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PERFORMANCE
programme
APR - SEPT 2023



Gillingham 19 April
PANTA REI DANSETEATER
'Make Me Dance'



Through movement, sound and spoken word, three dancers and a live DJ explore why they became performers in an exhilarating and immersive production which is fundamentally about the choices we make and the small, universal stories that shape us as human beings. Norwegian company Panta Rei has an international reputation for creating fast-paced, colourful and emotive dance theatre pieces.

www.pantareidanseteater.com

Cranborne 12 May
Studland 27 May
LIVING SPIT
'One Man & His Cow'



Farmer Trevor has a big problem. Given just months to live, he is faced with the dilemma of which one of his three children to bequeath his beloved farmstead to. Each has their own beguiling qualities and Trevor just can't choose between them. Then one fateful night in the cowshed, help arrives from the most unlikely of sources... This hilarious rural romp features a multitude of agricultural antics and farmyard frolics, all told with homespun charm and wit and entirely in rhyme and song. Suitable 10+

www.livingspit.co.uk

Blandford 19 May
Chetnole 20 May
AMADOU DIAGNE & CORY SEZNEC
'Touki - Right of Passage'

A chance encounter brought acclaimed West African multi-instrumentalist and composer Amadou Diagne, and Franco-American guitarist and songwriter Cory Sez nec, together. Drawing heavily on the traditional music and rhythms of West Africa their influences are many, rather than remaining in any one tradition. Expect the kora to dance playfully around banjo and guitar, whilst the calabash and other percussion add powerful, driving beats, overlaid with entrancing and silky vocals.

www.amadoudiagne.com



B. Newton 4 Jun
ROSA TORR

'Rattus Rattus: The Epic Tail of Man vs Rat'

It's New Year's Day and Rosa's dad has made a life-changing resolution. At the same time, a rat sneaks into the family home, and so begins an epic battle for control of the house. As the months pass, her father goes to ever more extravagant lengths to trap the rat, and Rosa starts to wonder whether it's the rat that he is chasing after all... *Rattus Rattus* is a funny real-life story about family, growing up, and the times we all find we've gone a little bit mad. Recommended 12+



INN CROWD

Drimpton 11 Jun
Swanage 12 Jun
CALLUM HUGHES
'Thirst'

Have you heard of the 27 club? In July 2018, two months before his 28th birthday, Callum Hughes nearly joined that club and was forced to discover who he is without looking through the bottom of a bottle. Intertwining storytelling and song, *Thirst* is both a love letter to sobriety and a celebration of all things alcoholic; exploring life, family, theatre, religion and most importantly the positivity of the pub and how creating a community under the roof of your nearest watering hole doesn't have to involve alcohol. Suitable 16+



INN CROWD

www.callumpatrickhughes.com

Halstock 1 July
BRAINFOOLS
'Lucky Pigeons'

A businessman struggles with the demands of city life and, after losing his job, takes his frustrations out on a group of pigeons. Karma 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, the Lucky Pigeons will perform daring aerials and acrobatic feats in this soulful story for all the family. Suitable 6+



www.brainfools.com

Lytchett Matravers 9 July
OPERA IN A BOX

'Don Giovanni'
Don Giovanni has a price on his head. His lustful path of heartbreak and estrangement continues as he faces his greatest challenge; seducing Donna Anna, daughter of the Commendatore, fleeing Donna Elvira, a previous conquest seeking retribution, and breaking up a wedding party - all within the space of a day! Combining comedy and tragedy, Mozart's Machiavellian feast follows womaniser Don Giovanni as he lusts his way towards a dramatic downfall. Sung in English, this exciting ensemble presents an exhilarating retelling of one of the greatest operas ever composed.



www.operainabox.com

Portesham 15 July
Langton Matravers 16 July



Leading Balkan band Paprika features Zivorad Nikolic (*She Koyokh*) on accordion, Vladimir Strkalj on guitar, Marko Tesic on violin and Rastko Rasic on percussion. Together the group fuses Eastern European, Balkan, Gypsy and Classical music in an electrifying performance of frenzied virtuosity where fiery melodies and foot-tapping rhythms are interspersed with lilting laments. Following the release of their album, *Wild, Wild East*, Paprika have performed all over the world, from New Zealand to Japan, including Womad and Glastonbury festivals and prestigious venues such as the Royal Albert Hall and the Sydney Opera House.

"A must see." CERY S MATTHEWS

www.paprikamusic.com

Stur Newton 26 Jul
BRENDA READ BROWN
'But I Haven't Finished Yet'

We are all growing older; and most of us don't like it! But since we can't do anything to change it, why not laugh?



Join acclaimed poet Brenda Read-Brown on a riotous celebration of growing older in a brand-new show to delight and entertain audiences, however advanced in life they may be! In her fantasies Brenda is an imprisoned pensioner who rescues fellow passengers from crashed aeroplanes. In reality she is a bit of a hoarder who likes Greek islands. On the journey you will take in rhubarb, (not) climbing Everest, suitcases, soft-closing kitchen drawers, squirrels, and comic injuries. And you'll find out why Brenda's final words will definitely be *'But I haven't finished yet'*. Suitable 14+

INN CROWD

www.brendareadbrown.co.uk

Sandford Orcas 15 August
THREE INCH FOOLS
'Robin Hood'



The Three Inch Fools are back with their calamitous take on the legendary folktale, *Robin Hood*. A hapless troupe of actors hit the road with a production which can only be described as disastrous. Beneath the Major Oak, an inept troupe of three actors gather to tell the story of Britain's best known folktale. The only problem is, no one can agree how the story ought to go! As each actor battles to tell their own version of the legendary tale, our hero Robin must use every string to his bow to bring his band of merry misfits together... The Three Inch Fools are an innovative touring theatre company acclaimed for staging bold and vibrant productions in a fast-paced, musically-driven style. Prepare for a riotous summer adventure fit for all the family!

www.threeinchfools.com

Winterborne Stickland 16 August

THE LAST BAGUETTE

'Pandora's Box Jar'



Ever wondered what's in the jar? The one on the top shelf? Why were you told not to look in it? Could it really be so bad? With a plethora of costume changes, a pantheon of Gods and a prohibited peek into a pithos, *The Last Baguette* lift the lid on this classic myth in a gallop through Greek mythology. Featuring goofy gods, hilarious heroines and daft deities, expect physical comedy, visual storytelling, live music, un-Apollo-getically bad puns and lo-fi special effects. This riotous and ridiculous retelling by Sunday Times award-winning playwright Tiff Woodsmith is for anyone aged 6 to 126 who's ever asked why.

* PRE-SHOW THEATRE WORKSHOP FOR KIDS. 4PM-5PM

www.thelastbaguette.com

Fontmell Magna 22 August
CALF 2 COW THEATRE
'The Jabberwocky & Other Nonsense'



Beware the Jabberwock! The jaws that bite, the claws that catch! Run for your life! Save yourself! The village of Pokeytin is under threat. Crops and cows disappear in the night. Mrs Dodos' washing has been pinched from the line and Mr Walrus can't find a single oyster! Who is to blame? Why, the Jabberwocky of course! But is this monster really as bad as those old locals make out? Calf 2 Cow present a hilarious adaptation of Lewis Carroll's famous poem. Expect multi-rolling, floor-stamping rock'n'roll and a giant dragon puppet breathing actual fire (we hope). Grab your Jubjub bird, and your best mad hat, and prepare yourself for the belly-laughing quest of a lifetime. This is the Jabberwocky as never seen before. Suitable 6+

www.calf2cow.co.uk

Portland 7 September
ELECTRIC PEDALS



'The Illusionist' ADAPTED BY SYLVAIN CHOMET

Take a turn in the saddle of one of 16 special bikes for a pedal-powered cinema screening in the stunning gardens of Pennsylvania Castle. *The Illusionist* is one of a dying breed of stage entertainers. With emerging rock stars stealing his thunder, he is forced to accept increasingly obscure assignments in fringe theatres, at garden parties and in bars and cafés. However, while performing in a pub off the west coast of Scotland, he encounters Alice, an innocent young girl who will change his life forever... Based on a screenplay by French comedy genius, Jacques Tati, comes Director Sylvain Chomet's cartoon adaptation of this magical tale of friendship and fatherly love.

www.b-side.org.uk





SUMMER PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME 2023

* Outdoor event - bring a chair/rug, plus a torch for evenings. Assistance dogs only please.
Please check the website for gates open times and for information about picnicking or food available on site.
Contact our community venues via the telephone numbers below to discuss any additional access needs.

DAY	DATE	TIME	SHOW	COMPANY	LOCATION	BOX OFFICE	TICKETS Adult U18s	♿	♿	♿
Wed	19 Apr	7:00pm	'Make Me Dance'	Panta Rei Danse	Gillingham School	01747 213203	£10 £6	✓	✓	✓
Fri	12 May	7:30pm	'One Man & His Cow'	Living Spit	Cranborne Village Hall	01725 517028	£12 £8	✓	✓	--
Fri	19 May	7:30pm	Touki - Right of Passage	Amadou & Cory	Blandford Parish Church	01258 480698	£12 £6	✓	✓	✓
Sat	20 May	7:30pm	Touki - Right of Passage	Amadou & Cory	Chetnole Village Hall	07966 177789	£12 £6	✓	✓	--
Sat	27 May	7:30pm	'One Man & His Cow'	Living Spit	Studland Village Hall	01929 450587	£12 £8	✓	✓	✓
Sun	04 Jun	6:30pm	'Rattus Rattus'	Rosa Torr	Gaggle of Geese, B. Newton	01300 345249	£5 --	✓	✓	--
Sun	11 Jun	6:30pm	'Thirst'	Callum Hughes	The Royal Oak, Drimpton	01308 867617	£5 --	--	--	--
Mon	12 Jun	8:00pm	'Thirst'	Callum Hughes	Swanage Mowlem Showbar	01929 422239	£5 --	✓	✓	--
Sat	01 Jul	7:00pm	'Lucky Pigeons'	Brainfools	Halstock Hall Field *	01935 891744	£10 £5	✓	✓	--
Sun	09 Jul	6:00pm	'Don Giovanni'	Opera in a Box	Lytchett Matravers Village Hall	07795 467666	£14 £8	✓	✓	✓
Sat	15 Jul	7:30pm	Paprika	Paprika	Portesham Village Hall	01305 871117	£10 £5	✓	✓	✓
Sun	16 Jul	7:30pm	Paprika	Paprika	Langton Matravers Village Hall	01929 423834	£10 £5	✓	✓	✓
Wed	26 Jul	8:00pm	'I Haven't Finished Yet'	Brenda Read Brown	Stur Newton Exchange Bar	01258 475137	£5 --	✓	✓	✓
Tues	15 Aug	7:00pm	'Robin Hood'	Three Inch Fools	Higher Orchard, S. Orcas *	01963 220208	£16 £8	✓	✓	--
Wed	16 Aug	6:00pm	'Pandora's Box Jar'	The Last Baguette	W'borne Stickland Sports Club*	01258 880920	£6 £5	✓	✓	--
Tues	22 Aug	7:00pm	'Jabberwocky'	Calf 2 Cow Theatre	Springhead, Fontmell Magna *	01747 811853	£14 £6	✓	✓	--
Thur	07 Sep	8:15pm	'The Illusionist'	Electric Pedals	Pennsylvania Castle, Portland *	01305 568044	various	✓	✓	--

Full Event Details and Tickets available online at: www.artsreach.co.uk (online booking fee applies)

Get Creative this Summer!

Workshops for Children and Young People

Children and young people across Dorset are invited to come along and take part in a series of fun, interactive, creative workshops this summer. As usual, there will be a huge variety of activities on offer, from arts and crafts, circus skills and drumming, to dance, film making and more! Launching soon, visit our website and sign up to receive a copy of the programme in the post:

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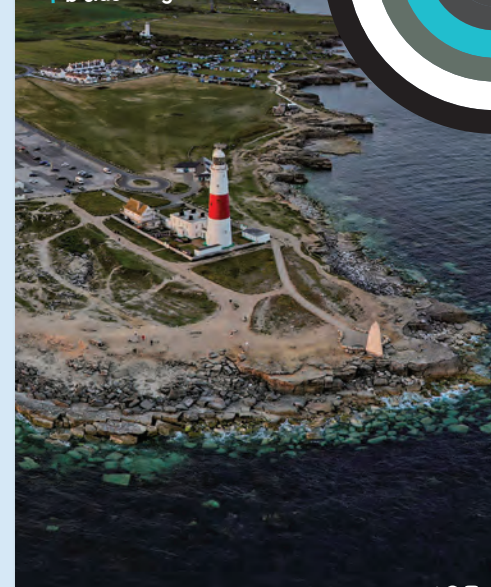
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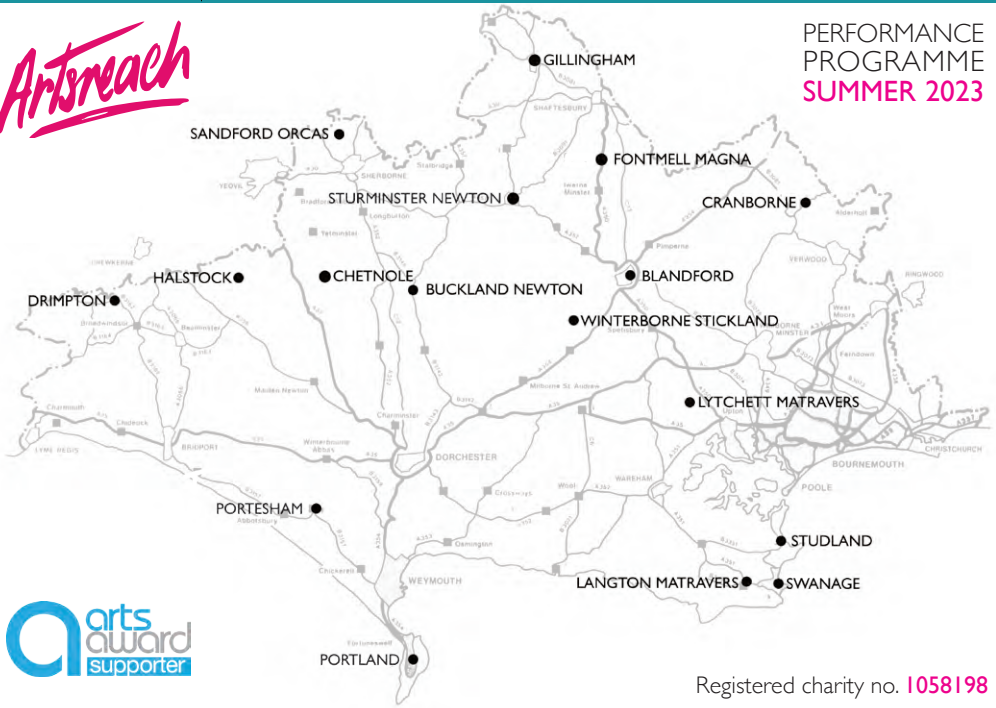


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