

BRIGHTON
OPEN AIR THEATRE
MAY - SEPTEMBER 2025



We have had 10 fantastic seasons at BOAT, gradually improving our facilities, accessibility and outreach year on year. BOAT does not receive public funding, and relies solely on ticket and bar sales, as well as private donations.

Any contribution you can offer is gratefully received and will make a big difference in ensuring that we are able to continue offering top quality entertainment at fair prices. If you would like to support BOAT yourself, please scan the QR code for more information.

We very much hope that you enjoy this summer at BOAT. Remember to bring a picnic and some suncream, and we will see you in the sunshine!

The BOAT team



We are delighted to open our gates once again for another fabulous summer of live entertainment. As the years pass and BOAT's reputation grows locally, nationally and internationally, the diversity and quality of our programme deepens. We always aim to deliver the very best productions for our audience, whilst maintaining a balance of supporting local artists and keeping prices reasonable. This season offers a wide selection of shows, including some old favourites as well as new and exciting productions. We very much hope that you will visit us many times throughout the summer in 2025.

We kick off with a bang - a packed bank holiday weekend featuring Motown classics, improvised whodunnits, wrestling superstars and some magic! Throughout May we have the usual avant-garde flavour, courtesy of our

Brighton Fringe partners, peppered between belting musical numbers and some family favourites, including a brand-new version of A. A. Milne's Winnie The Pooh.

Through June and July we have longer runs of various plays, including I, Joan, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The 39 Steps, Oh! What A Lovely War and Macbeth. We also have our annual Summer Comedy Festival, brought to you by Funny That Comedy, which as always will feature A-list comedians at the peak of their powers.

In August we have our regular Drag in the Park: Pride Edition on Pride Weekend, as well as comfort classics such as Cinderella, Moby Dick and Twelfth Night. Opera, improv comedy, and a wonderful new production of Tennessee Williams' Suddenly Last Summer also feature. We wind down in September with some wonderful music, fairy tales freshlytold, and a fire-breathing Faustus!

Large Circle image: As You Like It (2024) The Duke's Theatre Compar Photo credit: Colin J Smith

Small Circle Image: Team Buja Burundi Dance (2022 Photo credit: Bill Black

ACCESS INFORMATION

BOAT has step-free access throughout the site and an accessible toilet. Wheelchair spaces are available to book for all shows and we can allocate free companion tickets when required. We can also reserve positions for those who are visually impaired, hard of hearing or who have complex mobility issues. Please contact us directly with enquiries.

As an outdoor venue, we are inherently relaxed, and as such can also accommodate those who are neuro-diverse or with additional sensory requirements. Please contact us with any questions or to arrange a pre-show site visit. Full accessibility information is available on our website.

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◆A NIGHT TO REMEMBER: MOTOWN SHOW Handshake

A Night To Remember: Motown Show takes you back in time to 1960's Detroit. Be prepared for a high energy show, packed with the greatest Motown hits of all time. Starring The Voice UK finalist, Bizzi Dixon, this musical celebration is sure to have you singing and dancing all night long.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs 10 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Standard: £25 | Conc: £22 | Group of 4 £88

LOCOMOTIVE FOR MURDER:

Pinch Punch

Welcome aboard Locomotive for Murder, an improvised comedy murder mystery where killing the cast and cracking the case is in your hands! Using audience stories and suggestions, Pinch Punch create a never-to-berepeated whodunnit.

Age 8+ Run time 1 hr 30 mins

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group 4 £60







▼MAGICAL CABARET

Legendary Magician the Great Baldini (Emperor of Illusion, Maharajah of Mystery) explores his life in Magic; from his very first trick, to seizing control of the ILLUSIONATI, culminating in his attempt at Houdini's greatest escape. A joyously silly romp through magic.

Age All Run time 1 hr 15 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | 4 £60



SAT 3

▶ RAGING RUMBLE SHOWDOWN

SWF & Kapow

Get ready for high flying, hard hitting, bone crunching action, as our superstars enter into a 20-person Royal Rumble! It's friend vs friend and foe vs foe; every wrestler for themselves with only one winner. Full supporting card featuring tag team and solo action, all before the Royal Rumble finale.

Age 5+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group of 4 £56



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◆OPEN-AIR POETRY SLAM

Hammer and Tonque

For the fourth year running, Hammer and Tongue bring the grand final of their legendary Poetry Slam into the open air. Finalists will come equipped with their unique styles and perspectives to battle it out for the spoken word crown, with audience members voting on the fate of our brave poets.

Age 16+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group 4 £56



SERIOUSLY COLLINS

Seriously Good Productions

Get ready to be transported back in time to relive the legendary hits of Phil Collins and Genesis! Seriously Collins is an electrifying journey through the music that has touched hearts and defined an era

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs 20 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78



Puss in Boots

4 PUSS IN BOOTS

Let's All Dance

Loosely based on the original version by Charles Perrault, the Let's All Dance ballet company presents a brand new production of Puss In Boots about the friendship between a magical cat and a young man with a talent for music.

With Puss' help, the man finds the confidence to use his talent and to be himself, winning the heart of the Princess, her mother the Queen, and the rather snooty Marguis de Carabas.

Treat your children to the magic of live, professional dance and fire their imaginations with this lovely new show for the whole family.

Age All Run time 45 mins

Sun 11 May

Doors 10am & 1pm | Start 11am & 2pm Adult £12 | Child £11 | Family of 4 £39

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◆THE THREE MUSKETEERS

THIS IS MY THEATRE

"All for one, and one for all!" This Is My Theatre return to BOAT with their acclaimed adaptation of everyone's favourite swashbuckling adventure. The action-filled tale is brought to life in a dynamic and hilarious staging of the much-loved novel, packed with song, suspense, and plenty of sword fights.

Age All Run time 1 hr 40 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60

▶ OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Handshake

Journey back in time through the incredible career of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons with classics such as Sherry, Let's Hang On, Big Girls Don't Cry, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, My Eyes Adored You, December 63 (Oh What A Night), Bye Bye Baby, Who Loves You and more.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 20 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £25 | Conc £22 | Group of 4 £88



◆DAD'S ARMY RADIO SHOW

Something For The Weekend

The nation's favourite sitcom returns!

Two actors, two microphones, over twenty-five characters - and lots of sound effects! Dad's Army Radio Show bring's Perry and Croft's classic BBC comedy to life in this highly acclaimed stage production.

Three episodes of the popular sitcom - adapted for radio for the very first time - are hilariously and lovingly enacted on stage by two master performers - complete with sound effects, vintage music and all your favourite Perry and Croft characters and catchphrases.

Age 8+ Run time 1 hr 50 mins

Sun 18 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60



◆PERIOD.

A performance that sheds light on the often-hidden struggles of conditions like endometriosis. Through a fusion of dance, costume design and expressive makeup, the deep impact these conditions have on personal identity, particularly within the non-binary community, is explored.

Age 13+ Run time 1 hr

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £12 | Conc £10 | Group 4 £40



▶ THE MAN WHO WAS THURSDAY

The Department of Ulterior Motives

The first-ever adaptation of Chesterton's classic metaphysical thriller. Undercover poet Rosamund Gregory is led on an absurd adventure, featuring daring heists, dramatic sword fights and high-speed car chases, to infiltrate the group of anarchists who destroyed her home.

Age 15+ Run time 1hr 15 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group 4 £56



◆THE MUSHROOM SHOW

Scratchworks Theatre Company

Explore the scientific superpowers and amazing abilities of mushrooms! Packed full of interactive theatre, playful music and lots of laughs for all the family, The Mushroom Show is a joyful exploration of connection and community. A short, interactive workshop follows the show.

Age 5+ Run time 1 hr

Doors 10:30am | Start 11am Adult £12 | Child £11 | Family 4 £39 FRINGE



> TINA: QUEEN OF RHYTHM

Find Your Inner Tina

Marking the second anniversary of Tina's passing, Queen of Rhythm is a powerful tribute, celebrating everything Tina was - and still is - to millions of fans worldwide. Featuring River Deep, Mountain High, What's Love Got to Do With It, The Best, Proud Mary and many more.

Age 10+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £19 | Conc £17 | Group of 4 £68



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◆IMPROMPTU SHAKESPEARE

A tribute to the award-winning folk-rock band

Impromptu Shakespeare

Sad that Shakespeare hasn't written anything new for over 400 years? Well hold onto your doublets, ruffs and trunk hose! The Bard is back! With story and verse improvised in the moment, enjoy a riotous new Shakespeare play every time - performed by a whip smart cast.

Age 10+ Run time 1 hr 40 mins Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | 4 £60

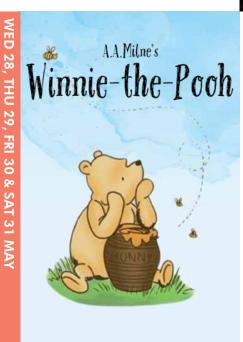


▶ THE MUMFORD & SONS STORY

The Production Garden

Four musicians come together in tweed waistcoats, skinny jeans and bushy beards to celebrate the best of Mumford & Sons' iconic music and their explosive rise to fame in 2009, as they took the world by storm. Featuring Little Lion Man, I Will Wait, Roll Away Your Stone and more.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £19 | Conc £17 | Group of 4 £68



4WINNIE THE POOH

David Villiers

This half-term, the Hundred Acre Wood comes to BOAT! Winnie-the-Pooh will be joined by Piglet, Eeyore, Rabbit, Kanga, Roo, Owl, Tigger and, of course, Christopher Robin, as we enter the playroom and A.A.Milne's stories come to life on the stage.

Packed full with puppetry and playfulness, this brand new production of the beloved bear's story is set to enthral and enchant kids of all ages. Bring a picnic and follow Pooh's adventures at BOAT.

Age All Run time 1 hr 30 mins

Wed 28, Thu 29, Fri 30 & Sat 31 May

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Adult £15 | Child £13.50 | Family of 4 £48

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4 SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

The Pantaloons

Elinor has a lot of good Sense. Her sister Marianne has an excess of Sensibility. Together they make a snappy title for Austen's classic novel of scandals, scoundrels and severely sprained ankles. This fast-paced and faithful new adaptation features live music, romance and heartbreak.

Age All ages Run time 1 hr 40 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60



The Alter Eagles

The Alter Eagles are delighted to return to BOAT with their concert-length tribute to one of the greatest bands of all time. Featuring note-for-note recreation of songs such as Hotel California, Lyin' Eyes, New Kid in Town, Take it Easy, Life in the Fast Lane and many more.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78



∢I, JOAN Brighton Little Theatre

"Oh, if we can just quiet the world for a moment. And listen within. There's a voice guiding you. I promise it's there. And until you can hear it, I'll be it for you."

The men are fighting, again. An endless war. From nowhere, an unexpected leader emerges. Young, poor and about to spark a revolution.

Rebelling against the world's expectations, questioning the gender binary, Joan finds their power within, and their belief spreads like fire. I, Joan is a powerful and joyous play originally written for the Globe, which tells Joan of Arc's story anew.

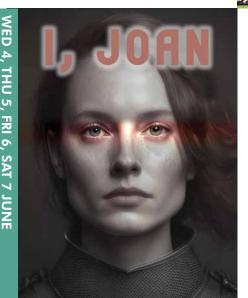
It's alive and Queer and full of hope.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Wed 4. Thu 5. Fri 6 June Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 7 June

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group of 4 £56





♦ OH! WHAT A LOVELY WAR

Identity Theatre

An iconic piece of British theatre-making, Oh! What A Lovely War is a musical, satirical commentary on the First World War. Starting with the optimism and sentimentality of propaganda and bonhomic prevalent at the beginning of WW1, the play progresses to reflect the true horror of War, reminding us of lives lost, as well as being a loving - and often very funny - look at real lives under intolerable stress.

Combining improvisation and audience interaction, and often classified as a 'play with music', the narrative is moved along using songs from the era that soldiers sung, often with lyrics altered to reflect the brutal reality of trench life. From the team behind 2023's *Under Milk* Wood and 2024's *Oliver Twist*.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs

Wed 11, Thu 12, Fri 13 June

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 14 June

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group of 4 £56

SUMMER COMEDY FESTIVAL

Funny That Comedy

Funny That's 6th season at BOAT is bursting at the seams with the best comics around! Grab your picnics and Prosecco and don't miss out.

Sun 15: MC Suzi Ruffell, Mark Simmons, Sara Pascoe Mon 16: MC Stephen Grant, Angela Barnes, Troy Hawke Tue 17: MC Stephen Grant, Stephen K Amos, Tom Davis Wed 18: MC Stephen Grant, Jen Brister, Zoe Lyons Thu 19: MC Stephen Grant, Larry Dean, Romesh

Fri 20: MC Stephen Grant, Catherine Bohart, Al Murray Sat 21: MC Stephen Grant, Maisie Adam, Ian Stone Sat 21: MC Amy Matthews, Josh Pugh, Simon Brodkin

Please note that all line-ups may be subject to change. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

Age Strictly 14+ Run time 1hr 45 mins

Sun 15 & Sat 21 June

Ranganathan

Doors 2.30pm | Start 3.30pm

Mon 16 - Sat 21 June

Doors 6.30pm | Start 7.30pm Full £19 | Conc £16 | Group of 4 £70





FAMILY UNE FINITY

◆ FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMEDY SHOW

Funny That Comedy

U-rated comedy for all the family - suitable for kids, grownups and grandparents alike. Just like our legendary evening shows, but with less rude bits!

Age 8+ Run time 1 hr

Doors 11.30am | Start 12:30pm Adult £12 | Child £10 | Family of 4 £35

> JUAN SOLO'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES IN SPACE!

Funny That Comedy

Join Live At The Apollo's Ignacio Lopez (Juan Solo) on a daring journey through the galaxy. Expect sarcasm, stand-up comedy and silliness in this chaotic, interactive adventure show!

Age 5+ Run time 1 hr

Doors 11.30am | Start 12:30pm Adult £12 | Child £10 | Family of 4 £35





♦ MUSIC FOR MIDSUMMER

Richard Durrant

International guitar virtuoso Richard Durrant returns to BOAT for a musical celebration of the Summer Solstice. The programme will include Bach's mighty Prelude in E, Barrios' La Catedral and ever-popular Durrant originals.

Age All ages Run time 1 hr 50 mins
Doors 1pm | Start 2pm
Full £19 | Conc £17 | Group of 4 £68

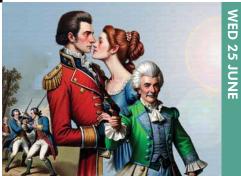
> THE RIVALS

Rain or Shine Theatre Company

When fashionable 18th century London society comes to take the waters in the spa-town of Bath, comic confusion, daring duels and romantic entanglements abound. This brand new adaptation combines Richard Brinsley Sheridan's masterpiece with Rain or Shine's fast and furious comic flair.

Age All Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60



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◆OPERA AT SUNSET

Indulge in a feast of operatic highlights from some of the world's favourite operas, including Carmen, La Boheme, Turandot, Don Giovanni, The Magic Flute and more. Performed by a cast of experienced opera singers who have appeared at Glyndebourne, The Royal Opera House, ENO, English Festival Opera.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs 15 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60

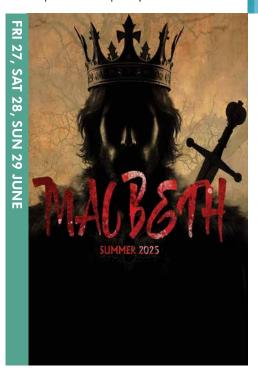
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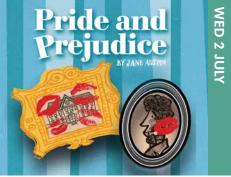
Illvria

Lizzy finds disdainful Mr Darcy detestable. Or does she...? Can she see beyond his Pride - and can he overcome her Prejudice - to consider a future together? The awardwinning Illyria return to BOAT to celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday in style, so grab a picnic and join the fun!

Age All Run time 2 hrs 20 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £18 | Conc £16.50 | Group of 4 £66





◆ MAGBETH

Duke's Theatre Company

The Dukes Theatre Company's production of Macbeth offers a dynamic reimagining of Shakespeare's classic tragedy.

Known for their bold and innovative interpretations, the company brings a contemporary edge to the dark tale of ambition, murder, and madness. Director Robert Shaw Cameron (Coronation Street, Regents Park Open Air Theatre, Sheffield Crucible) and designer Jessica Curtis (Hampstead Theatre, Almeida Theatre, Royal National Theatre) helm a production with a cast of seven industryleading actors. With a strong focus on the psychological unravelling of the protagonists, this adaptation takes The Duke's into a new era of open-air summer touring.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 15 mins

Fri 27 & Sun 29 June Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 28 June

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £18 | Conc £16.50 | Group of 4 £66









▼VANITY FAIR

Moving Parts Theatre Company

Welcome to Vanity Fair, a giddy carousel of social climbers, buffoons and preening dandies. In this world of gossip and speculation, the stakes are perilously high for both romantic Amelia Sedley - consumed with her obsessive love - and Becky Sharp, an irrepressible schemer who will stop at nothing to get what she wants.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hours 20 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60



African Night Fever

African Night Fever brings the sunshine spirits of Africa to BOAT. During the day, we have a family-centred afternoon full of live music, dance workshops, children's arts & crafts and Djembe Drumming workshops, with delicious African-Caribbean food on sale too.

Age All Run time 3 hrs

Doors 1pm | Start 1pm Adult £15 | Child £13 | Family 4 £48 | All day £25



◆AFRICA IN THE SUNSHINE (Night)

African Night Fever

In the evening, there's music from Musa Mboob & Xam Xam, who blend traditional and electric instruments to create a unique African sound. Then, Eparapo Orchestra, featuring one of the UK's most celebrated Afrobeats musicians - Dele Sosimi.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16 | Conc £14.50 | Group 4 £58 | All day £25

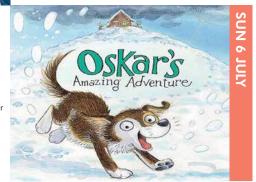
DOSKAR'S AMAZING ADVENTURE

Fideri Fidera

This award-winning original play uses a mix of storytelling, physical theatre, clowning, puppetry and music to tell the tale of a puppy's search for friendship in the wilderness of the Alps. After the show, the children can meet the performer and play with the animal characters.

Age All Run time 50 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Adult £15 | Child £13.50 | Family of 4 £48





◆DRAG IN THE PARK

Alfie Ordinary

Get ready for another fabulous summer of Drag in the

Now in its fourth year at BOAT, Drag in the Park is fast becoming the hottest ticket on the Brighton Drag scene. With wild lip-synching, incredible costumes and a barrel of laughs, this is the ideal night out whether you're a Drag regular or just want to see what all the fuss is about. Featuring some of the biggest names in UK Drag!

There are shows in May, July and September, plus the infamous PRIDE EDITION for Pride Weekend.

Hosted as always by the insatiable Alfie Ordinary! Check the website for confirmed line-ups.

Age 16+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Fri 30 May, Sun 6 July, Fri 1 Aug & Sat 6 Sept

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60

▶ THE 39 STEPS

Cue Fanfare

Alfred Hitchcock's classic spy thriller is brilliantly and hilariously recreated for the stage, as the smash-hit Olivier and Tony award-winning comedy arrives at BOAT this summer.

Follow the incredible adventures of our handsome hero Richard Hannay, complete with stiff-upper-lip, British gung-ho and pencil moustache, as he encounters dastardly murders, double-crossing secret agents, and, of course, devastatingly beautiful women.

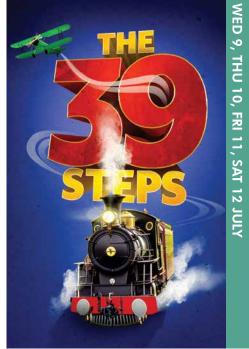
With its quintessentially plucky spirit and dashing sense of fun, there's no better fit for this production than the team behind Brief Encounter, The Ladykillers, One Man, Two Guynors and Don't Dress for Dinner.

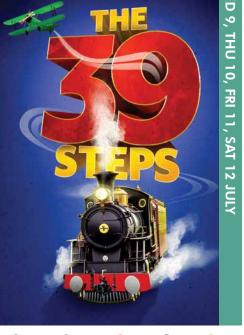
Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs

Wed 9, Thu 10, Fri 11 July Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 12 July

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60







◆ HARMONESSENCE SUMMER SHOW

Harmonessence Choirs & Voices

This vibrant performance will feature an extraordinary line-up of singers showcasing a diverse mix of Rock, Pop, Funk, Soul, Folk, and RnB, all accompanied by a talented live band. With powerful harmonies and incredible voices, this is an event you won't want to miss.

Age All Run time 1 hr 30 mins Doors 11am | Start 12pm Full £16 | Conc £14.50 | Group of 4 £58



Glen Richardson

It's 40 years since Live Aid. What better way to mark the occasion than to come to BOAT and see Brighton Beach Boys' stalwart Glen Richardson reproduce the legendary Wembley concert, but on a really tiny scale?

Age All ages Run time 2 hrs 30 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16 | Conc £14.50 | Group of 4 £58



Oddsocks

Oddsocks arrive at BOAT once again with another highenergy, feel-good, family theatre show.

Four lovers run off to the Athenian forest where mysterious woodland creatures play tricks on them with hilarious results. When a troupe of amateur actors decide to rehearse in a glade, the fairies intervention leads to bizarre and outrageous comedy.

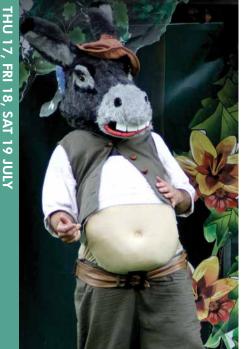
Shakespeare's most magical, fast paced, hilarious comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream is performed in Oddsocks' inimitable irreverent and knockabout style with live music, comedy action and even some outrageous hunting dogs!

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs

Thu 17, Fri 18 July Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 19 July

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £18 | Conc £16.50 | Group of 4 £66



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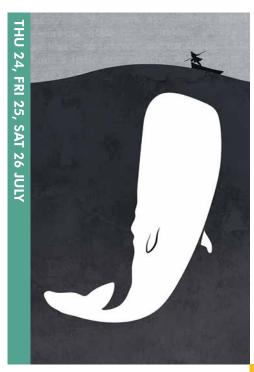
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◆MOBY DICK

Tower Theatre Company

Nantucket, 1839. The Pequod embarks on a fateful voyage under the formidable Captain Ahab, a man consumed by his quest for vengeance against the White Whale who tore off his leg. Through the eyes of our narrator, Ishmael, we join the ship's diverse crew as they plunge into perilous waters, relentlessly chasing the infamous Moby Dick, brought to life through our female chorus, The Furies.

Blending puppetry, live music and dynamic physical theatre, this gripping new production explores timeless themes of trauma, obsession and prejudice, examining humanity's fraught relationship with nature, and transforming Melville's epic into a visceral theatrical experience.

Age 10+ Run time 2 hrs

Thu 24, Fri 25 July

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 26 July

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group of 4 £56

► THE REALLY, REALLY GOOD AFTERNOON SHOW Noise Next Door

The sell-out comedy sensation returns to BOAT with an anarchic afternoon show for the whole family! Join The Noise Next Door for an epic hour of ridiculous characters and perfect punchlines mixed up with the guys' trademark brand of off the cuff antics.

Age All Run time 1 hr 15 mins

Doors 12pm | Start 1pm Adult £15 | Child £13.50 | Family of 4 £48



THE NOISE NEXT DOOR THE REALLY, REALLY GOOD AFTERNOON SHOW

∢COMEDY, IMPROVISED

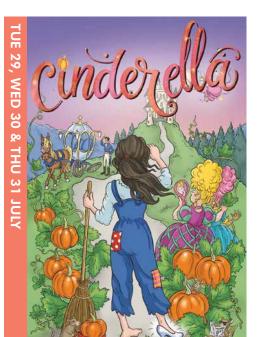
The Noise Next Door

The formula is simple: 1) You suggest ANYTHING. 2) The Noise Next Door turn your suggestion into a miniature comedy masterpiece. 3) Laughter. 4) Repeat. No gimmicks, no tricks - just the wittiest improvisers in the UK putting on a show to make you laugh like nobody's business.

Age 16+ Run time 2 hrs

Doors 3pm | Start 4pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60

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∢CINDERELLA

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Embark on the most magical fairytale adventure of all, as Cinderella comes to BOAT this summer

From the company who brought you The Little Mermaid, Hercules, Beauty and the Beast and The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, this classic fairytale of magic, true love and custom-made shoes is brought to life in this brand-new show for all ages.

Expect fun, laughter, madness and plenty of silliness!

Age All Run time 1hr 45 mins

Tue 29, Wed 30 & Thu 31 July

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Adult £12 | Child £11 | Family of 4 £39

▶ DRAG IN THE PARK: FAMILY EDITION

Alfie Ordinary

Our annual family-friendly Drag Extravaganza!

The best way to kick off Pride weekend, Drag In The Park: Family Edition is a safe space for singing, dancing and feeling fabulous.

Featuring some of the UK's top Queens, this family-friendly extravaganza will be a delight for kids of all ages. Join in with your favourite pop and Disney songs, dance until you fall over, and don't forget to wear your sparkles!

Age All Run time 1 hr 30 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Adult £15 | Child £13.50 | Family of 4 £48





◆ MANIA: THE ABBA TRIBUTE

Handshake

Direct from London's West End, MANIA is accepted as the world's number one ABBA tribute production. Dig out those platforms, dust down those flares, join in and party to all your favourite hits including Mamma Mia, Voulez Vous, Dancing Queen, Winner Takes It All, Super

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 15 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £25 | Conc £22 | Group of 4 £88

SWING THAT MUSIC

Down For The Count

Join the UK's hardest swinging band for "one hellova celebration of vintage music" (TimeOut London) - it's time to Swing That Music! This mini big band recreate the music of Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Ella Fitzgerald and more!

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 20 mins Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £25 | Conc £22 | Group of 4 £88



JANE EYRE

Chapterhouse Theatre Company

Chapterhouse bring the windswept Yorkshire moorlands and tumbledown manor houses of Brontë's gothic masterpiece to life, as young governess Jane Eyre arrives at the mysterious Thornfield Hall and meets her dashing new employer, Mr Rochester.

Age All Run time 2 hrs 10 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £18 | Conc £16.50 | Group of 4 £66

ALICE IN WONDERLAND Chapterhouse Theatre Company

Follow young Alice as she tumbles into a fantastical world of talking caterpillars, mad hatters, and evil queens, with only the white rabbit to guide her. Filled to the brim with magic, music, and not-so-organised chaos, this sparkling adaptation is perfect for all the family!

Age All Run time 1 hr 50 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Adult £18 | Child £16 | Family of 4 £57



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◆JOLENE: DOLLY PARTON EXPERIENCE

Country Music Superstars

Endorsed by Dolly herself on the BBC's The One Show, this is Europe's premiere Dolly Parton tribute. From the very opening song the hits keep coming; 9-5, I Will Always Love You, Here You Come Again, Coat Of Many Colours, Jolene, Applejack and many, many more.

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78

FUNKY MOTOWN SOUL SHOW

The Blunter Brothers

Get ready to dance and sing along to some of the greatest songs of all time. Featuring hits from the likes of James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Prince, Ray Charles, Curtis Mayfield and more, join one of the most established Revue acts in the country for a party like no other.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £19 | Conc £17 | Group of 4 £68



◆OLD SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

Dad La Soul

Imagine the type of old-school, New York block party that gave birth to the hip-hop culture. Then mix in a wealth of kids' entertainment and crafts, a live art exhibition and more, and you get the perfect day out for all the family.

Age All Run time 3 hrs

From 1pm Adult £15 | Child £13.50 | Family of 4 £48

ROBIN HOOD

DOT Productions

Join Robin, Little John and Maid Marion as they battle against the evil Sheriff of Nottingham to steal from the rich and give to the poor. Full of memorable characters, silliness, songs and charm, this show will leave the whole family with a smile on their faces.

Age All Run time 1 hr

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Adult £15 | Child £13.50 | Family of 4 £48





◆TWELFTH NIGHT

Changeling Theatre

Love, relationships and mistaken identity. Twelfth Night is Shakespeare's bittersweet romantic comedy where noone is quite who they seem. Shipwrecked on an unknown shore, Viola is separated from her twin brother Sebastian. Viola embraces a secret new identity by disguising herself as a boy to work for the Duke Orsino. She falls in love with him, but he's already in love with Olivia. Olivia then falls for Viola, thinking she's Sebastian!

Who's who? Who's in love with who? Confusion, misdemeanour and farce abound in this fast-paced comedy full of gender and sexual ambiguity, where none of the characters really know what's going on! Changeling return to BOAT, with their signature musical style a perfect fit for this classic tale.

Age All Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Thu 14 Aug

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Fri 15 Aug

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60

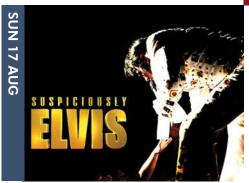
► KING OF FOOLS

Robin Hatcher Productions

The live comedy panel show that pits three top comedians against each other as they spin comedy gold from whatever is thrown their way! This new show is a delightful cross between Taskmaster and Whose Line Is It Anyway?

Age 16+ Run time 2 hrs 15 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60





◆SUSPICIOUSLY ELVIS AT 90

Suspiciously Elvis

It's hard to believe that Elvis Presley would be 90 years old this year. To celebrate the occasion, join us in the afternoon sunshine as Suspiciously Elvis and his full live band return to perform the King's biggest Rock'n Roll classics.

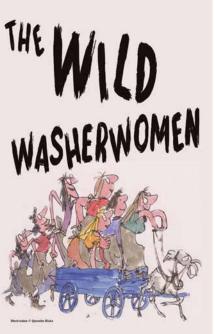
Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78



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◆THE WILD WASHERWOMEN

Brighton Little Theatre

'Look out, the wild washerwomen are coming!'

Once upon a time, there were seven unhappy washerwomen. They had far too much washing to do and the owner of the laundry, Mr Balthazar Tight, was simply dreadful! So, one day, they decide to go on strike. They are so delighted with freedom that nobody can control them. Until along come seven woodcutters, eager to teach them a lesson. But perhaps the washerwomen will teach the woodcutters a thing or two instead, and everyone might just live happily ever after...

A brand new musical adaptation of John Yeoman's wonderful, anarchic children's picture book.

Age All Run time 1 hr

Wed 20, Thu 21, Fri 22 Aug

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Sat 23 Aug

Doors 10am & 2pm | Start 11am & 3pm Adult £12 | Child £11 | Family of 4 £39

SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER

The Conor Baum Company

"Cut that hideous story out of her brain..."

Savagely poetic and provocative, Tennessee Williams' rarely revived Suddenly Last Summer is a nightmarish contemporary masterpiece.

Following last year's five star, critically acclaimed production of Homestead, Conor Baum (Shakespeare's Globe) returns to BOAT, and the American South, to present Williams' thrilling examination of legacy, sanity, and sexuality. A potent, autobiographical, Southern gothic melodrama that will cut straight through the heart, intoxicate the senses and haunt the mind.

Age 15+ Run time 1 hr 40 mins

Wed 27, Thu 28, Fri 29 Aug Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Sat 30 Aug

Doors 1pm & 6pm | Start 2pm & 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60



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◆THE REUNION

South Coast Soul Revue

Back for one last show by popular demand, South Coast Soul Revue return to BOAT for a reunion performance to close out the bank holiday weekend. If you love the music of artists like Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder and Earth Wind & Fire, then this is the gig for you!

Age 10+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78

SCOTTY 2 HOTTY WRESTLING EXTRAVAGANZA SWF & Kapow

One of the biggest names in WWE over the last 20 years, Scotty 2 Hotty headlines the huge Summer Extravaganza at BOAT. The Former WWE Tag Team Champion teams up with his son Keagan in the Main Event tag team contest.

Age 5+ Run time 2 hrs

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group of 4 £56



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◆FAUSTUS

From Below

An interactive fire circus with magical comedy and flaming sword fights, Faustus uses a thrilling combination of live fire arts, acrobatics and stage combat to deliver a thrilling new spin on John Faustus' deal with the devil.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60

KEYBOARD KARAOKE IN THE PARK

Keyboard Karaoke

For 7 years, Glen Richardson (piano) and Gus Ferguson (MC and Singer) have uncovered some amazing singers across Brighton. Now is their chance to shine on a bigger stage! Unlike a standard evening of Karaoke, these performances will be programmed.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs
Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £15 | Conc £14 | Group of 4 £56



Vicky Jackson has been wowing audiences worldwide with her energetic and authentic portrayal of the Grammy award-winning singer. Featuring all the major hits including So What, Just Like a Pill, Raise Your Glass, Try, Trustfall, Just Give Me A Reason and many more.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 15 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £25 | Conc £22 | Group of 4 £88



▶ THE BIG BAD WOLF

The Plandits

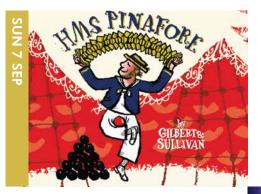
A brand-new rock and roll musical for the whole family following the scheming life of Fairytale Land's most feared baddy - The Big Bad wolf. The Plandits make their BOAT debut, welcome!

Age All Run time 1 hr 30 mins

Doors 12pm | Start 1pm Adult £15 | Child £13.50 | Family of 4 £48



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4 HMS PINAFORE

Illyria

Josephine loves Ralph, a common sailor. But her father insists she marries Sir Joseph Porter. Must class get in the way of love? With sharp dialogue and catchy tunes, this timeless comic opera is performed on a spectacular nautical set.

Age All Run time 2 hrs

Doors 3pm | Start 4pm Full £18 | Conc £16.50 | Group of 4 £66

NOT THE ROLLING STONES

Not The Rolling Stones

A truly international tribute act, wowing audiences all over Europe. Their 'Mick and Keith' are staggeringly authentic, and are backed by a superb group of professional musicians. Featuring all the greatest hits from the world's most iconic rock 'n' roll band.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs
Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78



∢THE CROUPIERS - NORTHERN SOUL LIVE! Blue Heaps Music

The Croupiers play a much-anticipated hometown show at BOAT, crammed full of Northern, Rare and Classic Soul Music for dancing like nobody's watching, performed live by a powerhouse 10-piece band, with plenty of rare gems and some proper anthems!

Age 8+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins
Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £19 | Conc £17 | Group of 4 £68

> PROFESSOR SLUG'S HOUSE OF BUGS Professor Slug

Professor Slug is an eccentric expert on invertebrates who helps bugs out with their buggy problems – and you can too! This interactive show is packed full of colourful puppets, catchy songs, and educational info about the wonderful world of bugs.

Age All Run time 55 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm Adult £12 | Child £11 | Family of 4 £39



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◀ HAMLET

National Production Company

In the shadowy court of Denmark, love, power, and vengeance collide. Hamlet's quest for justice unveils deadly secrets, betrayal, and ambition. Experience this timeless Shakespearean masterpiece complete with ghostly apparitions, thrilling sword fights, and unforgettable drama.

Age 10+ Run time 2 hrs 45 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm Full £16.50 | Conc £15 | Group of 4 £60



Old Time Sailors

Sail back to the 1800s for an immersive experience of traditional seafaring music. Sing along like a drunken sailor to centuries-old folk and shanty songs. Fancy dress is encouraged, so wear your best seafaring garments, me hearties, and join the festivities!

Age 12+ Run time 2 hrs 30 mins
Doors 6pm | Start 7pm
Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78



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♦ PINK FLOYD TRIBUTE

Crazy Diamond

Crazy Diamond's approach to Floyd's music faithfully honours and admires the seminal album Wish You Were Here, plus crowd favourites from across the band's discography. Settle back and enjoy Floyd's timeless music in BOAT's beautiful surroundings.

Age 8+ Run time 2 hr 15 mins

Doors 6pm | Start 7pm

Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78

► LIFE OF BRIAN (WILSON)

The Brighton Beach Boys

The Brighton Beach Boys return to end the summer with a tribute to Brian Wilson, the composer behind The Beach Boys' songs. Playing hits including God Only Knows, I Get Around, Surfin' Safari, Little Deuce Coupe and lots more.

Age All Run time 2 hrs 30 mins

Doors 1pm | Start 2pm

Full £22 | Conc £19.50 | Group of 4 £78



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THE BAR AT BOAT

OPEN FOR REFRESHMENTS BEFORE & DURING EVERY SHOW

Skip the queue and pre-order online when booking your tickets!

WINE

Red, White & Rose 125ml £4 Wine by the bottle £20

BOTTLE OF FIZZ

Specially selected by BOAT 750ml £25

BEER & CIDER

Lost Pier Brewing IPA, Peroni 0%, Silly Moo Cider 330ml £4 Lost Pier Brewing Lagerbier Helles 440ml £4.50

COCKTAIL CANS

Bombay Sapphire Gin & Tonic, Wicker Basket Tea Spritz (Gin & Jasmine, Vodka & Pear), Pimms. All served with ice & a slice 250ml £4.50

SOFT DRINKS

Lemonade, Ginger Beer, Rhubarb Elderflower, Coca Cola, Diet Coke, Apple Juice, Still & Sparkling Water 330ml £2

HOT DRINKS

Fairtrade Tea, Filter Coffee, Herbal Teas, Hot Chocolate & decaf £2

BOOZY HOT STUFF

Filter Coffee or Hot Chocolate Choose from Jamaican (Rum), French (Brandy) or Irish (Baileys) (25ml) Topped with (optional) whipped cream £4.50

ICES

Sumptuous summer flavours in dairy & non dairy. Ice Pops & Tubs £3

PUB SNACKS

Crisps, Nuts, Crackers, Fruit & Nut Bars, Chocolate Brownies £1.50

CONFECTIONERY

Galaxy Minstrels, Rowntrees Fruit Pastilles £3.50

PICNICS

You are more than welcome to bring your own picnic to enjoy as part of your BOAT experience. Please help our sustainability mission, and take your picnic litter and recycling home with you. Anything bought at our bar can be recycled on site.





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FAQs

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT RAINS?

We get wet! Shows go ahead in all weather, so come prepared with raincoats, umbrellas, sun cream and shades. We will only cancel a performance if the conditions are considered dangerous to performers or audience, which is incredibly rare. If ever in doubt, the show will almost always be going ahead.

ARE DOGS ALLOWED?

No dogs are allowed on site, except for guide dogs.

WHAT COUNTS AS A CONCESSION?

Concession tickets are available to: over 65s, under 16s, students, people with disabilities, NHS staff, Equity members and the unemployed. ID may be required upon entry.

HOW DO I RECEIVE MY TICKETS?

You will be emailed your tickets - this email will come from Ticketsolve, our ticket provider.

IS THERE ALLOCATED SEATING?

No – you may sit anywhere you like. Rest assured you get a great view from everywhere!

Full FAQs on our website

ARE YOU A CASHLESS VENUE?

Yes we are, though you can put cash into our donation buckets.

WHAT FACILITIES DO YOU HAVE?

We have unisex toilets, a disabled access toilet and baby changing facilities on site.

WHY DO YOU CHARGE A BOOKING FEE?

The booking fee is charged by our ticketing provider - Ticketsolve - and covers the costs of using their service.

DO YOU HAVE A CLOAKROOM?

No, so do bear this in mind.

CAN I BRING MY CHILD OR BABY TO

A SHOW? Of course - but we recommend checking the age recommendation of each show. Babes in arms (those that will not need their own seat) do not require a ticket.

CAN CHILDREN ATTEND SHOWS WITHOUT AN ADULT?

Children aged 15 or under must be accompanied by an adult and have their own ticket.

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





IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERICA WERNER

1964-2024

A pioneering volunteer and remarkable lady, Erica joined the BOAT campaign from the outset in 2014. She is much missed and loved by all the BOAT crew. Rest in peace, Erica.

Photo: (I) Tanya Macleod, (r) Erica Werner



BOAT WOULD LIKE TO THANK

Adrian's family, Brighton and Hove City Council and the Parks Team, Friends of Dyke Road Park, Vahid and all at the Dyke Road Park cafe, Beverley Grover, Ben Gander and L&S Printing. Most importantly, our amazing team of volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible.

If you would like to donate to BOAT, there's a button on the homepage of our website. We also accept cash and card donations after performances. Thank you!

BOAT is a registered charity (no. 115605)

All listings are correct at time of print and are subject to change. Please check our website for the most up to date information.

FIND US

BOAT is located in Dyke Road Park on Dyke Road. We are a 5-minute walk from Seven Dials roundabout, and opposite the Booth Museum. Our postcode is BN3 6EH.

BY FOOT BOAT is a 20-minute walk from the centre of Brighton.

BY BIKE There are cycle lanes leading to the park from the city centre. We have a bike rack in the theatre.

BY TRAIN BOAT is a 20-minute walk from Brighton station and a 15-minute walk from Preston Park station.

BY BUS The 27 and 77 buses stop at the park.

BY GAR BOAT is 5 minutes from the A27 and the A23. Limited pay and display street parking is available on Dyke Road and surrounding streets. There is no free parking at the venue.

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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.

THE BOAT TEAM

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General Manager: Will Mytum

Operations Manager: Tanya Macleod

Communications Assistant: Zoya Rasul

Duty Managers: Rachael Dodd, Emma Howarth, Laura Mukabaa, Will Parish, Adam Self and Jamie Smith

FOH: The Amazing BOAT Volunteers

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