

SUMMER 2018







Patron Simon Evans



Patron Amanda Redman MBE

Welcome to Brighton Open Air Theatre's 2018 Season

Our fourth action packed season in Dyke Road Park runs from Thursday 3rd May to Sunday 30th September. Between those dates we have 70 companies showcasing over 130 performances – our biggest season to date.

Featuring drama, comedy, cabaret, music, dance, family shows and picnics.

Thank you to everyone who has visited **Brighton Open Air Theatre (BOAT)** and reviewed it so warmly; we are thrilled to have been consistently awarded 5 stars on **Trip Advisor** and **Facebook** as well as featuring in **The Guardian**, **Tatler** and **Curtain Call**. For those of you new to BOAT we can't wait to welcome you in. Spending time with friends and family under the open sky is magical; our venue is designed to bring audiences and performers together to make that magic happen.

We are delighted to announce that our new Patron, actress **Amanda Redman MBE**, has joined comedian **Simon Evans** as an ambassador for our work. Amanda says:

"I have followed the story of BOAT from its very beginning and watched it grow into a popular, successful and truly democratic cultural space. I believe that theatre brings us together, and helps us celebrate our stories with the people we love. This is our mission; an open-air theatre for everyone, built in my home city of Brighton, a place that prides itself on diversity and welcomes all. I am proud to be a part of the next journey of the theatre that friendship built."

In this brochure you will find details of all our amazing shows, including the highly anticipated return of **Shakespeare's Globe** giving the audience a choice on-the-day of what play they'd like to see.

Lots of our favourite companies from previous years return with new titles including the family classic The Adventures of Robin Hood and Animal Farm. There's great live music from The Who, The Doors, The Beatles tributes, and the return of Richard Durrant. We have new comedies joining us including Dad's Army Radio Hour, family favourites like The Little Gardener and David Walliams' The Midnight Gang. Brand new to the theatre we welcome The Open Air Cinema showing the classic The Wizard of Oz and (only in Brighton) The Great Houndini; a special magic show for dogs!

Our charity event this year is a **Punks Picnic**, raising funds for Monday's Child UK.

Keep in touch as we move through the season by signing up to our newsletter on our website and follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter**, it's where you can find the latest show information.

We look forward to seeing you all this Summer.

The Brighton Open Air Theatre Team.

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SONGS FROM SYRIA

The Saleh Brothers and iyatraQuartet

Boundary-bending ivatraQuartet team up with two of the most outstanding members of the Orchestra of Syrian Musicians. Invited to the UK by Damon Albarn, the Saleh Brothers have since performed at WOMAD, Glastonbury and Cambridge Folk Festival.

A musical journey encompassing traditional songs and brand new musical collaborations.

'Beautiful... full of space and truth' Nigel Kennedy

Thurs 3 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Group 10+ £8



MEDEA Northbrook College

'It is a way to hurt my husband most'

Synthesis, a new and curious company from Northbrook Metropolitan College brings you a contemporary retelling of Euripides' Medea. Working with Director Denise Evans, we explore this great story of betrayal, love and terrible murder.

Recommended for 12+ Some Stage Violence. Book Directly with Northbrook Met www.brightonfringe.org

Fri 4 & Sat 5 May

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £8 | Conc £5



FROM ONE HEART TO ANOTHER The Theatre Shed and Brightonshed

The Theatre Shed and Brightonshed unite at BOAT. exploring end of life and organ donation in a unique and inspiring production. From One Heart to Another looks at the adventures a child goes on, and the lessons we remember from our childhood when we're really challenged to question how we see our life.

Recommended for 10+ (Content related to organ donation) Integrated and signed BSL and Touch Tour Available

Sun 6 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £8 | Conc £5 | Family £22 | Group 10+ £5



THE LIVES THEY LEFT BEHIND The Miskin Theatre

Racks of suitcases, labelled, and lavered in bird droppings. A secret history untouched for many years. The Miskin Theatre Company lifts the lid on the lives of forgotten patients of the Willard Hospital to share the emotional stories and poignant memories from The Lives They Left Behind.

Recommended for 12+ Adult Content Book Directly with The Miskin Theatre www.brightonfringe.org

Wed 9 May

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £7.50 | Conc £5











LA BOHÈME Heritage Opera

Heritage Opera returns with Puccini's best-loved opera. charting the love affair of Rodolfo and Mimi. Living the poor life in Paris is harsh, and they soon find that you need more than passion to survive. Opera doesn't get more romantic than this!

Sung in English, accompanied by piano.

'full of sincerity and atmosphere... a veritable triumph.' Seen and Heard Int.

Thurs 10 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £22 | Conc £20 | Family £60 | Group 10+ £18



GOING SOUTH

The musical, satirical, singing cabaret act! Brace yourselves for a very special event of musical frivolity, as this fabulous female duo unleash upon you their zany mix of comedy and stunning harmonies, all set to music we know and love.

Put simply, a class act, utterly lovable.

Recommended for 16+ Adult Humour

Fri 11 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Group 10+ £8



THE DOORS ON FIRE

Setting the night alight this summer, The Doors On Fire bring the spirit of the legend alive. Captivating audiences with Morrison's poetic lyrics, tightly interwoven with The Doors' unmistakable virtuosic organ melodies, gritty guitar riffs and hypnotic bass lines. Let it roll, baby roll!



TOTROCKINBEATS

An amazing three hour, outdoor, family-friendly old school Hip-Hop, Funk and Soul Bloc Party. Featuring top DJs from 1BTN FM, MCs, live graffiti by Dan Lish, B-Boys and Girls, outdoor crafts, kids games, licenced bar and more.

Book directly with Don't Believe The Hype. www.brightonfringe.org.

All humans over the age of 1 year will require a ticket. In association with child-friendly Brighton.

Sat 12 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Group 10+ £7

Sun 13 May

Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8



SPURIOUS

Bare-Faced Rep Company

Who are you? And where do you come from? **Spurious**, a new play by a young British playwright Alan Williams, explores these questions through the lens of three generations of Bristolian women. As society's morals evolve each woman no longer needs painful secrets, but does their new-found freedom help or hinder the choices they must still make?

Recommended for 14+ Adult Themes and Strong Language

Wed 16 May

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £7 | Conc £5



DAD'S ARMY RADIO HOUR

Seabright Productions

Based on the classic BBC sitcom by Jimmy Perry and David Croft.

Double Fringe First Award winner David Benson (star of Think No Evil Of Us: My Life with Kenneth Williams) and Jack Lane (Wisdom of a Fool) present a selection of classic radio episodes featuring favourite lines, cherished characters and great feats of vocal impersonation!

'The best-loved of all British comedies' Daily Telegraph

Thurs 17 May

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £15 | Conc £12 | Group 10+ £12

COLDSTREAM - CRITICAL THREAT

Printers Playhouse

It's 2017.

Operation 'Temperer' has put UK troops on UK streets.

With concert attacks and terrorists in white vans targeting civilians, there is a very new frontline.

Members of parliament need results.

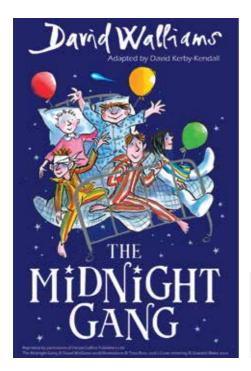
This hour-long play explores the military political agenda and its ramifications, in an emotional and tension-packed production.

Recommended for 14+ Adult Themes and Strong Language



Fri 18 May

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £10 | Conc £8



THE MIDNIGHT GANG

Heartbreak Productions

Drum roll, please... Heartbreak invites you to join us for the grand opening of The Lord Funt Hospital Playground. a spectacular new play area for the convalescent child.

Tom and his friends will be there too, but you may know them best as The Midnight Gang. When everyone else is sweetly sleeping, they gather in the middle of the night in the name of magic, mischief and memory making.

Join the gang on this crucial mission to overcome our greatest fears and uncover the magic ingredient to a fantastic friendship.

Heartbreak promise a daring outdoor adaptation of David Walliams' bestseller. Who knows where the night may

Recommended for 7+

Sat 19 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm & Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sun 20 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £14 | Conc £10 | Family £42 | Group 10+ £10

THE TEMPEST

The Lord Chamberlain's Men presented by Brighton Festival

A play of soaring poetry, high comedy and tender love. Shakespeare's late, great gem examines the power of true love, our capacity for vengeance and what it takes to forgive.

Performed by an all-male cast with glorious Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

Book directly with Brighton Festival: www.brightonfestival.org



Thurs 24 Friday 25 Sat 26 May

Doors 5.45pm Start 6.30pm

Fri 25 Sat 26 May

Doors 12.45pm Start 1.30pm Full £17.50 | Family £50





PUNKS PIGNIC Brighton Open Air Theatre

The 2018 BOAT Charity Event is going to be a riot!

Join legendary DJ Gremlin for a Punks Picnic with all money raised going to Mondays Child UK.

Ripping it up in the heart of Dyke Road Park will be local ska punk megastars The Hotknives, Brighton's trashiest rockabilly/garage band The Hillmans, plus very special quests The Ramonas, the UK's all-female tribute to the iconic New York punk rock band Ramones.

So whether you're 6 or 60 let your hair down or spike it up, and mosh, wreck and pogo the afternoon away at this incredible BOAT rockin' special event.

Sun 27 May Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Family £32 | Group 10+ £7.50

THE ADVENTURES OF **ROBIN HOOD**

JW Productions

Prepare yourself for a thrilling adventure as Robin Hood and his merry band whisk you to Sherwood Forest to rise up and fight against the wicked, tax-collecting Sheriff of Nottingham. Directed by James Weisz (Wind in the Willows & Treasure Island) this show is a perfect halfterm holiday treat for the whole family.

Expect boo-able villains, thigh-slapping songs, highspirited action and daring escapades!

From the creative team behind The Amazing Adventures of Pinocchio, The Jungle Book and Peter Pan.

'Outstanding, what family theatre should be' Fringe Review

Weds 30 Thurs 31 May, Fri 1 Sat 2 June Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Thurs 31 May, Fri 1 Sat 2 Sun 3 June Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £40 | Group 10+ £8





THE WINTER'S TALE

The Festival Players

Sparked by an obsessive envy of a perceived relationship between his Queen and his oldest friend: Leontes. King of Sicilia, sets in motion a train of events which affect two kingdoms and two generations. Jealousy and joy, revenge and romance, loss and discovery, remorse and revelry, all climaxing with an amazing revelation.

Tremendous entertainment from one of the UK's premier professional all-male companies.

Wed 6 June

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £14 | Conc £12 | Group 10+ £12



RFTH

Sealight Theatre (Worthing College)

Beth - The Scottish play... another way!

Imagine a world of female warriors, fighting for status and power, becoming ever more brutal and slowly losing their minds. 10' tall witches, puppetry, fast-paced physical theatre and gender-blind casting combine in this thrilling and unpredictable adaptation of Shakespeare's **Macbeth**.

Book directly with Worthing College

Thurs 7 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £8 | Conc £5



ONCE AND FUTURE: THE GRAIL TALES

Poets Vs MCs

The land is sick. Our stories will serve us. A round table of poets, rappers, storytellers and musicians invoke the search for the grail. Abandofbrothers and RISE, supporting people through difficult times, tell their tales, sing their songs of their iournevs through the troubled lands in search of....

May contain strong language

Fri 8 June

Doors 6pm Start 7pm Full £7 | Conc £5 | Family £20



THE TOTAL WHO SHOW

Johnny Warman's Magic Bus Band

Love The Who? Then get ready for two hours of all the hits including: Won't Get Fooled Again, My Generation, Pinball Wizard, Amazing Journey, Sparks, Who Are You, Substitute and more, more, more!

Performed by Johnny Warman's Magic Bus, featuring musicians who have performed with Roger Daltrey. Pete Townsend and John Entwistle from The Who.

Sat 9 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £15 | Conc £12



SIMON EVANS POTTED PREVIEWS 1 & 2

Simon Evans

Building on the success of last year's Potted Previews, BOAT Patron and Hove comedy legend* Simon Evans will be joined by two of the UK's hottest stand-up comedy talents, all previewing their 2018 Edinburgh Festival offerings.

Guests and host alike will be trimming the hour-long fat to present just the leanest prime cuts, serving up 40 minutes each of succulent comedy goodness (vegan option available).

See them first before they face the sceptical Scots.

Please check the BOAT website for final line-up.

*Not an actual legend

Recommended for 14+ Adult humour and strong language

Sun 10 & Sun 17 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Group 10 + £7

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM This is My Theatre

'I have had a most rare vision. I have had a dream, past the wit of man to say what dream it was.'

The woods outside Athens are truly bustling on this night!

Runaway lovers, mischievous fairies, their feuding king and gueen and the rehearsals of a band of amateur actors make this one of Shakespeare's most loved plays. Join us as we take a journey into this magical world on Midsummer's night.

Wed 13 Thurs 14 Fri 15 Sat 16 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 16 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £40 | Group 10+ £10





THE LITTLE GARDENER

How It Ended

An outdoor, interactive adventure for all little gardeners based on the book by Emily Hughes.

Performed inside a greenhouse, containing a real-life garden, How It Ended tell the story of a little gardener and the garden that meant everything to him. He worked hard, very hard, but he was just too little to make a difference (or at least he felt he was). Will you help the little gardener bring his garden to life?

This spellbinding show will melt your heart and get your hands dirty too!

'Kids dig this greenhouse puppet show! It's a gorgeous and cheering sight' The Guardian

Recommended 2+

Mon 18 & Tue 19 June

Doors 10.30am | 1pm | 4pm Start 11am | 2pm | 5pm Full £10 | Concession £8 | Family £32 | Group 10+ £8



THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

Chapterhouse Theatre

Deep in the beautiful Northumbrian countryside a terrifying mystery and a legendary nemesis await the arrival of the world's greatest detective. When the wife of Doctor Watson suddenly disappears, a desperate quest to find her begins. Sherlock Holmes comes face to face with his greatest fear at the hands of his mortal enemy in this stunning new tale of romance and suspense.

Wed 20 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16 | Conc £10 | Family £46 | Group 10+ £10



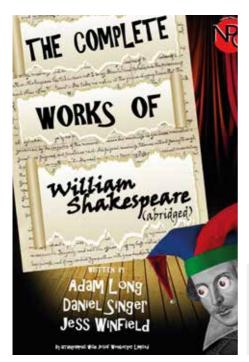
STRINGHENGE

Richard Durrant

Celebrate the Solstice with virtuoso guitarist and composer Richard Durrant, arriving home to Brighton having cycled from The Isle of Orkney to launch his new album **Stringhenge**. Richard will be playing music inspired by the British Landscape on his guitar crafted from a 5000 year old English Oak, and his four string Uffington tenor guitar. Expect British Folk, JS Bach, Purcell, and of course plenty of Durrant originals.

Thurs 21 June

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £16 | Conc £14 | Family £42



THE COMPLETE WORKS OF **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** (ABRIDGED)

The National Production Company

This critically acclaimed play by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield is an irreverent, fast-paced romp through the Bard's 37 plays. Join these madcap performers in tights as they weave their way through all of Shakespeare's Comedies, Histories and Tragedies in one wild ride that will leave you breathless and helpless with laughter.

May the Bard be with you!

Recommended for 14+ Adult humour and strong language

Fri 22 & Sat 23 June

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm

Sat 23 & Sun 24 Jun

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £15 | Conc £12 | Group 10 + £10

THE COMEDY OF FRRORS

Brighton Shakespeare Company

Shakespeare meets A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum.

Following last summer's rapturously received A Midsummer Night's Dream, the Brighton Shakespeare Company return with a madcap and bonkers production of this classic farce.

'Am I in earth, in heaven, or in hell?'

Directed by BSC and Treason Show Artistic Director, Brighton Fringe Award winner Mark Brailsford.

Wed 27 Thurs 28 Fri 29 Sat 30 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £12 | Conc. £10 | Family £35 | Group 10+ £8 each

Sat 30 June & Sun 1 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £15 | Conc £13 | Family £50 | Group 10+ £12





THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

Quantum Theatre

'You've got to fight him sometime or other you know, 'cos he's St George and you're the dragon....'

But this particular dragon is not a bit like the ones in fairy tales - this one writes poetry and doesn't like fighting! Can the boy come up with a clever plan to save his dragon friend and convince the townsfolk to accept him?

Quantum Theatre's enchanting adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's touching, sweet and funny tale of bravery and friendship.

Recommended for 3+

Wed 4 July

Doors 10.30am | Start 11am & Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Family £35 | Group 10+ £6



WAITING FOR SHAKESPEARE Petersfield Shakespeare Festival

Shakespeare's Lost Women and Shakespeare's Lost **Soldier** performed by Harriet Benson. An evening of two plays with unparalleled imaginative range. Directed by Jake Smith (nominated for 'Offies' Best Director). 'Harriet Benson brings all her West End and Shakespearian experience in an all encompassing performance.' The Petersfield Post

Recommended 12+

Thurs 5 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £14 | Conc £12 | Group 10+ £10



THE MINISTRY OF BISCUITS The Foundry Group

Stop! Think before you eat that biscuit! Is it in anyway fancy? If so, then you are a criminal! The Ministry of Biscuits casts its sinister shadow over the land, until a junior designer creates a biscuit to 'shake confectionary to its foundations. The hit satrical musical, written by Philip Reeve and Brian Mitchell, featuring David Mounfield.

'Absolutely hilarious - satire at its best' Edinburgh **Evening News**

Fri 6 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Family £30 | Group 10+ £7



521 AD / NOTHING Windmill Young Actors

521 AD: A dynamic ensemble of young actors gather to compete in a storytelling competition putting conflicts aside to win the rights of Kingship. Recommended 5+

Nothing: If someone declares that life had no meaning, how do you convince them it does? The stakes are raised dangerously high when classmates persuade their friends that things are worth caring about. Recommended 12+

Book directly with Windmill Young Actors

Sat 7 July

521 AD - Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Nothing - Doors 7pm | Start 8pm



STEPHEN FROST'S IMPRO **ALL-STARS** With Simon Evans

Featuring Stephen Frost (Whose Line is it Anyway) Andy Smart (Comedy Store Players) with Steve Steen and Ruth Bratt (**Showstoppers**). Fresh from a sell-out run in New York. Making people laugh all over the world with their own brand of irreverent improvised comedy. Fast, funny and furious.

'Top notch improvised comic alchemy' The Herald Recommended for 14+ Adult humour and strong language

Sun 8 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Group 10 + £10





Romeo And Juliet, 2015 © Brighton Festival

THE GLOBE PLAYERS ON TOUR

Shakespeare's Globe

The Merchant of Venice, The Taming of the Shrew & Twelfth Night

How did a company tour in Shakespeare's day? A small group of actors, juggling a variety of roles in three or four plays, would leave London and head off on tour. The choice of play or entertainment was left to the most powerful person of the household.

Following in Shakespeare's tradition, a company of 8 actors will offer a choice of three plays to vote from: The Merchant of Venice, The Taming of the Shrew and Twelfth Night.

Moments before they are set to begin— and with thrilling unpredictability – the choice will be put back into the hands of the most powerful members of the house: the audience.

'Thy frank election make' (All's Well That Ends Well, Act 2 Scene 3)

Director – Brendan O'Hea Designer – Andrew D Edwards Composer – Bill Barclay Choreographer – Siân Williams

Wed 11 Thurs 12 Fri 13 Sat 14 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Thurs 12 & Sat 14 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £17.50 | Conc £12.50 | Family £45 | Group 10+ £10



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DECADANCE

Seven Dials Collective

The team behind last year's sell out performances Golden Years and Dearly Departed bring you Decadance, celebrating everything 80's! Dust off your neon spandex. shoulder pads and big up your hair. Come and party to your favourite tunes. Expect Soft Cell. The Police. The Cure, The Jam, Billy Joel, Culture Club, Madness, David Bowie. Wham! and many more...

Please email song requests to: brightonbeachboys@mail.com

Sun 15 July Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Family £25



SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

Brighton Little Theatre

The penniless Dashwood girls are forced to leave the comforts of a grand home and relocate to a chilly cottage in Devonshire.

Sensible Elinor pines silently for the quiet and kindhearted Edward Ferrars.

Impulsive and romantic Marianne loses herself in the idea of a hero on horseback. Margaret just wants to be free to follow her own path...

Jessica Swales' new adaptation of the dearly loved Austen classic brings the challenges and delights of the Dashwoods to life.

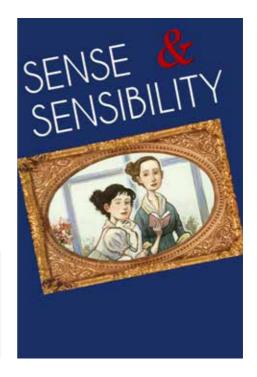
Recommended 7+

Wed 18 Thurs 19 Fri 20 Sat 21 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 21 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35 | Group 10+ £9





THE GREAT HOUNDINI

The Great Houndini presents: Tricks and Treats

Witness the impawssible at Brighton's first ever DOG-FRIENDLY magic show!

Featuring doggy mind-reading, illusions and mindbeagling sleight of hound from some of the UK's top magicians - plus our audience's four-legged friends.

An unfurrgettable afternoon for all the family.

The organisers take no responsibility for any disappearing picnics.

Dogs are welcome; all dogs and humans require a ticket.

Sun 22 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £7.50 | Conc £5 | Dogs £1

FRANKENSTEIN SISATA

Angel rising...

Slowly, painfully, out of the fusion of rabid light and impenetrable darkness, Angel emerges, alien and alienated. Witness the civilian response to the untamed violence of Angel, the disaffected outlander, whose elemental presence is like a force of nature.

Embracing the themes of the human ideal of perfection, psychosexual identity and the politics of gender and transgenderism, this innovative contemporary reworking of Frankenstein is a collaboration between Brighton based SISATA and OFFIE-nominated, BAFTA awardwinning playwright, John Foster.

Created in partnership with the Lighthouse, Poole. Supported by Arts Council England

Recommended 12+ Mild Stage Violence

Weds 25 Thurs 26 Fri 27 Sat 28 July Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 28 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Group 10+ £8







THE LOST SEASIDE VARIETY SHOW

We Love the Big Blue Shed

Lost at sea and brought to BOAT by the winds of change, Captain Cresswell gathers his shipwrecked crew of international circus and cabaret performers to bring you a glorious seaside special variety show.

From the crew behind Lost in Transit (Speigletent) comes an unforgettable show for all ages.

Sun 29 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12.50 | Conc. £10 | Group 10+ £10 each

SWALLOWS AND AMAZONS JW Productions

A story set in an idvllic era, a time of endless summer evenings and the beauty of youthful imagination.

Follow Captain Jack and his able crew as they set sail for Wildcat Island on an adventure of a lifetime.

The creative team behind The Wind in the Willows bring you a perfect summer show for the whole family, with dastardly pirates, savages and the villainous Captain Flint.

Adapted by Helen Edmundson

Songs by Neil Hannon, The Divine Comedy

'Full of wild adventure' The Guardian

Wed 1 Thurs 2 Fri 3 Sat 5 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Thurs 2 Fri 3 Sat 4 Sun 4 August

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £40 | Group 10+ £8





ANIMAL FARM

Brighton Little Theatre

Manor Farm lies in the heart of the English Countryside. After a boar named Old Major tells the other animals of his vision for a Utopian farm, they revolt against their owner and create a new society in which 'All Animals are Equal'.

The Pigs are first to take charge, but as each of them vies for power, the society corrupts into a dark and brutal existence, in which 'Some Animals are More Equal then Others'

Recommended 7+ Mild Stage Violence

Wed 8 Thurs 9 Fri 10 Sat 11 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 11 August

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35 | Group 10+ £9



SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH JAZZ

Charlotte Glasson

Charlotte Glasson curates a celebratory Jazz spectacular featuring the cream of the local scene.

The afternoon kicks off with the Sussex Jazz Orchestra, a 20+ piece Big Band led by ace trombonist Mark Bassey. Followed by award-winning multi-instrumentalist Charlotte Glasson's solo set, climaxing with the exciting and delightful Paul Richards Trio exploring unexpected arrangements fusing Latin, Classical, Jazz and Samba.

Sun 12 August

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Entrance by Donation at the Gate.



MEASURE FOR MEASURE

Changeling Theatre

'Some Rise By Sin, And Some by Virtue Fall'

Changeling Theatre's production is inspired by the Moulin Rouge with more than a hint of the Burlesque. This bawdy and witty Shakespearean comedy has a storyline full of twists and turns as sin meets virtue and good battles against evil.

Recommended 10+

Tues 14 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16 | Conc £10 | Family £46 | Group 10+ £10



BLITHE SPIRIT Changeling Theatre

One of Noel Coward's most enduring comedies; meet celebrated novelist Charles Condomine as he invites eccentric Madame Arcati to hold a séance at his house. Enter the alluring Elvira, Charles' first wife, who delights in taunting her husband and mocking his marriage to new wife Ruth.

'It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit.'

Wed 15 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16 | Conc £10 | Family £46 | Group 10+ £10



THE THREE MUSKETEERS **IK Productions**

Following their terrific Three Men in a Boat last summer, IKP apply their unique brand to another classic novel.

Expect swashbuckling, sword-fights and subterfuge in this fast and funny adaptation of the French favourite -Alexandre Dumas' The Three Musketeers.

Thurs 16 & Fri 17 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £40 | Group 10+ £10







LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST

Folksy Theatre

The King of Navarre and his lords have sworn off food, women and sleep for three years. But how will the King and his lords resolve hold up when the Princess of France and her ladies-in-waiting arrive?

This wonderful Shakespeare comedy is filled with Folksy's touch of live music, audience interaction and downright silliness.

Sat 18 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £13.50 | Conc £10 | Family £38 | Group 10+ £9



LITTLE WOMEN

Chapterhouse Theatre

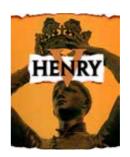
'I want to do something splendid... something heroic or wonderful that won't be forgotten.' Louise May Alcott

2018 marks 100 years since the first women were granted the vote in the UK. In this significant year for gender equality and women's rights, celebrate with Chapterhouse who are putting women centre stage with this exciting new production of Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth's captivating story.

Recommended Age 14+

Tue 21 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16 | Conc £10 | Family £46 | Group 10+ £10



HENRY V

Young Actors Group

Following their critically acclaimed (4 Stars. The Argus) production of Richard III, last summer, YAG return with another romp through Shakespeare's history. Put together in just a week of rehearsals, this hour-long vouth production promises silliness. Shakespeare and some sumptuous new writing.

Book Directly with The Young Actors: tickets@theyoungactorsgroup.com

Sun 19 August

Doors 2pm | Start 3pm Full £5



TREASURE ISLAND

Boxtree Productions

When Jim Hawkins discovers a treasure map it hurtles him across the world to Treasure Island. Will Jim find the Treasure? Will he make it back to England? Should Jim trust the mysterious cook, Long John Silver?

With inventive staging, original songs and magical storytelling, enjoy this classic tale of adventure, treasure and of course rum! Recommended 5+ Mild Stage Peril

Wed 22nd August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £14 | Conc £9 | Family £36



THE TEMPEST

Oddsocks

Shakespeare's tale of illusion and revenge is brought vividly to life in Oddsock's new musical Sci-Fi adaptation.

Experience a **Tempest** that's out of this world from the outrageous company that brought you the 'brilliant and bonkers' Romeo and Juliet and 'downright funny' Macbeth.

Prepare for launch, get your space suits on and take one small step for man, one giant leap for Shakespeare!

Recommended 7+

Thurs 23 August Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £15 Conc £13 Family £48 Group 10+ £13

ROMEO AND JULIET Oddsocks

Oddsocks breathe new life into Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet by giving it a musical Mods and Rockers twist.

Oddsocks return after their phenomenally successful first year that saw the show featured in The Guardian Readers Favourite Theatre of 2017. Will The Power of Love bring an end to the families' violent feud?

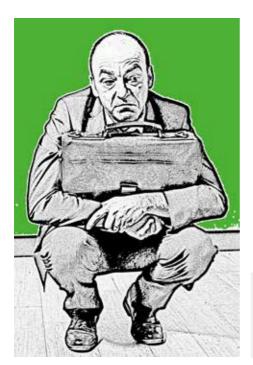
Best come and see for yourself...

Recommended 7+

Fri 24 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £15 | Conc £13 | Family £48 | Group 10+ £13





THE CHEESEBOARD PREDICAMENT

Halcyon Productions

An absurd black comedy for our times exploring austerity, friendship and what happens when the gin runs dry.

Featuring live music and an exceptional cast; Sally Best, Sian Hutchinson, Jamie Martin and Jonathan Rice.

The Cheeseboard Predicament contains no cheese.

Written by Tom Akehurst

Directed by Nicola Haydn

Original Score by Fiddes Smith

Recommended 12+ Adult themes

Sat 25 August

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sun 26 & Mon 27 August

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £14 | Conc £10 | Group 10+ £10

THE GRUGIBLE Identity Theatre Company

Written in the white heat of the McCarthy Communist purges of the 1950's, and based on the real life persecution during the Salem witch trials of the 1600's, **The Crucible**, Arthur Miller's chilling and compelling play is about lust, lies, jealousy and politics. In an era of 'fake news', unfounded accusations, disinformation and media manipulation resonate strongly.

Following in the footsteps of last year's **Blue Remembered Hills**, Identity Theatre promise a physical, site specific re-telling of this powerful tale with beautifully drawn characters displaying the heights of nobility and depths of duplicity.

Recommended 8+ Mild Stage Violence

Wed 29 Thurs 30 Fri 31 August Sat 1 September

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Group 10+ £8





THE RAILWAY CHILDREN **Heartbreak Productions**

Attention passengers! We are sorry to announce that all services out of Gigglesworth Station are delayed!

Gather around Bobbie, Peter and Phyliss on Platform 1, as they pass the time sharing the classic tale of Edith Nesbit's The Railway Children.

Recommended Age 14+

Sun 2 September

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £14 | Conc £10 | Family £42 | Group 10+ £10



Handmade Theatre

Too Many Cooks is a sizzingly sumptuous show, iam packed with tasty tunes, popping puppets and a lot of silly sausages!

Exploring the boom in food-inspired TV shows, festivals and artisan culture in a fun and interactive way, this promises to be no ordinary theatre show. A culinary delight to get your taste buds going!

Suitable for Children and their families aged 2-100

Recommended 2+

Fri 7 & Sat 8 September

Doors 10.30am | Start 11am & Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £8 | Conc £6 | Family £25 | Group 10+ £6



THE PRINCESS AND THE GIANT Folksy Theatre

Princess Sophie is EXHAUSTED! It's all because the grumpy old giant can't sleep - he stomps and stamps and keeps everyone awake ALL night. But Princess Sophie might just have the answer.

Based on the book by Caryl Hart, illustrated by Sarah Warburton and filled with music, puppetry and wonderful characters.

Recommended 2+

Wed 5 September

Doors 10.30am | Start 11am & Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £8 | Family £35







CAVERN TO IMAGINE

The Vox Beatles

The Vox Beatles are one of the UK's leading Beatles Tribute bands. Playing with passion, enthusiasm and superb musicianship that encapsulates their famous counterparts, they use authentic Vox amplification and guitars to emulate the Beatles sound. Expect a set bursting with early days Cavern Club, Beatlemania, Sgt Pepper / Magical Mystery Tour, The White Album and Rooftop eras.

Sun 9 September Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £30 | Group 10+ £10



A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Dot Productions

Lady Hunstanton's house party is in full swing when Gerald Arbuthnot is announced as secretary to the witty Lord Illingworth. However, once Gerald's mother makes an appearance, suddenly his future is uncertain...

Comic melodrama and social scandal bubble away in this classic Oscar Wilde satire. Presented in DOT Productions' renowned style, this dramatic comedy is guaranteed to delight.

Wed 12 September

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £15 | Conc £12 | Group 10+ £12



HANGOCK AND GO. Hurn Davey Productions

One man, many voices; celebrating over 60 years of Hancock's Half Hour. James Hurn performs one lost episode of Hancock's Half Hour and two episodes he has written in the style of Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. James voices the entire cast along with iconic 20th Century British favourites; Tony Hancock, Sidney James, Hattie Jacquesand Kenneth Williams. 'Utterly masterful and quite superb.' Jon Culshaw

Sat 15 September

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £14 | Conc £12 | Group 10+ £12



THE ALTER EAGLES

Swap Hove for LA for the afternoon when **The Alter Eagles** return with their authentic, two hour tribute to one of the finest classic rock bands of all times.

Enjoy all your Eagles favourites; Hotel California, Take it Easy, Desperado, New Kid in Town, One of these Nights and Take it to the Limit, with soaring harmonies and duelling lead guitars.

Sun 16 September

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Family £20



CRY. BLUEBERRY Richard Canal

1932: The Great Depression.

A vaudevillian clown wrestles with sex addiction and a haunted past. A poetic, magical-realist solo play about honesty, courage, hope and redemption.

Praised with four stars as 'a brutally honest and sincere confession, and a profound and memorable performance.'

Recommended 14+ Strong Language and Adult Themes

Wed 19 & Thurs 20 September

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £10 | Conc £8



AS YOU LIKE IT

The Pantaloons

'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players'

Welcome to the Forest of Arden, a world of clowns. lovers, runaways and rebels. The critically acclaimed Pantaloons present their innovative and hilarious open-air version of Shakespeare's timeless comedy, with footstomping live music and their own inimitable brand of buffoonery.

Fri 21 September

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £13.50 | Conc £10 | Family £37 | Group 10+£10



FAGIN? Kick in the Head

Who was Fagin?

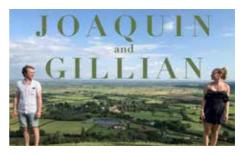
Was he based on a real-life character? Join Fagin on his final night in prison before being hanged. As madness envelops him he is visited by some old acquaintances. Think you know Fagin? Think again.

Written by acclaimed director and playwright Simon Downing. (Old Herbaceous and My Dog's Got No Nose)

Recommended Age 14 + Adult Themes

Sat 22 September

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £14 | Conc £12



JOAQUIN & GILLIAN Strike Drum Productions

Andrew Armfield & Fiona McGarvery improvise folk songs and tales of old, right in front of your folk-loving eyes. Watch in disbelief and delight as they create catchy tunes on the spot based on your suggestions.

'The best musical improv hour you've never heard of... absolutely you must go' A Pint and a Play

Sun 23 September

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Group 10+ £8











SKINNER AND TWITCH

Skinner & T'Witch are a Leeds based duo performing brilliant, highly original folk, infused with flamenco and theatre style songs featuring driving rhythms, intense harmonies and inspiring lyrics.

'Excellent original songs and great voices' BBC Radio Kent

Thurs 27 September Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £10 | Conc. £8



THE WIZARD OF OZ The Open Air Cinema

The Open Air Cinema meets Brighton's Open Air Theatre somewhere over the rainbow for one night only!

We invite you to dress up and sing-a-long to this classic joy of a film. Follow the yellow-brick road for best costume prizes, and a free serving of popcorn for all.

Book directly with The Open Air Cinema: www.theopenaircinema.com

Sat 29 September

Doors 5pm | Start 7pm Full £10 | On the Door £15



ALGORITHMS IN THE AIR

Mathematical Promotions

Mathematical Promotions launch their popular rock night **Algorithms** from Brighton's dark basement venues into the great outdoors.

Five extremely talented local bands play live into the night accompanied by a stunning digital visual display.

Please check Facebook event for line up announcements.

Fri 28 September Doors 4.30pm | Start 5pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Group 10+ £7



BRIGHTON BEACH BOYS END OF SUMMER PARTY

Returning to BOAT for the fourth year running, bringing us the sunshine sounds of California. This annual season topping show features the hits of The Beach Boys from **Surfin' Safari** to **God Only Knows**; this is a show packed with **Good Vibrations**.

Come and celebrate the last days of summer with this fantastic family-friendly musical party.

'Amazing tribute' The Guardian

Sun 30 September

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £10 | Conc £8 | Family £25

THE BOAT STORY

BOAT is the vision of Brighton playwright, showman and construction manager, Adrian Bunting, who died from pancreatic cancer in May 2013, aged 47. In his final days Adrian threw his efforts into realising a long held ambition; the creation of a permanent open-air theatre for the city he loved. BOAT was launched by Adrian's Mother, Isobelle Bunting, on the 9th May 2015, almost two years to the day after Adrian passed away.

Now in it's fourth year and a well-established part of Brighton and Hove's cultural landscape, we are looking forwad to our biggest season ever. BOAT is a registered charity. We rely on ticket sales, private donations, and sponsorship.



Adrian Bunting 1966-2013

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All donations are gratefully received.

BOAT is run by volunteers, from trustees to stewards - if you are interested in being part of the crew, or would like information about sponsorship in any shape or form please drop us a line hello@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk

"Life is all about having dreams and following them" Adrian Bunting

PLAN YOUR VISIT

TICKETS and BOOKING

ONLINE: www.brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk

PHONE: 0333 666 3366

(handling charge + booking fee applies)

IN PERSON: If a show is not sold out tickets are available at the gate from the time of doors open. Please note we can only take cash. Nearest cash point is at Tesco Metro.

GROUPS: To discuss specific requirements please email hello@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk

CONCESSIONS:

- Over 60s Under 16s Unemployed
- · Students with an NUS card
- · People with a disability

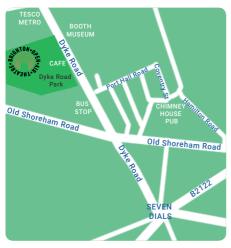
FIND US

Dyke Road Park, Dyke Road, Brighton, BN3 6EH 500m walk from Seven Dials roundabout, opposite the Booth Museum.

BY BUS: The 27 and 77 buses.

BY BIKE: Cycle rack available inside the venue.

PARKING: Pay parking bays are on Dyke Road.



ACCESS INFORMATION:

BOAT is a relaxed venue, awarded the Bronze Access Award from Attitude is Everything. For full access information please see brighonopenairtheatre.co.uk. To discuss your specific access needs please email hello@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

The shows are designed to go on whatever the weather. Please come prepared for the British Summer; suncream and wellies!

If the weather is too dangerous a decision may be taken to cancel, please check Facebook for the latest information.

In the event of a cancellation tickets will be refunded through TicketSource.

FOOD and DRINK

PICNICS: You are welcome to bring a picnic, a bottle, blanket, cushion and whatever you like. Please take your rubbish home with you. If you must leave it behind make a donation to help with the cost of our recycling.

BAR: There is an excellent and affordable bar.

OTHER: Hot and cold food is also available at the
Dyke Road Park Café, The Captains Table fish
and chip shop and at The Chimney House pub in
Exeter Street.

Any unanswered questions check the **YOUR VISIT** section on brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk or email hello@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk

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