



THE GARAGE

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THE GARAGE LAUNCHES ITS AUTUMN SEASON OF EVENTS 2018

The Garage has launched its new season of events for Autumn 2018. Kicking off the season is great local theatre; *When We Were Reliant on the State* (5 Sept) from young emerging theatre company **Six Toes Theatre**, a gritty play about the UK's benefits system, *Super Hamlet 64* (7 Sept) is a fast paced retelling of **Shakespeare's** most famous play, full of retro animation, spoken word, live music and comedy songs from **Edward Day**, and **Baroque Theatre Company** return with their latest offering *Edith in the Dark* (27 Sept), journeying into the disturbing, dark and supernatural imaginings of celebrated children's author **Edith Nesbit**. Plus The Garage and All-In Productions once again present *Scratch Night* (9 Nov), showcasing great new art from local performance companies.

Exploring gender and identity, **Spun Glass Theatre** and **Ovalhouse** bring *Princess Charming* (28 Sept), a family friendly cabaret club, with dances, songs and skits in a celebration of being exactly who you are, *To Skin a Cat* (4 Oct) from **Rive Productions** follows Alana on an awkward, wickedly funny, sexual odyssey, and *Bullish* (9 Oct) is a new mythical play from **Milk Presents** negotiates ancient and new territories in trans-masculine gender and identity.

Heading to Norwich as part of their National tours, The Garage favourites **Paines Plough's** return with *Pop Music* (6 Nov) an emotionally contagious rollercoaster on an epic journey through thirty years of pop which has integrated BSL interpretation and captioned, **Nick Field** takes a sneaky gawp at what happens when escapism becomes unescapable in *Unicorn Party* (2 Nov), and *Off The Grid* (23 Nov) is an immersive new play developed in partnership with young people by **David Lane** that navigates a shocking and heart breaking human story through the underbelly of a hidden society.

The first 15 tickets for selected shows, including some of those mentioned here, are just £5 so book early and save yourself some pennies. This Christmas **The Garage** and **All In Productions** present a delightful retelling of a classic fairytale for toddlers in *My First Panto: Jack and the Beansprout* (30 Nov - 5 January).

In the October half term get creative for free in the *Family Fun Day* (26 October). On the Monday and Tuesday of half term *Scooby's Street School* (22-23 Oct) returns to teach 7-11 year olds a fresh new street routine.

Once again The Garage's class programme is expanding with an array of new classes; Drop-in toning and sculpting fitness classes include *Legs, Bums and Tums*, *Zumba*, *Kettlercise* and *Burlexercise*, new S.E.N.D. classes in Theatre and Music for those with a learning difficulty or disability, and *Seated Pilates* which is a specialist Pilates class for those who have limited mobility or physical disabilities. These add to the regular favourites of ballet, contemporary, musical theatre and more.

Adam Taylor Executive Director of **The Garage** said, "This season we present a great selection of shows in our theatre, some have been to *Edinburgh Fringe* (*Skin a Cat*), some programmed by our youth forum (*Princess Charming*), and some are our very own (*My First Panto: Jack and the Beansprout*). Following our conference last year around accessibility we have been working hard to broaden the scope of work that we present as accessible, either through interpreting, captioning or relaxed performances, and introducing new classes for those with physical, or learning disabilities – we still have some way to go but we are making good inroads."

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

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Notes for Editors

ABOUT THE GARAGE

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THE GARAGE AUTUMN 2017 LISTINGS SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

PERFORMANCES

WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Six Toes Theatre Company

WHEN WE WERE RELIANT ON THE STATE

Becca and her mum live off the UK's benefits system. When Becca begins to cause trouble at school she finds herself without a roof over her head for the very first time. A dark comedy about the cost of living written by Heather Kelly and directed by Sophie Ings.

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

Age: 16+

Friday 7 September, 7.30pm

Edward Day

Super Hamlet 64

Inspired by films like Scott Pilgrim Vs The World and with references to almost every videogame ever made, Super Hamlet 64 is a fast paced retelling of Shakespeare's most famous play, full of retro animation, spoken word, live music and comedy songs.

Tickets: £15/£8.50 concs. Family Ticket £35 (1 adult, 3 children, or 2 adults and 2 children)

Age: All

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

Baroque Theatre Company

EDITH IN THE DARK

Edith in the Dark is a haunting glimpse into the nightmarish inner world of an author whose reputation for cosy childhood innocence is only half the story. A chilling mystery thriller by Philip Meeks.

Tickets: £12/£10 concs.

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER, 1.30PM & 7.30PM

Spun Glass Theatre and Ovalhouse

PRINCESS CHARMING

Some girls like football. Some boys like pink. Everyone likes a good story. Exploring gender stereotypes in a fun, questioning way, Princess Charming is a celebration of being exactly who you are. The theatre is transformed into a family friendly cabaret club, with dances, songs and skits created with children, for children.

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

Age: 12+

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

Rive Productions

SKIN A CAT

Skin A Cat follows Alana on an awkward, wickedly funny, sexual odyssey: from getting her first period to watching bad porn, to a painful examination by an overly cheery gynaecologist – all in the pursuit of losing her virginity and finally becoming a woman. Whatever that means...

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

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

Banner Theatre

SPIRIT OF 1868

An eclectic mix of folk, punk, jazz and ska rhythms drive the stories of workers from all walks of life, standing together in solidarity across a century and a half of picket lines and protests.

Tickets: £10 / £5 concs

Age: 12+

TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

Milk Presents

BULLISH

A new mythical play with songs, negotiating ancient and new territories in trans-masculine gender and identity. This show drops a proverbial bull into a china shop and hopes it breaks everything.

Written and directed by Lucy J Skilbeck. BULLISH will be captioned with the Difference Engine.

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

Age: 12+

THURSDAY 18 & FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER, 7.30PM

fEAST Theatre

INTO THIN AIR

It's 1982. The Falklands War is on the telly, Dexy's Midnight Runners haunt the airwaves and fifteen-year-old Norfolk schoolgirl Susan Kemp is going off the rails. And then she vanishes... into thin air. Thirty five years later her brothers Pete and Melvin are still living in the shadow of Susan's disappearance.

Tickets: £15 / £10 students and under 25s.

Age: 16+

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER, 6.30PM

The Garage Youth Forum

PLUG-IN

The Garage Youth Forum (TGYF) is a group of 12-18 year olds from Norwich and its surrounding areas. The group put on a quarterly event in The Garage theatre called Plug-In Live, where young people are encouraged to show off their passions and talents to the public.

Tickets: pay what you can on the door (suggest minimum donation £1)

Age: 12+

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

Nick Field

UNICORN PARTY

Unicorn Party is a riot of stories, songs and music, comedy, and most likely copious glitter, to take a sneaky gawp at what happens when escapism becomes inescapable. The new show from performer

and writer Nick Field.

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

Age: 16+

TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

Paines Plough & Birmingham Repertory Theatre Present

POP MUSIC

For anyone that's ever been a d**k on the dance floor. *Pop Music* is an emotionally contagious rollercoaster by Bruntwood Prize winner **Anna Jordan**. A night at the theatre like no other. This performance has integrated British Sign Language interpreted and captioning

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

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER, 8PM

The Garage & All-In Productions

SCRATCH NIGHT

Come and see something brand new! Scratch Night is a platform to support the development of great new art from local performance companies.

Tickets: £5

Age: 16+

SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER, VARIOUS TIMES

Norwich Film Festival

NORWICH FILM FESTIVAL

The Norwich Film Festival is dedicated to showcasing the very best of films from the UK and around the world

Tickets: Various, please see norwichfilmfestival.co.uk for details.

Age: 7+

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER, 7.30PM

Half Moon

OFF THE GRID

Developed in partnership with young people, *Off the Grid* is an immersive new play by **David Lane** that navigates a shocking and heart breaking human story through the underbelly of a hidden society. Follow Connor and Kelly over seven years and discover if their own tale is as hopeful as the fiction they've clung on to for their very existence.

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

Age: 13+

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER – SATURDAY 5 JANUARY, VARIOUS TIMES

The Garage & All-in Productions

MY FIRST PANTO: JACK AND THE BEANSPOUT

My First Panto: Jack and the Beansprout re-imagines this classic fairytale story, and puts you at the centre of the action. Help Jack on his adventure to the land of the giants. From getting Daisy the cow ready for market, helping Jack plant the magic beans and searching the land of the giants for golden eggs; you take part in this performance rather than just watching from a distance.

Tickets: £12.50 adult / £7.50 child / under 1's go free

Age: 2-5 years, fun for all the family

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OCTOBER HALF TERM EVENTS

MONDAY 22 & TUESDAY 23 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: £60 / £55 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: All

MASTERCLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 10AM-1.30PM

ARTS AWARD TRAINING DISCOVER AND EXPLORE

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.

Cost: £147 (including refreshments)

Bookings & enquiries: artsaward.org.uk

Age: 18+

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 9.30AM-12PM

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SCHEMES OF WORK AND LESSON PLANNING

This session will help you plan better for delivering your own teaching by looking at different methods for creating Schemes of Work and Lesson Plans. It will touch on Aims, Objectives, Sequencing of Learning, Differentiation, Challenge and keeping learning focused on the bigger picture. This session will be delivered by Chris Smith.

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 18+

THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER, 9.30AM-12PM

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MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR SUPPORT WORKER

Do you deliver sessions in which a support worker is present? Do you know what their role is? Do you know how to use them effectively? This session will help you to plan to make the most of your support worker. This session will be delivered by Carrie Mansfield.

Cost: £10

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 18+

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER, 10AM-4.30PM

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NEW HORIZONS

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 August for full details.

Cost: £25 (lunch included)

Bookings: 01603 283382

CLASSES

There are over 70 classes on offer for all ages and abilities, from toddler dance to ballet, to new fitness classes. Please browse the website at www.thegarage.org.uk for the full list of classes.

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