

**MT** MIDDLESBROUGH  
THEATRE

Summer Season 2009

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## Welcome to another packed season of shows at Middlesbrough Theatre.

Once again, drama is the kingpin of our programme and we are delighted to be offering more split-week runs of popular plays, including a brand-new comedy by North-East playwrights Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood and a gripping thriller by the creator of *The Avengers*, as well as comedies by three masters of the genre, John Godber, Alan Ayckbourn and Noel Coward. With more great drama lined up for the Autumn, Middlesbrough Theatre continues to take its place as "Tees Valley's Playhouse".

Not that we have forgotten the music-lovers amongst you, with music ranging from Motown to Country including concerts by the Scarborough Spa Orchestra and the New Squadronaires. There are great shows for the family at the Hexagon and Town Hall Crypt as well as the theatre itself and this summer we are presenting for the first time a season of outdoor shows, ideal for all the family, in the unique setting of mima Gardens.

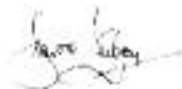
A big thank you to all of you who replied to our questionnaire. We always welcome your feedback and you can rest assured that we have taken note of all your comments and suggestions, which will help us ensure that we can provide the best possible service to our audiences. Many people

requested the inclusion of the seating plan (omitted due only to lack of space in the last brochure) and will be pleased to find it restored on page 21.

A number of you were slightly bemused by the significance of the cow on the cover of the brochure. May I assure you that we have not taken up agriculture as a sideline! It was, of course, the image from the wonderful West End production of *Stones In His Pockets*. (And for a clue to the significance of the image on the current brochure, turn to page 17).

Opinion as to whether we should combine our brochure with the Town Hall's was almost equally divided. However, people were rightly concerned that we should take the most economical option and, having taken account, not just of print costs, but also the cost of postage (which has again just risen) we decided to retain separate brochures, at least for the time being. We also felt separate brochures helped each venue maintain its individuality.

Thanks to your support the theatre continues to thrive, despite the economic downturn. I hope you enjoy what we have on offer this season and look forward to welcoming you to the theatre again very soon.



David Lindsey  
Theatre Manager



Saturday 9th May at 2.00pm

## AT THE HEXAGON THEATRE

Middlesbrough Theatre and Hall Garth Performing Arts present the Storytellers production of

# Treasure Island

Set sail with Jim Hawkins on the Hispaniola in search of buried treasure. Meet Long John Silver and his parrot and join the treasure-seeking pirates and they plunder their way through the high seas. This classic story is brought to you by the Storytellers' own crew of pirates and is full to the brim with excitement, murder, buried treasure, suspense and rousing seas shanties. With sails fully-rigged and a wind blowing from the East, you will be transported back in time to the 1800s when pirates roamed the seas and the skull and crossbones flew from many a mast.

For ages 5+  
Running Time 1 Hr 10 mins

Tickets £5 Adults; £4 Children;  
Family £12

Wednesday 13th May at 7.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents

# Keep It Cash

## The Music of Johnny Cash

RETURN BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Keep it Cash are Europe's leading Johnny Cash tribute show, stunning UK and international audiences with sell-out shows representing every decade of Cash's incredible 60-year career. All the classics are covered in a breathtaking performance. To see them is to experience the raw passion and danger of the Man in Black in his glory days.

Tickets £14; Concessions £12

Sunday 24th May at 8.00pm

Tom Kitching Promotions presents

# An Evening with Vin Garbutt

All seats £12.50



Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents the Msfits Theatre Company production of

## **Fur Coat and Magic Knickers**

Written by Rona Munro

Performed by Fiona Knowles

76 year-old Maggie is a compulsive shopper with more cards than Hallmark. How far will she go to satisfy her obsession - and why has she got her eye on that store detective? 38 year-old Personal Shopper, Jenny, is at breaking point and might just be forced to suffocate Maggie with a rather fetching 100% cashmere fuchsia pink v-neck and matching belt. But then she still has Second Hand Rose to contend with. 50-something Rose's last new fashion buy was a set of thermals in 1994 - now on a hot date for her daughter's wedding, she's been forbidden to go anywhere near a charity shop! Alarm bells ring, but which one of our retail victims is about to crash the Emergency Exit?

One actress, three characters - it's the brand-new comedy drama from the Msfits.

[msfits.co.uk](http://msfits.co.uk)

**Tickets £12; Concessions £10**

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Monday 1st June at 7.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre in association with Clive Conway Celebrity Productions presents

## **An Evening with Tony Benn**

The veteran Labour politician Tony Benn will be talking about his life in politics and what he thinks about the changes in the Labour party.

Expect an evening of frank responses and entertaining political anecdotes.

This is a welcome sequel to his original legendary theatre tour which visited Middlesbrough Theatre in 2002.

[celebrityproductions.info](http://celebrityproductions.info)

**Tickets £14; Concessions £12**

[www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)



Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th June at 7.30pm  
Matinee Thursday at 2.30pm  
BSL signed performance Thursday at 7.30pm



Middlesbrough Theatre presents the Hull Truck production of

## **Lucky Sods** by John Godber

with Gordon Kane, Jacqueline Naylor, Fiona Wass & James Weaver  
Directed by Nick Lane

He likes Rugby, she likes telly. His favourite number is 8, hers is 42.  
He picked the numbers, she bought the lottery ticket.  
They sat; they watched; they won.

And now Morris and Jean are millionaires. Lucky Sods!

But is hitting the jackpot all it's cracked up to be...?

A satirical and outrageous comedy about a family who have nothing on Friday . . . and £2 million on Saturday.

Don't miss this opportunity to see the acclaimed Hull Truck Theatre company in this hilarious comedy from BAFTA award-winning writer John Godber.

*'touchingly true...a winner for Godber'* - THE GUARDIAN

*'funny, poignant, always entertaining'* - THE STAGE

*'very funny black comedy'* - THE OBSERVER

CONTAINS SOME STRONG LANGUAGE

[hulltruck.co.uk](http://hulltruck.co.uk)

**Tickets £12; Concessions £10. Matinee all seats £6**

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[www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)



Wednesday 17th - Saturday 20th June at 7.30pm  
Matinee Thursday at 2.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents the Talking Scarlet production of

## The Revengers

by Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood

When Katy Dream left drama school she walked straight into a starring TV role in *The Revengers*. Sadly, her days as Gemma Peel - the leather-clad, crime-solving, kung-fu queen of Tyneside - are long gone. 25 years later she's back to being plain old Katy West, the apron-clad, debt-ridden, dancing queen of *Nowhere*. Her husband, Jimmy, a Castro-obsessed Marxist, has been in a wheelchair since a shipyard accident and spends his time training for road races and making soup.

When Katy's new agent manages to secure her an audition for the role of Portia in a touring production of *The Merchant of Venice* she sees a light at the end of the tunnel. Enter Gary, a charming but sinister loan shark, who is about to turn her world upside down . . .

This darkly funny tale about a former TV sex symbol fallen on hard times comes from North-East playwrights Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood, authors of the hit comedies *Dirty Dusting* and *Waiting for Gateaux*.

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Tickets £12; Concessions £10. Matinee all seats £6.



Wednesday 24th June at 7.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre in association with The Show Providers presents

## Route 66

In this spectacularly-staged musical extravaganza - produced in association with Harley-Davidson - the cast of Route 66 invite you to cruise along the world's most famous road, and find yourself on a musical journey through the best of American country, rock, pop - all the classic sounds of Route 66.

A highly-acclaimed cast of performers and musicians, pristine choreography and fantastic multimedia effects come together to create the perfect atmosphere for audiences young and old to lose themselves amongst the sounds of the Eagles, Cher, Bon Jovi, Johnny Cash, Meatloaf, Bruce Springsteen, Tina Turner, Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, Bryan Adams and many more favourites.

Leading the cast is Rev Dr Clive Jackson – front man of the 80's psychedelic rock band Doctor and the Medics whose smash hit single Spirit in the Sky, raced to the number one hit in 25 countries.

So climb aboard your Harley, feel the wind in your hair – and come get your kicks down on Route 66!

[theshowproviders.com](http://theshowproviders.com)

**Tickets £14.50; Concessions £13**

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[www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)



Thursday 25th – Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm  
Matinee Friday at 2.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents the Bruce James production of

## **Strictly Murder** by Brian Clemens (creator of The Avengers and The Professionals)

Starring Mark Moraghan (Owen Davis from Holby City)  
and Nick Barclay

April 1939. English artist Peter Meredith lives in the lush and beautiful countryside of Provence, sharing his home and his life with his wife, the young and trusting Suzy. They live in idyllic isolation far, it seems, from the rumblings of the coming war. However their peaceful existence is shattered from within when Suzy finds out she has been betrayed; Peter is not the man he claims to be. What is his real name? What dreadful secret is he concealing? Is he a ruthless killer on the run and is her own life in deadly danger?

When Ross, a Scotland Yard detective, arrives, events become even more complicated and frightening . . . Lies, subterfuge and murder make this fast-moving thriller a dark and disturbing rollercoaster of bluff and double bluff which will have audiences poised on the edge of their seats until the final chilling conclusion!

*'... pacey and modern... a must see'* - SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ARTS COUNCIL

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[brucejamesproductions.co.uk](http://brucejamesproductions.co.uk)

**Tickets £12; Concessions £10. Matinee all seats £6**

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[www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)



Thursday 2nd – Saturday 4th July at 7.30pm  
Matinee Friday at 2.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents  
the Talking Scarlet/Pomegranate Theatre Chesterfield production of

## **Up 'n' Under** by John Godber

with John Goodrum, Patric Kearns and Robert Laughlin

Refereed by Patric Kearns and Adrian Lloyd-James

Set “somewhere in the north of England” Up 'n' Under follows the fortunes of the Wheatsheaf Arms amateur rugby team, who can only muster a side of four and whose pride lies in their unbroken record of defeat (54-0 their most spectacular score yet!) For an outrageous bet, Arthur (an ex-Wakefield Trinity hooker) undertakes to train the Wheatsheaf boys for a match against the team from the Cobblers Arms - the best side in the north of England. Arthur enlists the help of Hazel who runs a body-building gym and he's confident.

But how will the Wheatsheaf lads take to a woman training them? And will they beat the terror of the 7-a-side league?

John Godber's heart-warming comedy won the Laurence Olivier award for Comedy of the Year in 1984.

*'Whose heart wouldn't warm to the Wheatsheaf team? ... You'll have to see it.'*  
- THE DERBYSHIRE TIMES

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Tickets £12; Concessions £10. Matinee all seats £6



Wednesday 22nd July at 7.30pm

Thursday 30th July at 7.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre in association  
with Peter Brent Promotions presents

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## How Sweet It Is Motown's Greatest Hits

## The Scarborough Spa Orchestra

2009 celebrates the 50th anniversary of one of the most loved and popular genres of music ever. Now in its 6th successive year, How Sweet It Is is a slick and high-energy recreation of the 60s and 70s music era in the city of Detroit, affectionately known as 'Motor Town'.

The Summer season at Middlesbrough Theatre would not be complete without a visit from the legendary Scarborough Spa Orchestra and they return for the sixth year running with another stunning concert of music to 'bring the house down'!

The show features music from two of Motown's finest vocal groups, The Temptations and The Four Tops, along with many other legendary artists from the vast Motown stable.

The Middlesbrough Theatre has fast become one of the orchestra's favourite venues, and they are delighted to be able to bring another programme of their unique brand of musical entertainment to delight their enthusiastic audience here.

Backed by The Peter Brent Orchestra, an 8-piece powerhouse band including 4-piece horn section, How Sweet It Is is guaranteed to have you dancing 'All Night Long'!

Expect the usual mix of waltzes, marches, novelties and songs from the shows in a typically varied programme.

[pbpromotions.co.uk](http://pbpromotions.co.uk)

[spaorchestra.co.uk](http://spaorchestra.co.uk)

Tickets £17; Concessions £15

SUNSHINE SAVER: All seats £10

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[www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)



Middlesbrough Theatre is delighted to welcome for the first time two major events as part of the renowned

Friday 7th August at 7.30pm

## **BILLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL FOLKLORE FESTIVAL**

## **The Electric Light Orchestra Greatest Hits Tour**

featuring the fabulous ELO Experience

Saturday 1st August at 7.30pm

### **International Carousel**

A non-stop kaleidoscopic world tour of colour, music and dance. Slovakia, Mongolia, Cook Islands, Egypt, Russia and Peru are featured in this very special journey.

In the 1970s Jeff Lynne and the Electric Light Orchestra became one of the world's best known and greatest recording bands. A seemingly endless list of hit records stormed the charts throughout the world. Radio broadcasts worldwide played hits such as Living Thing, Telephone Line, Wild West Hero, Sweet Talking Woman, and perhaps their most famous - Mr Blue Sky.

**Tickets £10; Concessions £7.50**

Thursday 6th August at 7.30pm

### **Festival Gala Concert**

Not To Be Missed - this Special Anniversary Gala Concert features all the International Dance Companies, culminating in the spectacular world-famous Gala Finale.

Thirty years on, a group of talented musicians are currently touring UK theatres bringing the most popular songs back to the stage. Come and hear their greatest hits reproduced by the exciting and incredible ELO Experience. Recently back from Las Vegas, this show is not to be missed.

**Tickets £12; Concessions £9.50**

**Tickets £16; Concessions £14**

[elotribute.com](http://elotribute.com)



Tuesday 1st – Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30pm  
Matinee Wednesday at 2.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents the Michael Friend production of

## **Intimate Exchanges: A One-Man Protest** by Alan Ayckbourn

A piece of theatrical lunacy

Can Toby, a headmaster with the largest collection of empty whisky bottles in the county, save his wife from throwing herself into the arms of his best friend?

Flighty free spirit Rowena Coombes leads her poor husband Miles a terrible dance, enough to make a man want to shut himself away somewhere and give up the unequal struggle. Perhaps, on reflection, choosing to barricade yourself inside your best friend Toby Teasdale's garden shed isn't the best choice of location but then, after all, this is an urgent cry for help. Unfortunately for Miles, his call is answered by not one but three very determined women. How long can he hope to hold out against that? Or against an even more drastic solution concocted by Toby and the devious Lionel Hepplewick?

Two actors play all the characters in this chaotic farce of marital misunderstandings - a tale of love, lust and burnt trousers. . .

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[mfp.org.uk](http://mfp.org.uk)

Tickets £12; Concessions £10. Matinee all seats £6



Friday 4th – Saturday 5th September at 7.30pm  
Matinee Saturday at 2.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents the Michael Friend production of

## Private Lives

by Noel Coward

A timeless comedy of very bad manners

Two new honeymoons, two new couples. But when honeymoons collide who will pick up the pieces?

Amanda and Elyot can't live together and they can't live apart. When they discover they are honeymooning in the same hotel in France with their new spouses, Victor and Sybil, they fall in love all over again and elope to Paris. Once there, however, they learn to hate each other all over again. When Victor and Sybil arrive, fireworks fly until Amanda and Elyot steal quietly off to resume their romance under more tranquil conditions. But will peace ever prevail?

Written in 1929, *Private Lives* remains one of the most successful and popular comedies ever written - full of wit and razor-sharp dialogue but with a dark underside.

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[mfp.org.uk](http://mfp.org.uk)

**Tickets £12; Concessions £10. Matinee all seats £6**



Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre in association with the United Services Organisation presents

## The New Squadronaires

A special concert to mark the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II

The most famous of the second World War service bands was the RAF No 1 Dance Band - the Squadronaires. The New Squadronaires are presented just as it was in the 1940s with young musicians in authentic RAF uniform.

The New Squadronaires play the music of Benny Goodman, Harry James, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey and many other swing bands of the era, and feature several transcriptions of the music arrangements written especially for the original orchestra.

If you want pure and professional British nostalgia (and tunes you know!) - this is the band for you.

[usoproductions.co.uk](http://usoproductions.co.uk)

Tickets £16; Concessions £14

Thurs 10th - Sat 12th September at 7.30pm. Matinee Fri at 2.30pm

Middlesbrough Theatre presents the Talking Scarlet production of

## Random Harvest

by James Hilton

Adapted for the stage and directed by Patric Kearns

From the novel by James Hilton – author of Goodbye, Mr. Chips and Lost Horizons - comes a brand-new stage adaptation of one of the great sentimental romances of all time.

As the First World War ends a soldier wanders out of an asylum. Smithy was found in the trenches having lost his memory and all contact with the past. Amidst the noise of the armistice celebrations he meets an actress, they fall in love, marry and have a son. On a trip alone to Liverpool, Smithy is involved in an accident. His original memory returns; but he now remembers nothing at all about his new life. It is not until the outbreak of World War 2 that things start to unravel . . .

Tickets £12; Concessions £10  
Matinee all seats £6

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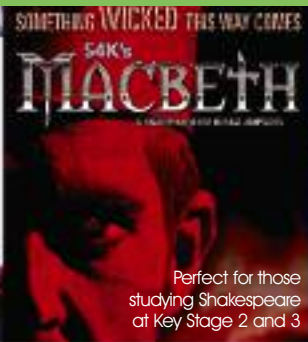
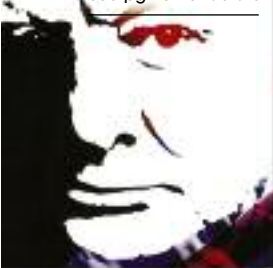


Photo courtesy of UK Productions

Perfect for those studying Shakespeare at Key Stage 2 and 3

Wed 16th September  
at 7.30pm

IN THE TOWN HALL CRYPT

Middlesbrough Theatre  
and Middlesbrough Town  
Hall in association with  
Scamp Theatre present

## At War with Churchill

by Peter Wolf

Hero. Villain. Artist.  
Drinker. Nobel Laureate.  
Prime Minister, twice. And  
history's most unbreakable  
war leader. This major  
biographical drama  
challenges us to decide  
what we really feel about  
the man consistently voted  
Britain's greatest Briton.  
Underscored by lucid video  
montage and music by  
Malcolm Bruce, a vivid  
gallery of characters create  
a timely fresh take on the  
man behind the myth.

Tickets £9; Concessions  
£8; Under 16 £6

Thurs 24th September  
at 7.30pm

Schools' matinees

Mon 21st - Fri 25th

Middlesbrough Theatre  
presents

## S4K's Macbeth

In the hands of S4K,  
Shakespeare's 'Scottish  
play' becomes a musical  
thriller that is guaranteed  
to keep kids of all ages (and  
adults!) on the edge of their  
seats.

*'One of the most exciting  
versions of the Scottish play  
(for adults or children) that  
this ex-theatre editor has ever  
seen...'* - LONDON  
EVENING STANDARD.

Tickets £12;  
Under 16 £9.

## EARLY BIRD SAVER

Schools £8.50 if booked  
and paid for by 13th July

Fri 4th December -  
Sun 10th January

Middlesbrough Theatre in  
association with Extravaganza  
Productions presents

## Dick Whittington

Starring Jean Ferguson as  
Fairy of the Bells  
with Colin Roberts as  
Dame Sarah Suet and  
Robert Laughlin as King Rat

Middlesbrough Theatre has  
lined up another sparkling  
show this Christmas, with  
Jean Ferguson (Marina in  
Last of the Summer Wine)  
helping Dick Whittington  
in his search for fame and  
fortune. Colin Roberts - last  
year's outrageous Widow  
Twanky - returns as Dame.

Tickets are already  
selling fast - so put it on  
your shopping list now!

For performance times &  
ticket prices, call the Box  
Office on 01642 81 51 81.



For ages 4+  
Running Time 60 mins



Not suitable for children under 8.  
Running Time 55 mins

Saturday 30th May at 2.00pm

Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm

## AT THE HEXAGON THEATRE

Middlesbrough Theatre and Hall Garth Performing Arts present the Uncontained Theatre production of

### **The Little Mermaid**

A play with music and puppetry, based on the book by Hans Christian Andersen

Enter a world where man and woman do not walk with legs, but swim with tails...where mermaids live side by side with the sea creatures...where music is the language of the most mysterious depths of the ocean. The Little Mermaid longs to be part of the human world so that she can marry the human prince. In sheer desperation, she decides to sell her voice to the Sea Witch in exchange for legs, but she could never imagine the price she would pay ...

Tickets £5 Adults; £4 Children;  
Family £12.

## AT THE HEXAGON THEATRE

Middlesbrough Theatre and Hall Garth Performing Arts in association with Scamp Theatre present

### **The Mozart Question**

by Michael Morpurgo.  
Adapted by Simon Reade  
From the team behind Private Peaceful

Paolo Levi is the greatest violinist in the world. But he refuses to play Mozart. Why?

This brand-new dramatisation of Michael Morpurgo's extraordinary story takes us from the beauty of Venice to the horrors of the Nazi gas chambers in a tale that will move and inspire both young and old. A wonderful and poignant piece performed by actor/violinist Andrew Bridgmont.

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scamptheatre.com

Tickets £9; Concessions £8;  
Under 16 £5

For ages 3+  
Running Time 45 mins



Saturday 20th June  
at 1.00pm

## IN THE TOWN HALL CRYPT

Middlesbrough Theatre and Middlesbrough Town Hall present the Animated Objects Theatre Company production of

### **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**

A new version of the classic tale in which the intrepid billy goats get more than they bargained for as they trip trip trap across the river in search of a snack.

Gasp at Little Billy Goat's bravery! Groan at his big brothers' woolly old jokes! And keep a good look out for the greedy old troll who lives beneath the bridge!

Music, clowning and puppetry combine to bring this well-loved tale to life in Animated Object's trademark storytelling style: a magical piece of theatre.

Tickets £4 Adults; £3 Children;  
£11 Family



Thursday 23rd July  
at 1.00pm and 3.30pm

## AT MIDDLESBROUGH THEATRE

Middlesbrough Theatre presents  
Premier Stage Productions'

### **The Tales of Peter Rabbit**

Join Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny on their adventure through the forest to Mr McGregor's garden to fetch a nice juicy lettuce, the one place Peter was told not to go! On the way they'll be meeting some friendly and familiar faces, including Mrs Tiggly-Winkle, Jemima Puddle-Duck and Tom Kitten.

Narrated by our very own Beatrix Potter, the production is sure to delight fans of Peter Rabbit both young and old alike by remaining faithful to the original stories. With brand-new songs and beautifully-designed scenery and costumes this show is destined to bring the famous books to life in a new and exciting way.

Tickets £9 Adults; £8 Children;  
£30 Family



## IN MIMA GARDENS, CENTRE SQUARE

Middlesbrough Theatre in association with  
Middlesbrough Council Festivals and Events presents



## A Season of Open-Air Theatre

In a brand-new venture, Middlesbrough Theatre presents a season of outdoor theatre in the unique setting of mima gardens. From the magic of Merlin and A Midsummer Night's Dream to the perennially favourite tales of Babe and the Wind In The Willows, this is perfect summer entertainment for all the family.

Mima Gardens is situated off Centre Square, between mima and the Carnegie Library. Bring your own rug or low-backed seating and dress warmly. Refreshments will be available from Café Prego in mima. You are welcome to bring your own picnic, but please note that alcoholic drinks are not permitted. Performances start at 6.30pm. Gates open at 5.45pm - access from Centre Square.

Friday 12th June at 6.30pm

Chapterhouse Theatre Company presents **Merlin the Magician**

Alive with music, dance, comedy and drama, we follow Merlin on his quest to guide King Arthur in his search for the Holy Grail. Among the bright lights of Camelot, a famed new knight will arrive, bringing romance and chivalry to the court. In an exciting world of fearsome beasts and magical creatures, Merlin and the knights of Camelot embark on the most thrilling journey of their lives.

Tickets £12 Adults; £8 Children; £35 Family



Thursday 9th July at 6.30pm

Heartbreak Productions present **The Wind In The Willows**

Following their success with Peter Pan in mima Gardens last year, Heartbreak return with another classic of children's literature. Take a trip with Toad and chums and revel in their outlandish adventures as this timeless story gets a magical makeover. Live music, song, dance and inventive props cleverly create an entrancing and entertaining experience for all the family.

Tickets £10 Adults; £6.50 Children; £28 Family

Thursday 13th August at 6.30pm

Illyria present **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

One young couple are hopelessly in love, another are in denial, the Duke can't wait to get his hands on his bride-to-be and the fairy King and Queen hate each other's guts. Deep in the forest Puck makes a careless mistake - the consequences escalate into absolute uproar. In the midst of the mayhem a group of talentless workmen try to rehearse a play for the Duke's wedding. Illyria's production of this perennial Shakespeare favourite is magical, poetic and very very funny.

Tickets £12 Adults; £8 Children; £35 Family

Wednesday 26th August at 6.30pm

Theatreworks present **Babe the Sheep Pig**

By Dick King Smith Adapted by David Wood

When Farmer Hoggett wins the polite and adorable piglet at a village fair, a bond is immediately formed between them. Under the gentle guidance of mother sheep-dog Fly, Babe learns to herd sheep and Farmer Hoggett decides to enter him in the "Grand Challenge Sheep Dog Trials". Join the cast of actors and puppets to cheer Babe on and find out what happens.

Tickets £10 Adults; £6.50 Children; £28 Family

Mon 18th – Sat 23rd May at 7.30pm;  
Matinee Saturday at 2.30pm  
Redcar Operatic Society presents

## **The King and I**

Tickets £15; Concessions £12.

Matinee all seats £10

Fri 29th – Sat 30th May at 7pm

Topline Community Arts and Stars

Performing Arts present

## **Shake Ripple and Roll**

Tickets £6; Concessions £5

Tues 9th – Sat 13th June at 7.30pm

Middlesbrough Little Theatre Ltd presents

## **Absent Friends** by Alan Ayckbourn

Colin's friends hold a tea party to comfort him over the death of his fiancée but when he arrives, his totally unexpected air of cheerful relaxation contrasts sharply with their tenseness, and very quickly begins to cause them all great discomfort.

Very Ayckbourn – very funny.

Tickets £8; Concessions £6

First Night all seats £5

Sunday 14th June at 6.00pm

UCA's Danceworks presents

## **Wishing On A Star**

Tickets £4.50; Concessions £3

Sunday 28th June at 4.00pm

Dancewise Performing Arts presents

## **Let Us Entertain You**

Tickets £8

Tues 7th – Sat 11th July at 7.30pm

Stockton Riverside College presents

## **Sweet Charity**

The much-loved, poignant and, above all, hilarious musical with a score of absolute classic songs such as 'Rhythm Of Life', 'If

My Friends Could See Me Now' and, of course, 'Big Spender'. Promises a show with unbelievable energy and unrivalled performance.

Tickets £11; Concessions £9

Sunday 12th July at 7.00pm

Question Display Team and Tees Valley

Gymnastics present

## **Movie Magic 2009**

All your favourite films interpreted through dance, gymnastics, sports acrobatics and tumbling. Includes previous world, national and regionally-ranked gymnasts as well as the current British Champions.

Tickets £8

Thurs 16th – Sat 18th July at 7.15pm

Spotlight Performing Arts present

## **Way Out West**

A "rootin tootin" ride through the greatest musical hits of the wild west.

Tickets £9; Concessions £8

Fri 24th – Sat 25th July at 5.30pm

Fuzion Studio of Performing Arts present

## **Dance Sensation 2009**

Musicals, Street Dance, Mega Mixes, Sports Acrobatic Displays, Vocal Arrangements and much much more.

Tickets £8; Concessions £6

Tues 28th – Wed 29th July at 7.00pm

MTH Performing Arts presents

## **A Night At The Movies**

MTH performing arts students will dazzle you with acts, songs and performances from classic hits and modern favourites including Oliver, Annie, Mamma Mia and Moulin Rouge.

Tickets: £5; Concessions £3.

Under 5s FREE (ticket must be obtained when booking)

# Location and Seating Plan

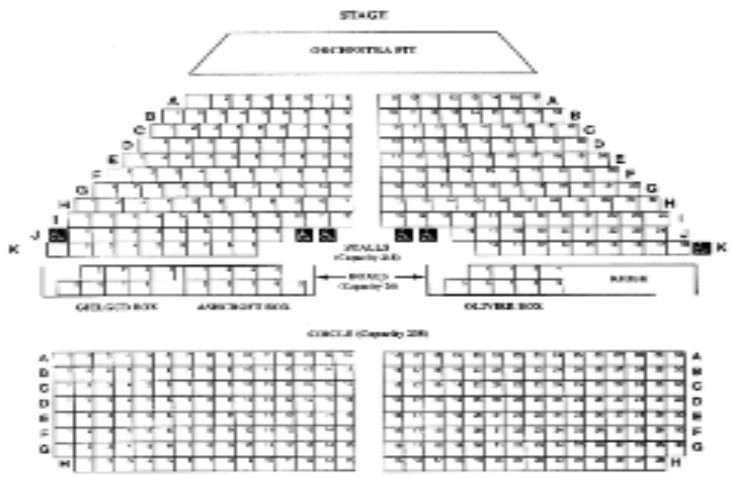


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## BOX OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm; Saturday 10am - 2pm

On performance days: Monday - Saturday 10am - 8pm (telephone bookings); 10am - 5pm and from 3/4 hour before curtain up (personal callers); Sunday 5pm - 8pm (telephone bookings) and 3/4 hour before curtain up (personal callers)

## HOW TO BOOK

**BY PHONE:** Telephone 01642 81 51 81 to buy your tickets with any of the major credit/debit cards. An additional charge of £1 will be made to cover postage and handling. Reserved tickets will be held for three working days, or until 5pm on the day before the performance. Calls are answered in strict rotation.

**BY EMAIL:** Email your ticket order to [boxoffice@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@middlesbrough.gov.uk)

**IN PERSON:** Call into the Box Office at Middlesbrough Theatre where our friendly staff will be pleased to help you choose your seats. Tickets may also be booked at the Tourist Information Centres in Darlington, Stockton, Guisborough, Redcar and Saltburn.

**IN THE TOWN CENTRE:** Tickets can be booked at the Town Hall Box Office on Albert Road - Tel 01642 729 729. Town Hall events can also be booked at the theatre.

**BY POST:** Write to The Box Office, Middlesbrough Theatre, The Avenue, Middlesbrough TS5 6SA stating the event and ticket choice. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to MBC; please write your cheque guarantee number and the event details on the back of your cheque and don't forget to enclose an SAE. Please include a daytime number in case we need to contact you.

**DISCOUNTS:** Children, students and senior citizens are entitled to concessionary rates on most shows. If you are organising a group booking you may be entitled to a discount. Only one discount is available per ticket. Proof of eligibility will be required.

**BABES IN ARMS:** To comply with fire regulations, a ticket must be purchased for all children, regardless of age.

**REFUNDS:** Unfortunately, tickets cannot be exchanged or money refunded, except in the event of a cancelled performance.

**SEATING PLAN:** A larger version of the seating plan can be downloaded at [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/entertainment](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/entertainment)

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Advance booking is always recommended.

**DATA PROTECTION:** When you book with us, we will ask you for your name, address and telephone number. In return, we will be able to inform you of any last-minute changes to your performance. You will be asked separately if you wish to join our free mailing list.

**MAILING LIST:** Join our free mailing list and keep up-to-date with productions at Middlesbrough Theatre, Middlesbrough Town Hall and other events promoted by Middlesbrough Council Culture and Tourism. Ask at the Box Office for details.

**SMOKING POLICY:** Smoking is not permitted in or near the theatre.

**PARKING FACILITIES:** Free security-patrolled car park on site.

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Book for The Revengers, Strictly Murder, Up'n'Under and  
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Book for Intimate Exchanges, Private Lives, Random Harvest and  
At War With Churchill - PAY £34

Tickets must be booked and paid for by 5pm on the day of the first performances. Not available on doors.

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### **PRE-THEATRE DINNER OFFER AT THE TAVISTOCK ITALIA**

Why not complete your evening with a pre-show dinner at the Tavistock Italia, Best Western Middlesbrough Hotel (formerly the Highfield) on Marton Road. Present your ticket and get 20% discount on the a la carte menu.

Happy Hour menu also available 5pm - 7pm.

Valid on day of performance only. Advance booking advisable on

01642 817 638 [tavistockleisure.com](http://tavistockleisure.com)



## Summer Season 2009

### MAY

9th Treasure Island (Hexagon)  
 13th Keep It Cash  
 18th - 23rd The King And I  
 24th Vin Garbutt  
 26th Fur Coat And Magic  
 Knickers  
 29th - 30th Shake Ripple And Roll  
 30th The Little Mermaid  
 (Hexagon)

### JUNE

1st Tony Benn  
 2nd - 5th Lucky Sods  
 4th The Mozart Question  
 (Hexagon)  
 9th - 13th Absent Friends  
 12th Merlin (mima Gardens)  
 14th Uca's Danceworks  
 17th - 20th The Revengers  
 20th Billy Goats Gruff (Crypt)  
 24th Route 66  
 25th - 27th Strictly Murder  
 28th Dancewise

### JULY

2nd - 4th Up'n'Under  
 7th - 11th Sweet Charity  
 9th The Wind in the Willows  
 (mima Gardens)

12th Movie Magic  
 17th - 18th Way Out West  
 22nd The Motown Show  
 23rd The Tales Of Peter Rabbit  
 24th - 25th Dance Sensation  
 28th - 29th A Night At The Movies  
 30th Scarborough Spa Orchestra

### AUGUST

1st Billingham International  
 Folklore Festival  
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 Folklore Festival  
 7th The ELO Experience  
 13th A Midsummer Night's  
 Dream (mima Gardens)  
 26th Babe (mima Gardens)

### SEPTEMBER

1st - 2nd Intimate Exchanges  
 3rd The New Squadronaires  
 4th - 5th Private Lives  
 10th - 12th Random Harvest  
 16th At War With Churchill  
 (Crypt)  
 21st - 25th S4k's Macbeth

4th December - 10th January

## Dick Whittington

Starring Jean Ferguson  
 (Marina in Last of the Summer Wine)

Professional production Amateur production

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