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The Garage unveils spring season of theatre.

Curtain Up is The Garage's professional theatre programme. The venue launches a new season this spring with six plays from some of the country's finest small scale theatre companies.

This is the second year of Curtain Up, a live theatre programme funded by Arts Council England, with the aim of establishing the Norwich venue as a regional centre for young people's theatre.

The season begins on Friday 8 February with a visit from Ipswich's New Wolsey Theatre. Their production of Party Piece is a tale of teenage excess as four young people explore friendship and the future, the morning after the night before.

Puppetry, music and mayhem arrive in the form of Suitcase Circus on Monday 18 February. The delightful family show takes audiences into the wonderful and chaotic world of a miniature circus with a cast that includes the world's only acrobatic potato sack and a daredevil ski glove.

Time for the Good Looking Boy on Tuesday 19 February is a captivating, poignant one man piece that received great acclaim at the 2011 Edinburgh Fringe. The tale of a kid from the South London estates, with a heart of gold, received a Writer's Guild nomination for Best Play for Young People.

The debut play by Britain's leading young poet, playwright and rapper, Kate Tempest returns to the stage on Monday 25 February. Wasted is an electrifying journey through South London's raves, cafes and parks as a group of twenty-somethings come to terms with adult life.

Whole, on Friday 8 March is a gritty, funny and uncompromising new play exploring love, sexuality, death and religion set to a scintillating live music soundtrack. The piece is a collaboration between the Liverpool based company 20 Stories High and a group of young people.

Bottleneck on Monday 29 April, is a play by one of the country's most exciting emerging young writers, Luke Barnes. Produced by HighTide Festival Theatre, it's a vibrant coming of age story about Greg, a fourteen year old boy set in the notorious Liverpool of the 1980s.

Tickets for all shows are £5 (£7.50 25 yrs +) and are available from the Theatre Royal, Norwich Box Office on 01603 630000 or online at www.thegarage.org.uk.

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Notes for Editors

The Garage is a charitable trust running a lively cultural venue in the city centre of Norwich. It offers a varied programme of creative activity ranging from workshops to residencies, projects and regular classes – with a special focus is young people aged 8-25.

Curtain Up! is supported by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. To find out more about the Arts council, visit www.artscouncil.org.uk

Curtain Up! Season Listings

Fri 8 Feb 7.30pm
New Wolsey Theatre present
Party Piece

Ipswich's New Wolsey Theatre bring a tale of a teenage party that explores growing up and friendship.

£7.50 (£5 under 25's).
14yrs+
Schools/Groups; 1 teacher/leader free with every 10 tickets.
T: Theatre Royal Norwich 01603 630000
W: thegarage.org.uk

Mon 18 Feb 11am
House in association with Folded Feather present
Suitcase Circus

Delightful show blending music and puppetry for all the family.

£7.50 (£5 under 25's).
4yrs +
Schools/ Groups; 1 teacher goes free with groups of 10+
Box Office: Theatre Royal Norwich 01603 630000
W: thegarage.org.uk

Tue 19 Feb 7.30pm
Half Moon presents a Box Clever production
Time for the Good Looking Boy

A compelling and witty play exploring the harsh realities of growing up.

£7.50 (£5 under 25's).
14yrs+ (contains some strong language)
Schools/Groups; 1 teacher/leader free with every 10 tickets.
T: Theatre Royal Norwich 01603 630000
W: thegarage.org.uk

Mon 25 Feb 7.30pm
Wasted by Kate Tempest

The critically acclaimed debut play by poet and rapper Kate Tempest takes a day glo trip through the parks, cafes and raves of South London.

£7.50 (£5 under 25's).
14yrs+
Schools/Groups; 1 teacher/leader free with every 10 tickets.
T: Theatre Royal Norwich 01603 630000
W: thegarage.org.uk

Fri 8 Mar 7.30pm
20 Stories High present
Whole

Gritty, funny and uncompromising new play exploring sexuality, love, death and religion.

£7.50 (£5 under 25's).
13yrs+

Schools/Groups; 1 teacher/leader free with every 10 tickets.
T: Theatre Royal Norwich 01603 630000
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Mon 29 Apr 7.30pm
HighTide Theatre Festival present
Bottleneck

A vibrant coming of age story set in 1980s Liverpool.

£7.50 (£5 under 25's).
12yrs+
Schools/Groups; 1 teacher/leader free with every 10 tickets.
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