Norwich Playhouse Spring/Summer 2006 Education Programme Wednesday 8th February

10.30am and 1pm

Quantum Theatre presents



Mrs Jessop and the Maths Lesson of Doom Previous show total sell out last autumn 05

Costs: £3.50 per person Suitable age 7 to 11 years KS2 Baz (Full name Basildon after the town where his mother first met his father) is not the most gifted or popular child in his school – in fact if it wasn't for bad luck he wouldn't have any luck at all. However, when he finds a Tamagotchi things definitely take a turn for the better – all of a sudden he's a mathematical genius! But at what cost? Based on the mathematics curriculum for Primary Schools, it explores number patterns, mental calculations and deduction.



10am - 4pm

A rare and fantastic opportunity for young

people aged 8 to 16 years to take part in a day of African and Cuban music and dance. This taster session will involve 5 artistes from different backgrounds and will include D.J skills, Hip Hop dance, Capoeira, drumming, dance and performing skills. For registration form please contact the Playhouse on 01603 612 580 or Anna Mudeka, the Education Officer, at annam@norwichplayhouse.co.uk.

There are a maximum of 25 places. Funding has made it possible to charge just £15. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a packed lunch.

This project was made possible by support from Community Champions and Local Network Fund.

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY

presents THE WINTER'S TALE

by William Shakespeare Wednesday 8th & Thursday 9th March 7.30pm



2hrs 30 minutes with interval £10.00/ £8.00 concessions £6.00 student groups special discount Recommended age group 11years and up

A CROWN, A PLACE, AN ISLAND IN THE MED, a delightful wife and family – they sound like the stuff of paradise, the life of the man who has everything. But the man is Leontes and this Sicilian paradise has a spider swimming in its claret... the poison of an obsessive suspicion destroying everything he holds dear.

But even while things are at their darkest, the seasons turn and *The Winter's Tale* burst into new life with irresistible energy and high comedy- a riot of young love, faithful friendship, summer and celebration.

Presented to rave reviews and full houses at London's Bridewell Theatre, Riding Lights have clearly got the measure of Shakespeare's late comedy. A powerful story of jealousy and resurrection, this is the one to see... swift, intelligent, charming... pure pleasure.

Had the audience roaring with laughter.....something special **Yorkshire Evening Press** An excellent night's entertainment **Worcester Evening news**

Winter's Tale workshops are available for students aged 11 years and up. Please ring the Playhouse office on 01603 612 580 for further details.

Music and Drama Platforms

Soundboards 2

Norfolk Music Platform

 $1^{st} \& 2^{nd}$ March 7.30pm

A new opportunity for musicians from Norfolk schools and colleges to rehearse, soundcheck and perform on the stage at Norwich Playhouse, with drum kit, back line, PA and technicians all provided free! Two nights, 8 spaces, of rock, pop and electronica with bands who write and rehearse their own music. Don't miss your opportunity to ROCK!

Springboards 6

Norfolk Drama Platform

28th, 29th March & 2nd May 7.30pm

Springboards 6 is a well-known, unique and exciting opportunity for theatre and drama groups from across the region to showcase their work on the Playhouse stage. Four groups per night are given 30 minutes to present their work with technical rehearsal time during the day and full technical support. Book your space early! More details from annam@norwichplayhouse.co.uk.

Tickets for Springboards and Soundboards are £4.00 (£2.50 concessions) available after 1st February from the Playhouse office on 01603 612 580. Book early!!

Norfolk dance

Presents 'Taking Flight' Thursday 30 March



Norfolk Dance brings 'Taking Flight' to Norwich Playhouse as

part of a county-wide tour. A new production for 8–12 year olds that will excite and thrill with its physicality and imagination. Extensive education work is taking place in schools across Norfolk. For tickets and information please call Norfolk Dance on **01603 283399**. *Full Tilt*, the youth dance company for Norfolk, will also perform their new work.

Tambai Promotions presents Tuesday 11th April



10am-3pm



Tickets £15 Age 8 - 12years Maximum participants 24 Early booking recommended Imaginative, exciting, creative and fun workshop exploring music and dance using

theatre and movement. This workshop will be lead by African dance instructor Anna Mudeka and Jose Ferrera, master musician and dancer from Cuba. A unique and exciting collaboration which will look at the cross cultures of Africa and South American music and dance. The workshop will be aimed at encouraging group participation in a fun and creative environment and will finish with a free performance for the parents.

ajtc presents THE GARDENER Wednesday 12th April 1.30pm and 4pm

Tickets £5, £3.50 children and concessions 5 – 8 years

This funny, heart warming play for young people and their families by **Mike Kenny** centres on Harry who has been happy in his garden for many years, but now can't quite remember what his plants are called. Young Joe however wants to know, 'What's this?' 'What's that?' 'Who?' 'When?' 'Why?' 'Where?' 'How?'.

While Harry is forgetting, Joe is busy making memories. This is a story about being forgotten and remembered at the same time: as the leaves fall from the branches of Harry's fading memory they turn into the green shoots of Joe's new stories.

Audience comments: 'Very brave to do something so imaginative' 'It's not just for kids'

After their sell out season with 'Why the Whales Came' Theatre Alibi returns with The Crowstarver

Tuesday April 25th 1pm & 7pm Wednesday April 26th 9.30am & 1.30pm



The Crowstarver 8 – 13 year olds & families £10/ £8 concessions £6 student groups special discount 90 minutes plus interval

The Crowstarver tells a story of "Spider" Sparrow, a foundling discovery in a lambing pen. Adopted by the shepherd and his wife, it soon becomes clear to all around him that spider isn't like other children. And that he can communicate with animals of all kind, from foxes to wild broncos. The magical rapport is Spider's unique gift but all around him threats lurk – bigotry, war and his own fragile health. The Crowstarver is a direct - action packed and moving tale of acceptance.

Why the Whales Came

Press Quotes

"An evening of thrilling theatre" THE GARDIAN "An exemplary piece of theatre" MAIL ON SUNDAY "A charmer of a show" THE TIMES

Quotes from family audiences

"I loved it, I don't know if I like cinema or theatre best" LEE, aged 12 "Given the chance, I'd certainly want to see the play again. I'd give it 10 out of 10!" CHARLIE aged 10, BBC NEWSROUND

théâtre sans frontières presents

Aladin et la Lampe Enchantée performed in simple French Wednesday 21 June 7pm Thursday 22 June 10.30am



Tickets £9, £7 concessions Student groups special discount £5 5-8 School years (Key stage 2/3) Age 9 to 13yrs

A fabulous fanciful story of sorcerers, jewels and genies is vividly performed by théâtre sans frontières in simple French.

Using clowning, puppets and spellbinding effects, an international cast conjure up a magical world brimming with surprises and thrills from the Orient.

A free education pack is available on CD Rom to all groups booking ten or more tickets.

Press Quotes from the 2004 tour

"Gently educational but hugely enjoyable" Newcastle Evening Chronicle "A magical way to spend an afternoon "St. Alban's Observer "The acting was a triumph" Lancashire Evening Post

FOR TICKETS TO ALL PERFORMANCES IN THIS EDUCATION PACK PLEASE RING THE PLAYHOUSE BOX OFFICE ON 01603 598 598. FOR WORKSHOPS AND TICKETS FOR PLATFORMS, EXCEPT FOR NORFOLK DANCE, PLEASE RING THE OFFICE ON 01603 612 580.

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