NEW WOLSEY THEATRE

SPRING 2027 SHOWS



All Upcoming Shows

(CURRENTLY ANNOUNCED)

= ELIGIBLE FOR THE MEMBERS EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT

Audio Described, Captioned, BSL interpreted and Relaxed/Dementia-friendly performances available, as well as bookable pre-show Touch Tours.



A New Wolsey Theatre Production

You shall go to the panto! A festive season full of glitter, guitars and good times awaits...

We're stepping back into our sparkly shoes and revisiting the very first title that started our Rock 'n' Roll journey back in 2001!

Expect the full New Wolsey panto magic: all your favourite jokes, hilarious characters and a cast who don't just tell the story – they're also the band, bringing the house down with unbelievable live music.

Featuring hits by the likes of **Wheatus, Olivia Dean, Status Quo, Shania Twain, Florence and the Machine, Bruno Mars** and **Raye!**

Whether you've been coming since the beginning or you're joining the panto party for the first time, Cinderella is the perfect family festive night out.

NOW OPEN!
Runs until SAT 16 JAN 2027
See website for full details

BOOK NOW



Presented by The Paper Birds

A fast-paced, hilarious and joyfully chaotic show about all the things we think but do not say.

Some scientists believe our brains fire off around 70,000 thoughts a day. But what exactly are we thinking about?

Set over the course of three minutes, as one woman awaits some potentially life-changing news, **The Paper Birds,** UK leaders in devised verbatim theatre, present this inventive, laugh-out-loud show that celebrates the way we think.

Co-created with celebrated comedian **Jessica Fostekew** and starring renowned actor **Mark Thomas.**

WED 27 - THU 28 JAN

WED 27 JAN - **7:00PM** (CAP)
THU 28 JAN - **2:00PM** (CAP)
THU 28 JAN - **7:30PM** (CAP)

CAP - Closed captions are available, delivered to audience members' own mobile devices.

BOOK NOW



Presented by One Stop Boogie Productions Limited

Drag queens, a live band and the music of Kylie, Madonna, Whitney, Abba, Pet Shop Boys, Tina Turner and more!

Get ready to dance, sing and be captivated by the powerhouse vocals of the queens who redefine the stage and bring the spirit of the 80s roaring back to life!

Join us on an unforgettable journey as this incredible production delivers a dazzling fusion of nostalgia, empowerment and a celebration of the extraordinary.

The show features an incredible full live band and the music of Kylie, Madonna, Whitney, Bananarama, Queen, Abba, Rick Astley, Pet Shop Boys, Erasure, Duran Duran, Wham, Tina Turner and many more!

All tickets £23.

FRI 29 JAN - 7:30PM

BOOK NOW

SUPERNOVA 35MM



Presented by Rhum + Clay and the New Wolsey Theatre

A cautionary tale about the seductive power of fame.

1955. Texas. 104 degrees. Rock Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor, James Dean.

On an oppressively hot set, in the middle of the Texan desert, filming begins for the Hollywood epic, *Giant*. A love affair, fuelled by insomnia, alcohol and jealousy, tragically cut short by the untimely death of James Dean.

Using the language of 1950s cinema you'll see the action both on and off camera. An uncomfortably intimate and dysfunctional triangle of love, sex and narcissism.

THU 4 - SAT 6 FEB

THU 4 FEB - **7PM**
FRI 5 FEB - **7:30PM** (PST)
SAT 6 FEB - **2:30PM**
SAT 6 FEB - **7:30PM**

BOOK NOW



Presented by Blackeyed Theatre

A masterwork of psychological suspense.

England. A remote country house. A young governess, hired to care for two children, begins what appears to be an idyllic new life – but something about the children hints at a darker presence...

Desperate to protect them from what she believes to be malevolent spirits, she finds herself descending into a world of ambiguity, leading to one far-reaching question: are the ghosts real, or a projection of something far more terrifying?

From the theatre company who brought you *Sherlock Holmes – The Hunt for Moriarty* and *Dracula*.

TUE 9 - SAT 13 FEB

TUE 9 FEB – **7:00PM**
WED 10 FEB – **2:00PM**
WED 10 FEB – **7:00PM**
THU 11 FEB – **7:00PM** (PST)
FRI 12 FEB – **7:30PM**
SAT 13 FEB – **2:30PM**
SAT 13 FEB – **7:30PM**

BOOK NOW



Presented by Bound & Gagged Comedy

No audience member leaves the theatre with an ounce of laughter left in them. You have been warned.

The Persian Comedy Powerhouse performs his critically acclaimed new show, *NAMASTE*, where he peacefully bows to his inner anger and unleashes a torrent of comedic vitriol upon the current state of this dangerously messed up planet.

No government gets a green card. No tyrant avoids a take down. No audience member leaves the theatre with an ounce of laughter left in them... you have been warned.

TUE 16 FEB - 7:00PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Acrobatic Adventures CIC

A beautiful & playful show that captures the imaginations of children & inspires them to think about our environment.

Based on an ancient Northern European Folk tale about the Winter Solstice, this show blends aerial acrobatics, dance & sensory theatre in a feast of physical storytelling, full of mischief, wonder & magic.

Follow Mother Deer on her quest to bring the sunshine back to the forest! This show uses light and shadow, as well as live music and sound, to remind us of our deep connection to the natural world and indigenous land-based festivals. It encourages the audience to explore natural environments with confidence & curiosity with a focus on playing together in nature.

WED 17 FEB - 1:30PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Mark Thompson Productions

Strap in. Count down. And get ready to explore the universe with The Space Explorers Academy.

Calling all Space fans! The Science Museum, in association with the UK Space Agency, has teamed up with Mark Thompson Productions (the creators behind *Ministry of Science Live*!) to launch a fun-filled theatrical adventure that blasts you on an epic journey around the planets!

Zoom past the Sun, dodge swirling storms on Jupiter, glide by the rings of Saturn and venture out to the icy giants at the edge of our solar system. Along the way you'll uncover brilliant planet facts, jaw-dropping discoveries, and the secrets of what it takes to explore space for real.

THU 18 FEB - 12:00PM & 3:30PM

BOOK NOW

A new musical adventure **LIVE ON STAGE!**



Presented by Mark Thompson Productions Ltd

When Danny and Dino's favourite rock band are playing their last ever concert, they go on a quest to get the last two tickets. But with a villainous band manager lurking, nothing goes to plan. Will the band perform? Will Danny rock out? Or will Dino's rumbling tummy save the day?

Adapted from the number 1 best-selling books by **Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter,** the whole family will have a poopy good time enjoying a brand, new story for the stage. Featuring new songs by Tom and Dougie, a lot of laughs and a whole lot of poo!

SAT 20 FEB - 12:00PM & 3:30PM

BOOK NOW

Chinese New Year



Presented by the Suffolk Chinese Family Welfare Association

One Community, One Celebration, Endless Colours of Chinese New Year!

Celebrate Chinese New Year 2027 with the Suffolk Chinese Family Welfare Association at an evening of cultural entertainment! Welcome the Year of the Goat with an exciting programme of traditional and contemporary Chinese music, dance and performances. Bringing together local talent and the wider community, this special celebration promises colour, energy and festive spirit. Join us at The New Wolsey Theatre for an unforgettable celebration of Chinese culture and community.

SUN 21 FEB - 7:00PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Vamos Theatre Company

Based on the true experiences of one family and told entirely without words, this is a story of Danny caring for his gran as she loses her memory.

Seventeen year old Danny – bright, creative, always out with his mates – is the unlikeliest of heroes. His Gran, Joy, is funny, kind, loves to dance, but is losing her memory. So, when out of the blue, Danny announces he'll look after her, everyone holds their breath. But Danny is a natural carer, finding any which way to connect, to play and to accept the Gran he adores.

Battling against conflicting opinions on this difficult journey, is Danny's love enough to face the challenges ahead?

TUE 23 - WED 24 FEB
TUE 23 FEB – **7:30PM**
WED 24 FEB – **1:30PM**
WED 24 FEB – **7:00PM**

Suitable for deaf audiences, without BSL interpretation.

BOOK NOW



Presented by The Seagull Theatre

After her father's brutal murder, Lara flees India for rural Wales to avoid testifying in court.

She sets up a new life living under an assumed name, until Ricky, local mechanic and Rhondda-mafioso, appears.

Ricky has been digging. He knows who Lara really is and promises to redeem her father's reputation... but at what cost?

FRI 26 FEB - 7PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Luke Wright

Luke used to think he had the answers. Now he's not so sure.

For twenty-five years, he's been writing poems that wrestle with the world around him. In this new show, he discovers that certainty is rarely as useful as he once thought.

Part poetry, part stand-up, this show is about changing your mind without losing your convictions – and staying open in an increasingly entrenched world.

SAT 27 FEB - 7:30PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Graeae Theatre Company

A rebellious folk-punk musical about love and what happens when the state decides who belongs.

The authorities have declared that any adult who does not conform to the newly minted English standards of ‘normal’ must be married to somebody who does, by midnight tonight. Or else.

Tom and Ned are running out of time. Fast. With the clock ticking, do they find a wife at the Wedding Fayre… or do they fight back?

From disabled-led theatre company Graeae, renowned for creating bold, barrier-breaking productions that challenge preconceptions and put access at the heart of the theatrical experience.

All performances creatively integrate British Sign Language, captions and audio description.

TUE 2 - SAT 6 MAR

TUE 2 MAR - **7:00PM**
WED 3 MAR - **2:00PM**
THU 4 MAR - **7:00PM** (PST)
FRI 5 MAR - **7:30PM**
SAT 6 MAR - **7:30PM**

BOOK NOW

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SMASH DOWN THAT DOOR with...



Larry

A NEW PLAY with music

by BAFTA & Olivier award-winning writer Tim Whitnall

A New Wolsey Theatre and Wiltshire Creative Production

A hilarious new play celebrating the life and times of much-missed comedian Larry Grayson.

"I was being called an overnight star, but it had taken me 95 years to get there." – Larry Grayson

Unable to 'sing, dance or act,' Larry perfected a unique comic style to become a national treasure.

This exciting new drama charts Larry's showbiz odyssey from humble beginnings, via his years as a trailblazing drag artiste, and into the hearts of millions as host of the BBC's *The Generation Game*.

Larry is a tale of subterranean lows and stratospheric highs, reflecting on the beauty of dreams and the power of determination. Behind the glitter lies a rich story of enduring bonds and the painful scars of being gay in a time of criminalisation and stigma.

Join the comedy legend as he 'opens that door' on the most momentous performance he will ever give.

WED 10 – SAT 20 MAR

WED 10 MAR – **7:00PM**
THU 11 MAR – **2:00PM**
THU 11 MAR – **7:00PM**
FRI 12 MAR – **7:30PM**
SAT 13 MAR – **2:30PM**
SAT 13 MAR – **7:30PM**
MON 15 MAR – **7:00PM**
TUE 16 MAR – **7:00PM** (PST)
WED 17 MAR – **2:00PM** (CAP, AD, TT)
WED 17 MAR – **7:00PM** (CAP, AD, TT)
THU 18 MAR – **7:00PM**
FRI 19 MAR – **7:30PM**
SAT 20 MAR – **2:30PM**
SAT 20 MAR – **7:30PM**

AD – Audio Description (live AD for this show) | CAP – Captioning
TT – Touch Tour (1 hour before performance begins) | PST – Post Show Talk
Visit our website for more information about our accessible performances and touch tours.

Tickets for under 26s are just £15 for any seat.

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...and more!

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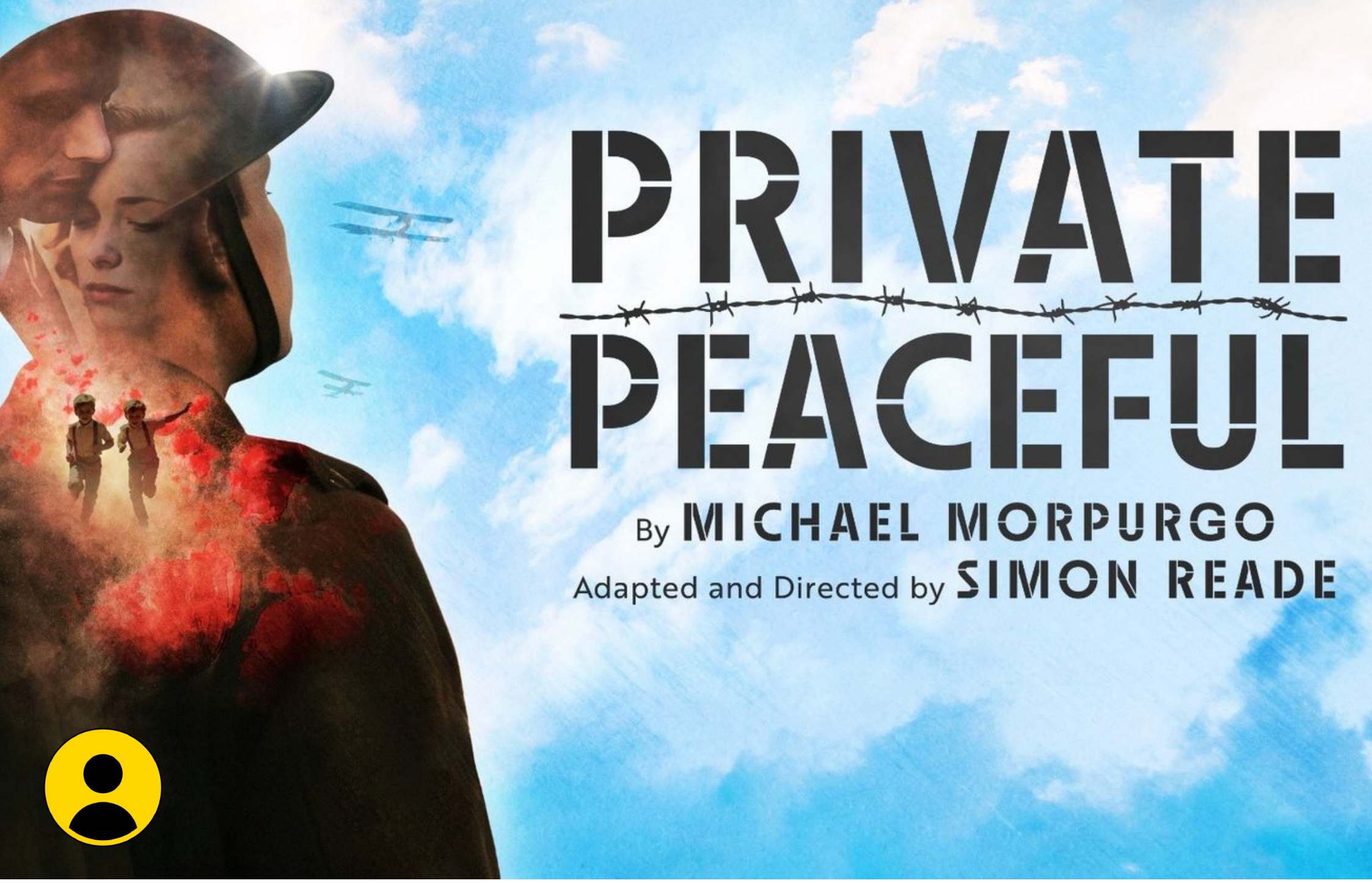


Presented by Joshua Beaumont and Matthew Emeny for The Production Garden in association with Exeter Northcott

One man. One story. One unmissable night of theatre.

On the eve of battle, Tommo Peaceful looks back over the events that shaped his life – the warmth of family, the innocence of first love, and the deep bond with his brother that carries him through the horrors of war.

In this international smash-hit, written by acclaimed *War Horse* author Michael Morpurgo, a single actor conjures an entire world of characters, landscapes and emotions. Heartwarming and heartbreaking, it is both a moving family drama and a powerful reminder of the human cost of war.

TUE 23 – WED 24 MAR

TUE 23 MAR – **7:00PM**
WED 24 MAR – **1:30PM** (PST)
WED 24 MAR – **6:00PM**

BOOK NOW

From the producers of Spot's Birthday Party and The Cat in the Hat



Presented by Sam Bradshaw Productions

You're invited to Hundred Acre Wood for a magical, music-filled adventure with Piglet and Pooh!

Join Christopher Robin, Eeyore, Piglet, and Pooh as they share tales of unforgettable, fun-filled adventures; hunting Woozles, escaping floods and finding the perfect present for Eeyore!

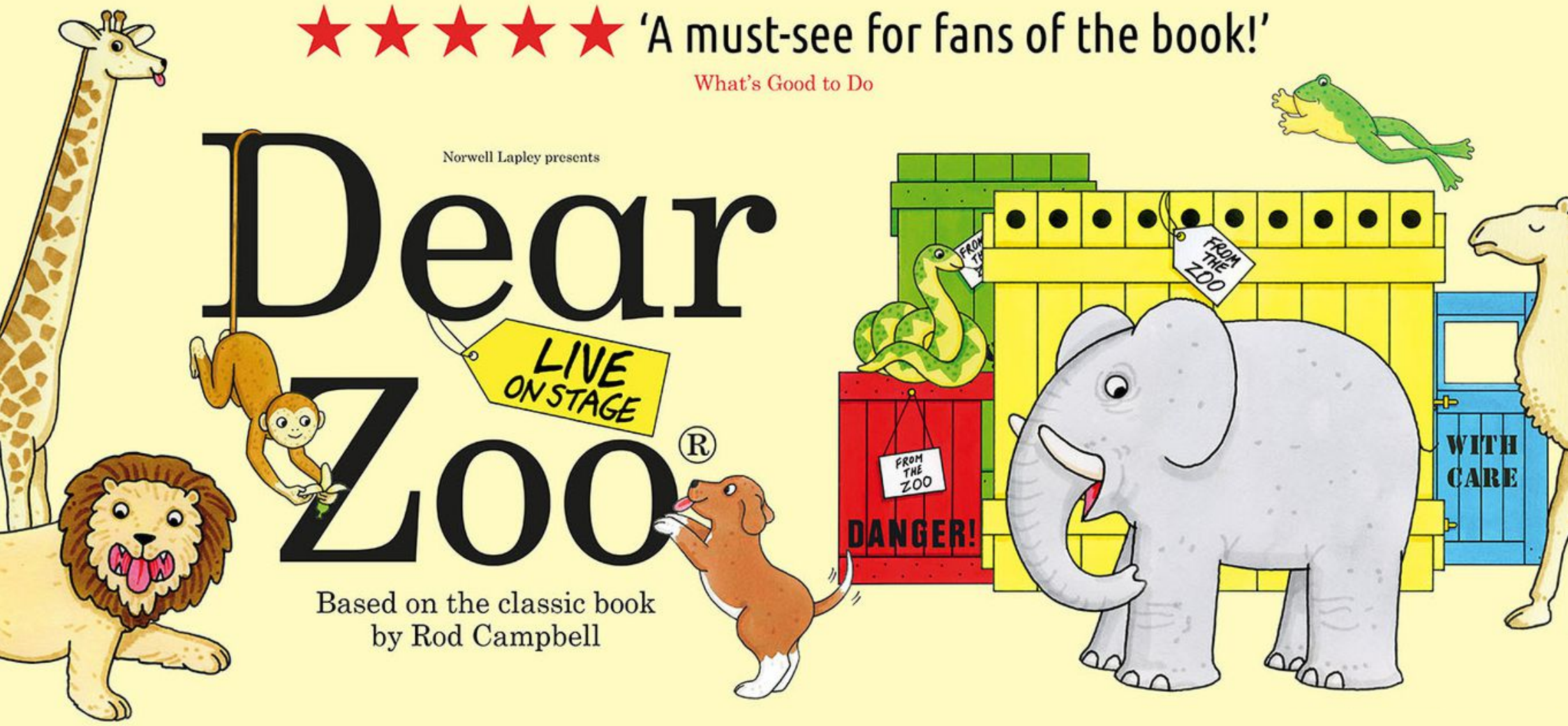
Inspired by A.A. Milne's classic tales and featuring brand new music, this is a big-hearted, charming celebration of friendship, fun and one very special bear.

SAT 3 APR – 2:00PM & 4:00PM

BOOK NOW

★★★★★ ‘A must-see for fans of the book!’

What’s Good to Do



Presented by Norwell Lapley Productions

The timeless children’s classic book returns to the stage with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

See our characters write to the Zoo. Who will be delivered? A cheeky monkey, a jumpy frog and of course a perfect puppy!

Help your children learn as the book leaps onto the stage and share a magical experience as the story unfolds with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

Rod Campbell’s best-selling lift the flap book has delighted generations of young readers since it was first published in 1982. And has sold more than 8 million copies worldwide.

This production will delight all those who have read the book (both young and old) as it unfolds with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

Join us and see what the zoo has sent: the perfect pet – in the end!

TUE 6 - WED 7 APR

TUE 6 APR – **1:30PM**
WED 7 APR – **10:30AM**
WED 7 APR – **1:30PM**

BOOK NOW



Presented by The Booking Department

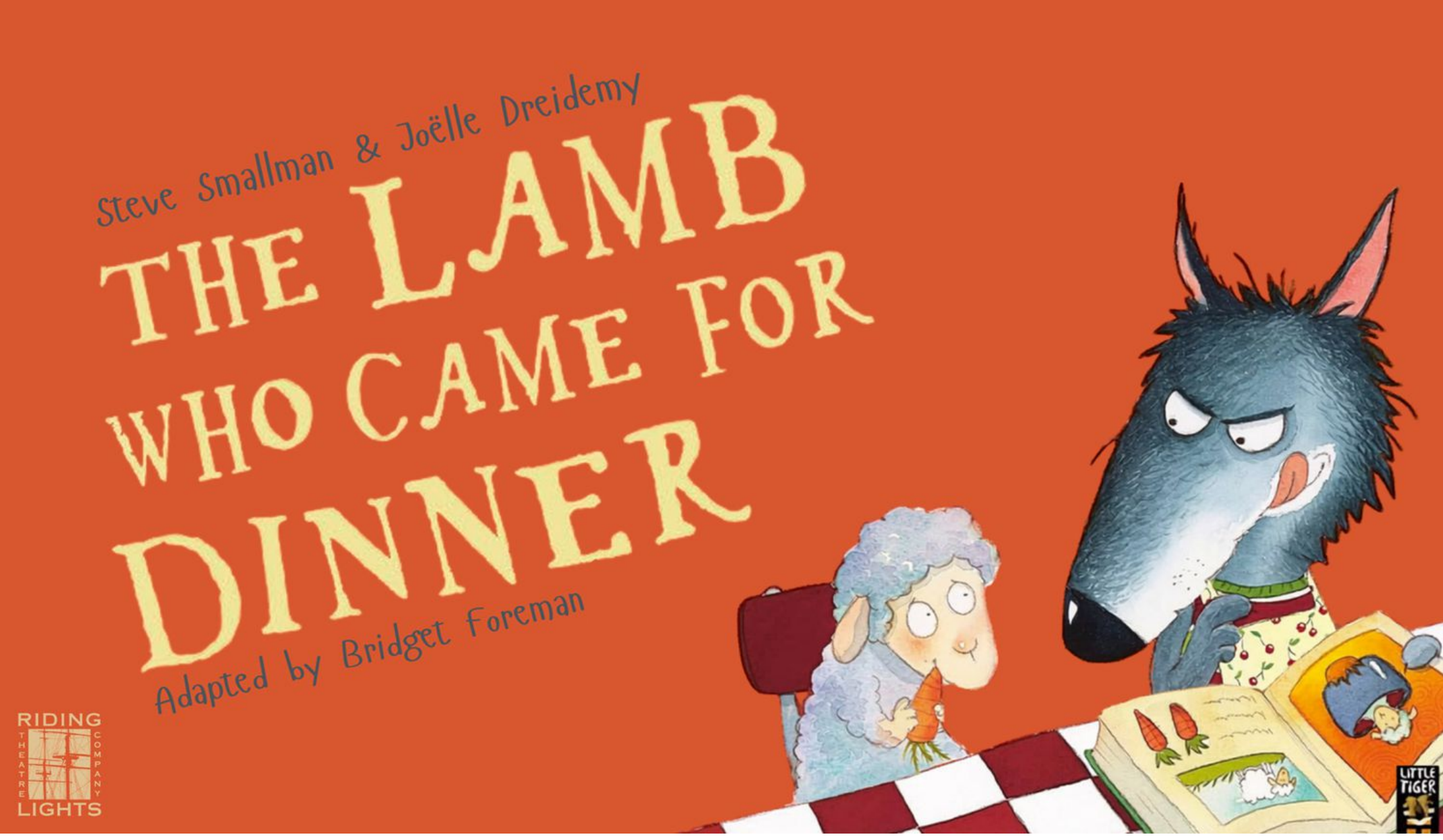
Don't miss this sensational show full of science, laughs, thrills and, of course, lots and lots of slime!

A brand-new famiy theatre show where science takes centre stage!

Multi-award-winning Einstein's Entertainers has been inspiring young minds through spectacular hands-on science demonstrations for nearly two decades. Now, in partnership with Buddy Boy Productions, they have created a theatre experience like no other, with spectacular STEM-based experiments, ridiculous challenges, live music and plenty of audience interaction.

THU 8 APR - 11:00AM & 2:00PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Riding Lights Theatre Company

A heart-warming new musical based on the much-loved picture book based on the much-loved picture book.

A brand-new musical adaptation brings warmth, wit, and delightful songs to the classic tale of an unlikely friendship!

"When a hungry old wolf gets an unexpected visit from a little lamb, he starts planning a delicious hotpot. But the lamb doesn't want to be the wolf's dinner – she wants to be his friend..."

In this charming musical, Wolf's rumbling tummy meets Lamb's boundless cheer, turning a simple supper into a journey of compassion, bravery, and the transformative power of kindness.

With vibrant characters, and heartfelt humour, families of all ages will fall in love with this uplifting story all over again.

SAT 10 APR – 1:00PM & 3:30PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Canvey Rock Productions and Cahoots

An entertaining, provocative and timely play about the birth of 'woke,' based on a true story.

1989. Benny Hill, Britain's most successful comedian ever, is called to a meeting by ITV's Controller of Comedy.

He's expecting a warm welcome. His show has, after all, made the channel hundreds of millions of pounds. But he's in for a shock.

Complicating matters further, he then gets trapped in the Controller's office with a feminist secretary and an angry young comedian.

The world, Benny discovers, is changing. But can he?

TUE 20 - SAT 24 APR

TUE 20 APR – **7:00PM**
WED 21 APR – **2:00PM**
WED 21 APR – **7:00PM**
THU 22 APR – **7:00PM** (PST)
FRI 23 APR – **7:30PM**
SAT 24 APR – **2:30PM**
SAT 24 APR – **7:30PM**

BOOK NOW



Presented by Sh!t Theatre

Overshadowed by her dead husband's even dead-er wife Evita, the world's first ever female president, Isabel Perón, has been largely forgotten.

Now, Sh!t Theatre travel across Argentina and Spain to uncover her story and write an anarchic musical, and find their lives unexpectedly intertwining with hers amidst songs, wizards... and rollerskating.

All tickets £15.

WED 5 MAY - 7PM

BOOK NOW



A Mercury Original co-production with Arcola Theatre in association with The New Wolsey Theatre

A heart-wrenching exploration of mental health through the ages, inspired by true stories.

1625. Shill talks to people that aren't there. 2022. Aaron is suicidal and plans to admit himself to a psychiatric treatment facility.

Connected by the thread of their existence, they somehow meet. They know it doesn't make sense, but somehow it feels safe. Certainly safer than their reality.

TUE 18 - THU 20 MAY

TUE 18 MAY - **7:00PM**
WED 19 MAY - **2:00PM** (PST)
WED 19 MAY - **7:00PM**
THU 20 MAY - **7:00PM**

BOOK NOW



The Home

Presented by Open Sky and produced by Turtle Key Arts

1957, London. Seven-year-old Uma plots her escape from a convalescence home this is anything but.

Uma Taylor is a robust, curious seven-year-old, living with her family Ronnie, Shaheen, Raj and Eric in 1950s working-class London. When, inexplicably, the local health association sends her to a rural children's convalescence home – promising fresh air, food and exercise – she finds a harsh house of terrifying figures, large and small. Armed with sharp wit and her trusty teddy, Uma plots her escape...

Based on true stories, solo performer Genevieve Sabherwal brings multiple characters to life through a raucous blend of new writing, physical theatre and music.

TUE 1 JUN - 6:00PM

BOOK NOW



Presented by Showstopper Productions Ltd

Hamilton in a hospital? _Mamma Mia_ at Christchurch park? Anything can happen!

The Showstoppers return to the New Wolsey Theatre even better than before! A brand-new musical comedy is created from scratch at each performance of this award-winning show as audience suggestions are transformed on the spot into all-singing, all dancing productions with hilarious results.

These incredible performers are guaranteed to impress as they create shows packed with drama, dazzling dance routines and catchy melodies – and it's all made up on the spot!

So whether you fancy *Hamilton* in a hospital, Sondheim in the Sahara or *Mamma Mia* at Christchurch Park, you suggest it and The Showstoppers will sing it!

WED 2 - THU 3 JUN

WED 2 JUN – **7:00PM**
THU 3 JUN – **7:00PM**

BOOK NOW



Presented by Showstopper Productions Ltd

An improvised musical show where award-winning improvisers takes your kids' ideas and turns them into marvellous, musical adventures.

If your children could create their very own dream musical – where would they start? KPop Demon Hunters in a world of Minecraft? Done! Peppa Pig and Spiderman explore a spooky graveyard? No problem! Elphaba and Glinda battle Pokemon under the sea? Of course!

From their imaginations to the stage – everything is made up on the spot entirely from audience suggestions, but grown-ups take heed: we ONLY take suggestions from kids!

THU 3 JUN - 2:00PM

BOOK NOW

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



★★★★ The Times

★★★★ Mail on Sunday

★★★★ Sunday Telegraph

★★★★ Daily Telegraph

★★★★ Daily Express

★★★★ Daily Mail

Presented by Tiger Teas Limited

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show - packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos.

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, The Tiger Who Came to Tea returns on tour.

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

FRI 4 - SAT 5 JUN

FRI 4 JUN - **1:30PM**
FRI 4 JUN - **4:00PM**
SAT 5 JUN - **11:00AM**
SAT 5 JUN - **2:00PM**

BOOK NOW