

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT NPT



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Above: Still from Pickled Image's The Shop of Little Horrors, image by Toby Farrow.

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Hello

Summer is on its way and we have a wonderful programme of performances, special events and workshops for puppetry first timers and old hands.

I am excited to welcome back Pickled Image with their new show *The Shop of Little Horrors*, for ages 12+. Not to be confused with the musical, this performance features Albert Grimlake's Emporium of Novelties and a macabre collection of puppet characters. The dark and twisted plot is played out with a wicked sense of humour - a must see for those who think puppetry is just for kids.

Also this season we are piloting NPT's first International Summer School for emerging talent and experienced theatre makers. Courses will be led by puppetry luminaries Stephen Mottram and Rene Baker and dancer Jasmiina Sipilä.

NPT is presenting many shows from our repertoire this Summer with gems such as Pied Piper and The Frog & The Princess and, for our younger audiences, the beautiful and immersive *Three Colours*. Don't miss Picnic at the Puppet Theatre on May Bank Holiday Saturday, a feast of outdoor events all served up with tea and sausages.

As ever we are running a mix of puppet making workshops and opportunities to play for all ages, run by our own team of skilled leaders. MagiMation returns for all those budding young film maker/animators and Sophie Fox's delightful Little Tots sessions are a tonic for those with under 5's.

Finally, NPT would not be what it is without the hard work and commitment of our volunteers and staff. Volunteer Spotlight this season features Peter Butler, a secret asset to the Theatre with 28 years of history at NPT - thanks to all and we salute you Pete!

Joy Haynes, Director



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Norwich Puppet Theatre and Polka Theatre present:

Three Colours

20 to 23 May, 1pm, 24 May, 10am (Baby Friendly) & 12pm, Age 2+, 45 minutes Imagine a world where you are diving into the deep blue sea, hopping around with green frogs, gazing into the cracking red of a bonfire.

Blue, green and red delights

Bask in a world of colour in this interactive performance which explores vibrant sensory worlds. Jack and the Three Colours places you and your children at the centre of the experience, gently drawing you into wonderful imaginary landscapes.

With the use of projection, light, puppets, music and dance, this immersive performance promises to delight and tickle the imagination of the young.

www.puppettheatre.co.uk

Lyngo presents

Beanstalk

26 May, 11am (Baby Friendly) & 2.30pm, Age 3+, 50 minutes

Fee Fi Fo Fum! It's a giant of a show, we'd love you to come!

This classic fairytale now gets the Lyngo treatment so expect lots of surprises, a gripping story and beautiful images as Jack sells his cow for five magic beans and finds himself in the land above the clouds.

It's a show for the over 3's (and their giants) with something for everyone - enormous shoes, tiny houses, showers of silver and gold and a big, leafy explosion!

Norwich Puppet Theatre presents

Pied Piper

28 May, 11am (Baby Friendly) & 2.30pm, Age 3+

When the Pied Piper plays his flute the rats run, the greedy mayor rubs his hands and the children dance...

The peaceful town of Hamelin is being disturbed by an endless army of rats. The people turn to the Pied Piper and his bewitching flute, but will the mayor be able to keep his promise?

Norwich Puppet Theatre's humorous and irresistible one person show combines a skilful mix of puppetry, foot-tapping music and storytelling and will have audiences young and old entranced.



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Sea Legs Puppet Theatre

30 May, 11am (Baby Friendly) & 2.30pm, Age 3+

What happens to old toys when nobody loves them any more? There is a place where they are sorted into those who will find new homes, and those who will never be loved or played with again.

A worn out toy donkey, a pull along dog, a bedraggled cat and a mechanical cockerel find themselves in just such a place. Rather than waiting to find out their fate, they escape and run away to Bremen Town to try their luck as musicians. So begins the greatest adventure of their lives in this classic fairytale of friendship and courage.

Toy Story meets the Brothers Grimm in Sea Legs Puppet Theatre's enchanting new production. Told with fabulous puppets, an innovative stage set and a brilliant musical soundtrack!





Picnic at the Puppet Theatre

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31 May, 11am-1pm, 2-4pm

Come and spend a morning, an afternoon or the whole day with us at our mini-festival. Picnic at the Puppet Theatre. We have super puppetry performances throughout the day, including the wonderful Little Fawn Caravan and the forever fun Garlic Theatre. There will also be a dropin glove puppet workshop where you can make your own character, guided by our expert workshop leaders and with a huge selection of magic materials and delightful decor to make your puppet completely unique. Bring a rug, grab a hot dog, tea and cake, soft drinks and partake in general Puppet Theatre merriment. We end the day with the return of the Pied Piper in the main auditorium.

You can buy a Standard Ticket for 11am to 1pm, or 2 to 4pm and in these two hour slots you can enjoy the rolling programme of events at your own leisure. A Super Ticket will also give you entry to *Pied Piper* at 4pm. Join us for a blissful early Summer's day.



Sokobauno

Little Fawn Caravan

Performing throughout the day

A 1960's Cheltenham Fawn Caravan magically transformed into a travelling puppet theatre. Sokobauno perform wonderful puppetry for all the family in an intimate setting with just 15 people in the tiny auditorium.

www.littlefawn.co.uk

Garlic Theatre

Can Fish Drink Tea?

Performing throughout the day

The watery adventures of a submarine in the street, a fish in a cup of tea and the little tragedy of a teabag. A new outdoor show from Garlic Theatre with animated objects and bizarre puppets. Can Fish Drink Tea, directed by Jean Christophe Canivet of Theatre d'Illusia, uses imagery, puppet animation, clowning and live music to encourage imaginative play.

"Excellent manipulation from one of England's leading puppet companies" Simon Hart, Puppet Animation Scotland.

www.garlictheatre.org.uk

Norwich Puppet Theatre Pied Piper

Performance at 4pm

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Pickled Image in association with North Wall present

The Shop of **Little Horrors**

14 June, 7.30pm, Age 12+ and adults, 70 minutes

Grimlake's Emporium of Novelties: a dilapidated shop on the outskirts of Nowhere, where corny magic tricks and strange puppets collect dust and cobwebs. No one has entered the shop for years, but that's just fine by proprietor Albert Grimlake.

Albert is a man obsessed with puppets, particularly ventriloquist dummies – each face lovingly crafted by his own hand, and bearing an uncanny resemblance to customers, friends and family long gone.

But Grimlake is growing old and knows he won't last forever. He has no son, no successor. Time is running out to find someone to keep the Emporium masks and props, Pickled open, someone to breathe life into his creations, someone who shares his peculiar passion successes, Houdini's for puppets...

Enter Eric. He's young, he's eager, and he's seen all the Muppet movies, twice. He's the perfect applicant: keener than mustard and easily moulded. But Eric discovers there's so much to learn.

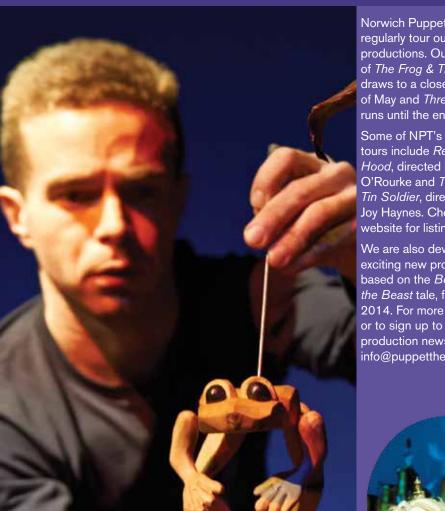
How do you scream without moving your lips?

The Shop of Little Horrors is a dark and twisted show with a wicked sense of humour, featuring a macabre collection of characters. Using extraordinary puppets. Image has created a show to rival their international Suitcase, Hunger and Late Night Wolf Tales.

PS This show contains no carnivorous plants.

www.pickledimage.co.uk





Norwich Puppet Theatre regularly tour our own productions. Our Spring tour of The Frog & The Princess draws to a close at the end of May and Three Colours runs until the end of June.

Some of NPT's upcoming tours include Red Riding Hood, directed by Peter O'Rourke and The Steadfast Tin Soldier, directed by Joy Haynes. Check our website for listings.

We are also developing our exciting new production, based on the Beauty and the Beast tale, for Autumn 2014. For more information or to sign up to our production newsletter, email info@puppettheatre.co.uk



Summer 2014 Diary

This Summer at Norwich Puppet Theatre

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Key

Early Years

Little Tots Workshop Workshop

Performance/Event

Performance 12+ and adults International Summer

School Masterclasses

Baby Friendly

May

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Sat 3 May	11am	Robots Puppet Workshop
Sat 17 & Sun 18	11am-6pm	Drop-in Workshop Chapelfield Gardens Norfolk and Norwich Festival
Tue 20-Fri 23	1pm	Three Colours Norwich Puppet Theatre
Wed 21	1pm	Little Tots: Puppet Making
Sat 24	10am	Three Colours Norwich Puppet Theatre
Sat 24	11am	Family Puppet Making Workshop
Sat 24	12pm	Three Colours Norwich Puppet Theatre
Mon 26	11am & 2.30pm	Jack and the Beanstalk Lyngo
Mon 26 & Tue 27	10.30am-3.30pm	MagiMation 23
Wed 28	11am & 2.30pm	Pied Piper Norwich Puppet Theatre
Wed 28	1.30pm	Stick Puppets Workshop
Thu 29	11am	Bug Puppet Workshop
Fri 30	10am	Little Tots: Going on a Line Hunt
Fri 30	11am & 2.30pm	The Musicians of Bremen Sea Legs Puppet Theatre
Fri 30	1.30pm	Animal Marionette Workshop
Sat 31	11am-1pm, 2-4pm	Picnic at the Puppet Theatre
Sat 31	4pm	Pied Piper Norwich Puppet Theatre
June		
Sat 7	11am	Carnival Mask Workshop
Wed 11	10am	Little Tots: Puppet Making
Sat 14	11am	Favourite Character Marionette Worksho
Sat 14	7.30pm	The Shop of Little Horrors Pickled Image

July

Wed 9	10am	Little Tots: Weaving Walls
Sat 12	11am	Outer Space Puppet Workshop
Sat 26	11am	Family Puppet Making Workshop
Sat 26 & Wed 31	11am & 2.30pm	Pied Piper Norwich Puppet Theatre
Tue 29 & Wed 30	10.30am-3.30pm	MagiMation 24
Thu 31	11am	Heroes & Villains Puppet Workshop

August

Fri 1 & Sat 2	11am & 2.30pm	Pied Piper Norwich Puppet Theatre
Fri 1	11am-3.30pm	Puppet Making & Performance
Tue 4-Sat 9, Tue 12-Fri 15	11am & 2.30pm	The Frog & The Princess Norwich Puppet Theatre
Tue 5	11am	Frog Puppet Workshop
Wed 6	11am-3pm	Table Top Puppets & Theatre Workshop
Fri 8	10am	Little Tots: Squirt, Splodge, Flick, Ooze
Wed 13	11am	Fairies & Monsters Puppet Workshop
Thu 14	11am	Clay Modelling Workshop
Sat 16	11am	Bird Marionette Workshop
Sat 16	2.30pm	Egg Bird & Other String Puppet Stories Stephen Mottram
Sun 17-Tue 19	10am-5pm	The Logic of Movement Stephen Mottram
Wed 20	1.30-8pm	Body & Spatial Awareness Jasmiina Sipilä
Thu 21-Fri 22	10am-5pm	The Soundscope of Objects Rene Baker
Tue 26	11am	Pirates Puppet Workshop
Wed 27	11am	Dinosaurs Puppet Workshop
Fri 29	11am	Seaworld Puppet Workshop
Sat 30	11am	Witches & Wizards Puppet Workshop

September

Mon 1	11am	Dragon Puppet Workshop
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Norwich Puppet Theatre and Rene Baker present

The Frog & The Princess

4–9, 12–15 August, 11am (Baby Friendly) & 2.30pm, Age 4+, 45 minutes

The Frog & The Princess is a poignant re-telling of the Brothers Grimm tale that will entertain and delight family audiences.

This exquisitely manipulated and humorous puppetry performance explores the meeting of cultures and what happens when a Princess deems a Frog unworthy of being her friend, just because of what he is. As the Frog and the Princess undergo a journey from rejection to friendship they discover that deep down they are not so very different after all.

This co-production between Rene Baker and Norwich Puppet Theatre has been especially created for children aged 4+ and their families.

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Norwich Puppet Theatre presents

Pied Piper

26 & 31 July, 1 & 2 August, 11am (Baby Friendly) & 2.30pm, Age 3+, 45 minutes

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"Every aspect of this show was of the highest quality." Eastern Daily Press

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Stephen Mottram presents

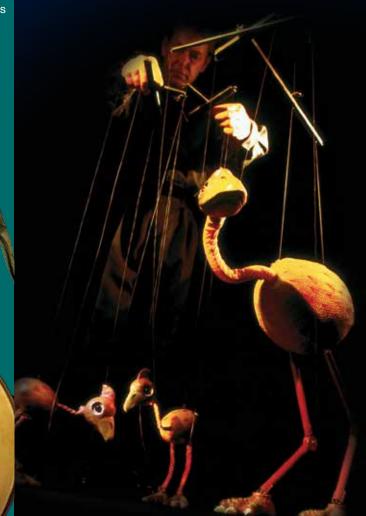
Egg Bird and Other String Puppet Stories

16 August, 2.30pm, Age 4+, 60 minutes

A Pandora's box of magical surprises with beautiful string puppets which come to life as soon as they are touched. There is a tender mother bird with her egg, a dancing fly, an eerie circus and a fast moving fairy tale, complete with a prince and a princess. And you even learn how to make puppets for yourself.

This is a delightful hour of drama and fun presented by a master of the art of string puppetry.

www.stephenmottram.com





Stephen Mottram

The Logic of Movement

17-19 August, 10am-5pm

A Masterclass for puppeteers, dancers, mimes and animators about movement and manipulation.

We all continually read movement information in the world around us, usually without knowing how we do it. We judge the speed of cars on the road; see where other people are looking; know when someone is happy or sad – sometimes exactly what they are thinking – and can recognise our friends and relatives simply by the way they walk.

Our astonishing ability to understand the significance of moving things lies deep in our animal past and learning how to exploit this basic communication tool is the main theme of this three day workshop.

In 1980 Stephen Mottram joined a traditional marionette company. Later an Arts Council bursary led to formal training in mime and took him to the Hungarian State Puppet Theatre School in Budapest.

Since then he has travelled all over the world with his marionette shows for adult audiences: The Seed Carriers, The Seas of Organillo and In Suspension and worked on films like The Little Shop of Horrors and Strings.

Jasmiina Sipilä

Body and Spatial Awareness

20 August, 1.30-8pm

This practice based workshop explores performance situations where use of space, objects and performer's body play an equal role in composing visual theatre. We work from a perspective of the performer. We explore through practice based theory such as Laban Movement Analysis the possibility to be aware of one's own movement quality and spatial relationships as a tool in devising and performing. We look at the space as an architecture in theatrical use that is influenced through use of light, shadow and objects, as well as the performing bodies.

The aim is to apply movement practices to puppetry in order to introduce practice based tools that workshop participants may apply in their own work as puppeteers/performers.

Jasmiina Sipilä is a dancer, a choreographer and a pedagog. She holds a BA in Dance Theatre (London City University Trinity Laban, 2006) and is currently studying for an MA in Dance Art (Theatre Academy of Helsinki, Department of Dance Pedagogy). She has performed in several solo and group works in the UK, Finland, Sweden and Estonia. As a pedagog she has worked at the University of Arts Helsinki in cross-disciplinary improvisation workshops, Tallinn University and a vocational dance course at the Västra Nyland Folkhögskola in Finland. She has devised and performed in projects by Luis Z Boy and Joy Haynes that combine dance, shadow theatre, object manipulation and spatial design.



Rene Baker

The Soundscope of Objects

21-22 August, 10am-5pm

A Masterclass for performers, musicians, directors and composers that looks at different aspects of combining sound, music and objects in visual theatre. The aim is to go beyond using music as support for performance or performance to illustrate music and reach a level of collaboration where both sound and object are partners in the theatrical experience. Explorations include manipulating objects to create live soundscapes and examining how sound can be used to support or subvert the expectations created by the object and vice versa.

Rene Baker has worked in professional puppet theatre for over 20 years as a performer, director, designer, teacher and researcher. She was puppetry tutor at the Central School of Speech & Drama (London), taught visual theatre at the Institut del Teatre (Barcelona) and has led workshops in festivals all over Europe.

Opposite: The Logic of Movement This page: Body and Spatial Awareness (top); The Soundscope of Objects (bottom) **Education Education**

NPT offers a range of activities to encourage engagement with puppetry from entry level through to professional levels.

Children's Workshops

Ages 5+, £8.50

We have a packed programme of puppet making workshops aimed at ages 5+. Our workshops give children great creative scope to build a unique puppet character using a wide selection of materials.

Each workshop session consists of building a puppet based on an actual type of performance puppet used in the theatre, such as rod, glove or marionette puppet.

Little Tots

Going on a Line Hunt

30 May, 10am, Age 0-5, £10 per adult and child

Scribbly lines, straight lines, soft lines, squiggly lines. Lines are everywhere! Using tape, pens, shadow and objects we will play, explore and discover the endless possibilities of lines... dotty lines!

Weaving Walls

9 July, 10am, Age 0-5, £10 per adult and child

Come to the building site of weaving. In and out we will weave all sorts of unlikely things into big builders orange plastic fencing.

Squirt, Splodge, Flick, Ooze

8 August, 10am, Age 0-5, £10 per adult and child

A messy session exploring the wonderful world of paint. Wear old clothes and expect to get messy. Runny paint, thick paint, with paper for walls and floors we can really get stuck in with paint play.

Little Tots: Puppet Making

Ages 2-5 plus parent/carer, £8.50 per child and adult

Our Little Tots: Puppet Making session is the perfect opportunity for you and your child to get creative and have fun together making a puppet character to take home.

The making time is approximately one hour, leaving time afterwards for you to meet other parents and enjoy a free drink with your child/children in our foyer space.

Norfolk & Norwich **Festival**

17 & 18 May, 11am-6pm in Chapelfield Gardens, £3 per puppet

Join the Norwich Puppet Theatre workshop team at our drop-in puppet making workshop in Chapelfield Gardens as part of the Norfolk & Norwich Festival.

MagiMation

26 & 27 May 10.30am-3.30pm, 29 & 30 July, 10.30am-3.30pm, Age 10+, £55

MagiMation is back by popular demand in our holiday workshops programme with sessions happening in May and July.

This is a fabulous opportunity for budding film-makers/animators. Participants will write a script, plan scenes, create characters from modelling material and then animate them, film their movements and record the sound track for their own film. All children must bring a packed lunch.

Picnic at the **Puppet Theatre**

31 May, 11am-1pm & 2-4pm

There is fun for all the family at our annual picnic day. Spend an 6 August, 11am-3pm, enjoyable day with all the family at Picnic at the Puppet Theatre! Don't forget to look in on our drop-in family workshop running throughout the day where you can make your own unique glove puppet characters. Go to pp. 6–7 for full details.

Puppet Making & Performance

1 August, 11am-3.30pm, Age 8+, £17

In the morning make your own unique puppet character and then learn how to be a puppeteer in the afternoon! A unique chance to get fully creative with design, craft and performance: all the ingredients for a fantastic puppet show. All children must bring a packed lunch. Please note performances will start at 3.30pm.

Table Top Puppets & Theatre Workshop

Age 8+, £17

Participants will make their own puppets and theatre. You'll have your very own theatre to take home, where you can perform endless puppet shows with all the wonderful characters you can make in our regular Puppet Making Workshops! See diary on pp. 10-11 for all upcoming Workshops.

Arts Award

Norwich Puppet Theatre is an Arts Award Supporter. This means that many of our programmed events can support young people to achieve their Arts Award.

Schools and other groups

In addition to the events listed in our Seasonal programmes, we offer year round activities available for schools and other groups to book. Our shows, workshops and projects are available to book either to take place at our own venue or in your own setting. Contact gemmakhawaja@ puppettheatre.co.uk for details.







Friends

When you become a Friend of the Theatre, your annual fee will help to maintain and develop an innovative and challenging programme for audiences and enable you to take advantage of the range of benefits offered exclusively to Friends.

Most importantly, being a Friend should encourage you to regularly enjoy exceptional performances of puppet theatre. Please contact us for more details and an application form.

Benefits:

- Discounted tickets (number depends on level of membership)
- Free mailing of tickets
- Other special offers including invitations to Gala Events

Membership levels:

Single Puppet: £15

£1 discount off one ticket for every show at the theatre.

Joint Puppets: £25

£1 discount off two tickets for every show at the theatre. Family of Puppets: £35

£1 discount off four tickets for every show at the theatre.

Volunteer Spotlight

Like many arts organisations, NPT would not exist without our outstanding network of volunteers. There is one in particular for whom the term 'volunteer' doesn't even begin to express the great influence, work and dedication that they put into NPT. Pete Butler has been an amazing support to the Theatre for over 25 years and he is absolutely irreplaceable.

Pete first came to work at NPT in 1986, when he volunteered on the box office and front of house selling ice creams before discovering the wood workshop. Having previously worked in engineering, Pete intimated he might be able to help out with 'making things'. He'd been fascinated by model making since he was five. The rest, is history.

Pete was taken on as a permanent member of staff and made technical manager. He worked on a great many of our productions over the years, including big hits like George's Marvellous Medicine, The Snow Queen and The Tinderbox. His favourite production was The Enchanted Castle. Pete still works with us on a volunteer basis, and he has the distinct privilege of being the only person to have worked on both of NPT's productions of The Tinderbox; Peter O'Rourke's original in 1988 and Joy Haynes' Christmas 2012 production.

Pete now comes to NPT three times a week and lends his expertise to everything and anything that requires it. He has worked here longer than he has worked anywhere, and we can't imagine what the Theatre would be like without his help and his presence. A HUGE thank you to Pete, and everything you have ever made, fixed, planned and given your expert advice to.





How to find us

Norwich Puppet Theatre is north of the city centre, next to the Barrack Street/Whitefriars roundabout.

It's about a five minute walk from the Cathedral or Anglia Square shopping centre.

Car parking

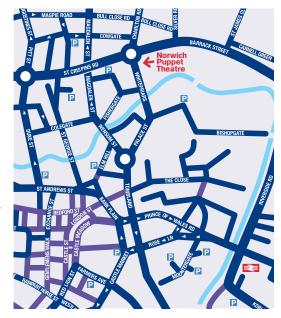
The nearest public car park (pay and display) is St Saviours, which is under the Magdalen Street flyover-access from Fishergate or Magdalen Street.

Buses

Various services (including the Airport Park & Ride) stop at the nearby Anglia Square shopping centre.

Train

Norwich Rail Station is about a 25 minutes walk from the Theatre.



Booking information

Ticket prices

Standard Puppetry

Adult £8.50 Child £6.50 Concessions £7 Go4Less Child £4.50 Family ticket £24

The Little Shop of Horrors

Adult £10 / Concessions £9 / Child £8

Picnic at the **Puppet Theatre**

Standard £8.50 Super (includes Pied Piper at 4pm) £10

Workshops

Child £8.50 MagiMation £55 **Puppet Making &** Performance Day, **Puppets & Pop Up Puppet Theatre** Making Day £17 **Little Tots: Puppet Making** £8.50 adult + child **Little Tots** £10 adult + child

(extra child £8.50)

Development Summer School The Logic of Movement £150 (three days) **Body and Spatial Awareness** £50 (one day) The Soundscopes of Objects £80 (two days)

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£225 for all **Masterclasses**

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Box Office

01603 629921

Open Monday-Friday, 9.30am-5pm and from 9.30am on performance or workshop Saturdays. An answerphone service operates outside these hours.

Reserved tickets must be paid for within seven days of booking. All details correct at the time of going to press. There is a hearing induction loop system in the main auditorium.



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