Jeremiah is currently lost somewhere in the jungles of Africa, so he

has handed the running of the park over to his inexperienced nephew Craig, and things don't quite go as planned. Expect to meet curious creatures of all shapes and sizes: from performing fleas, skateboarding snails and gymnastic gerbils to irritable alligators, over-excited elephants, crazy chickens and a very intelligent orangutan! Using puppets, comedy and live music plus lots of amazing natural history facts, Squashbox Theatre uncover the mysteries of the animal kingdom. No animals were harmed in the making of this show, but several puppets were mildly traumatised. Suitable 5+ \*POST-SHOW PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP

[www.squashboxtheatre.co.uk](http://www.squashboxtheatre.co.uk)



Stur. Newton 26 July

Halstock 27 July

**HOLY MOLY & THE CRACKERS**

Influenced by an eclectic range of music, this ever-evolving, nationally acclaimed gypsy folk-rock band play an exciting and visceral blend of styles. In the perfect collision of rowdy tunes, pumping danceability and compelling storytelling, expect a medley of original songs and old time drinking tunes, both hilarious and thrilling, and sure to entertain! Last summer the band enjoyed accoladed appearances at festivals including Glastonbury, Boomtown Fair, Bestival, Camp Bestival and Beautiful Days. Released in April 2019, their third album *Take A Bite* is a concise, passionate take on folk, blues and indie rock. Fresh from a European tour with Skinny Lister, HMATC are back on the road- come along for the ride and join the craziest party in town!

\* RESCHEDULED TOUR. HMATC PLUS SUPPORT FROM CHRIS ROBERTS.

*"The musicians are stylistically dazzling"* BRIGHT YOUNG FOLK

[www.holymolyandthecrackers.com](http://www.holymolyandthecrackers.com)



Fontmell Magna 1 Aug

Sandford Orcas 2 Aug

Kimmeridge 3 Aug

**MIRACLE THEATRE**

*'A Perfect World'*

Written by Bill Scott and with original music by Tom Adams, this action-packed adventure follows a feisty young woman as she ventures into a Boy's Own world of undiscovered jungles, treasure maps, campfires and pocketknives. Leading her team of quarrelsome explorers she stumbles into a bountiful paradise, whose inhabitants seem entirely peaceful, productive and fulfilled. Is this tranquil place the best of all possible worlds? Or is it all too good to be true? Expect a rollicking music filled adventure in the great outdoors!

\*Open air events. Pack a picnic, bring a chair and wear suitable clothing

[www.miracletheatre.co.uk](http://www.miracletheatre.co.uk)



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Studland 9 August

Cranborne 10 August

**KABANTU**



Kabantu, meaning 'of the people', is an eclectic five-piece hailing from Manchester, who unravel new marriages of music from around the globe. Vocal harmonies from South Africa blend with everything from Celtic reels and Balkan folk music, to Brazilian samba and beyond. Kabantu have performed all over the UK including at The Royal Albert Hall, Sage Gateshead and Cadogan Hall, and have appeared at the BBC Proms, Celtic Connections and the Cambridge Folk Festival to name but a few. In 2018, Kabantu released their debut album, *Of the People*, to critical acclaim, recorded by the Mercury-nominated Gerry Diver. Using music to bridge countries and cultures, Kabantu create upliftingly exuberant and joyful performances.

\*TICKETS AT CRANBORNE INCLUDE A WORLD FOOD BBQ

*"a global experimentalism that is both breathtaking and very refreshing"*

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[www.kabantu.com](http://www.kabantu.com)

Stalbridge 15 September

**OPERA HOLLOWAY**

*'La Bohème'*

Follow the unfolding love story of Mimi and Rodolfo from its joyous beginnings to the bitter end. Set in a seaside town on the south coast of England, four young men are living the youthful dream, yearning for love and not working too hard. Their flat is run down, they're content to live on take-aways, they complain when they run out of money and have perfected the art of dodging the landlord. Their lives are filled with trips to the pub, late night dancing and girls. Until Mimi knocks on the door. Rodolfo opens it, eyes and hands meet and a passionate affair begins. Follow the impoverished lovers as their relationship unfurls on the chilly promenade. This contemporary production of Puccini's classic tear-jerker captures the raw, consuming power of young love performed in Opera Holloway's intimate and immediate style.

\* TICKETS INCLUDE A GLASS OF PROSECCO

[www.operaholloway.co.uk](http://www.operaholloway.co.uk)

