
WHAT'S ON SPRING 2020



PROTEUS

WELCOME

As the evenings grow brighter and the sun begins its tentative return (hopefully), we have some cracking shows and events here at Creation Space for all ages and all tastes! If you're looking to keep those resolutions, we have a whole raft of regular wellbeing classes, as well as a brand new vegan menu in the cafe and we're trialling new weekday breakfast-time opening hours. Plus, we have a season of brilliant performance, representing the best in new British Theatre.

First up is the unmissable *Haunting Tales* created by Proteus favourite, and Bollywood film star (yes, really! He plays a villain in *Marakkar* to be released later in the year) Paul Huntley-Thomas! Last seen in Proteus' touring shows *A Christmas Carol* and across the UK including Edinburgh and London's West End as Lord Byron in *Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know*. Come and pull up a chair by the fire and let The Collector tell you his chilling tales on a cold February night; some you may know, some you won't, but all are spellbinding and surprising tales of the supernatural.

In March we have a treat for the very youngest members of our audience. *Kaleidoscope* is a charming sensory show for babies up to 18 months old, presented by Filskit Theatre. The show is made especially for this age group and designed to stimulate and entertain; if you have very young children and have never come to a show with them before, this is the perfect way to introduce them to live performance and to have truly unique and valuable experience with your child.

If you're looking for a great night out with a group of friends or need to book a fun date night, *We've Got Each Other* by Paul O'Donnell is a sure-fire winner. The show was a smash hit at Edinburgh last year and has played all over the UK to sell-out audiences and rapturous critics. The show is a one-man Bon Jovi musical (but don't let that put you off!), whether you're a fan or not, this hilarious show will be a fabulous night out.

Our wonderful Youth Theatres have been busy too and present three shows this Spring; *Treasure Island*, *A Hobbit's Tale* and *Robin Hood*. For details of how your child can join the most exciting young people's company in Hampshire, take a look at the Take Part section of our brand spanking new website! And, our shiny new website is where you can find details of all our classes, events in the cafe, exhibitions and shows, not to mention news of Proteus' touring work. Did I mention it was new?

We will also be premiering a brand new adaptation of Angela Carter's *The Bloody Chamber*, combining our trademark style of physical theatre with aerial silks and stunning acrobatics. This is the opening show of Worthing Theatre's Summer of Circus season, ahead of a major UK tour in 2021. However, you can see an exclusive 'scratch' sharing of the work in progress in April at Creation Space. Sign up to our e-newsletter and social media feeds to find out more - this will be your only chance to catch a glimpse of this major new show in Basingstoke and places will be strictly limited, so don't miss out!

So let's get started with the roaring twenties!

Mary Swan

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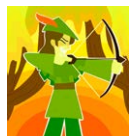


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SEASON AT A GLANCE



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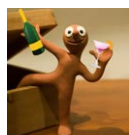
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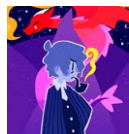
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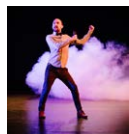
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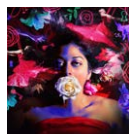
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Original artwork by Kez Braybrook

Proteus Youth Theatre 8-11s present

ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY FOLLOWERS

Saturday 1st February, 7pm

Central Studio, QMC College Campus,
Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF

Tickets: £6 adult, £5 concessions, £4 child

Directed by Lizzy Price. Join Proteus Youth Theatre's 8-11s as they re-imagine the many adventures of one of history's most favourite heroes.

After returning home to England, Robin Hood finds the land under siege by the Sheriff of Nottingham. With his trusty bow and arrow, he teams up with Friar Tuck, Little John and a band of merry followers to steal from the rich and give to the poor.

Mixing their usual blend of high-energy humour and colourful storytelling, Proteus Youth Theatre's youngest performers take to the stage in this new adaptation of the adventures of the infamous outlaw.

Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets

Proteus Youth Theatre 11-13s present

TREASURE ISLAND

Saturday 8th February, 7pm

Central Studio, QMC College Campus,
Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF

Tickets: £6 adult, £5 concessions, £4 child

Directed by Nick Ash. Proteus Youth Theatre's 11-13s re-create one of the world's most swashbuckling stories.

Set in the days of sailing ships and pirates, join Proteus Youth Theatre as they tell the adventures of Jim Hawkins and his search for the buried treasure of an evil pirate, Captain Flint.

Bringing together talented young people from across Basingstoke and surrounding areas, Treasure Island is the perfect adventure for the whole family to celebrate the best of local, emerging talent.



Original artwork by Kez Braybrook

Scratch Built Productions in association with Proteus present

HAUNTING TALES

Thursday 6th February, 7.30pm

Tickets: £10, £8 concessions

Join the mysterious and enigmatic 'Collector' to hear three classic stories from three world-renowned authors.

An intimate, spine-chilling evening of beautifully written tales of the supernatural, told by celebrated actor Paul Huntley-Thomas, with anecdotes and stories about the authors and the opportunity to add your own tale of the paranormal to 'The Collection'...

In Bagnell Terrace, by E.F.Benson, a reclaimed London house is under the influence of a deadly curse. In The Violet Car, by Edith Nesbit, a nurse is summoned to a farm where she finds a couple slowly going mad. And in A Little Place Off the Edgware Road, by Graham Greene, a chilling encounter in a dark theatre leads a man to question his sanity.

Perfect for fans of classic literature, ghost stories and horror or anyone looking for an evening out with a difference!

Paul is a familiar face to Basingstoke audiences, having played Byron in the one-man show Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know, which debuted in Basingstoke Festival 2015 before transferring to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and then touring across the UK.

Suitable for ages 16+

**"FASCINATING
STORIES. VERY WELL
PERFORMED – GREAT
INTERPRETATION"**

– Audience member



Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets



The Late Night Assembly presents

COCKTAILS AND PLAYDOH

Friday 28th February, 8pm

Tickets: £8

After the sell-out success of other Café Nights events like last season's Cockta-doodle-do and Inflate 'til Late, your host-with-the-most, Becky Boobala, brings you another night of modelling mayhem with Cocktails and Play-Doh!

Come along, have a drink and play with clay, create something smutty with putty, make a scene with Plasticine or you simply just fancy a squish and a squeeze after a long week, this payday party is the perfect answer.

Indulge your creative side with an evening of cabaret, Play-Doh, cocktails and games, with prizes to be won.

The licensed cafe will be open from 7.00pm, offering selected wines, bottled beers, spirits and soft drinks - as well as cocktails hand-made by Andy. Places are limited and sell quickly so book yours today!

Strictly over 18s only.

**“FANTASTIC NIGHT,
CAN'T THANK YOU
ENOUGH...ANY EXCUSE
FOR A PARTY!”**

- Audience member

Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets

Filskit Theatre present

KALEIDOSCOPE

Saturday 7th March, 11am, 12pm & 2pm

Tickets: £10. Admits 1 baby and 1 accompanying adult

Blink. Blink again. What do you see?

Day by day your world is filling up with colour,
little one.

Reds and blues, yellows and greens. Twinkling
lights that glisten and gleam.

Your reflection is staring back at you. Wide eyed
and full of hope. Mirrors, lights, colours and
sounds. The world is your Kaleidoscope.

Inspired by research into how a baby's sense of
sight develops and how they instinctively begin
to categorise colour, watch as a multi-coloured
Kaleidoscope is brought to life for you and
your baby.

A playful and gentle show using interactive
lighting, puppetry, movement and sound,
making it a wonderful first theatre experience
for little ones!

Suitable for babies aged 6-18 months.

Duration 25 minutes, followed by 15 minutes
of stay and sensory play.

**“ALL THE BABIES SAT
CAPTIVATED, JAWS OPEN,
EYES WIDE AS IF IT WAS
THE MOST AMAZING THING
THEY'D EVER SEEN. EVEN
THE MOST ADVENTUROUS
CRAWLERS WERE STOPPED
IN THEIR TRACKS”**

– The Portsmouth News



Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets



Proteus Youth Theatre 13-16s present

A HOBBIT'S TALE

Sunday 29th March, 7pm

Central Studio, QMC College Campus, Cliddesden Road, Basingstoke, RG21 3HF

Tickets: £6 adult, £5 concessions, £4 child

Directed by Alex Lonsdale. Puppetry by Nick Ash.

Proteus Youth Theatre return to Central Studio with their brand new devised show, inspired by the themes and storylines of one of the greatest novels of all time.

Interrupted mid-dinner and rushed from his cosy hobbit hole, Bilbo Baggins is whisked into a world beyond The Hill and across The Water on a journey

that takes him past trolls at sunrise, elves and skin-changers, goblins in caves, spiders in trees, and a terrible, magnificent dragon.

With their trademark wit, spellbinding puppetry and exuberant energy, Proteus Youth Theatre re-imagine this classic tale as you've never seen it before.

Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets

Paul O'Donnell presents

WE'VE GOT EACH OTHER

Thursday 2nd April , 7.30pm

Tickets: £10, £8 under 16s and concessions

Hold on to your mullet because the Bon Jovi jukebox musical is finally here. Except, it's up to the audience to imagine it all, with the help of just one man: theatre-maker Paul O'Donnell.

With the modern jukebox traditionally comes a multi-talented cast, a live band (or orchestra if you are lucky), opulent sets and decadent costumes, extravagant dance routines, dramatic key changes and the odd hydraulic lift or two. We've Got Each Other has none of these things (they cost a lot of money), but Paul still tries to create this all-singing, all-dancing spectacle using the power of your imaginations.

Paul invites the audience to 'fill in the gaps' to imagine the breath-taking and tragic love story of Tommy and Gina...

Expect glitter-balls, high-camp and one incredibly catchy 80s tune! We've Got Each Other is a laugh-out-loud feel-good show, celebrating jukebox musicals, Bon Jovi, and the community that is formed when people come together... and believe.

After all, we've got each other... and that's a lot for love!

Running time: 65 mins

Suitable for ages 12+ (mild language used)

**"A SHOW
THAT BRIDGES
COMEDY AND A
MASTER CLASS
IN THEATRE"**



- The List



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- The Sun

Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets

The Late Night Assembly presents

MUSICAL BINGO

Friday 24th April, 8pm

Tickets: £8

Musical bingo is back!

Bingo started in Italy in 1550 and it has come a long way since then. Back in those days, it was played with a piece of paper and stones, buttons and pieces of bread as markers. Musical bingo is the same in principle, but instead of calling out numbers we play songs! There are lots of differently themed rounds (anything from musical genre, decade or a random topic such as 'songs about eyes'). When you hear the song you can mark it off on your sheet with a colourful pen or dabber!

This fun-filled twist on a classic night out will be sprinkled with plenty of cheeky fun and surprises from your hostess-with-the-mostest, Becky Boobala and friends. It goes without saying there will be a fully-licensed bar to keep everyone 'hydrated', so eyes down, dabbers at the ready, and let the fun commence!

Strictly over 18s only.

"WE HAD A BRILLIANT EVENING AS ALWAYS, MY FACE IS ACHING FROM ALL THE SINGING AND LAUGHING"

- Audience member, Facebook

Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets



Proteus presents

SCRATCH PERFORMANCE OF THE BLOODY CHAMBER

Thursday 30th April, 7.30pm

Tickets: Free. This is a scratch performance†, tickets must be pre-booked.

What are little girls made of?

They are made of the forest floor, the blood of the moon cycle, the fluttering of wings and the turning of keys. They are made of sweat, howling notes and desire. They are made of night scented stock – heady and sweet, the lily and the rose, the knife and the rope.

They are made of all the tales our mothers told us. And all the ones they didn't dare.

Award winning Proteus present Angela Carter's *The Bloody Chamber* - an erotic, heady and feminist re-telling of some of the most famous folk and fairy tales in western culture.

These dark fantasies are performed by an all-female cast featuring aerial circus, physical theatre, gothic design and a haunting soundscape.

For an exclusive opportunity to see work-in-progress excerpts from the show before it opens at the Connaught Theatre in Worthing this May, local audiences can join us for a unique evening during rehearsals, followed by a Q&A with the creative team.

The full production will embark on a national tour in spring 2021; why not subscribe to our e-newsletter to keep up to date with tour dates and news.

Strictly over 18s only.

† Please be aware that a scratch performance is not a fully complete piece of work. Scratch performances provide an opportunity for artists to test ideas or parts of a show in front of a live audience and offers those audiences an rare insight to artistic work-in-progress. Audiences are encouraged to engage in constructive feedback on the artist's work as part of a post-show discussion.

Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets

CAFE NEWS FOR SPRING 2020

EXTENDED OPENING HOURS AND ENHANCED MENU



We are excited to announce that from Monday February 3rd we will be trialling extended opening hours in our cosy café, opening at 8.45am until 2.30pm weekdays - perfect for a post school-run coffee, a breakfast meeting or to pop in for a takeaway coffee. We serve locally-roasted fairtrade coffee and use bio-degradable cups and lids!

We will also be extending our popular menu of light lunches to include some new breakfast items, vegan options and children's lunches.

We hope you will support our independent café, so do pop by and try us out.

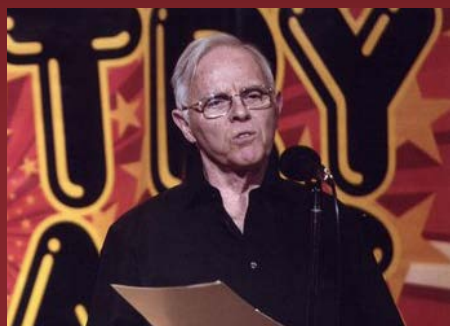
FROM OUR FRIENDS

BRYN STRUDWICK: THESE FOOLISH THINGS

Friday 21st February, 7.30pm

Tickets: £8

Our good friend and award-winning local actor, writer, and long-standing member of The Proteans, Bryn Strudwick invites you to join him and his guests for another evening of poetry, sketches and reminiscences. Themes for the evening will include a shepherd, a haunting tale, medical woes, and Rodin's The Thinker!



Tickets available from www.proteustheatre.com/tickets

PROTEUS YOUTH THEATRE

Proteus Youth Theatre is dedicated to transforming the arts for young people aged 6 to 25, offering the vital opportunity to explore the world of theatre.

Established 15 years ago, PYT is an inclusive place to connect, learn, laugh and create. We collaborate with inspirational theatre-makers of all disciplines, meeting weekly during term-time to develop artistic, personal and social skills.

Alongside weekly skills workshops and specialist masterclasses, members have the opportunity to be part of multiple performance projects each year, which are enjoyed by public audiences and produced in-house by our experienced team of professionals.

Weekly sessions take place at Central Studio and the Creation Space. For more information about our youth theatre, visit www.proteustheatre.com.

RELAUNCH: YOUNG COMPANY

As we approach our 40th anniversary, we are relaunching Young Company, our most advanced strand of Proteus Youth Theatre. Young Company brings together ambitious young creatives aged 16+ to create their own work, feel empowered, to have a voice and to represent the next generation of theatre-makers.

Young Company members also have the opportunity to undertake placements on Proteus productions, with the support and mentorship of our professional team. The perfect place for anyone with an interest in pursuing a career in the arts. Sessions take place on Tuesdays 7.15-9pm, at Creation Space.

ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

We are keen to ensure that no young person faces a barrier towards taking part. For a confidential and informal chat, please contact Alex Lonsdale, Engagement Producer, engagement@proteustheatre.com.



REGULAR CLASSES

We host a variety of regular classes and workshops, covering a wide range of topics from arts and crafts to health and wellbeing. In addition to regular classes, we also host workshops for both young people and those with additional needs. To find out more please contact the class tutors directly; more information can be found on the classes and workshops section of our website.

ARTS & CRAFTS

CERAMICS FOR ALL

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Weds 10am – 12noon

Enjoy exploring a range of hand-building techniques, surface texture, shape and form, decorating and glazing with resident ceramicist Katie Smith. Beginners and improvers welcome. Contact Katie on 07921 383851



DRAWING AND PAINTING FOR ALL

Tuesdays 1.45pm – 3.45pm

Learn or improve your basic drawing and painting skills, explore and experiment with different media and effect or develop your own project with support and advice from an experienced art tutor. Contact Jenny on 01635 297595



EXPLORING PAINTING AND DRAWING

Wednesdays 10am – 12noon

A fun and welcoming class for anyone that would love to explore their creative side. Using drawing, pastel painting, acrylic painting, and sometimes mixed media, we explore a multitude of subjects. Contact Antonia 01256 883876



LIFE DRAWING

Mondays 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Life drawing can be the ultimate tool in your art box; studying and depicting the human form is a fundamental skill that can underpin your drawing and painting practice. Suitable for all levels. Contact Corinne on 07846 779746



CHILDREN'S ART CLASS

Tuesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm

Art classes for children, allowing them to express themselves using a variety of materials and techniques, with guidance in creating art through drawing, painting, collage, clay and printmaking. Contact Corinne on 07846 779746



PAINTING AND DRAWING FOR PLEASURE

Tuesdays 10am – 12noon

Using a variety of watercolour, charcoal, pastel and acrylic when studying subjects which include, drawing from still life, landscape compositions, street scenes, portraits and animals, and embarking on projects to learn from famous or well-known contemporary artists. Contact Antonia on 01256 883876



WATERCOLOUR FOR ALL

Mondays 10am – 12noon

The emphasis of this class is on exploring areas of personal interest and development and expressing an individual approach to projects. Develop as a painter using sketching, colour mixing, shadows and tone, exploring landscapes and still life. Contact Lisa on 07719 654439



FITNESS & WELLBEING

DRU YOGA

Tuesdays 6pm – 7.30pm & Thursdays 10.30am – 12noon

Dru Yoga is kind, gentle and suitable for all levels of ability. Come along and give yourself the opportunity to feel great. Contact Sue on 01256 326056



HATHA YOGA

Mondays 6.15pm – 7pm

A combined focus on mindfulness, breathing, physical movement that brings a myriad of health benefits with regular participation. Contact Kati 07450 226719



TAI CHI

Mondays 2pm – 3pm

An exercise you can do for your entire life; one that is fun, and helps to keep you supple and strong. It's suitable for all levels of fitness and needs no equipment! Contact Tina on 01189 810743



VINYASA YOGA

Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm

A dynamic flow class synchronising breath and movement. A space to explore strength, flexibility, balance, breath, mind-body connection and deep relaxation. Contact McKenzie on 07910 222283



ABOUT THE CREATION SPACE



VISITING US

The Creation Space is a dynamic, creative hub in the heart of Basingstoke, based on the corner of Southern Road and Council Road. On-site parking is available for visitors. We are committed to making your visit as welcoming as possible, so please make us aware of any special requirements you have. The Creation Space is accessible to wheelchair users and all facilities are based on the ground floor. Disabled toilets and baby changing facilities available. Assistance dogs welcome.



CAFÉ/BAR

Our cosy café offers Fairtrade coffee, teas, light lunches and treats! Open until 2.30pm weekdays, perfect for a meeting or catch-up with friends. It's also open during evening performances as a fully licenced bar for a pre-show drink.

HIRE OUR SPACES

You can hire the Creation Space for your function, exhibition, meeting or event. This beautiful Victorian building offers a variety of spaces, including a light and spacious gallery, multi-functional performance space/dance studio, art rooms and a general purpose meeting room. Free WiFi and on-site parking.



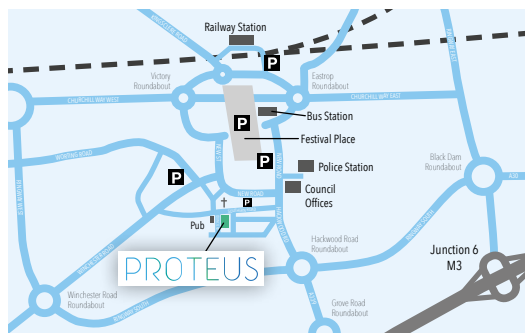
ADULT COMMUNITY THEATRE

The Proteans are an adult community theatre workshop company whose ethos is to explore creativity, performance and above all, for the sheer enjoyment of making, performing and experiencing live theatre.



PERFORMANCE LAB

Our open-access performing arts development programme, supporting both well established artists and those starting out to explore new directions, take risks and grow. Participants receive free rehearsal space, artistic and professional development support and the opportunity to share ideas in front of a live audience.



FIND US

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