



THE GARAGE

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THE GARAGE LAUNCHES ITS NEW SPRING SEASON OF EVENTS 2018

The Garage has launched its Spring season of events featuring a varied selection of productions, some of which have been partly made by professional performers in The Garage studios. For those looking for love in the new year the season kicks off with **Kaleido Film Collective** and **Feral Foxy Ladies'** *I Would Like to Get to Know You*, a cabaret-esque collection of real life dating stories. Local talent can be found in *INK on the Road* featuring the best new short plays from prolific East Anglian writers performed at the *INK Festival*, and **fEAST Theatre's** latest offering takes us to Morston, North Norfolk in World War II, in an adaptation of **Jeremy Page's**, *Salt*.

The season gets serious with unflinching drama; **house theatre's** *Growing Pains* follows a working class lad who travels down a dangerous road, *Gypsy Queen* from **Hope Theatre Company** tells the unconventional love story between two fighters who discover the greatest challenge lies outside the ring, and **The Garage Youth Theatre Company** present a National Theatre Connections performance, *The Changing Room*, a lyrical piece about existing on the cusp of growing up.

The season also features **ThisEgg** presenting *Me and My Bee*, where Josie and her pals ask you to bring your family to join the Bee Party, to *20 Questions* presented by **Unit** which has been co-created with some of The Garage's participants, **Foursquare Theatre's** production of *Half a World Away* which, as the title suggests, is a nostalgic trip back to the 90s in a rural community. Plus there's cutting edge comedy with **John Kearns**, **Tanyalee Davis** and *The M.M.O.R.P.G Show*.

If you are looking to take up a new hobby in the New Year, The Garage have added more adult dance and fitness classes during the day and at lunchtimes, including Burlexercise and Kettlercise, with more of the popular Ballet Basics classes as an introduction to dance. This is alongside the popular ever expanding dance, music and theatre class programme for all ages, term starts Thursday 11 January.

The *Study at The Garage* programme continues, including extracurricular GCSEs running on a Sunday. This spring Drama GCSEs have been added to the offer; it's not too late to sign up for the 2018 courses starting in January. Auditions are by appointment, call 01603 283382 or visit The Garage website to find out more, thegarage.org.uk.

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Notes for Editors

ABOUT THE GARAGE

The Garage is a centre for performing arts located in Norwich which supports the creative journeys of participants, audiences and artists. It is home to The Garage Trust, a registered charity providing support and development opportunities for children, young people and families from all backgrounds. The organisation provides a year round programme of activities including high quality programming, participation, education and training for all ages from its city centre venue and beyond through work with schools and partners across the county, region and nationally. For more information visit www.thegarage.org.uk

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THE GARAGE SPRING 2018 LISTINGS

JANUARY – APRIL

PERFORMANCES

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 February, 7.30PM

KALEIDO FILM COLLECTIVE & FERAL FOXY LADIES PRESENT

I WOULD LIKE TO GET TO KNOW YOU

A cabaret-esque collection of stories about love, lust and loss, inspired by the quarter life crisis.

TICKETS: First 15 tickets **£5!** - **£10/£7.50** concs

Age: 16+

Tuesday 13 February, 7.30PM

UNIT PRESENTS

20 QUESTIONS

A fusion of dance, candid interviews and seamlessly integrated film, *20 Questions* features a 40 strong intergenerational cast of local people, some of whom have danced all their lives, others who have never danced before. *20 Questions* is a snapshot of life and a gloriously uplifting look at humanity.

TICKETS: First 15 tickets **£5!** - **£10/£8.50** concs

Age: 5+

Wednesday 14 February, 7.30PM

FOURSQUARE THEATRE PRESENTS

HALF THE WORLD AWAY

What if your imaginary friend never left? It's 1997. While the rest of the village is in a frenzy and the country is gripped by New Labour/ Diana/Teletubbies fever, our unlikely hero is spending her summer trapped behind the counter in Keith's Country Stores. A nostalgia trip of a comedy, featuring pink shrimps and 90s hits.

TICKETS: First 15 tickets **£5!** - **£10/£8.50** concs

Age: 10+

Thursday 15 February, 6.30PM

The Garage Youth Forum present

PLUG-IN

The Garage Youth Forum are mixing things up and relaunching their youth lead event, which once went by the name SLAM! Get your tickets now to see some of the best young up and coming talent from the area.

TICKETS: Pay what you think on the night, booking required on 01603 283382

Age: 12 +

Friday 16 February, 8PM

THE GARAGE, ALL-IN PRODUCTIONS AND REDUCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

SCRATCH NIGHT

Come 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+

Tuesday 20 February, 7.30PM

THE GARAGE HNC & MDP PRESENT

ENCORE

An evening of performance to celebrate our fantastic HNC and MDP students. Come and join us in our theatre to enjoy an eclectic mix of dance drama and music by these young pre-professionals.

Tickets: FREE, booking required

Age: 16+

Wednesday 21 February, 8PM

SHOW AND TELL WITH UNITED AGENTS PRESENT

JOHN KEARNS, DON'T WORRY THEY'RE HERE

The only ever winner of both the Best Show and Best Newcomer prize at the prestigious Edinburgh Comedy Awards, John Kearns presents his latest stand-up show. As seen starring in BBC3's Top Coppers, guesting on C4's 8 Out of 10 Cats and heard on his own BBC Radio 4 series.

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £12 /£10 concs

Age: 14+

Friday 23 February, 7.30PM

FIGHT IN THE DOG PRESENTS

THE M.M.O.R.P.G SHOW

From *Nightmare Live* creator **Paul Flannery** comes *The M.M.O.R.P.G Show* (Festival Spirit winner VAULT 2016). Following a critically acclaimed Edinburgh debut, the show combining improvised comedy with tabletop gaming is back with even more adventures, campaigns and absurdities.

Tickets: £10

Age: 12+

Sunday 25 February, 2.30PM

THISEGG PRESENTS

ME AND MY BEE

Our fuzzy little friends need our help and so we're launching a political party, disguised as a party

party, disguised as a show. Multi award-winning theatre company, **ThisEgg**, invites you to save the world - one bee at a time. A new comedy for children and adults alike.

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

Age: 5+

Tuesday 27 February, 7PM

THE GARAGE YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

THE CHANGING ROOM

A lyrical piece about existing on the cusp of growing up. Set in and around a swimming pool, *The Changing Room* follows a group of teens full of excitement, impatience and uncertainty, each with their own secret worries and desires for what comes next.

Tickets: £5

Age: 13+

Wednesday 28 February, 7.30PM

SERENDIPITY THEATRE COMPANY WITH UNITY IN DIVERSION PRESENT

FROM ZIMBABWE WITH LOVE

Meet Robert Matalasie, a professional footballer. Join him as he tells his funny, touching, and explosive story within the world of the beautiful game. He details his path across continents, after being spotted by premiership scouts when playing football in his birth country of Zimbabwe.

Tickets: £10/£9 concs.

Age: 10+

Thursday 8 March, 7.30PM

HOUSE PRESENTS

GROWING PAINS

Carrying the weight of the world in his sports bag, a working class lad trades his mates for a one-way ticket out of Salford. Combining quick-witted lyricism with original songs, **Tom Gill's** genre-bending and unflinching drama takes us on a poetic journey from heartache to redemption, against the backdrop of Ladbrokes, broke lads, and sh*t dads.

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! - £12 /£10 concs

Age: 14+

Thursday 22 March, 7.30PM

ALBERTINE AND GUESTS

Albertine are a Norwich based collective performing improvised music. Making use of pre-prepared minimal stimuli, the group create soundscapes which span a spectrum from fragile moments of beauty to cacophony.

Tickets: £5

Age: 16+

Friday 23 March, 7.45PM

WEIRD COASTAL BUOY'S COMEDY PRESENTS

AN EVENING OF STAND UP WITH HEADLINER TANYALEE DAVIS

Comedy fans will have seen **Tanyalee Davis** on *Live at the Apollo*, *The John Bishop Show* and **Channel 4's** *The Last Leg* where she hilariously rebuffed **Jim Davidson's** misguided comments about midgets. Tanyalee, who is 3 ft 6 inches jokes that she is like the Ferrari of comedy; low to the ground and kind of racy!

Tickets: £12.50

Age: 16+

Thursday 29 March, 7.30PM

THE GARAGE PRESENTS

TURNSTYLE 2018

The Garage presents an evening of dance from Norfolk's finest participation dance performance companies. Experience the energy and excitement of **Pulse, Legacy, Passion, Full Tilt, Mosaic, D4Dance, Connect** and premiere performances from **Mini Pulse** and **Little Legacy** on the Norwich Playhouse stage.

Tickets: £10/ £8 concs

Venue: Norwich Playhouse

Age: ALL

Friday 13 April, 7.30PM

INK FESTIVAL PRESENTS

INK ON THE ROAD: THE BEST OF THE 2018 FESTIVAL

A surprise package of the best new short plays performed at the INK Festival.

Now in its fourth year the 2018 line-up includes the world premiere of *The Famous 5*, a unique collaboration by a stellar cast of East Anglia's most prolific writers, **Richard Curtis, Esther Freud, Blake Morrison, Libby Purves** and **Steve Waters**. These celebrity fans and friends of INK weave five magical tales from the same mysterious suitcase.

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

Age: 12+

Saturday 14 April, 7.30PM

HOPE THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

GYPSY QUEEN

The story of 'Gorgeous' George O'Connell, bare-knuckle fighter and traveller, who enters the world of professional boxing which puts him on a collision course with his roots, his identity and his greatest fear. In the opposite corner, gay boxer Dane 'The Pain' Samson, the young pretender and son of a boxing legend, is fighting his own battles that lead to a tragedy that neither could predict.

Two men who find themselves, and each other, in the most unlikely of worlds. *Gypsy Queen* is an unconventional love story between two fighters who discover the greatest challenge lies outside the ring.

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

Age: 12+

Friday 20 & Saturday 21 April, 7.30PM

fEAST THEATRE PRESENTS

SALT

Following *The Canada Boys*, *Parachute* and *Winter '53*, **fEAST** presents an adaptation of Jeremy Page's acclaimed novel. Join Pip Langore as he tries to make sense of his family's troublesome history. In Morston, North Norfolk, 1944, his Grandmother 'Goose' rescues a German airman buried up to his neck in the marsh. Nine months later the German vanishes in a makeshift boat, leaving Goose with a newborn daughter, Lil. Set across four decades of blood, smoke, mud, tears and fish,

Salt is a funny and tragic play with live music and a strong regional flavour.

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

Age: 12+

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EVENTS

Monday 12 – Tuesday 13 February, 10AM – 3PM

SCOOBY'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!

Cost: £50/ £45 concs

Bookings: 01603 283382 / thegarage.org.uk

Age: 7 – 11

STUDY AT THE GARAGE

January 2018-June 2019, Sundays 1-3.30PM

GCSE Dance

Can you no longer study dance or drama at school? The Garage offers part-time GCSE courses to complement school or work. The weekly classes will be enhanced by tutorials, performance trips, masterclasses, guest tutors and a high profile performance opportunity.

Auditions: By arrangement, call us on 01603 283382 to book

Age: 14+

January 2018- May 2019, Sundays 10AM-12.30PM

GCSE Drama

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Auditions: By arrangement, call us on 01603 283382 to book

Age: 14+

September 2018- February 2019, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9AM-5PM

HNC PERFORMING ARTS QUALIFICATIONS

Intensive 6 month pre-vocational training courses with pathways in acting, dance or musical theatre. Higher National Certificates (HNC) are recognised level 4 qualifications - equivalent to a university or vocational training school foundation programme.

Auditions: Sunday 12 November, Sunday 7 January, Saturday 24 March, Tuesday 26 June & Wednesday 22 August call us on 01603 283382 to book

Age: 18+

TRAINING

The Garage run a series of masterclasses & courses in teaching, accessibility, marketing & more. Led by a selection of experts in the subject. Training takes place on the first Thursday of the month. See the website for more details. Thegarage.org.uk.

CLASSES

There are over 60 classes on offer for all ages and abilities, from toddler dance to ballet. Please refer to thegarage.org.uk for the classes' timetable.

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