



SUMMER SEASON 2022

WELCOME TO BRIGHTON OPEN AIR THEATRE'S 2022 SUMMER SEASON

BOAT is back and better than ever this summer! Following two years of significant disruption, we're making up for lost time with a bumper 6-month summer season. For the first time ever, we open in April, just in time for the Easter holidays.

We've got something for everyone, with stand-up comedy, drag and music shows dotted throughout the season, with some returning favourites along with new faces. Family entertainment is also in abundance, with big names such as David Walliams' Awful Auntie and Horrible Histories: Terrible Tudors, as well as original touring and local productions.

The Brighton Fringe in May gives us the opportunity to programme some of the most exciting, up-and-coming theatre companies in the UK, with everything from hard-hitting drama to laugh-out-loud comedies. Annual staples Brighton Little Theatre return with The Railway Children in August, as do Sarah Mann Company with Waiting For God. The Richard Bean classic One Man, Two Guvnors and the original family musical Battle Song are also here for the summer holidays.

We wouldn't be an outdoor theatre without a healthy dose of Shakespeare, and this year we have four brilliant options: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Hamlet (The Comedy), Othello, and the very welcome return of Shakespeare's Globe with Julius Caesar.

In addition to all of this, we have improvisation, opera, musicals, dance and so much more. Read on for the full programme, and for more information and to book tickets, visit our website: www.brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk

So pack your picnic, don your sunglasses, and join us in Dyke Road Park for another summer of fabulous outdoor entertainment.

The Brighton Open Air Theatre team

Front Cover Image:
Romeo and Juliet (2021)
The Dukes Theatre Company
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Inside Cover Image:
Brighton Beach Boys (2021)



BACK TO LIVE 9TH - 24TH APRIL

A collaboration between Komedia, BOAT, The Old Market and Ropetackle, Back To Live is a celebration of live performance for children and families, and is supporting artists who were unable to tour their work during the pandemic.

Throughout the Easter holidays, the four participating venues will each showcase a range of work for families, across a collection of genres and aimed at a variety of age groups.

Back To Live is also running a 'Pay It Forward' scheme to help more people experience live performance. Each £5 'Pay It Forward' ticket enables us to give a free ticket to someone who might not otherwise not be able to afford to come.

BRIGHTON FRINGE 6TH MAY - 5TH JUNE

Get curious with England's largest arts festival, and explore a month-long extravaganza of theatre, comedy, cabaret, circus, music, dance, tours, exhibitions, and events.

Brighton Fringe is a festival made up of curious events made by curious people. Only the most inquisitive will uncover the wonders that lie within our programme - whether that's secret comedy clubs, surprise guest slots from world-renowned drag artists, intimate theatre in a caravan or midnight circuses. It is a place where you don't have to conform, where you can keep an open mind.

Seek out Fringe City, a free outdoor mini-festival running across various weekends in May and showcasing acts from across the festival, discover the emerging talent of bursary winners and stumble upon venues across Brighton & Hove.

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STAND-UP UNDER THE STARS

Show and Tell

Following hugely successful shows in 2020 and 2021, Stand-Up Under The Stars is back at BOAT this summer, with 4 dates throughout the season!

Get ready for laughter-filled evenings under the stars, featuring the best in stand-up comedy and all-star line-ups.

Previous acts include Nina Conti, Tim Vine, Bridget Christie, Tim Key, Phil Wang, Mae Martin, Reginald D Hunter, Ed Gamble and many more!

Line-ups to be announced online.

'A riot of joy' The Guardian

Age 16+ Run time 75 minutes

Fri 8 Apr, Fri 6 May, Fri 17 June & Fri 23 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £22.50



SIMON & GARFUNKEL: THROUGH THE YEARS

Seventh Avenue Arts

Critically-acclaimed as one of the greatest tribute shows in the world, the show is a "masterpiece" (BBC Radio) in musicianship and perfectly recreates the unmistakable sound of Simon & Garfunkel. Featuring all the iconic songs, including *The Sound of Silence*, *Mrs Robinson*, *The Boxer* and *Bridge Over Troubled Water*.

Age 6+ Run time 110 minutes

Sun 10 Apr

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £18 | Conc £16.50



INTO THE BREACH

Giles Shenton Productions

George is keen to liven up his dull life, so he joins the village drama club, hoping to play the panto dame. Instead, he finds himself taking on the role of Henry 5th! Set during the Second World War, this original, inspiring show is *Dad's Army* meets *The Vicar of Dibley*.

Age 6+ Run time 90 minutes

Wed 13 Apr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10



THE KISS THAT MISSED

The Minack Theatre

The Little Prince's goodnight kiss has gone missing. It's escaped into the forest where it has no business to be, so the brave and fearless knight is sent on a mission to bring it back... But is he brave and fearless enough?

David Melling's *Knightly Tales* are brought to life with all the charm of the original stories. Adapted by actor and storyteller John Brolly and The Minack Theatre, prepare to be enchanted once again by the adventures of the Knight, the Prince and the missing kiss.

Age 3+ Run time 70 minutes

Fri 15 & Sat 16 Apr

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



BIRD IN THE BELLY

Bird in the Belly

Known for their songs of social relevance, meticulous research and unearthing of poems and overlooked songs, Brighton's own Bird in the Belly will be performing songs from all three of their albums. Expect an atmospheric cinematic show with distinctive arresting music.

Age 6+ Run time 110 minutes

Thu 14 Apr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50



THE INDECENT MUSINGS OF MISS DONCASTER 2007

Think & Hit

Meet Miss Donny. Life hasn't quite turned out the way she thought when she accepted her sash in Trilogy night club back in 2007. No one goes out anymore. Tinder is rubbish. And she's pretty sure her dad is dying. Things couldn't get much worse. Until she sits on a cactus. Naked. One-woman comedy with a banging soundtrack.

Age 15+ Run time 65 minutes

Thu 21 Apr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10



OUT OF THE DEEP BLUE

Autin Dance Theatre

The whirr of the wind cutting across a rocky beach, the whoosh of the waves lapping the shore... The illusion of calm is broken when EKO, a sentient Sea Giant, pads onto dry land. There he encounters a young girl called Violet. And that's where the story begins.

Through dance, movement and masterful puppeteering, Out of the Deep Blue dives into the themes of the climate emergency and the biodiversity crisis in an outdoor spectacle featuring a 4-metre tall puppet operated by 5 world-class puppeteers and contemporary dancers.

Age 6+ Run time 50 minutes

Fri 22 Apr

Doors 10:30am | Start 11:30am

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



LIVE WRESTLING

SWF: UK & Kapow Wrestling

The UK's number 1 wrestling company - SWF: UK & Kapow - bring their star-studded line-up to Brighton for the first time ever. Featuring tag-team and solo action, plus a ladies championship match. Suitable for all ages.

Age All ages Run time 150 minutes

Sat 23 Apr

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



THE HOGMOOR TROLL

440 Theatre

The Hogmoor Troll is a magical new children's production full of music and wonder. Escaping the perils of a hungry Roman soldier hunting for his supper, The Hogmoor Troll hides under an unassuming bridge built from reclaimed materials found in the forest. Safe for a while, sounds from beyond the bridge suggest he might not be alone...

Age 4+ Run time 50 minutes

Sun 24 Apr

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



OLD HERBACEOUS

Giles Shenton Productions

Described as "Downton Abbey with gardening tips", *Old Herbaceous* is the humorous love story of a single-minded yet gentle man with a passion for plants. An acute and sometimes hilarious observation of relationships between the classes in a simpler age, *Old Herbaceous* will leave you with a feeling that, perhaps, all's right with the world.

Age 6+ Run time 80 minutes

Wed 27 Apr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £12 | Conc £10



PRISON GAME

Hercules Productions

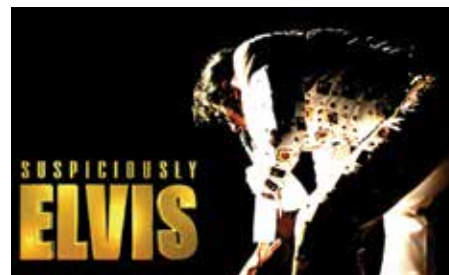
When prison is your world, how do you function in society? This gripping and chilling one-man physical theatre performance tells the story of how prison can define a man. A contemporary take on kitchen sink dramas, the show depicts the realities of working class Britain for first, second and third Windrush generations.

Age 11+ Run time 60 minutes

Thu 28 Apr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £12 | Conc £10



SUSPICIOUSLY ELVIS IN CONCERT

Suspiciously Elvis

Brighton's own Suspiciously Elvis returns to BOAT with his full, live band, playing a combination of the King's classic rock 'n' roll anthems, lesser-known gems, and a few hits from his recent *Goes Pop* and *Goes Country* shows. Bring your picnics, dig out those Blue Suede shoes, and kick off your summer in style!

Age All ages Run time 120 minutes

Fri 29 Apr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



THE MISADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Voodoo Vaudeville

Our heroine finds herself in a ghostly playground, the sound of children's laughter echoes in her ears but the playground is empty... or is it? Join us for a night of circus theatre as we find ourselves thrust into a playground of mischief and misadventure served up by our cast of clowns, dancers, circus artists and eccentrics!

Age All ages Run time 70 minutes

Sat 30 Apr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £12 | Conc £10



FOOD & DRINK

We have our own bar at BOAT, selling a range of great-value products, including local beers, wines, cider, soft drinks, snacks and ice cream. We even have boozy hot chocolate! Make sure to arrive early and give yourself time to choose.

We also have a partnership with the wonderful Sussex Gourmand, from whom you can order luxury picnics when you purchase tickets - the link will be in your confirmation email. They have cheese, fish, meat and vegan options available, to make your experience at BOAT extra special.

Of course, you are more than welcome to bring your own food and drink as well. We recommend picnic blankets, cushions and umbrellas too, for sun or rain! Just remember to beware the seagulls, and please take your litter home with you.



THE NET KILL

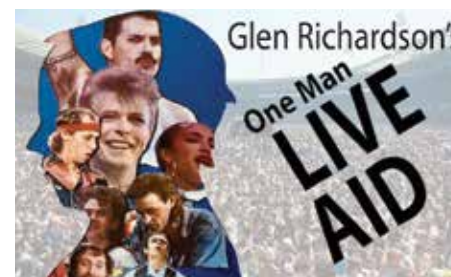
Incognito Theatre

At the end of the nineteenth century, a five-man badminton team is sent on a quest to vanquish a mysterious beast in Gloucestershire. Along the way, challenges are faced and truths are revealed, as the notions of friendship, brotherhood, and how men express their emotions in the face of adversity are explored.

Age 12+ Run time 60 minutes

Sun 1 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50



ONE-MAN LIVE AID

Glen Richardson

Remember Live Aid? The epic concert of hope, charity and rock legends? Well, Glen Richardson (Brighton Beach Boys) has decided to recreate the Wembley Stadium bit at BOAT - single handed! It's going to be the charity singalong to end them all! (Chosen charity TBC).

Be there, or explain your absence to your grandkids.

Age All ages Run time 180 minutes

Sun 8 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £12 | Conc £10



THE SPIRIT OF WOODSTOCK

Something Underground

Inspired by the hippie, counterculture, and free-festival movements, Something Underground brings you its tribute to Woodstock '69. The politics, the protests, the moon landings, the civil-rights movement, the drugs, the music, musicians and the personalities, imbued with the soundscape of this incredible era.

Age 14+ Run time 150 minutes

Thu 5 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50



BONNY & READ

Novanda Productions

History meets myth in this real-life, musical story of the remarkable, cross-dressing women pirates Anne Bonny and Mary Read, and their fateful encounter with the infamous Jack Rackham, also known as Calico Jack. This epic voyage of twists and turns is a story of exceptional female bravery, adventure, and survival against all odds.

Age 12+ Run time 120 minutes

Wed 11 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50

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TEAM BUJA: BURUNDI DANCE

Team Buja Artists

Team Buja Artists are a Burundian dance crew from Bujumbura, Burundi. Formed in 2010, they have promoted Burundian culture through traditional and contemporary dance around the world. This showcase of Burundian dance is a celebration of their culture, and features a cast of 25 dancers.

Age 5+ Run time 60 minutes

Thu 12 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10

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THE DEAD BEAT POETS & THE MARCHING SKELETONS

Tarascas Fiasco

Surreal, comic Beatnik Poetry underscored with percussion and howling saxophones, featuring Catcha Cat Comedy, Rikki Tarascas & Honour Mission. Followed by a Day of the Dead-style 8 piece ska band brought back to life by the animating power of 'ska', to ignite the party with Jamaican old school classics and originals.

Age 10+ Run time 100 minutes

Sun 15 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50



SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN

Ha-Hum-Ah Theatre

The three Gunwallow brothers from St Day are in a bit of bother. They only have one hope left, they must find the legendary Lost Dutchman's gold mine on Superstition Mountain. Part epic adventure, part family saga, this black comedy explores the emotional ties and trials of three very different brothers.

Age 12+ Run time 120 minutes

Fri 13 & Sat 14 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50

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OPEN-AIR POETRY SLAM

Hammer and Tongue

Hammer and Tongue bring a special edition of their Slam Poetry contest to BOAT. With critically-acclaimed, award-winning headliners, and the chance to go through to the Slam Final at The Royal Albert Hall, this is not to be missed. Hammer and Tongue is a nationwide family of Slam poets and spoken word artists discovering the best in new talent.

Age 15+ Run time 150 minutes

Wed 18 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10

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SHAKE'D UP

IK Productions

Four actors. Four Shakespeare shows. Four genres. 1,020,096 different possibilities. You - the audience - decide everything, from the play to the performance style. Even which actor plays which part. This hilarious, new show, featuring actors from the RSC and the West End, promises an unforgettable evening of Shakespeare!

Age 6+ Run time 105 minutes

Thu 19 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10

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THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

Let's All Dance

The Queen is desperate to find a Princess to marry her son. When a bedraggled young woman turns up one night, she must pass a test to prove who she really is. This gorgeous new production has dancing, beautiful costumes and lovely music to enthral children and families. A charming show and a great message to never judge a book by its cover!

Age All ages Run time 40 minutes

Sat 21 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35

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TIRESIAS

Heady Conduct

Tiresias may be blind, but he has seen more than you or I. When Hera rips out his eyes, Zeus grants Tiresias the gift to predict the future. Join us as we follow Tiresias through renowned Greek myths and legends. Heady Conduct weave together physical storytelling and live music with flair and delight in their intoxicating style.

Age 10+ Run time 80 minutes

Fri 20 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10

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PRACTICALLY PERFECT!

Gin Palace Productions

Practically Perfect! takes an affectionate look at the many aspects of Julie Andrews' career and personal life, exploring the contrast between the public face of the legendary musical & movie star and the intensely private family woman, up until 1997 when, tragically, a controversial surgical procedure deprived her of her four-octave voice.

Age 12+ Run time 120 minutes

Sun 22 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50



IN ONE EYE, OUT THE OTHER

Tadhg Hickey

This is the story of Feargal, a downtrodden but cheery man who fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming an alcoholic. Using the Catholic calendar as a roadmap, Feargal leads us on a surreal and hilarious journey with many poignant twists in the hope of arriving at a sort of light at the end of the tunnel for the 'bright man'.

Age 16+ Run time 55 minutes

Wed 25 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10

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GERRY & SEWELL

Theatre N16

Sewell and Gerry live in Gateshead. Theirs seems the perfect partnership. Sewell is physically strong, Gerry is small but crafty. Both are broke, and both love one thing: Newcastle United. Two lads. One mission. An exciting adaptation featuring puppetry, live music and a purely better tale of epic proportions.

Age 15+ Run time 75 minutes

Fri 27 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10



MURDER ON THE IMPROVISED EXPRESS

Pinch Punch

Mesdames and Messieurs, may I take your tickets please? *Murder on the Improvised Express* is full of outrageous accents, larger-than-life characters, thrills, spills and good old-fashioned kills. If you're a fan of murder mysteries and want the chance to be in charge of the action, then this is the show for you.

Age 14+ Run time 60 minutes

Thu 26 May

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10

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PARADISE ROCKS!

Devil's Party Theatre

A brand new show that reimagines John Milton's seventeenth century epic, *Paradise Lost*, as a swinging, spectacular Elvis-In-Hawaii musical from the 1960s. Featuring the music of The Indelicates, *Paradise Rocks* is a mixture of West End magic and good old fashioned rock'n'roll, with a helping of canonical English literature.

Age 12+ Run time 120 minutes

Sat 28 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50

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IOLANTHE

Opera Anywhere

This ingeniously witty and magical operetta is a tale of forbidden love between fairies and mortals - peers of the House of Lords, no less! It's Gilbert & Sullivan at their satirical best, poking fun at power, privilege and parliamentary democracy, and is sure to leave you laughing and whistling all the way home.

Age 5+ Run time 130 minutes

Sun 29 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £18 | Conc £15



THE FIGHT

Prodigal Theatre

A rip-roaring ride into the belly of Georgian bloodsport. Blending boxing with Hazlitt's wit, texts contemporary and classic, performance-parkour, song, and the sweet science of defence - Prodigal set out to discover if, two centuries on, our sporting rivalries remain as tied to our national identities as ever.

Age 12+ Run time 60 minutes

Thu 2 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10

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THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

Three Inch Fools

Five actors, with all manner of musical instruments, band together to tell an uproarious and highly flammable historical tale - brim full of intrigue, suspense and chaotic conspiracies. Cue an explosive evening of short fuses and tall tales as Five Fools to try to pull off the most infamous conspiracy in history...

Age All ages Run time 120 minutes

Wed 1 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50 | Family £45



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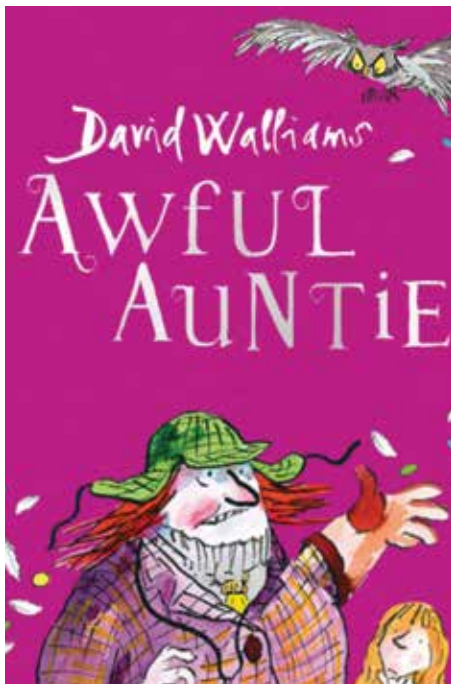
Heartbreak Productions

This original murder mystery will set five suspects under the spotlight, and the cast will depend on the audience to find the answers! Who was lurking in the corridor carrying a candlestick? When did the third gunshot go off? And most importantly, why didn't you pack a larger picnic?

Age 10+ Run time 150 minutes

Wed 8 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50 | Family £45



AWFUL AUNTIE

Heartbreak Productions

The new playground at the Saxby Hall Orphanage is finally complete. The orphanage was founded by Stella Saxby, whose parents were killed in a car crash in 1933, leaving her an orphan, all alone with her Awful Auntie. And when we say awful, we mean awful.

Awful Auntie by David Walliams, adapted for the outdoor stage by Heartbreak Productions, is a truly thrilling tale. Owls, ghosts, chases, escapes, motorcycle rides, and tiddlywinks all fill Stella's days as she evades her menacing Aunt and saves the family home.

Age 6+ Run time 120 minutes

Fri 3, Sat 4 & Sun 5 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Fri 3, Sat 4 June

Doors 5pm | Start 6pm

Full £18 | Conc £15 | Family £55



HAMLET (THE COMEDY)

Oddsocks Productions

Hamlet (The Comedy) finds the eponymous royal student returning home for the summer holidays to find something rotten in the state of Denmark, and it's more than just the bag of dirty washing!

Mum's married Uncle Claudius and Dad's dishing the dirt from his grave - it's enough to make a teenager mad! Things will never be the same again in the Hamlet household.

Shakespeare's famous tragedy is performed as you've never seen before with lots of laughs, music and memorable moments.

Age 7+ Run time 120 minutes

Thu 9 - Sat 11 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 11 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £18 | Conc £15



THE GRIMM SISTERS

Scratchworks Theatre Company

You know the Brothers Grimm? The famous storytellers... or story stealers more like! The Grimm Sisters are here to set the record straight. Dive headfirst into their weird world of poisonous parents, courageous quests & a magical frog called Jeremy (Jeremy is not to be trusted). A marvellous mix of storytelling, comedy & live music.

Age 6+ Run time 55 minutes

Sun 12 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



WAR OF THE WORLDS

The Pantaloons

The critically-acclaimed Pantaloons invade the stage in this funny yet faithful new adaptation as they use musical instruments, puppetry and, um, enthusiasm to recreate deadly heat-rays, giant fighting-machines, squidgy tentacled Martians and interplanetary warfare on an epic scale. The chances of success? A million to one...

Age 5+ Run time 90 minutes

Thu 16 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



THE RECRUITING OFFICER

Rain or Shine Theatre Company

Rain or Shine return to BOAT with *The Recruiting Officer*, a bawdy Restoration comedy by George Farquhar. Follow the mischief of crooked army recruiting officers as they head to Shrewsbury to persuade men to take the Queen's Shilling by any means, legal or otherwise! A rollercoaster ride in period costume.

Age 6+ Run time 150 minutes

Wed 15 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



RUN WILD!

The Noise Next Door

Kids! It's time for YOU to take control in the comedy show where anything can happen!

Join the stars of *Britain's Got Talent* (ITV1) and *The One Show* (BBC One) for an hour of songs, scenes and jokes, all based on what the audience want to see.

Age All ages Run time 60 minutes

Sat 18 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



IN CHARGE

The Noise Next Door

The quickest wits in comedy are charging into their sixth national tour with a spectacular new show that will trample your expectations. Join this unstoppable force for an evening like no other... Hilarious scenes! Mind-blowing songs! Finely tuned anarchy! Adults only!

Age 16+ Run time 120 minutes

Sat 18 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £12.50



MUSIC FOR MIDSUMMER

Richard Durrant

Highly regarded guitarist and composer Richard Durrant returns to BOAT for another emotionally charged, solo recital. His English folk baroque styled originals and carefully chosen works from the mainstream repertoire create the perfect showcase for this true virtuoso. "Extraordinary virtuosity... A simply unmissable treat." Classic FM Magazine.

Age All ages Run time 110 minutes

Wed 22 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £18 | Conc £15



SETH LAKEMAN

Seth Lakeman

West country folk singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Seth Lakeman was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize in 2005, catapulted into the forefront of the new British folk movement. He has since had 6 albums in the UK top 40. This is Seth's first performance at BOAT, as part of his UK-wide tour.

Age All ages Run time 75 minutes

Sun 19 June

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £20



BOUNCERS

BlackBox Theatre Company

Following 2021's *Blithe Spirit*, BlackBox Theatre Company are back at BOAT with a show you won't want to miss. Full of hysterical one-liners, 80s classics and a host of extraordinary characters, *Bouncers* takes a look at a slice of urban nightlife through the eyes of its eponymous 'heroes'.

Age 14+ Run time 75 minutes

Thu 23 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £12 | Conc £10



BOAT is a registered charity (no. 1156051), and we rely wholly on donations, ticket sales and our bar takings in order to stay afloat (pun intended).

In our short history, donations have helped us expand our technical facilities, improve site lighting, employ more staff and even produce our own Christmas season.

Our current project is to build an accessible toilet block on site, which will also house a proper box office. Building work has been ongoing since early 2021, but we still have a way to go before it's finished, and every penny raised will go towards completing this vital facility.

If you are able to help our cause, it really will be enormously appreciated. You can donate via our website, or with cash or card in person at the venue. Thank you!



Brighton Goes Gospel (2019) Photo credit: Matt Stephens

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DRAG IN THE PARK

Brighton Open Air Theatre

Award-winning Drag Prince Alfie Ordinary is bringing his favourite kings and queens to BOAT for a right royal affair! Experience the best of drag alfresco style at *Drag In The Park*, with various dates throughout BOAT's summer season, including Pride weekend! With queens belting ballads and lip-syncs on the lawn, these shows bring the camp and glamour of drag like you've never seen it before.

With a different line up each month, including a family-friendly show on 7th August, BOAT is set for sequins in the sunset all summer long!

Age 16+ (all ages on 7th Aug) **Run time** 120 minutes

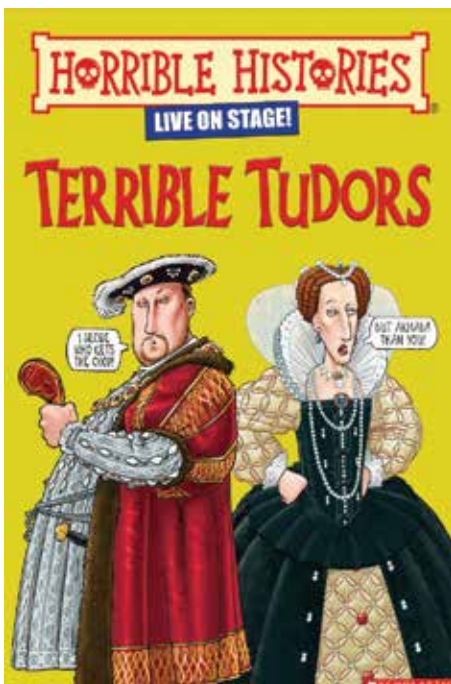
**Sat 9 Apr, Sat 7 May, Fri 24 June,
Fri 5 & Sat 6 Aug, Sat 24 Sept**

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sun 7 Aug

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50 | Family £45



HORRIBLE HISTORIES: TERRIBLE TUDORS

Birmingham Stage Company

We all want to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone is dead! So it's time to prepare yourselves for Terrible Tudors live on stage!

From the horrible Henries to the end of evil Elizabeth, hear the legends (and the lies!) about the torturing Tudors. Find out the fate of Henry's headless wives and his punch up with the Pope. Meet Bloody Mary and see Ed fall dead in his bed. Survive the Spanish Armada as they launch their attack! It's history with the nasty bits left in!

Age 5+ **Run time** 70 minutes

Sat 25 June

Doors 1.30pm | Start 2.30pm

Doors 4.30pm | Start 5.30pm

Sun 26 June

Doors 11am | Start 12pm

Doors 2pm | Start 3pm

Full £18 | Conc £15 | Family £55

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

The Duke's Theatre Company

"The course of true love never did run smooth".

The Duke's Theatre Company returns after their critically-acclaimed inaugural adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet*. This new, ambitious production, with live music, stunning design and theatrical magic, promises to delight audiences with Shakespeare's most comic and celebrated fairy tale.

The Fairy Kingdom is at War. Oberon and Titania's marital mayhem unleashes chaos on four young lovers with disastrous - and hilarious - consequences. A night of madness, mayhem, magic, love and hilarity ensues... (don't forget the donkey!)

Age All ages **Run time** 120 minutes

Wed 29 June - Sat 2 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Thu 30 June & Sat 2 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS

Cue Fanfare

Cue Fanfare return to BOAT with another British farce, following 2021's smash hit *Don't Dress For Dinner*. Richard Bean's *One Man Two Guvnors* premiered at the National Theatre in 2011, starring James Cordon in a career-defining role, before transferring to the West End.

Cue Fanfare bring their trademark, high-energy style to this hilarious script, full of physical comedy and constant misunderstandings. This modern British classic, set in Brighton, no less, is sure to have audiences rolling in the aisles with laughter.

Age 7+ **Run time** 120 minutes

Wed 6 - Sat 9 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Thu 7 & Sat 9 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50





THE SECRET GARDEN

New Creations Collective

Join Mary on her journey to discovering *The Secret Garden* in this original, family-friendly dance adaptation of the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Performed by an accomplished cast of dancers and musicians, with a brand-new score and original choreography, this promises to be an unforgettable experience for all.

Age All ages Run time 60 minutes

Sun 10 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £18 | Conc £15 | Family £55



THE GREEN KNIGHT

Wild Geese Theatre Company

The Green Knight is a fun, imaginative take on the Arthurian poem written around 1400AD. Young Gawain journeys across ancient Britain in search of the greatest sword-master of all time - Sir Bredbeddle, The Green Knight - as he tries to prove himself worthy of becoming one of the Knights of the Round Table.

Age 5+ Run time 75 minutes

Sun 17 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



PYGMALION

DOT Productions

Could a Cockney flower girl really be transformed into a Fair Lady? Full of wit & wisdom, George Bernard Shaw's classic play exposes the hollowness at the heart of society. Brought to the stage by a cast of 5 actors and DOT's unmistakable entertaining style, in their 12th annual UK tour.

Age 10+ Run time 135 minutes

Wed 20 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



THE SHIRT TAIL STOMPERS

The Shirt Tail Stompers

One of the world's leading swing bands, the Shirt Tail Stompers are renowned for playing Harlem swing and the hot jazz of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Featuring music from Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman. Expect singing, dancing and a whole lot of fun!

Age All ages Run time 105 minutes

Thu 21 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



SUMMER COMEDY FESTIVAL

Funny That!

The highlight of BOAT's comedy programming for 2022!

Returning for a third year running, Funny That's previous sell-out shows have included Russell Howard, Al Murray, Sara Pascoe, Seann Walsh, Mark Steel, Milton Jones, Stephen K Amos, Zoe Lyons, and Angela Barnes. Expect to see many of those faces returning in 2022, with some more big names too!

Guaranteed knock-out comedy shows in the glorious outdoors, brought to you by the award-winning Brighton based team behind The Forge Comedy Club and Krater Comedy and hosted by legendary local compere Stephen Grant. Line-ups to be announced online.

Age 16+ . Run time 60-90 minutes

Mon 4th & Wed 13 - Sat 16 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 16 July

Doors 11:30am | Start 12:30pm

Doors 3pm | Start 4pm

Full £15 - £20



THE ALTER EAGLES

The Alter Eagles

The Alter Eagles bring their two hour celebration of the Eagles' greatest hits back to BOAT for the sixth year running. Enjoy a summer's evening of classic tracks like *Hotel California*, *Desperado*, *Tequila Sunrise*, *Life in the Fast Lane*, *One of these Nights*, *New Kid in Town* and many more!

Age All ages Run time 120 minutes

Fri 22 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



SOUTH COAST SOUL REVUE

South Coast Soul Revue

When Eddie Cochran sang "There ain't no cure for the summertime blues", he hadn't heard South Coast Soul Revue and their joyful blend of summertime soul and feelgood funk! With sensational vocalists, scintillating horns and a rhythm section reminiscent of Motown's Funk Brothers, dancing is strongly encouraged!

Age 12+ Run time 150 minutes

Sat 23 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £18 | Conc £15



SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH JAZZ

Charlotte Glasson

First up is Hilary Burt's Blue Calluna, for an exuberant, life-affirming set. Hilary's music has elements of jazz and folk, with a twist of latin, and a sprinkle of pop. Second up, the award-winning multi-instrumentalist composer, and local legend, Charlotte Glasson brings her colourful sounds to BOAT.

Age All ages Run time 150 minutes

Sun 24 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10



PETER PAN

Illyria

Wendy Darling saw the face of a boy at her bedroom window - yet no-one believes her. So who can blame her when she flies away to the idyllic Neverland with him? But is Neverland as perfect as it seems? Or will the evil Captain Hook kill Peter and rule over it himself?

Age 5+ Run time 100 minutes

Sun 31 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50 | Family £45



RAPUNZEL

IK Productions

IKP return to BOAT with *Rapunzel* - an exhilarating, heart-warming production about one girl's longing to break free from her imposed lockdown and explore the world outside. IKP's adaptation brings the classic fairy tale to life, with bundles of slapstick physical humour, puppetry, and plenty to keep the adults entertained too!

Age All ages Run time 90 minutes

Wed 3 & Thu 4 Aug

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Illyria

With hilarious melodrama, sharp satire and glittering wit, *The Pirates of Penzance* is as fresh as if it had been written today. It is packed-full of memorable songs such as *To be a Pirate King!*, *Modern Major General* and *A Policeman's Lot is Not a Happy One*. Illyria return to BOAT with their annual operatic production.

Age 5+ Run time 120 minutes

Sun 14 Aug

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £18 | Conc £15



OTHELLO

Changeling Theatre

"O, beware, my lord, of jealousy: it is the green-eyed monster which doth mock the meat it feeds on."

Othello has it all. A recently married man of rank, he has enjoyed a glittering military career and has a successful future ahead of him. But Othello has enemies. Enemies that will do anything to bring him down. One of them, Iago, devises a sinister plot to undermine Othello's reputation, tricking him into a jealous rage that ends in tragedy.

Love, jealousy, deception, murder. *Othello* is an edge-of-the-seat thriller. Changeling's production promises to fizz with passion, intrigue and dark humour.

Age 8+ Run time 150 minutes

Wed 27 - Sat 30 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 30 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

Brighton Little Theatre

Meet Bobbie, Peter and Phyllis as they tell the story of how they became *The Railway Children*.

Their lives change dramatically when their father is mysteriously taken away. Transported from London to rural Yorkshire, they befriend the local railway porter, Perks, and embark on a magical journey of discovery, friendship and adventure. But the mystery remains - where is Father and is he ever coming back?

Brighton Little Theatre return to BOAT for their annual production, following last year's smash hit of Roald Dahl's *The Twits*.

Age 6+ Run time 120 minutes

Wed 10 - Sat 13 Aug

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Thu 11 - Sat 13 Aug

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35

GIFT VOUCHERS

Looking for the perfect birthday present for that special someone? Know they love theatre but unsure what they might want to see?

BOAT now offers Gift Vouchers, which can be redeemed for any of our summer productions. If you're interested in buying one, please email:

manager@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk



Terms and conditions apply. Online payment only. All Gift Vouchers are digital. Cost of Gift Voucher is equivalent to £20 per ticket. Maximum 6 tickets per voucher. Each voucher is valid for one performance only. Vouchers must be redeemed a minimum of 48 hours before your chosen performance by emailing the box office and quoting your voucher reference number. Vouchers are non-refundable and cannot be exchanged for cash. Tickets are issued subject to availability. Valid for BOAT 2022 Summer Season only.

WAITING FOR GOD

Sarah Mann Company

"If there was any justice, instead of farting about on SAGA cruises we would be doing loads of drugs and bonking ourselves into oblivion!"

The characters from the famous BBC sitcom *Waiting for God* are brilliantly re-imagined for 2022, facing the challenges that come with growing old disgracefully in the era of the silver surfer. At Bayview Retirement Village, feisty, retired war zone reporter Diana Trent conspires with new and eccentric resident raver Tom Ballard to give the conniving manager Harvey Baines his comeuppance with unexpectedly heart-warming results.

From the company behind smash hits *Abigail's Party* and *The Lady In The Van*.

Age 15+ Run time 105 minutes

Wed 17 - Sat 20 Aug

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 20 Aug

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £18 | Conc £15



BATTLE SONG

James Weisz

Jack wants to be a musician, but his father wants him to be a warrior and fight in the Battle Of Hastings. Again. Life isn't easy in a family of role-play-addicts. In the early dawn before the battle, Jack meets Matilda and realises he's not alone, and difficult families are nothing new. Histrionic, hysterical historical comedy by Áine King.

Áine's play *The Lampy* was long-listed for The Women's Prize For Playwriting 2021 and her screenplay, *Running Out* was produced by BBC Scotland / National Theatre of Scotland.

Age 6+ Run time 60 minutes

Wed 24 - Sat 27 Aug

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Thu 25 & Sat 27

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35





ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Folksy Theatre

Come along to Wonderland and meet some of the strangest and most peculiar characters, including the mysterious Cheshire Cat, the Wacky Mad Hatter and the foul-tempered Queen of Hearts! Filled with live music and puppetry, it's the perfect show for the whole family.

Age All ages Run time 60 minutes

Sun 28 Aug

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



FLORENCE FLO SMITH: NOW & THEN

Giles Shenton Productions

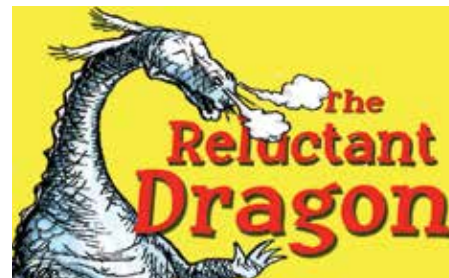
It's 1969 and a woman looks back on her life, lived in London. From the Boer war to The Summer of Love, Flo Smith, daughter, sister, wife, mother, widow and grandmother recalls with horror, humour, tears and joy those turbulent times at home, and in the world beyond her front door.

Age 12+ Run time 80 minutes

Wed 31 Aug

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £12 | Conc £10



THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

Quantum Theatre

Everyone knows St George has to do battle with the dragon, but what happens when the dragon simply won't fight St George? In this delightful new adaptation by Michael Whitmore, Quantum Theatre presents Kenneth Grahame's *The Reluctant Dragon*, an enchanting tale of bravery, friendship and derring-do for all the family.

Age All ages Run time 90 minutes

Sun 4 Sept

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £12 | Conc £10 | Family £35



WUTHERING HEIGHTS

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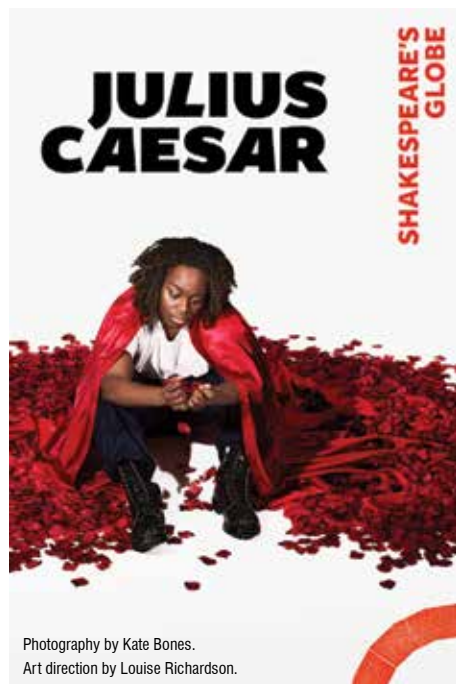
A vibrant new adaptation of Emily Brontë's elemental masterpiece. Upon the brooding heath, unbound by the judgement of society, a wild and intoxicating obsession torments the moor. Be witness to a passion that goes beyond the grave. Accompanied by beautifully haunting original live music and uplifting songs to support this whirlwind of a story.

Age 8+ Run time 90 minutes

Wed 7 & Thu 8 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



GLOBE ON TOUR: JULIUS CAESAR

Shakespeare's Globe

This Summer, Shakespeare's Globe brings a startlingly relevant new production of epic tragedy *Julius Caesar* to BOAT as part of their nationwide Globe on Tour series, directed by Diane Page.

Conspiracy to kill, cunning rhetoric, a divisive fight for Greatness: Ancient Rome has never felt closer to home. When Cassius and Brutus decide Rome's leader Caesar poses a political threat to their beloved country, there's only one solution...

*'Th' abuse of greatness is when it disjoins
Remorse from power.'*
Act II, scene 1

Age TBC Run time TBC

Thu 1 - Sat 3 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Fri 2 - Sat 3 Sept

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £18 | Conc £15



OPERA'S HEROINES

Opera Anywhere and Sorelle

Featuring a medley of stories of feisty, wronged women determined to win back their love - or seek their revenge - whatever the cost. Plus a fully staged one-act Puccini opera, *Sister Angelica*, performed in English.

Age 12+ Run time 110 minutes

Fri 9 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £18 | Conc £15



THE SHODYSSEY

Assembleth Theatre

Troy. Something BC. A young bull herder accidentally eats a golden apple. Three Goddesses aren't happy. And then 10 years later a city burns. Obviously, a lot happened in between these points too, so let Assembleth Theatre take you on a journey through the Trojan War as you've never seen it before.

Age 8+ Run time 65 minutes

Wed 14 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £12 | Conc £10



BY JEEVES

David Villiers

Join Bertie Wooster, his unflappable manservant Jeeves, and a colourful cast of eccentric characters for a madcap evening of music, mischief and mayhem!

Inspired by the beloved PG Wodehouse novels, this sparkling, summery, immersive production of Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical promises to be as effervescent as a jug of Pimm's!

Will Bertie find his misplaced banjo? Does Gussy Finknottle get the girl? And what exactly are Stiffy Byng and the Rev Pinker up to? Pack your picnics and cucumber sandwiches for the fete and find out if Jeeves can save the day!

Age 10+ Run time 120 minutes

Sat 10 & Sun 11 Sept

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Sat 10 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



THE WOMAN IN WHITE

Heady Conduct

Heady Conduct bring their intriguing and compelling new adaptation of Wilkie Collins' sensational classic, *The Woman in White*, to BOAT. A story of secret societies, sordid asylums, stolen identities and enduring love, told in Heady Conduct's exhilarating and intoxicating style.

Age 12+ Run time 120 minutes

Thu 15 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

TIMT

One of the Bennet sisters must marry well in order for the family to avoid destitution upon the death of Mr Bennet, and so the task of finding suitable matches begins. From the creative team of This Is My Theatre, and with live music throughout, audiences will fall in love all over again with Jane Austin's best-selling novel.

Age 7+ Run time 90 minutes

Fri 16 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50



TERRY DEARY'S TRUE GHOST STORIES

National Production Company

A brand new adaptation of Terry Deary's (the man behind *Horrible Histories*) *True Ghost Stories* is hitting the stage, full of spine-chilling characters and ghastly ghosts from the past. Gather your friends, collect your compasses and turn on your torches! A spine-tingling show with the scary bits left in!

Age 8+ Run time 100 minutes

Sat 17 Sept

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm & Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £15 | Conc £12.50 | Family £45



THE IMPROVISED SHAKESPEARE SHOW

ShakeltUp

Shakespeare hasn't written anything new for an age, so the guys at ShakeltUp thought they'd give him a hand. Using his language, some audience suggestions and their overactive imaginations, they create a brand-new Shakespeare play live on stage, complete with live music, songs and plenty of laughs.

Age 12+ Run time 60 minutes

Thu 22 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £12 | Conc £10



A CENTURY OF SWING

Down for the Count

Down for the Count are a mini big band who bring the sounds of the Swing Era back to life. You'll hear instrumental songs from the likes of Duke Ellington and vocal classics from Nat 'King' Cole and Ella Fitzgerald, all presented with Down for the Count's own unmistakable brand of wit and humour.

Age All ages Run time 140 minutes

Sun 18 Sept

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £25 | Conc £22.50



BRIGHTON BEACH BOYS

Brighton Beach Boys

Since forming in 2001, Brighton Beach Boys have won various awards and delighted audiences all over the UK. They return to BOAT to once again close out the summer season with a bang, with songs including *Surfin' USA*, *Little Deuce Coup*, *In My Room*, *Surfer Girl*, *God Only Knows* and *Sloop John B*.

Age All ages Run time 140 minutes

Sun 25 Sept

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £18 | Conc £15

COMMUNITY SHOWS

Every year, we support schools, charities and other local groups with performance opportunities throughout the season. Here's a taste of some of the organisations we're working with this year:

YOUNG ACTORS GROUP

Performing:
Twelfth Night
Sunday 21 August
12.15pm
& 4.30pm

CAROUSEL

Performing:
A Lark In The Park
Weds 21 September
7pm

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL

Performing:
Girls Like That
Weds 4 May
2pm & 7pm

WINDMILL YOUNG ACTORS

Performing The Inferno
and The Camping Show
Sunday 3 July
11.30am & 3.30pm



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been looking for a way to give back to your local community?

BOAT relies on the generous support of our volunteer team, who help out with a range of front of house duties. We are always looking to work with new people, so if you're passionate about live performance, looking to make some new friends, and don't mind being outdoors, then we'd love to hear from you!

You can contact Tanya on operations@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk for more information.



THE BOAT STORY

BOAT is the vision of Brighton playwright, showman and construction manager, Adrian Bunting, who died from pancreatic cancer in May 2013, aged 47. In his final days Adrian threw his efforts into realising a long held ambition; the creation of a permanent open-air theatre for the city he loved.

BOAT was launched by Adrian's Mother, Isobelle Bunting, on the 9th May 2015, almost two years to the day after Adrian passed away.

Now celebrating its eighth year and a well-established part of Brighton and Hove's cultural landscape, we are looking forward to our biggest season ever.



Adrian Bunting 1966-2013

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BOAT is a registered charity. We rely on ticket sales, private donations and sponsorship. We accept donations by cash or card at the venue, or via Paypal on our website. All donations are gratefully received.

BOAT relies on volunteers, from Trustees to stewards, to operate. If you are interested in being part of the crew, or would like information about sponsorship in any shape or form please drop us a line hello@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk

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HOW TO BOOK

ONLINE: brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk booking fees apply.

PHONE: BOAT does not have a box office number so we strongly advise booking online. You can book by calling TicketSource on 0333 666 4466, additional fees apply.

IN PERSON: If a show is not sold out tickets are available at the gate from the time of doors open. We accept card only - no cash except for donations.

FIND US

Dyke Road Park, Dyke Road, Brighton, BN3 6EH
500m walk from Seven Dials roundabout, opposite the Booth Museum.

BY BUS: The 27 and 77 buses.

BY BIKE: Cycle rack available inside the venue.

PARKING: Pay parking bays are on Dyke Road.



ACCESS INFORMATION:

BOAT is a relaxed venue, awarded the Bronze Access Award from Attitude is Everything. For full access information please see brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk. To discuss your specific access needs please email hello@brightonopenairtheatre.co.uk.

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

All shows are designed to go ahead whatever the weather, so please check the forecast and dress appropriately. If it rains, we get wet! We only ever cancel in extreme cases, and only at the last minute as conditions can change very quickly. In the very rare event of cancellation, ticket holders will receive a full refund.

For more information please check the FAQs page on our website.

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