



THE GARAGE

Note:

Summer Listings follow the news release.

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THE GARAGE LAUNCHES ITS SUMMER SEASON OF EVENTS 2017

The Garage has launched its new season of events for Summer 2017. *Scratch Nights* (5 May) kick off the season with cutting-edge work-in-progress pieces from 4 local performance companies. **The Garage** are supporting upcoming companies to present work-in-progress theatre pieces, including **Stuff of Dreams Theatre Company** with *Anglian Mist* (19 May) a Cold War thriller set on Orford Ness, and *Organic Entity* (16 June) a dance triple bill from **Watkins Dance Company**, **Nua Dance**, and **Salah El Brogy Company** exploring our animal body, our critical mind and our need for transcendence. Additionally, **Snuffbox Theatre** in association with **Sphinx Theatre** bring their award-winning new play *Blush* (21 June) that's sure to impress. Back again this April is the *National Theatre Connections Festival 2017* (25-28 April), with performances split between **The Garage** theatre and **Norwich Playhouse**, showcasing plays from top writers performed by youth theatre companies from around East Anglia.

This season there are not one, but two of the popular *Scooby's Street Schools* (30-31 May & 21-23 August), alongside *Toddler Disco: Dance & Play* (2 June), transforming the studio for toddler fun! There is also the opportunity for young people to take part (and those older to volunteer!) in the Big Summer Production of *Sleeping Beauty* (31 July-12 August). Over the summer, you can also see the talented young people supported and tutored by **The Garage** performing at the *Lord Mayor's Celebration* (8 July), *Royal Norfolk Show* (28 & 29 June), and *The Garage Unsigned* at the **UEA LCR** (1 July).

If you are a dancer, actor or musician that wants a challenge over summer there are a number of Summer Schools available - **DumbWise Theatre Company** are back with *Clockwork: Actors & Musicians Academy* (14-26 August), budding musicians will love *Plug In Music Summer School* (29 August-1 September), or if you're a dancer that wants to work on your technique, take a look at *Dance Summer School* (14-16 August), *D4Dance Summer School* (24-26 July), and *Breathe: Dance for Wellbeing* Summer School is perfect for anyone who wants to improve their well-being and get creative (29 August-4 September)!

The Garage classes timetable is ever-expanding and this season is no exception. New classes, *Dance for Wellbeing* and *Wheelchair Dance*, have been added to the regular favourites of ballet, contemporary, musical theatre and more.

For those wanting to gain a qualification in the arts, you can now study at **The Garage** with its new education courses. **The Garage** will be accepting applicants for Higher National Certificates (HNC) in three strands of Performing Arts (Dance, Acting & Musical Theatre) - perfect for those wishing to bridge the gap between sixth form and university. This builds on our Sunday GCSE *Dance* course, which will be welcoming the second cohort in January.

Following the success of last year's *My First Panto: Cinderella*, the team are back, presenting *Little Red Riding Hood* in an interactive show for your toddlers to join in with the fun!

Adam Taylor Executive Director of **The Garage** said, 'We have a cracking season ahead of us, from brilliant local companies presenting work in progress sharing of their shows in development, to **Limbik Theatre** presenting *The Forecast* here at **The Garage** before it plays London dates. I feel really proud to

*be able to present these, the best local professionals beside critically acclaimed shows like Blush presented by **Snuffbox Theatre** – all great calibre productions.*

We've even started looking ahead to the festive season, with My First Panto: Little Red Riding Hood, with the sell-out run for Cinderella, I recommend getting tickets for your little ones fast for this fun and interactive show where little ones will adventure with Red through the wood to Granny's house with play, music and dancing on the way.

Whether it's a class or production, whether you're young – or not so young, take a look at what's on offer in the coming months ahead.'

Visit thegarage.org.uk to see the full range of opportunities and events in the Summer season.

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Notes for Editors

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THE GARAGE SUMMER 2017 LISTINGS MAY - AUGUST

PERFORMANCES

TUESDAY 25 - FRIDAY 28 APRIL, VARIOUS TIMES

National Theatre Connections

NATIONAL THEATRE CONNECTIONS FESTIVAL

Youth theatre companies from across the region will come to **The Garage** and **Norwich Playhouse** to perform new plays by leading playwrights, commissioned by the **National Theatre**. *National Theatre Connections* celebrates great new writing for the stage – and the energy, commitment and talent of young theatre makers.

Tickets: £2

Age: 12+

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY, 7.45PM

The Keeper's Daughter in association with All-In Productions and The Garage

TOMORROW IS YOUR HOPE - sharing

Living in an industrialised metropolis, where love is illegal, two enamoured individuals must escape the city limits if they wish to be together. *Tomorrow is Your Hope* is a sci-fi romance that examines the barriers to long lasting love in modern society.

Tickets: Free – pay what you think. Booking required.

Age: 13+

FRIDAY 5 MAY, 8PM

The Garage, All-In Productions and ReDUCK ProDUCKtions

SCRATCH NIGHTS

Come and see a roster of the region's most talented artists perform new material from shows they are working on in a fantastically fast showcase of 15 minute slots, featuring an eclectic range of disciplines.

Tickets: £5

Age: 16+

FRIDAY 12 & SATURDAY 13 MAY, 6.30PM

HARMONY DUO

Harmony Duo are **Simon Kindleysides & Ricky Martin**, an acoustic duo hailing from Norwich. The pair reached the senior producers stage of *Britain's Got Talent*, *The Voice*, and *X Factor*. They have been selected to represent the UK at the **World Champion of Performing Arts** this summer, in Hollywood and to get them there they need to raise £8000. This show will be helping them to reach their target.

Tickets: £10

Age: 10+

FRIDAY 19 MAY, 7.30PM

Stuff of Dreams Theatre Company

ANGLIAN MIST - work-in-progress

Hidden secrets, dark conspiracies, counter-intelligence and spies. *Anglian Mist* is a Cold War thriller set on Orford Ness. Meet the creatives involved at this special work-in-progress showing.

Tickets: Free, booking required

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 26 MAY, 7.30PM & SATURDAY 27 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

Goblin Market Theatre Company

A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG

A Day in the Death of Joe Egg is a black comedy. It walks the tightrope between comedy and heartbreak, addressing in an impious way the trials suffered daily by parents of a severely disabled child. Watching it one can't help laughing, but pity quickly follows the laughter because the subjects held up for examination are those we normally flinch from.

Tickets: £12 / £8 concessions / £5 for groups of 9+

Age: All ages. Please note that 'non-pc' language is used in reference to disability throughout the play.

THURSDAY 1 JUNE, 6.30PM

The Garage Youth Forum

SLAM

One of the only nights in Norwich where young performers showcase their skills to other young people. Come along to watch, take part, or both!

Tickets: £2 adv. / £3 on the door

Age: 12-21

FRIDAY 2 JUNE, 7.30PM

Limbik Theatre

THE FORECAST

In this moment of mass exodus and the human struggle for safer shores, award-winning theatre company **Limbik Theatre** looks into the future and wonders where we might be heading.

Tickets: £10 / £6 concs

Age: 12+

FRIDAY 16 JUNE, 7.30PM

Watkins Dance Company, Nua Dance & Salah El Brogy Company

ORGANIC ENTITY

200,000 years after evolving into anatomically modern humans there is still so much unknown, both within and outside us. Choreographers **Anna Watkins** (UK), **Neus Gil Cortés** (Spain) and **Salah El Brogy** (Egypt) explore human conditions shared across ages and times, setting them against the backdrop of our current plural society.

Tickets: £15 / £5 concs

Age: 12+

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE, 7.30PM

Snuff Box Theatre in association with Sphinx Theatre

BLUSH

Three women and two men swim in shame. Everyone's exposed. Everyone wants revenge. No one's talking about it.

Five candid stories about revenge porn and all its victims. *BLUSH* is a slap in the face and a call to arms.

Tickets: £15/£5 concs

Age: 16+

FRIDAY 23 JUNE, 10AM & 1.30PM

Ripstop Theatre

A REAL ALIEN ADVENTURE

Miss Amelia Buttersnap, investigator of all things unseen and mysterious, inventor of gadgets both marvellous and improbable is on a mission to prove that aliens really do exist. Shadow puppetry, magic and audience interaction all make this a fun show for all the family.

Tickets: £10/£5

Age: 3+

SATURDAY 24 JUNE, 7.30PM

Legacy Dance Company UK

ODYSSEY

Legacy is the all male youth dance company based in Norwich, which formed after the highly successful **Matthew Bourne** tour – *Lord of the Flies* in 2014. With an eclectic mix of hip hop, contemporary and musical theatre - created by both the company and fantastic guest artists, the show promises to be an action packed evening of performance for all ages.

Tickets: £11/£7 concs

Age: 7+

Venue: Norwich Playhouse

TUESDAY 18 JULY, 7PM

Ripstop Theatre

WALK A MILE

An experimental scratch performance using low-tech sound and light media exploring themes of dress and age using sound and shadows. It is a response to ten weeks of workshops with an intergenerational participatory theatre group looking at how the way we dress reflects how we present ourselves and how we are perceived.

Tickets: £10/£8 concs

Age: 10+

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST, 3PM & 6PM & SATURDAY 12 AUGUST, 1PM & 3.30PM

The Garage

SLEEPING BEAUTY – BIG SUMMER PRODUCTION

Come and see fifty children and young people take to **The Garage** stage for the 2017 Big Summer Production of *Sleeping Beauty*.

Tickets: £5

Age: All

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MASTERCLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY 20 APRIL, 10AM-4.15PM

Artswork

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING IN THE ARTS & CULTURAL SECTOR

For individuals and organisations looking to update their understanding of child protection legislation and best practice. This course provides a full update on current child protection legislation, including the Disclosure and Barring service, the Duty to Refer and Working Together.

Cost: £130, limited bursary places available

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 18+

THURSDAY 27 APRIL, 9.30AM-12PM

MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

Do you dread some sessions that you teach? Are some of your clients challenging in their behaviour? This course will teach you how to manage challenging behaviour and give you increased confidence when dealing with difficult people.

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

THURSDAY 25 MAY, 9.30AM-12PM

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SUPPORT WORKER

Do you work with young people who have a support worker? This course will help you to work with them to get the best possible result for your whole class.

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE, 6-8PM

Passion Productions

LAYTON WILLIAMS MASTERCLASS

Layton is most known for starring in *Bad Education* but he has also been in West End productions of *Billy Elliot & Thriller Live* and in **Matthew Bourne's** in *Lord of the Flies & The Car Man*. He promises a sassy and intense session working on warm-up, technique and commercial/jazz choreography.

Cost: £12

Bookings: scott_atkins80@hotmail.com / 07763 220002

Age: 12+

THURSDAY 29 JUNE, 9.30AM-12PM

BUDGETING AND ACCOUNTS

Do you struggle with finances? Do you dread doing your tax return? This course will help you overcome some of your financial problems. You will learn how to set up systems and how to fill in a tax return - cutting out the need to pay an accountant.

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

THURSDAY 27 JULY, 9.30AM-12PM

SETTING YOURSELF UP AS SELF-EMPLOYED

Do you want to register as self-employed but are having trouble understanding the process? This course will help you and will explain what you need to do to sort out your tax return and National Insurance too.

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

MAY HALF TERM EVENTS

TUESDAY 30 & WEDNESDAY 31 MAY, 10AM – 3PM

SCOOPY'S STREET SCHOOL

Half-term holiday fun with the fantastic **Scooby**. You will be put through your paces, jump around, play games and dance, dance, dance! In amongst the fun you will learn one of **Scooby's** legendary street dance routines and show it to your family at the end of the second day!

Cost: £50 / £45 concs

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 7 – 11

FRIDAY 2 JUNE, 10AM – 3PM

POP STARS

Join the amazing performing artist **Cat Chapman** for the day, as you sing and dance your hearts out to a popular chart smash hit. You will work on vocals and choreography, learning a routine to perform to your friends and family at the end of the day. Do you think you've got what it takes to be a Pop Star?

Cost: £25 / £20 concs

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 7-11

FRIDAY 2 JUNE, 10.30AM & 12PM

TODDLER DISCO: DANCE & PLAY

Join **The Garage** as we transform our studio for disco fun this half term! With song and dance, and props for playtime and games!

Cost: £3

Age: 18 months - 4 years (Toddlers must be accompanied by a parent or carer)

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

SUMMER EVENTS

SATURDAY 1 JULY, 7-11PM

THE GARAGE UNSIGNED

A night of fresh local musical talent at the **UEA LCR** as part of the **Young Norfolk Arts Trust**. Local bands or solo artists aged up to 25 years old can apply to perform by emailing takepart@thegarage.org.uk

Tickets: £5

Bookings: 01603 508050

MONDAY 24 – WEDNESDAY 26 JULY, 10AM-3PM

D4DANCE SUMMER SCHOOL

A three day summer school for those with learning difficulties where you will explore movement, make friends and create a piece to be performed for family and friends.

Cost: £70 / £125 for a participant plus a buddy (Essential companions still go free)

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 12+

MONDAY 31 JULY – SATURDAY 12 AUGUST

SLEEPING BEAUTY: BIG SUMMER PRODUCTION

Join us for two weeks of fantastic fun putting together a production of *Sleeping Beauty* which will tell the backstory of the bad fairy Maleficent and why she put a curse on the princess. You will work with our fantastic creative team to put on a great show for family and friends. If you love to perform and be on the stage - sign up and make your 2017 summer one to remember.

REHEARSALS

Monday 31 July – Thursday 10 August (excluding 5 & 6 August), 10am – 3.30pm

Friday 11 August, 10am – 7pm

Saturday 12 August, 10am – 4.30pm

PERFORMANCES*

Friday 11 August, 3pm & 6pm

Saturday 12 August, 1pm & 3.30pm

*Please ensure young people are available for all of the performances before signing up.

Cost: £185/£145 concs

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 7-18

MONDAY 8 – SATURDAY 20 AUGUST

CLOCKWORK: ACTORS & MUSICIANS ACADEMY

DumbWise Theatre Company are back in partnership with **The Garage** for this amazing Summer Academy. If you are an actor or musician aged 14-25 and want to gain some experience working with industry professionals on a new piece of performance then sign up for what promises to be a fantastic two weeks of creativity. The piece will be based on **Philip Pullman's** book *Clockwork*.

REHEARSALS

Monday 14 - Thursday 24 August (excluding 19 & 20 August), 10am – 3.30pm

Friday 25 August, 10am – 7pm

Saturday 26 August, 1pm - 5pm

PERFORMANCES*

Friday 25 August, 6pm

Saturday 26 August, 4pm

*Please ensure you are available for all of the performances before signing up.

Cost: £100 (subsidised by **Arts Council England**)

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 14-25

MONDAY 14 – WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST, 10AM – 3PM

DANCE SUMMER SCHOOL

This three day summer school will help work on your contemporary dance and ballet technique. Led by professional dance artist **Emma Brady**, you will learn repertoire from well know choreography as well as working on movement vocabulary and style.

Cost: £90

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 16+

MONDAY 21 - WEDNESDAY 23 August, 10AM-3PM

SCOOPY'S STREET SUMMER SCHOOL

Scooby's back for Summer 2017! Come and join in with three days of dance, games and fun alongside learning a fantastic street routine which you will perform in the studio to your family and friends at the end!

Cost: £70 / £60 concs

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 7-11

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST – FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

PLUG IN MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL

A week-long summer school for young musicians. You will get the chance to take part in music workshops and collaborate with other young musicians. This activity is supported by the **National Foundation for Youth Music**.

Tuesday 29 - Thursday 31 August, 10am–3.30pm

Friday 1 September, 10am-7pm

Sharing

Friday 1 September, 6pm

Participants need to be available for all of the dates.

Cost: £45 (subsidised by **National Foundation for Youth Music**)

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 14-25

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST – MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

BREATHE: DANCE FOR WELLBEING SUMMER SCHOOL

Breathe is a summer school for those of us who want to improve our wellbeing, get creative and challenge ourselves in working towards a performance in **The Garage** theatre. Each day will include a dance class to strengthen the body and mind, creative work, improvisation and will end with a meditation

Tuesday 29 - Thursday 31 August, 10am–3.30pm
Friday 1 September, 10am-7pm

Sharing

Monday 4 September, 7.30pm

Participants need to be available for all of the dates.

Cost: £40

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 18+

CLASSES

There are over 60 classes on offer for all ages and abilities, from toddler dance to ballet. Please refer to <https://issuu.com/thegarage/docs/brochuresummer17v5pages> for the classes' timetable.

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