

Employees Sports & Social club

THEATRE ROYAL, BATH

January 2020 to May 2020

Welcome to the new theatre season. We would like to welcome all employees of the Bath and North East Somerset Council, their families and friends to the club which arranges front stall seats usually on the first night of each performance, which in most cases entitles us to a 20% group discount.

In addition, there is the usual discount for each member (your membership number must be quoted and discount can only apply to member's own ticket. Without this we regret your booking will be returned).

As usual we have 50 seats reserved for each performance and these will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

Please forward cheques together with booking form to

**PERSONAL/THEATRE
John Pagett
C/O Post Room
Lewis House
Manvers Street
Bath
BA1 1JG**

Please supply separate cheques for each performance made payable to
B&NES Social Club

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL SHOWS – WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2019

Please note that after this date no bookings can be accepted as all unsold tickets are returned to the Theatre for general sale.

Happy Theatre going

John Pagett

Ghost Stories

By Jeremy Dyson and Andy Nyman

WARNING: Please be advised that Ghost Stories contains moments of extreme shock and tension. The show is unsuitable for anyone under the age of 15. We strongly advise those of a nervous disposition to think very seriously before attending.

After exhilarating audiences across the world with record breaking, sell-out productions and a smash hit film, Andy Nyman and Jeremy Dyson's worldwide cult phenomenon **Ghost Stories** will thrill Bath for the first time ever, after storming the West End.

There's something dark lurking in the theatre. Enter a nightmarish world, full of thrilling twists and turns, where all your deepest fears and disturbing thoughts are imagined live on stage. A fully sensory and electrifying encounter, **Ghost Stories** is the ultimate twisted love-letter to horror and an edge-of-your-seat theatrical experience like no other. Be it phantoms, poltergeists or simply a 'bump in the night', let's play a game with fear.

Members Price - £19.00

Non-Members Price - £32.00

Monday 20th January 2020

God of Carnage

By Yasmin Reza

Starring Elizabeth McGovern, Samantha Spiro, Nigel Lindsay and Simon Paisley Day

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play and the Olivier Award for Best New Comedy, this ruthlessly comic study of middle-class parenting by the author of Art is one of the most successful plays ever in the history of the West End.

Following an acclaimed run as part of the Theatre Royal's Summer Season 2018, **God of Carnage** returns to Bath prior to a West End run. Elizabeth McGovern, fresh from starring in the celebrated **Downton Abbey** film, reprises her dazzling performance as Veronica, with Nigel Lindsay back as her bluff husband, Michael. Samantha Spiro plays Annette and Simon Paisley Day is Alan.

When eleven-year-old Ferdinand hits eleven-year-old Bruno with a stick in a playground punch-up and knocks out two of his teeth, the combatants' enlightened parents decide to meet to talk things over civilly. But once the niceties are done with and the drink starts flowing, it is the parents who turn into spoiled brats.

Members Price - £19.00

Non-Members Price - £32.00

Tuesday 4th February 2020

Blithe Spirit

By Noel Coward

Starring Jennifer Saunders, Geoffrey Streatfeild, Lisa Dillon, Emma Naomi, Simon Coates, Lucy Robinson and Rose Wardlaw

Jennifer Saunders reprises her gleefully funny performance as the eccentric clairvoyant, Madame Arcati, which delighted both critics and audiences when the production opened in Theatre Royal Bath's 2019 Summer Season.

With a distinguished creative team who have won a plethora of awards between them, this is a **Blithe Spirit** full of sparkling and spirit-lifting hijinks.

Novelist Charles Condomine and his second wife Ruth are literally haunted by a past relationship when an eccentric medium inadvertently conjures up the ghost of his first wife, Elvira, at a séance. When she appears, visible only to Charles, and determined to sabotage his current marriage, life – and the afterlife – get complicated.

Members Price - £22.00

Non-Members Price - £35.00

Tuesday 11th February 2020

Dial M for Murder

By Frederick Knott

Starring Tom Chambers and Sally Bretton

THE GENRE-DEFINING THRILLER FOR ALL TIME

Can you ever get away with the perfect crime? A brand-new production of the blueprint for the modern thriller, Dial M for Murder, is back.

Tom Chambers stars as the charismatic and manipulative Tony Wendice, a jaded ex-tennis pro who has given it all up for his wife Margot (played by Sally Bretton). When he discovers she has been unfaithful his mind turns to revenge and the pursuit of the 'perfect crime'.

Made famous by Alfred Hitchcock's world-renowned film of 1950, the iconic **Dial M for Murder** will leave audiences spellbound as Tony becomes more and more tangled in a web of his own making.

Also featuring Christopher Harper and Michael Salami, this ultimate masterclass in suspense is guaranteed to entwine you with its spine-chilling twists and turns. Dial M for Murder is the definitive seat gripping drama that is not to be missed!

Members Price - £21.00

Non-Members Price - £34.00

Monday 24th February 2020

The Cat & the Canary

By John Willard

Directed by Roy Marsden

Twenty years after the death of a rich eccentric, his descendants gather at his remote mansion to learn who will inherit his vast fortune and hidden jewels. At midnight on a dark and stormy night, the old family lawyer opens the will.

The heir is named with the stipulation that they can only inherit if proved to be of sound mind – but spending the night in this terrifying place is enough to turn anyone insane...

Members Price - £19.00

Non-Members Price - £31.00

Tuesday 10th March 2020

Legally Blonde The Musical

Performed by the Bath Operatic and Drama Society

The award-winning Bath Operatic and Dramatic Society explodes onto the stage with this upbeat, high energy show bursting with memorable songs and dynamic dances.

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown, and the smash hit 2001 movie, this stage version won three Olivier Awards, including Best New Musical, following its West End debut in 2011.

This social parody (in pink) follows the transformation of California Girl, Elle Woods, as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery and scandal when she applies to Harvard Law School in pursuit of love. Equal parts hilarious and heart-warming, this musical is so much fun it shouldn't be legal!

Members Price - £18.00

Non-Members Price - £28.00

Monday 16th March 2020

Band of Gold

Written and directed by Kay Mellor

Starring Gaynor Faye, Laurie Brett, Emma Osman, Shayne Ward, Keiron Richardson, Sacha Parkinson and Andrew Dunn

A star-studded cast visits Bath in the world premiere stage production of Kay Mellor's multi award-winning TV series Band of Gold.

Band of Gold was the ground-breaking crime drama that captivated over 15 million viewers each week when it aired on ITV. The stories revolved around a group of women – Carol, Rose, Anita and Gina. At times both heart-breaking and humorous, **Band of Gold** tells the story of how a young mother is drawn into the notorious red-light district. With a killer on the loose, it's a battle to survive!

Members Price - £21.00

Non-Members Price - £34.00

Monday 23rd March 2020

What's In A Name ?

Written by Matthieu Delaporte and Alexandre de la Patelliere

Starring Joe Thomas and Laura Patch

You are invited to take a seat at the table for a riotously funny evening that questions whether a person's name truly reflects who they are.

Father-to-be Vincent and his partner Anna are invited to dinner by his sister Elizabeth and her husband, Peter. They are joined by childhood friend Carl for a mature and sophisticated gathering.

The meal is lovingly prepared, and wine carefully selected. The friends are prepared for the usual humorous exchanges they've come to expect.

But tonight, a startling revelation about the name chosen for Vincent's and Anna's expected child becomes the catalyst for a destructive argument which spirals hysterically out of control. Tonight no one is holding back! Egos, childish resentment and unspoken feelings are relentlessly and hilariously exposed for the first time.

Members Price - £19.00

Non-Members Price - £31.00

Monday 30th March 2020

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story

This sensational multi award-winning West End show opened in 1989 and has been thrilling audiences around the world ever since. Buddy now triumphantly returns to Bath for the first time in seventeen years as part of its landmark 30th Anniversary Tour.

Forget feel good, **Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story** is FEEL GREAT! Experience the drama, passion and excitement as a cast of phenomenally talented actors and musicians tell Buddy Holly's story, from his meteoric rise to fame, to his final legendary performance at The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa.

Featuring two terrific hours of the greatest songs ever written, including That'll Be The Day, Oh Boy, Rave On, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace, Johnny B. Goode, Raining In My Heart, Everyday, Shout and many, many more, this show is just Peggy Sue-perb!

Members Price - £20.00

Non-Members Price - £34.00

Tuesday 7th April 2020

The Tempest

By William Shakespeare

Starring Michael Pennington

One of Britain's best-known classical actors, Michael Pennington, returns to Bath to play Prospero in Shakespeare's final play.

The stranger and his daughter live alone on a remote island. Some people say he's an artist. Others say he practises magic. But today is different. Prospero spots his oldest enemies passing close by in a fragile boat, and he conjures up a storm that will change all their lives forever. Shipwrecked on an enchanted island, surrounded by unfamiliar sights and sounds, Prospero's lifelong foes are defenceless against the magician's craft. But now he has the chance to take revenge at last, how will Prospero act?

Members Price - £19.00

Non-Members Price - £31.00

Monday 27th April 2020

The Habit of Art

By Alan Bennett

Starring Matthew Kelly, David Yelland and Veronica Roberts

The masterly Alan Bennett comedy plays Bath for the first time in this critically acclaimed and celebrated production.

Alan Bennett is one of our greatest and most celebrated playwrights, with a cavalcade of stage and screen blockbusters including *The History Boys*, *The Madness of George III* and *Talking Heads*. He is applauded as a genius for his sharp character observations and treasured for the way he beautifully balances wit, wistfulness and compassion.

In **The Habit of Art**, Bennett gives us a play about a meeting between two of the twentieth century's most remarkable artists, the poet WH Auden and the composer Benjamin Britten. Exploring friendship, rivalry and heartache, this multi layered masterpiece examines the joy, pain and emotional cost of creativity.

Members Price - £19.00

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Tuesday 12th May 2020

HMS Pinafore

By W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan

Performed by Sasha Regan's All Male Gilbert and Sullivan company

Below decks, World War II troops set out a distraction from the goings on above board with Gilbert and Sullivan's fourth collaboration and first blockbuster: **HMS Pinafore, or The Lass That Loved a Sailor**, When lowly tar, Ralph Rackstraw, falls for the Captain's daughter, Josephine, the age old conundrum of love between the classes ensues. Pledged by her father to marry the head of the British navy, Sir Joseph Porter, Josephine's bacon is saved thanks to a remarkable twist of fate.

Featuring infectious tunes and a beautifully constructed libretto, HMS Pinafore makes a perfect match with Sasha Regan's inimitable style – fresh, fast, inventive and fun and an absolute must-see!

Members Price - £18.00

Non-Members Price - £30.00

Monday 18th May 2020

The Woman in Black

Adapted by Stephen Mallatrat from the novel by Susan Hill

CELEBRATING THREE SPINE-CHILLING DECADES

A lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul.

It all begins innocently enough, but then, as they reach further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds.

Members Price - £20.00

Non-Members Price - £32.00

Monday 25th May 2020

The Mousetrap

By Agatha Christie

Starring Susan Penhaligon

Discover why Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap has kept people guessing for so long, becoming the longest running show of any kind in the history of theatre.

The scene is set when a group of people gathered in a country house cut off by the snow discover, to their horror, that there is a murderer in their midst. Who can it be?

One by one the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts until at the last, nerve-shredding moment, the identity and the motive of the murderer are finally revealed.

Experience shuddering suspense and a brilliantly intricate plot where murder lurks around every corner.

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THEATRE ROYAL BOOKING FORM

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Name(s):

Dept. /Address

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Please give work address if possible, to save postage

Tel:

Membership Number.....

(Name and Membership Number must be quoted for each member attending)

Cheques should be made payable to 'B&NES Social Club' and sent in an envelope marked 'Personal/Theatre' to JOHN PAGETT, C/O Post Room, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath BA1 1JG

PLEASE DO NOT ENCLOSE CASH

Date of show	Show Title	Number Required	Total Enclosed
	SEPARATE CHEQUES FOR EACH EVENT PLEASE!!		

Please do not request specific seats – all seats are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis and are dependent on what seats the Theatre is able to allocate. Due to volume of bookings acknowledgements cannot be given. In the very unlikely event of seating being unavailable you will be advised immediately. Bookings are accepted on the strict understanding that the social club is unable to refund monies already paid to the Theatre unless the Club is reimbursed by the Theatre Royal.

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