



THE GARAGE

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THE GARAGE LAUNCHES ITS AUTUMN SEASON OF EVENTS 2017

The Garage has launched its new season of events for Autumn 2017. Kicking off the season and their national tour **Paines Plough** visit with *Growth* (12 & 13 September). Written by **Luke Norris**, who many will know as Dwight Enys from **BBC One's Poldark**, *Growth* is a comedy about growing up and manning up. Other theatre highlights include *In Our Hands* (22 September) from **Smoking Apples** which uses innovative puppetry to explore the changing face of the fishing industry and **Milk Presents JOAN** (24 October), a fearless solo show which takes a refreshing look at Joan of Arc and explores what it means to stand out, stand up and stand alone. Returning to **The Garage** are **Zest Theatre** with their new show *What Once Was Ours* (10 November). Created in the background of Brexit it looks at what happens when two siblings, with two different upbringings, worlds collide. The first 15 tickets for selected shows, including those mentioned here, are just £5 so book early and save yourself some pennies. This Christmas **The Garage** is once again teaming up with **All In Productions** to give *Little Red Riding Hood* the *My First Panto* (1-29 December) treatment. The perfect introduction to theatre for little ones and their families.

In the October half term there is the ever popular *Family Fun Day* (27 October) where you can experience some of what **The Garage** has to offer for free, take a look at the website near the time for the full details of what's on offer. On the Monday and Tuesday of half term *Scooby's Street School* returns to tech 7-11 year olds a fresh new street routine. Once again The Garage's class programme is expanding with new classes in *Tap & Modern* for ages 3-4, *Musicians Development Programme* for beginners, *Ballet Basics* for ages 16+ and *Mini Pulse Performance Company*, a cross-genre company for ages 7-13. These add to the regular favourites of ballet, contemporary, musical theatre and more.

This September **The Garage** will welcome its first cohort of HNC Performing Arts students. These are 6 month intensive courses which are perfect for those leaving college or sixth form and wanting to progress to dance or drama school. There are still a couple of full scholarship places available and the next audition dates are Tuesday 25 July and Friday 18 August, call 01603 283382 to book your place. In January 2018 **The Garage** expands its Sunday GCSE provision with GCSE Drama starting alongside the second intake of GCSE Dance students.

Adam Taylor Executive Director of **The Garage** said, "We have an amazing array of local and national talent gracing our stage and studios this season. From **Fringe First Award** winning *JOAN*, by **Milk Presents**, we see the very best of the Fringe here in Norwich, to supporting local artists creating new work locally. I feel extremely privileged to be part of **The Garage** team. This Christmas I'm thrilled to be presenting the world premiere of *My First Panto: Little Red Riding Hood*. The only show designed specifically for toddlers in the city this festive season."

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

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THE GARAGE AUTUMN 2017 LISTINGS SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

PERFORMANCES

TUESDAY 12 - WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Paines Plough

GROWTH

He's successfully ignored his lump for two years but it's starting to get in the way - cramping his style and worse, affecting his sex life. So now there are pants to be dropped, and decisions to be made. It's a real ball ache. A comedy about growing up and manning up from critically acclaimed writer **Luke Norris** (*So here we are*, **Royal Exchange**; *Goodbye to All That*, **Royal Court**).

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £15/£8.50 concs.

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Smoking Apples

IN OUR HANDS

Alf is a trawler fisherman whose experience, camaraderie and loyalty have put him and his boat at the top of the game. But times are changing and so is the industry. How will Alf adapt in order to survive? Follow a fish's journey from sea to plate, watch a seagull's ridiculous attempt to find food, and witness a father and son reunite. *In Our Hands* will transport you out to sea, under the ocean and onto the deck of the Catcher's Fortune

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £15/£8.50 concs.

Age: 11+

THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Baroque Theatre Company

THE THREE MUSKETEERS

Cry '*all for one and one for all!*' this autumn as we join D'Artagnan and his friends porthos, Athos and Aramis, in their quest against the scheming Cardinal Richelieu. A rip-roaring, fast paced, swashbuckling show ideal for families. Inventive stagecraft, witty dialogue and with colourful characters from the novel, this exciting story is brimming with energy and skilful storytelling to keep audiences captivated.

Tickets: £10/£6 concs.

Age: 5+

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

REDuck Productions

MINISTERS OF GRACE: A REHEARSED READING

REDuck Productions present their first stand alone show as they bring you a rehearsed reading of Jordan Monsell's *Ministers of Grace: the Unauthorised Shakespearean parody of Ghostbusters*.

Witness one of film's greatest cult classics translated into a unique take on the Bard's work. Follow the story of your favourite paranormal Investigators and Eliminators against the backdrop of Elizabethan England

Tickets: Pay what you think on the night, booking required

Age: 12+

MONDAY 9 & TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

Seuil De Libertè & UEA

STOCKHOLM

Todd & Kali are seemingly the perfect, beautiful couple that we all desire to be. Soon they will be holidaying in Stockholm. They have everything, but nothing as they cut themselves off from the outside world with their own devastating devouring need for each other. Holding each other hostage in a jealous destructive voyage into a relationship hell.

Tickets: £7 / £5 concs

Age: 17+

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

Catherine Ireton

FOR ALL THE FIRES NOT YET LIT

A solo performance from singer and storyteller **Catherine Ireton** about courage.

Bride-to-be Claire wakes with a nagging feeling that something isn't quite right. There's too much to do, her bottle of Lucozade has started being mean to her, and there's no milk for a cup of tea. This small, tender and mighty story of everyday bravery is a clarion call to be brave in an age in which we are constantly told to be fearful. Because courage, like fear, can be contagious.

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £15 / £8.50 concs

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER, 11.15AM

Tuck Shop with Red Rose Chain and Luton Hat Factory

1001 FIREFLIES

A new multi-sensory play by **Tuck Shop**

Peta studies insects. It's her thing. In fact she's a world famous entomologist. You've heard of her right? She regularly appears on the front cover of 'Insects Weekly'! But Peta's world is crumbling. Changes in the weather and eco systems are threatening the survival of the creatures she studies and the friend she always turns to in times of trouble has mysteriously disappeared.

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £10 adult £5 concs

Age: 3+

WEDNESDAY 18, THURSDAY 19 & FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

Moss Banks Productions

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

By **Roald Dahl**, adapted by **David Wood**.

When James Henry Trotter's parents are eaten by an escaped rhinoceros, he is sent to live with his two repulsive Aunts. Miserable, James dreams of when he was happy. Then one hot day, something peculiar happens and James, together with a handful of very special insects, and The Giant Peach are all rolling away from his horrible Aunts and off on an enormous adventure!

Tickets: £15 / £12 concs

Age: All

TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER, 8PM

Milk Presents in association with Derby Theatre

JOAN

An earthy story of courage, conviction and hope, *Joan* is a refreshing look at Joan of Arc - history's greatest underdog. The latest daring fusion of lyrical new writing and anarchic cabaret from the multi-award winning **Milk Presents** and performed by drag king champion **Lucy Jane Parkinson**, *Joan* takes the stage as a gutsy gender warrior. A fearless solo show, with uproarious songs, exploring what it means to stand out, stand up and stand alone.

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £10 adult £5 concs

Age: 12+

WEDNESDAY 25 OCTOBER, 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 3 NOVEMBER, 8PM

The Garage, All In Productions and REDuck Productions

SCRATCH NIGHT

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 10 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

Zest Theatre and Half Moon

WHAT ONCE WAS OURS

Katie and Callum couldn't be any more distant and disconnected: different heritage, different cities, different opportunities. Except there is one thing they'll always have in common: Dad. What happens when Callum suddenly turns up in desperate need of help? Beautiful imagery, striking original music and immersive design combine to create this powerful new production for young people, which asks why we've become so fearful of anyone who is different from us.

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £10 adult £5 concs

Age: 12+

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 8PM

Live Nation

ANGELOS & BARRY – THE NEW POWER GENERATION

Are you lost? Is your soul knackered? Are you disillusioned with the current state of things? If you answered yes to one of these then why not come along to see Angelos and Barry in The New Power Generation?

They will identify your weaknesses, expose them in front of everyone and then cure you 100% from whatever rubbish you might have. Like therapists and Gods rolled into one. Nothing is too much for them.

Tickets: £15

Age: 16+

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

Helen Drumm

MEAT

MEAT is a play that attempts to answer the question; why do we eat meat? Narrated by three farm

animals, it tells the story of 18-year-old Elanor, who is struggling with this question. She decides to try out veganism, which happens to be at the worst moment possible; Christmas dinner.

Tickets: £7 / £5 Students

Age: 15+

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER, 1.30 & 4.30PM

The Garage

DANCE SHOWCASE

Kick start Christmas with our *Dance Classes Showcase* at the fantastic venue **OPEN**. Participants aged 3–18 from our regular dance classes take to the stage to show what they have been working on during the Autumn Term. They will be accompanied by **The Garage's** multi-genre dance company **Pulse** as well as other companies like **Passion Productions** and **LEGACY**.

Tickets: £7

Venue: OPEN Norwich

Age: All

FRIDAY 1 - FRIDAY 29 DECEMBER, VARIOUS TIMES

The Garage & All-in Productions

MY FIRST PANTO: LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Red is off to take cakes and sweets to her ill Granny who lives far, far away in the enchanted woods. On the way she meets a stranger who is very interested in Granny and all may not be quite as it seems... Grandma has big eyes and teeth and she's hairy. Very hairy!

A family friendly experience, in a relaxed setting for your little ones to participate in theatre for the first time; babies can be fed and children play along with the action.

Tickets: £11 adult / £7 child / under 1's go free

Age: All

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MASTERCLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 9.30AM-12PM

The Garage

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Are you running a project? This session will look at what things you need to consider when running a performing arts project from the outcomes you want to achieve, the planning involved, budgets, risk assessment and evaluation. This session will be delivered by Carrie Mansfield.

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 18+

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2-5PM

Cat Chapman

LEGACY AUDITIONS

LEGACY, the successful all male company that formed following the massive achievements of **Matthew Bourne's** *Lord of the Flies* project in the eastern region, are looking for new company members. No previous experience is necessary, but a desire to dance, natural ability and commitment to attend the weekly classes (2-5pm on Saturdays) is paramount.

Cost: Auditions are free, if successful there is a cost of £180 for the year

Bookings: www.legacydancecompany.co.uk/auditions

Age: 10-21

THURSDAY 14 & 21 SEPTEMBER, 6.30-8PM

MASTERCLASS WITH MUSICIAN AND ILLUSTRATOR DAN ALLEN

Join **Dan Allen** - solo artist, member of **Ducking Punches**, live session guitarist for **Frank Turner** and professional illustrator - in a pair of workshops for young musicians and songwriters.

Both sessions will be practical & creative, covering:

D.I.Y. BAND BRANDING - Get tips on how to create amazing logos and artwork on zero budget.

DAN'S JAM - Create your own unique version of one of Dan's songs.

Q&A - Your chance to ask Dan how he got started with his career in music.

Cost: £10 for both masterclasses

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 14-25

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 10.30AM-3PM

STAY FIT, TRIM AND HEALTHY WITH ROSEMARY CONLEY

You will kickstart the day with an arrival drink to boost your mood, then proceed with a talk from the fitness expert herself. There will be a delicious buffet lunch to follow and a marketplace of well-being beauty products and a selection of mini treatments available to purchase.

The day will end with an hour-long fitness class from Rosemary Conley CBE and last chances to buy products from the marketplace.

Cost: £25

Bookings: admin@thehamletcharity.org.uk / 01603 765405

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER, 9.30AM-3.30PM

Artswork

EVALUATING YOUTH ARTS PROJECTS

Developed to help you cultivate meaningful and beneficial modes of evaluating youth arts projects – and prepare you for your own evaluative process through creative examples and useful case studies. This course will give you the confidence you need to engage fully with evaluating youth arts. This session will be delivered by Rosy Prue.

Cost: £130

Bookings: miranda@artswork.org.uk / 02380 332491

Age: 18+

OCTOBER - DECEMBER VARIOUS TIMES

ARTS AWARD TRAINING

Arts Award training courses cover everything you need to know about delivering, running and successfully completing the Arts Award. Adviser training enables you to support and assess young people through Arts Award within your organisation.

DISCOVER AND EXPLORE

Monday 6 November 10AM-1.30PM

Cost: £140 (including refreshments)

BRONZE AND SILVER

Monday 9 October 10AM-5PM

Monday 4 December 10AM-5PM
Cost: £190 (including lunch & refreshments)
Bookings: artsaward.org.uk
Age: 18+

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER, 11AM-3PM
Norwich Mind

EXPLORE - NEW WAYS TO WELLBEING EVENT

This is a free event inviting young people aged 16-25 to come and build their own Wellbeing Toolboxes and learn from those who have used them to improve their own mental health strategies. Led by tutor Layla Dickerson.

Cost: Free

Bookings: layladickerson@norwichmind.org.uk, 07735 488 410 or drop in

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER, 10.30AM-4.30PM
The Garage

BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS: The Arts, Disability & Change

The latest in the **New Horizons** conference series.

A provocative, proactive and practical event for leaders and does across the arts sector. Visit **The Garage** website from mid-July for full details.

Cost: £25 (lunch included)

Bookings: 01603 283382

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 9AM-4PM
Educator Solutions

STEP ON

The course explores a therapeutic model for understanding and responding to both pro-social and anti-social behaviours. In addition, the course will look at law and guidance relevant to physical intervention within settings, providing advice on the safe and effective use of everyday physical interventions. This session will be delivered by Simon Blackmore.

Cost: £30

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 18+

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER, 9.30AM-12PM
The Garage

WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WHO FACE CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES

In this session The Garage share expertise on working with children and young people in challenging circumstances. You will explore successful strategies The Garage have developed to support children in a variety of different circumstances and how best to engage them in creative activities. This session will be delivered by Adam Yaxley

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 18+

OCTOBER HALF TERM EVENTS

MONDAY 23 & TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER, 10AM – 3PM

SCOOPY'S STREET SCHOOL

Once again **Scooby's** ever popular Street School returns this half-term. You will be put through your paces, learn some new moves and above all have a lot of fun! Come along and learn a fresh new routine, choreographed by **Scooby**, to the latest hits which you will show to your family and friends at the end of the second day.

Cost: £50 / £45 concs

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 7 – 11

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER, 10AM – 3PM

FAMILY FUN DAY

Join us for a fun-filled FREE family day packed with creative workshops and activities! The full schedule will be published on the website from September.

Cost: Free

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 18 months - 11 years

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/brochureautumn17_issuu for the classes' timetable or browse the website at www.thegarage.org.uk

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