



THE GARAGE

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THE GARAGE LAUNCHES ITS NEW SUMMER SEASON OF EVENTS 2019

The Garage has launched its summer season of events, with a focus on celebrating local talent from across the region. The season kicks off with National Theatre Connections Festival 2019 where local youth groups from across the region present work between The Garage and Norwich Playhouse. It follows with great new writing with seven new short plays being presented in *The Feast from the East* (24th April) by Ink Festival, including Ex-UEA student James McDermott's play *Mixed Up*, *An Honest Gentleman* (26 April) tells the tale of East Anglia's very own highwayman Thomas Easter from Stuff of Dreams Theatre Company, local students from City College Norwich bring their own take on the classics *Animal Farm* (20th & 21st May) and *Jekyll and Hyde* (22nd & 23rd May), and Rohan Gotobed who played the young Sirius in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, turns his talents to writing and directing in the new piece *Play Before Birth* (6th & 7th June), that will change how you see motherhood.

The Garage also welcomes back ThisEgg with their latest award-winning work dressed. (24th-26th May) a show created with *Made My Wardrobe* which is presented as part of Norfolk & Norwich Festival; a truly exceptional piece of performance and story-telling.

This season also sees The Bach Players with Ricardo Barros presenting *Dance of the Nations* (9th May) a concert that embodies the European idea in music and dance, Baroque Theatre Company bring the smash hit London play *Death and the Maiden* (5th July), and Livewire Opera bring *Pirates of Penzance* featuring Arthur Sullivan's best-loved songs including *I Am the Very Model of A Modern Major General*.

The Garage's growing interactive performances for toddlers continues with *My First Circus: The Littlest Mermaid* (10th-18th April) co-created by The Garage, All-In Productions and Lost in Translation Circus, a great family activity for the Easter holidays, and *My First Play: A Midsummer Night's Nap* follows in the summer (20th July-4th August) to give little ones their first experience of Shakespeare.

The Garage's summer term of classes start back on Tuesday 23rd April, with classes in dance, music and theatre for all ages.

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Notes for Editors

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About All-In Productions:

Since it was established in 2014 All-In Productions has had a very strong track record in producing the highest of quality theatre from within the Eastern region. We aim to delight, challenge, move and amaze audiences with the theatre that we produce whilst making the experience accessible as possible to those audiences who wouldn't normally engage in the arts.

Since forming All-In, the Company have presented a range of productions in differing venues across the east. This includes The New Wolsey, Pulse festival, Latitude Festival and The Garage. They are currently in preproduction for upcoming productions: *The Unheard*.

For more information visit www.all-inproductions.co.uk

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THE GARAGE SUMMER 2019 LISTINGS APRIL - AUGUST

MY FIRST

WEDNESDAY 10 – THURSDAY 18 APRIL, 10.15AM, 1.15PM & 3.15PM

The Garage, All-In Productions & Lost In Translation Circus

MY FIRST CIRCUS: THE LITTLEST MERMAID

Join the littlest mermaid and her circus friends as she explores the world out of the ocean. Her eyes opened to the world above, she seeks to become human but to do so she must enter the lair of the evil sea witch. *My First Circus: The Littlest Mermaid* is an interactive musical voyage of circus and theatre where you and your little ones can join in with the fun.

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

Age: 2-6 and their families.

SATURDAY 20 JULY – SUNDAY 4 AUGUST, 10.15AM, 1.15PM & 3.15PM

The Garage & All-In Productions

MY FIRST PLAY: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S NAP

On a cool summer's night, all havoc is breaking loose in the forest....The fairies of the forest are up to no good and they want you to play along with them. The Fairy King and Queen have fallen out of love. A troupe of awful actors are getting ready to put on a play and their lead actor has been turned into a donkey.

Will all be right by morning? Or was it all just a dream?

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

Age: 2-6 and their families.

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2019 – SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2020, VARIOUS TIMES

The Garage & All-In Productions

MY FIRST PANTO: RAPUNZEL

High in a tower, Rapunzel sits by the hour, waiting for the day she can explore the world below. Is she a prisoner or just being kept safe from the world outside by her overbearing mother, Dame Gothel? A chance encounter with a Prince and Rapunzel's world is turned upside down.

My First Panto: Rapunzel, will have you singing, dancing and playing along with Rapunzel and the Prince.

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

Age: 2-6 and their families.

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PERFORMANCES

TUESDAY 2 - FRIDAY 5 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+

TUESDAY 23 APRIL, 7PM

ENCORE

Students from **The Garage**'s Performing Arts Foundation Programme will perform highlights from their course, including songs, dances, play extracts and material devised by the students themselves. Expect a range of genres and contrasting styles, from old favourites to fresh new work.

Tickets: Free – booking required on 01603 283382

Age: 13+

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL, 7.30PM

Ink Festival

THE FEAST FROM THE EAST

The best new short plays from INK Fest' 2019.

This selection of short plays provides a thrilling night of East Anglian entertainment. Like perfectly formed pop tunes, these plays are by turns funny, sexy, touching, and **delightfully** quirky. They are tales of the unexpected. The pleasure of watching them is that every **single** one leaves you wanting more.

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

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 26 APRIL, 7.30PM

Stuff of Dreams Theatre Company

AN HONEST GENTLEMAN

A musical play about East Anglia's very own **Dick Turpin**. Stuff of Dreams will take you on a rollicking Georgian adventure as we delve into the life and times of the Highwaymen of the 18th Century. There will be wine, women and song and where facts are scarce there will be glorious embellishment.

Tickets: **£13/£8.50** Students and Under 16s

Age: 11+

SATURDAY 4 MAY, 7.30PM

S.H.W. Productions

STORIES OF 'C'

Intensity awaits in this high energy play... Witness four totally different tales of a subject that some would deem too sensitive to touch, as three actors venture into tales of a topic that has affected many.

Tickets: First 15 tickets **£11! £12/£11** under 25s and full-time students

Age: 17+

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY, 7.30PM

Concerts, inc.

DEAN FRIEDMAN

Hailed by critics and fans alike as one of the finest songwriters of his generation, **Dean Friedman** has achieved legendary status for chart-topping hits, *Ariel*, *Lucky Stars*, *Lydia* and more.

Tickets: £25

Age: 12+

THURSDAY 9 MAY, 7.30PM

The Bach Players with Ricardo Barros

DANCE OF THE NATIONS

Nicolette Moonen's Bach Players join hands with **Ricardo Barros** to present a concert that embodies the European idea in music and dance.

Tickets: £17.50 Family ticket: £45

Age: All

SATURDAY 18 MAY, 7.30PM

Future Stars

SOUNDS OF BROADWAY

The sensational sounds of the musicals are coming to you! Featuring songs from the glittering stages of Broadway and the glamorous theatres of the West End. All your favourites and more will be showcased in this one night only performance from some of Norfolk's finest talent!

Tickets: £10 / Family ticket £38

Age: All

MONDAY 20 & TUESDAY 21 MAY, 7.30PM

City College Norwich Level 2 Performance

ANIMAL FARM

George Orwell's satire on the perils of Stalinism has proved magnificently long-lived as a parable about totalitarianism anywhere and has given the world the immortal phrase: "*All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others*"

Tickets: £8.50/5.50 concs.

Age: All

WEDNESDAY 22 & THURSDAY 23 MAY, 7.30PM

City College Norwich Level 3 Performance

JEKYLL AND HYDE

Evan Placey's Jekyll and Hyde is a radical re-imagining of **Robert Louis Stevenson's** 1886 gothic novella, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*.

Tickets: £8.50/5.50 concs.

Age: 12+

FRIDAY 24 - SUNDAY 26 MAY, 7.30PM

ThisEgg in collaboration with Made My Wardrobe

dressed.

Told with a tender intimacy, *dressed.*, is a true story told by four women who have been friends since school. After being stripped at gun point, Lydia set out to redress herself with a new healing set of armour. Lydia now only wears clothes she has made. Multi-award winning ThisEgg combine choreography, live sewing, comedy and original music to celebrate the power clothes have to define us, to liberate us, to hide us and to embellish us. Part of Norfolk and Norwich Festival.

Tickets: £14/£7.50 under 26s/£13.05 concs.

Age: 16+ - This show explores themes of sexual assault

THURSDAY 30 MAY, 6.30PM

The Garage Youth Forum

PLUG-IN LIVE

Plug-In Live is a new themed-by-genre youth music event which gives young musicians from Norwich and its surrounding areas a platform to showcase their talent and passion.

Tickets: Pay what you can on the door, (suggested minimum donation £1).

Age: All

THURSDAY 6 & FRIDAY 7 JUNE

Coast to Coast Theatre Company

PLAY BEFORE BIRTH

Klara has organised her baby shower, but one guest wasn't invited; Moira. She wants to change the conversation. Are children really the future? Klara is uncertain. What do you think? Provoked by a world doomed before 2030, **Coast to Coast Theatre Company** are determined to create urgent and raw theatre that will change how you see motherhood.

Tickets: First 15 tickets £5! £8/£6 concs.

Age: 14+

FRIDAY 14 JUNE, 8PM

The Garage & All-In 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 28 JUNE, 7.30PM & SATURDAY 29 JUNE, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

Livewire Opera Company

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

The tale follows Frederic, a young man, about to leave his indentures, through his encounters with the tender-hearted orphaned pirates.

Tickets: £14/£12 concs./£10 under 14s/Family ticket £43

Age: All

FRIDAY 5 JULY, 7.30PM

Baroque Theatre Company

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN

The award-winning London smash hit play and subsequent feature film *Death And The Maiden* is revived in this exclusive tour by **Baroque Theatre Company**. Gripping high drama, with great intensity, this is a unique and first-rate thriller.

Tickets: £12/ £10 concs.

Age: 16+

SATURDAY 6 JULY, 7.30PM

Future Stars

BEST OF BRITS & AMERICAN CLASSICS

You are invited on a musical journey from Great Britain to the good ole' US of A. Sing and dance along to the best of the Brits and smooth American classics brought to you in this one-off showcase from the county's finest!

Tickets: £10

Age: All

WEDNESDAY 10 & THURSDAY 11 JULY, 7.30PM

David Narayan

THE PSYCHIC PROJECT

A mind-reading show based on the true story of the Cold War's psychic spies. Drawing on 100,000 pages of declassified documents, **David Narayan** attempts the CIA's experiments, seeing if a modern audience can use the same techniques.

Tickets: £14/£10

Age: 14+

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HALF TERM EVENTS, SUMMER SCHOOLS & ACADEMIES

TUESDAY 29 & WEDNESDAY 30 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: £60 / £55 concs

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 7 – 11

MONDAY 29 – WEDNESDAY 31 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 per participant or £125 for a participant plus a buddy (Essential companions go free)

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 12+

MONDAY 5 AUGUST – SATURDAY 17 AUGUST

THE BIG SUMMER PRODUCTION: ALADDIN

2019 is our 10th year of the Big Summer Production! This will be a very special year, one not to be missed! Join us for two weeks of fantastic fun putting together a production of Aladdin!

REHEARSALS

MONDAY 5 AUGUST – THURSDAY 15 AUGUST (excluding 10 & 11 August) 10AM – 3.30PM

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 10AM – 7PM

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 10AM – 4.30PM

PERFORMANCES*

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 3PM & 6PM

SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 1PM & 3.30PM

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

Cost: £200/£160 concs.

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 7-18

THURSDAY 1 – FRIDAY 2 AUGUST, 10AM-3PM

SCOOPY'S STREET SUMMER SCHOOL

Scooby's back for Summer 2019! Come and join in with two 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: £60/ £55 concs.

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 7-11

TUESDAY 27 - FRIDAY 30 AUGUST, VARIOUS TIMES

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER SCHOOL

Work on your performance skills over the course of four days. Sign up for the morning sessions or afternoons sessions in your favourite performing arts class: Musical Theatre, Music, Drama or Street Dance.

MORNING SESSIONS 9.30AM - 12PM

AFTERNOON SESSIONS 1 - 3.30PM

Cost: £90 four full days / £45 four half days

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 7-11

TUESDAY 27 – FRIDAY 30 AUGUST

PLUG-IN SUMMER SCHOOL

A four day 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 27 - THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 10AM – 3.30PM

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 10AM – 7PM

PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 3PM & 6PM

Cost: £70/£60 concs.

Bookings: 01603 283382

Age: 14-25

CLASSES

There are over 70 classes on offer for all ages and abilities, from toddler dance to ballet. Please refer to page 22-23 of the brochure here - <http://www.thegarage.org.uk/garage-brochures> for the classes' timetable.

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