

PRESS RELEASE

New season children's theatre brings shows for babies to 11 year olds so there's plenty of fun as the weather gets colder!

Listings can be found at the end of this press release.

Whether you're introducing your baby to theatre for the first time or have an older child who loves great storytelling, there's something for everyone this season: laughter, interaction, fairy tales, dance and more!

Relax with your baby in Old Saw's **Duvet Day (6-18mths)** a sensory theatre production for babies – grab your pyjamas and snuggle up as your imagination takes you into the forest, under the sea and beyond.

Older kids will love Comedy Club 4 Kids, where comedians on the circuit do their thing for kids – like a comedy club, but without the rude bits! It's part of our **River Weekender (Fri 16 – Sun 18 Sept)** when there will be loads of activities for all the family: paint the Thames, build your own houseboat and dig in our giant sandpit!

Continuing our partnership with top dance festival Dance Umbrella we bring you the brand new show **TETRIS (6+)**, performed by Arch 8 Dancers. This awesome piece of dance theatre is based on the eponymous computer game of strategy and fun with four dancers working as a perfect unit, uniquely dependent on one another, their legs and arms twisted together in complex knots. Adults will love it as much as kids.

Talented Peut Etre Theatre joins us for the October Half Term with their beautiful interpretation of **The Tin Soldier (3+)**, using dance and toys. Enchanting and heart-warming, it's a must see for all the family and as it's part of Fairy tales and Fables Week, there will be lots of fun creative workshops to take part in too.

Early booking is advised if you want tickets for the fun and engaging stage adaptation of Janet and Allan Ahlberg's charming picture book **Burglar Bill (3+)** performed by Pied Piper Theatre. Puppets, song, dance and an exciting set will capture the spirit of this much-loved story.

Rekindle your child's love for books, reading and libraries with Monstro Theatre's new pioneering puppet musical **Bookstory (6+)**; Bringing to life the celebration of books.

At the end of the season we are delighted to see the return of Lyngo Theatre for an amazing Christmas show **Snow Play (3+)**; enter a winter wonderland in this slapstick comedy with non-stop entertainment from start to finish as we follow the adventures of Mr White and Mr Green. The perfect treat to get the whole family feeling festive!

With a large café, car park and playground in the park next door, Watermans makes a great afternoon out for all the family!

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CHILDREN'S EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday 10 Sept, 11am, 1.30pm & 3.30pm

Sun 11 Sept 10.30am, 12.30pm & 3pm

Duvet Day by Old Saw

Age: 6-18mths

Running time: 45mins plus 10mins snuggle time

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

A sensory theatre experience for babies. We're staying in bed ALL day. So put on your snuggliest pyjamas, grab your favourite toy, and crawl inside the blanket fort to play - it's Duvet Day! Full of fun puppets, interactive games and gentle storytelling, Duvet Day is an ideal introduction to the joys of theatre and group play. Snuggle up with your little one and let your imagination bring you to the cooling shade of the forest, experience life on a cloud and discover who lives under the sea.

Sunday 18 Sept, 3pm

Comedy Club 4 Kids by Makin Projects

Age: 6+ years

Running time: 60mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

The ever popular Comedy Club 4 Kids were a huge hit with audiences as part of the Shakespeare Weekender earlier this year. Watermans is delighted to have them back again as part of the River Weekender. Since 2005, the Comedy Club 4 Kids has been getting the best stand-ups and sketch acts from the international circuit to do their thing for an audience of children (aged 6+) and their families... but without the rude bits! It's just like a normal comedy club, but it's on during the day, kids are in the audience, and thus there is a higher than usual chance of heckles.

Sunday 25 Sept, 3pm

Molly's Marvellous Moustache by Fidget Theatre

Age: 3-7 years

Running time: 50 minutes

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

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Molly wants to be just like the grown-ups. So her Mummy makes her a moustache. With her moustache she can go anywhere and do anything she likes. She can launch an expedition to the heart of the jungle, blast off into space and create incredible inventions.

But being a grown up isn't all fun. What if Molly has to eat olives and spicy, spicy sauce? And what about having to go to work?

Molly's Marvellous Moustache is a new theatrical adaptation of the original storybook, written by Andrea Heaton and illustrated by Talya Baldwin

CHILDREN'S EVENTS OCTOBER 2016

Sunday 2 Oct, 2pm and 4pm

Princess & The Pea by Banyan Theatre presenting a Polka Theatre production

Age: 3-7 years

Running time: 45 mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

Once upon a stormy night, while the wind and the rain were howling outside, the Royals were all tucked up warm in bed. Suddenly there came a knock at the door and a very wet, very untidy girl was brought inside... This quirky and inventive adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's bedtime tale is played out among sheets and blankets with puppets, objects and dreamlike projections.

Sunday 9 Oct, 3pm

Bookstory by Monstro Theatre

Age: 6+ years

Running time: 60mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

All the books are happy in Brian's busy library. Thriller or Textbook, History or Romance – they all love to be borrowed. But one day Brian goes all quiet. And so does his library. Doesn't Brian care about his books anymore? The only book he's reading now is that funny, shiny-looking one that says it has four billion pages. Will they all be left on the shelf?

Dive into the real world of books in Monstro theatre's new pioneering puppet musical that tells the story of the story in the digital age, using puppetry and dynamic performance to bring to life this celebration of books, reading and libraries.

Sunday 16 Oct, 3pm

Tetris by Dance Umbrella presents Arch 8 Dancers

Age: Suitable 6+ years

Running time: 50mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

Choreographer Erik Kaiel's work is unorthodox, acrobatic and perfect for children (and grown-ups) who can't sit still. Inspired by playground games and the casual way that kids fling themselves about, these dancers tumble and contort, exploring the limits of their bodies.

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Tetris is a piece of dance theatre for children based on the eponymous computer game of strategy and fun. Four dancers work as a perfect unit, uniquely dependent on one another, their legs and arms twisted together in complex knots. To put it simply, it's awesome.

October Half Term

Sunday 23 Oct, 3pm

Penguinpig by Traum Theatre

Age: Suitable 3-8 years

Running time: 45 mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

Based on the best-selling picture book by Stuart Spendlow and illustrated by Amy Bradley.

Phoebe reads about an exciting creature called a Penguinpig on the Internet. Filled with delight and intrigue, she sneaks out of the house and sets off alone on an adventure to find the adorable creature leading her to the Zoo. But what will she find inside?

A cautionary tale told through puppetry, catchy songs and original music offering a fun-filled show that is educational and highly entertaining.

Tue 25 Oct, 11am

Wed 26 – Fri 28 Oct, 11am & 3pm

Sat 29 Oct, 2pm

The Tin Soldier by Peut Etre Theatre

Age: 3+ years

Running time: 50mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

This half term Watermans brings you Fairy tales & Fables with lots to do for children and their grown-ups including this must-see enchanting, fun and heart-warming production for all the family.

It's winter and a newly minted tin soldier stands on a single leg, having been the last one cast from an old tin spoon. Nearby, he spies a paper ballerina, also standing on one leg, and the soldier falls in love. But the course of true love cannot run smooth and the soldier falls into an adventure to test and melt the bravest of hearts.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday 6 Nov, 3pm

Rapunzel & the Temple of Doom by Theatre of Widdershins Theatre

Age: 4+ years

Running time: 50 mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

Watermans is delighted to see the return of Theatre of Widdershins with this popular show.

Tangles? Split Ends? Frizzy? Flyaway? It's hard enough having a bad hair day but pity poor Rapunzel spending her life in a tower with a wicked old witch using her captive's locks as a step ladder! This enchanting show

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promises plenty of volume and loads of highlights. Make an “appointment” to see it today – because you’re worth it!

Sunday 13 Nov, 3pm

The Tinderbox by Norwich Puppet Theatre

Age: 4+ years

Running time: 50 mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

Norwich Puppet Theatre breathes new life into Hans Christian Andersen’s tale of magic, bravery and love with puppetry, animation and music. A roguish soldier acquires a magic tinderbox which gives him the power to summon three extraordinary dogs to do his bidding. The soldier goes on a remarkable roller coaster adventure from rags to riches and back again! Will he survive and win the love of the beautiful princess? Also don’t forget to check out the other events around the Digital Weekender.

Sunday 20 November, 3pm

Gingerbread! by Hand to Mouth Theatre

Age: 4+ years

Running time: 45 mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

Martin is busy baking biscuits and cakes in the kitchen. As he mixes the sugars and spices to tell the story of The Gingerbread Man, he adds a sprinkling of songs and a generous helping of humour, and combines it all with his dextrous glove puppetry.

With the addition of five fruit and vegetables with minds of their own and an overflowing saucepan (Grimm’s Magic Pot story), Martin finds he has more to deal with than a hyperactive ginger biscuit!

Sunday 27 November, 3pm

Silver Moon by Cie Animotion

Age: 4-11 years

Running time: 50 mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

A seasonal and touching tale about the value of friendship and the power of the imagination. On a cold Christmas Eve two children meet, unexpectedly. Helda may be poor and lonely but her imagination is filled with her grandfather’s folk tales. Jurgen may be surrounded by beautifully wrapped presents but he needs a friend to make his everyday magical. But what will happen when the clock strikes midnight and the silver moon is high in the air.Contains live music, masked play, shadow puppetry and movement.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS DECEMBER 2016

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Sunday 4 December, 3pm

Burglar Bill by Pied Piper Theatre

Age: 3+ years

Running time: 50 mins

Tickets: £8 / £7 concessions

Description:

Who's that creeping down the street?

Who's that climbing up the wall?

Who's that coming through the window?

Who's that...It's Burglar Bill.

A fun and engaging stage adaptation of Janet and Allan Ahlberg's charming picture book BURGLAR BILL. Capturing the spirit of the book and with an exciting set featuring lots of windows to climb through, Burglar Bill and Burglar Betty tell this much loved story with the help of puppets, music, song and dance.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

Thu 8 – Thu 29 December, times vary

Snow Play by Lyngo Theatre

Age: 3+ years

Running time: 50 mins

Tickets: £10 / £9 concessions

Description:

What would you do if one year Winter decided to stay and moved into your house? You'd have icicles in the kitchen and snow all over your bed! Well that's what happens in our snowy spectacular show where you are guaranteed a white Christmas, no matter what the weather or the time of year! With plenty of non-stop entertainment, audience participation, snow and slapstick comedy, this is the perfect treat to get the whole family feeling festive.

WEEKLY WORKSHOPS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Wednesday Mornings Are Baby And Toddler Mornings!

Pandemonium led by Tamar Swade

Date: Every Wednesday, Term Time only (14 Sept – 7 Dec)

Time & Age range: 10:15am – 11:00am (0 – 24 months) / 11:15am – 12:00pm (2 – 4 years)

Tickets: £5 / £3 Concessions

A very popular musical workshop with plenty of fun and games, this is a brilliant way to bond and introduce music to your children. Pandemonium's mixture of sing-a-long fun is a great opportunity for big and small people alike to make new friends.

Parent & Baby Cinema

Date: Every Wednesday, 11.30am.

Tickets: £6.50 (£5.50 conc)

Screenings of the latest films for parents or carers with babies under one. The screenings are relaxed. There's a car park which is completely accessible for buggies, lots of buggy parking in the cinema foyer, and baby changing facilities. Plus a lovely big café where you can stay for cake, coffee and perhaps one of the delicious Indian wraps on offer!

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Watermans Youth Performers

Led by Danielle Mcilven

Date: Every Wednesday from 14 Sept – 30 Nov Term Time only

Time & Age range: 4.15pm – 6.15pm for 8-12 years & 6.15pm – 8.15pm for 13 – 18 years

Ticket Price for 11 weeks: £100 (1st week is free)

Description:

Come and be part of a brand new youth theatre company, to build theatre skills such as devising, script work, voice work, ensemble, physicality and new writing. For full details see Watermans website.

FAMILY CINEMA

Every Saturday Morning at 11.00am

Tickets: £5 whatever your age

Every Saturday morning. Half term and school holidays. Capture your favourite family films old and new, on the big screen. See website www.watermans.org.uk for detailed information.

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