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MAY - AUG 2022



New Art Club: Cupid's Revenge

30
YEARS OF
ENTERTAINING
RURAL COMMUNITIES



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Swanage 13 May
Sturminster Newton 14 May
NEW ART CLUB
'Cupid's Revenge'



In today's disposable world where love is used to sell us everything from plug-in cars to yoghurt... where did real love go? The latest dance theatre comedy show by ground breaking company, New Art Club, is about love. Mythical love that drives the creation of the universe and everything in it. Romantic love.

Love between friends.
Love between you and the people you love.
It is funny, sad and reflective.
It is not a story but it holds lots of stories inside
In that way it is like you.

Cupid's Revenge is an attempt to bring audiences together in a defiant act of unity and love. With New Art Club's dexterous physicality this impossibly big topic is broken open and brought vividly to life in a joyful, physical and verbal outburst against the forces that masquerade as love. Suitable 12+

"Physical comedy with brains, I laughed 'til my face hurt"
THE OBSERVER



www.newartclub.org

Halstock 10 June (7pm)
THE FESTIVAL PLAYERS
'A Midsummer Night's Dream'



As in the Bard's day, Festival Players tour as an all-male troupe of skilled professional actors. Supported by their patron, Dame Judi Dench, the company has a growing international reputation for presenting the very best in open-air Shakespeare and are committed to providing accessible and enjoyable performances for all. This summer, Festival Players invites you to share in the colour, poetry, and magical mayhem of Shakespeare's popular fantasy comedy, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Expect an exhilarating evening of open-air entertainment!

LICENSED BAR AND HOG ROAST FROM 6PM.
www.thefestivalplayers.co.uk

Springhead, Fontmell Magna 11 June
WASSAIL THEATRE
'Whispering Willows'



It's 1929. Morris has been planting, harvesting, basket making and drinking tea on his Somerset willow farm since before he can remember. Every year the same pattern repeats itself. Plant, harvest, weave. Plant, harvest, weave. One day he pulls up a particularly large piece of willow with a girl clinging to the end of it! She eats too much, breaks everything and is a complete nuisance. But as time moves on, they teach each other the ways of the willow. Planting, harvesting, weaving; the cycle continues, and all is well until the chaos of WW2 and the invention of plastic threaten to destroy the farm and their livelihoods. Can they find a new use for willow before it's too late?

PACK A PICNIC. SHOWS AT 11:30AM / 2PM.
www.wassailtheatre.co.uk

Buckland Newton 12 June
Drimpton 7 August
JOHN OSBORNE
'A Supermarket Love Story'



A story about supermarkets and the people who use them. Love will bloom, lives will continue as they always have, and you'll meet two paramedics by the crisps. As staff untuck their shirts and sit on kick stools stacking shelves, we join them all for a storytelling feast and find that every aisle really does tell a different story. John Osborne is a Radio 4 regular and creator of the cult show, *John Peel's Shed*. Weaving words to create wonderful worlds out of the most ordinary of situations, join John in Dorset pubs this summer for a night of poignant, enchanting and heart-warming poetic tales. Recommended 14+

www.johnosborne-writer.com

Lytchett Matravers 17 June
BRISTOL OLD VIC THEATRE SCHOOL
'Great Expectations'

From humble beginnings in the marshlands of Kent, young Pip is determined to make strides in the big city and get a leg-up in society. Pip is quickly caught up in a world of compelling characters, from the elderly jilted bride Miss Havesham, to the criminal Magwitch and the alluring Estella. Can our ambitious protagonist realise his dreams, or will life inevitably present itself with obstacles and trickery? Breathing new life into one of Dickens' most beloved novels, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School presents their touring production of 'Great Expectations'.

www.oldvic.ac.uk



Swanage 26 June
REGENTS OPERA
'Carmen'



Regents Opera is a leading fringe opera company specialising in the larger works of the 19th & 20th centuries. The now touring company offers emerging and established singers a platform to perform major repertoire not often staged outside the major houses. Directed by Paul Higgins of Glyndebourne Festival Opera and the Royal Opera House, this outstanding production features four cast members and stars renowned Greek mezzo soprano Kassandra Dimopoulou as Carmen and Howard Hutt as her Don Jose, accompanied by talented pianist and Musical Director Ben Woodward.

"You have to be cheered by [Regent Opera's] gusto" THE TIMES
www.regentsopera.com

Sturminster Newton 30 June
BRISTOL OLD VIC THEATRE SCHOOL
'Vanity Fair'



Often cited as one of English Literature's greatest treasures, *Vanity Fair* is roustabout of intrigue, survival and sexual politics which sees the conniving Becky Sharp and sweet-natured Emmy Sedley tumbling their way through the exploitative and hazardous playground of the early nineteenth century upper class. Adapted for the stage by Declan Donnellan and directed by Paul Chesterton, Thackeray's hilarious satire is destined to thrill audiences this summer, as Bristol Old Vic Theatre School's BA Acting cohort showcase their exuberant adaptation.

www.oldvic.ac.uk

Winterborne Stickland 1 July
Marnhull 8 July
OLD BABY MACKEREL



Old Baby Mackerel play high-energy, foot-stomping Bluegrass featuring a dizzying line-up of renowned musicians from some of the UK's best folk, Americana and festival bands, including Artsreach favourites Flats & Sharps. The rhythmic sounds of fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and double bass are sure to get knees bouncing and elbows swinging to the virtuosic sound of blistering solos and sweet harmonies. This summer let Old Baby Mackerel transport you back to the early 20th century and across the Atlantic to North America, where songs dramatised the small town fascination with locomotion, the trials of murderous drunks and the veneration of whisky and bootleg liquor.

www.oldbabymackerel.co.uk

Alderholt 28 July (2:30pm)
Broadmayne 29 July (11:30am)
LASTTHEATRE
'The Rascally Diner'



Chef Rufus Skumskins O'Parsley is famous for creating some of the world's most disgusting dishes. In fact, Rufus went viral after baking a huge, human-eating cake from ingredients including snot, blubber and a cowpat - he only escaped being gobbled up by the gruesome gateau because he tasted awful, a result of his foul diet. Now Rufus is on a mission to make everyone taste bad and protect them from the creature he cooked up. LASTheatre gently explores food provenance, sustainability, and healthy eating in this silly, song-filled, riotous show for humans aged 5+ and their families.

www.lasttheatre.com

Litton Cheney 13 August (6pm)
Stalbridge 14 August (2pm)

BRAINFOOLS
'Lucky Pigeons'



A young businessman struggles with the demands of city life and, after losing his job, takes his frustrations out on a group of pigeons. Karma soon returns however; and the man finds himself turned into a pigeon, where he quickly learns about the playful world of this misunderstood animal. With a mix of absurd and extravagant theatre, impressive acrobatics, empathetic and funny stories and a pinch of satirical spice and puppetry, a cast of seven Lucky Pigeons will perform daring aerials and acrobatic feats in this soulful story.

"daring acrobatic feats in this fresh twist on contemporary circus." AUDIENCE MEMBER
www.brainfools.com

Sandford Orcas 21 August (7pm)
THE THREE INCH FOOLS
'Twelfth Night'

The Three Inch Fools are dusting down their instruments and hitting the road this summer with Shakespeare's riotous comedy, *Twelfth Night*. Prepare for an open-air evening of mischief and hilarity as five actors present an inventive take on this rip-roaring comedy, fit for all the family. Touring across the UK, this Shakespearean classic will be getting the full Three Inch Fools treatment: expect fast-paced drama, endless costume changes, and much music-making along the way! PICNICS AND LICENSED BAR FROM 6PM. *"One of the best Shakespeare plays I'll ever watch"* THE BRISTOL POST

www.threeinchfools.com





SUMMER PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME 2022

** Outdoor event. Bring warm, weatherproof clothing plus a chair/rug, and a torch for evenings. Assistance dogs only.
Please note that outdoor events tend to take place on the grass - contact box offices below to discuss any access needs.
Family tickets are available for many performances - please check the website for full details

DAY	DATE	TIME	SHOW	COMPANY	LOCATION	BOX OFFICE	TICKETS		Adult	U18s	WC	WC	WC
Fri	13 May	7:30pm	'Cupid's Revenge'	New Art Club	Swanage Mowlem Theatre	03336 663366	£12	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sat	14 May	7:30pm	'Cupid's Revenge'	New Art Club	Stur. Newton Exchange	01258 475137	£12	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fri	10 June	7:00pm	'Midsummer Night's Dream'	Festival Players	Halstock Hall Field**	01935 891744	£12	£8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sat	11 June	11:30am	'Whispering Willows'	Wassail Theatre	Springhead, Fontmell Magna**	01747 811853	£8	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sat	11 June	2:00pm	'Whispering Willows'	Wassail Theatre	Springhead, Fontmell Magna**	01747 811853	£8	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun	12 June	6:30pm	'Supermarket Love Story'	John Osborne	Gaggle of Geese, B. Newton	01300 345249	£5	--	--	--	--	--	--
Fri	17 June	7:30pm	'Great Expectations'	BOVTS	Lytchett Matravers Hall	07795 467666	£10	£8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun	26 June	7:30pm	'Carmen'	Regents Opera	Swanage Mowlem Theatre	03336 663366	£16	£8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thurs	30 June	7:30pm	'Vanity Fair'	BOVTS	Stur. Newton Exchange	01258 475137	£12	£8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fri	01 July	7:30pm	Old Baby Mackerel	Old Baby Mackerel	Winterborne Stickland Hall	01258 880920	£12	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fri	08 July	7:30pm	Old Baby Mackerel	Old Baby Mackerel	Marnhull Village Hall	01258 820458	£10	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thurs	28 July	2:30pm	'The Rascally Diner'	LASTheatre	Alderholt Hall Grounds**	07709 933652	£6	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fri	29 July	11:30am	'The Rascally Diner'	LASTheatre	Broadmayne First School**	07443 659912	£6	£5	--	--	--	--	--
Sun	07 Aug	6:30pm	'Supermarket Love Story'	John Osborne	Royal Oak, Drimpton	01308 867617	£5	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sat	13 Aug	6:00pm	'Lucky Pigeons'	Brainfools	Litton Cheney Hall Grounds**	01308 482514	£10	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun	14 Aug	2:00pm	'Lucky Pigeons'	Brainfools	Stalbridge Hall Grounds**	01963 362355	£10	£5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sun	21 Aug	7:00pm	'Twelfth Night'	Three Inch Fools	Higher Orchard, S. Orcas**	01963 220208	£16	£8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

FULL EVENT INFORMATION AND TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.ARTSREACH.CO.UK

Walk of the Dandelion

with Daniel and Luke Brown Dance
Saturday 17 - Sunday 18 September

This September join Luke Brown Dance for *Walk of the Dandelion*, a gentle and an uplifting journey along the North Dorset Trailway from Blandford to Sturminster Newton with larger than life puppet Daniel. Over the summer, Daniel will also encourage the making, receiving and passing on of handmade dandelions in a series of community workshops, stimulating mindfulness and encouraging a focus on resilience. Look out for more information about this community event coming soon on our website.



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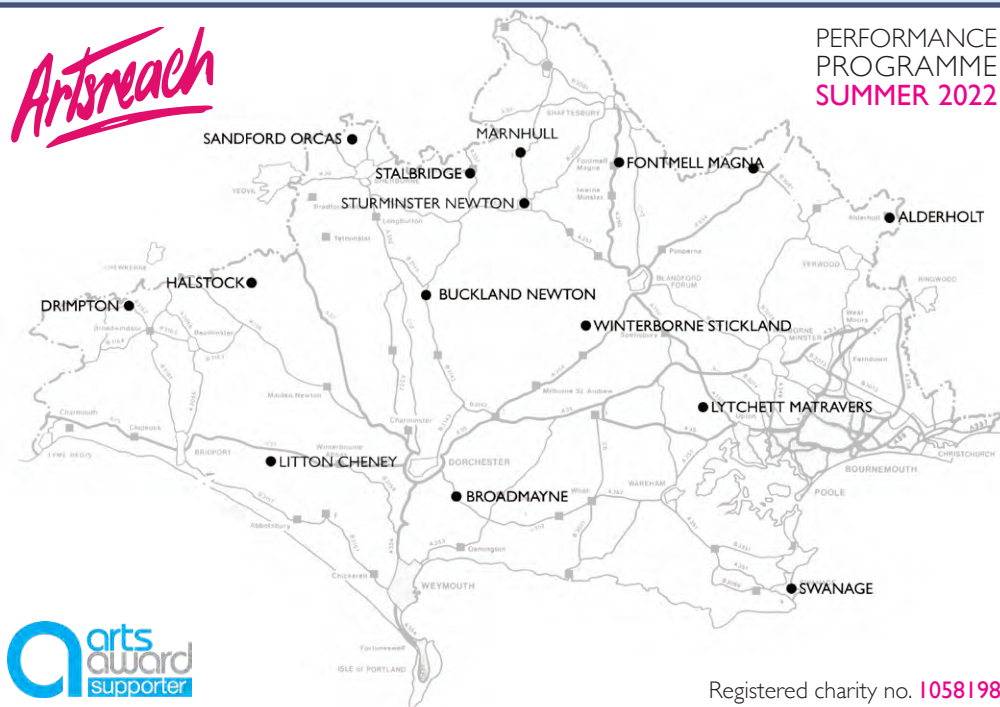
Creative Activities for Children

This summer we'll be celebrating the natural world with a series of creative workshops for children and young people. Designed to explore the landscape around us and raise awareness of sustainability, the programme will be packed with everything from arts and crafts to film making and more! Launching soon, sign up to receive information in the post:

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