

RETURN OF THE NONENTITIES!

Now that the Government have lifted some of the restrictions on theatres, we are in a position to recommence performances at the Rose.

There are, however, still limitations as to what we can bring you, but at least our renaissance can start and it already feels good to be back.

We will also shortly be announcing our own 2021-22 season, which will include dates for Heroes, And Then There Were None and Cranford all of which were held over from Spring/Summer 2020, however, our first offering for 2021 will be the rescheduling of the monologue season that was so regrettably postponed in November last year.

The disappointment we had at last year when we had four companies of actors all ready to perform when Covid prematurely brought the curtain down will I am certain be quickly forgotten when we once more set foot on the stage this summer.

Those of you who are still holding tickets should have already been contacted with an update and you will have had a first opportunity to exchange your tickets if the new date was unsuitable.

Unfortunately there have been one or two changes to order and casting of the monologue season due to events beyond our control and the details are below.

The updated monologue season is as follows:

Talking Heads Wednesday 23rd to Saturday 26th June.

A pair of Alan Bennett's celebrated monologues

Bed Among the Lentils

A Chip in the Sugar

Fright Night. Wednesday 7th – Saturday 10th July.

Three famous short plays to make the hairs on the back of your necks stand up by masters of the Gothic horror:

The Tell-Tale Heart and The Black Cat by Edgar Allan Poe

Trial for Murder by Charles Dickens

A Slice of Life. Wednesday 14th July – Saturday 17th July

A pot pourri of plays to amuse, all a bit different and guaranteed to make you smile.

All Apologies by Neil LaBute

Cupboard Love (anon.)

Anorak of Fire – The Life & Times of Gus Gascoigne – Trainspotter by Stephen Dinsdale

Classic Cuts. Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th July.

Three more plays by, or inspired by classic authors:

Her Big Chance by Alan Bennett

Duologue by Terence Rattigan

Lady Bracknell's Confinement or The Bunburyist by Paul Doust – Inspired by Wilde's classic, The Importance of being Earnest

Ticket prices are £10 All performances start at 7.30 and will finish at approximately 9.15 (9.45 for the Talking Heads)

There will be short intervals between each piece but sadly, there will be no front of house refreshment during the intervals or at any other time and the bar will be closed. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments for consumption in the short breaks – no slurping/rustling during performances!

Our venue will follow guidance issued by the Department of Arts and Culture and our Front of House staff will be on hand to guide and advise you. Currently the guidance is that **face coverings are mandatory** when you are in the theatre – this includes the auditorium during the performances, unless you are consuming refreshments at the breaks or you are exempt from wearing one. We will advise you of any changes.

Tickets will be sold in pods containing 1,2,3 or 4 seats. We are currently unable to sell to parties bigger than 4 although this may change. Our box-office staff will be able to answer any questions.

All the information you need at the point of purchase will be contained in your confirmation email and you will be sent the most current co-vid safe instructions on the Monday prior to your visit to the theatre.

Disabled parking can still be reserved. Be ready with your registration number when booking.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BY TELEPHONE ONLY ON 01562 743745

Temporary box office opening hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (excluding BH) 10:30 – 12:30 and will commence on Monday 24th May.

There are no online sales, so if you cannot call at these times, please leave a message on our answer machine or email admin@rosetheatre.co.uk and one of our volunteers will get back to you.

During the weeks of the shows our box-office will be open on each performance day, Wednesday to Saturday, from 10.30-12.30.

We do hope that you will come back to see us soon, as with your continued support and encouragement we will thrive once more!