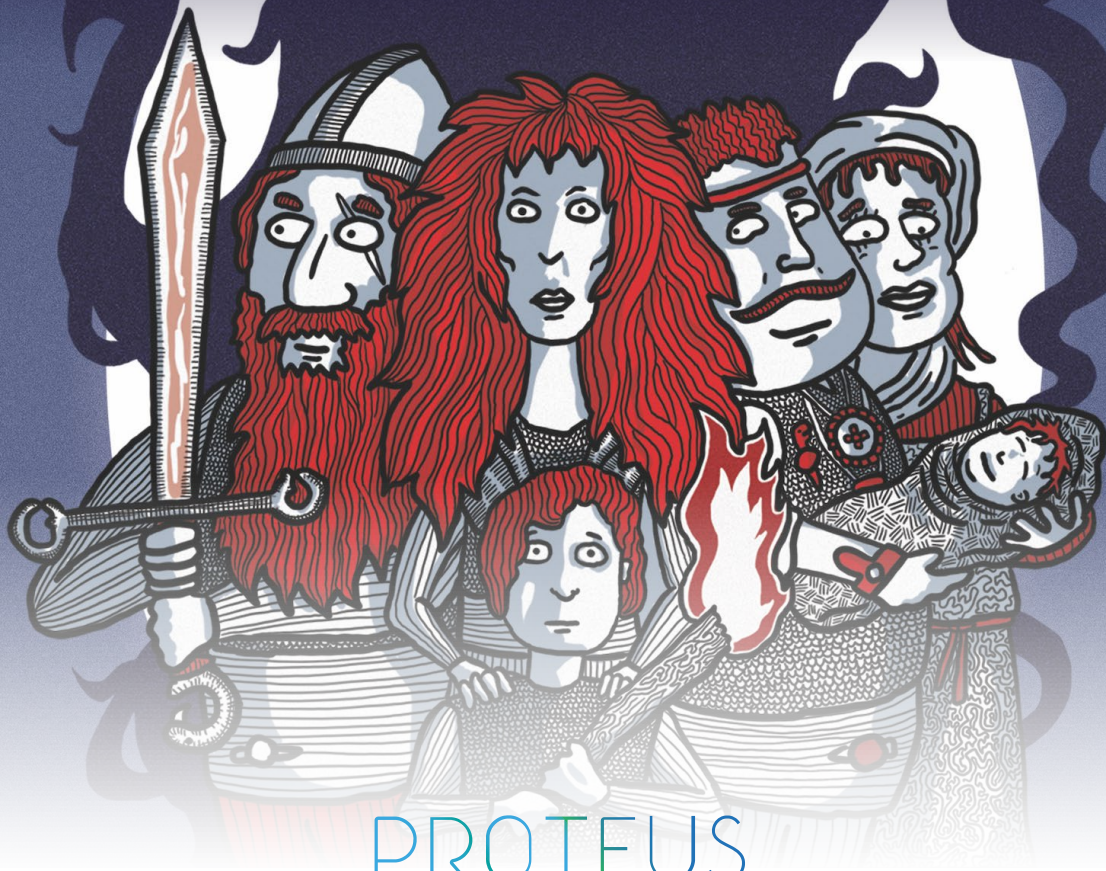

WHAT'S ON SPRING 2023



PROTEUS CREATION SPACE

Your local arts centre in Basingstoke

Theatre & Performance | Classes & Workshops | Café | Gallery
Family Events | Venue Hire | Youth & Adult Theatre Groups

WELCOME

Welcome to our Spring 2023 brochure. We are so looking forward to introducing Basingstoke audiences to some amazing and thought-provoking theatre over the next few months, along with our regular cabaret and 'cocktail and make' nights, family-friendly events and an inspiring programme of classes and workshops.

If you have never visited us before, our regular opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30-5.30 and we have a gorgeous onsite café to relax in with a cup of delicious Moonroast Coffee and a treat from The Street Bakeshop (Open 9.30am-1pm). We also have a varied programme of exhibitions, artist-maker led workshops, café events and regular classes spanning watercolour painting to vinyasa yoga, so read on to find out what is happening here on your doorstep.

We hope to see you soon!

The Proteus Team x

VISITING US

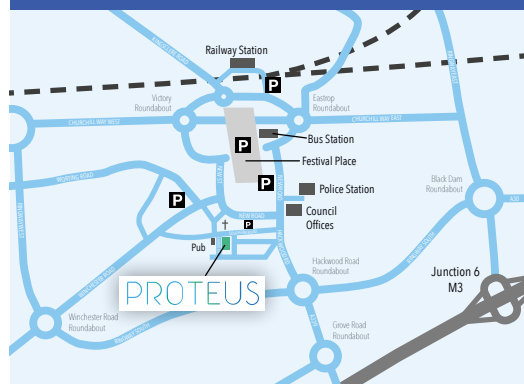
The Creation Space is a dynamic, creative hub in the heart of Basingstoke, based on the corner of Southern Road and Council Road opposite the Bounty Inn and next to Fairfield's Primary. We have limited free onsite parking for visitors and a new parking system which requires all visitors to log in with their registration number when they enter the building. 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.



FIND US

Proteus Creation Space, Council Road, Basingstoke
RG21 3DH

Open Monday – Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm. For events please refer to individual event timing information.



Open for artisan coffee and cakes
Monday – Thursday 9.30am - 1pm
(and for all events taking place
unless otherwise stated)

The Late Night Assembly presents

MUSICAL

BINGO!



Friday 3rd February | Bar opens at 7pm, the fun starts at 8pm

Tickets: £10

Musical bingo bursts into 2023 to launch our new season of events with a fun-filled evening of sing-along-favourites, games and prizes to be won!

If you have never played musical bingo before the premise is simple, the numbers are replaced by music; when you hear a song play that is on your bingo card, you can mark it off with a colourful pen (or 'dabber') and you are a step closer to a 'Full House'.

Expect to hear lots of your favourite pop songs through the decades, right up to today; singing and dancing along is actively encouraged!!!

This fun twist on a traditional bingo night will be sprinkled with plenty of cheeky fun and surprises from your hostess-with-the-mostest, Becky Boobala.

Musical Bingo is the perfect night out for a group of friends who fancy something a bit different.

There will of course be a full licensed bar with bingo-themed cocktails on offer to keep players 'hydrated', so eyes down, dabbers at the ready, and let the fun commence.

Suitable for: Ages 12+



"A BRILLIANT NIGHT. SUCH A GREAT VIBE IN THE ROOM FULL OF LOVELY PEOPLE WHO JUST WANTED TO DANCE AND HAVE FUN"

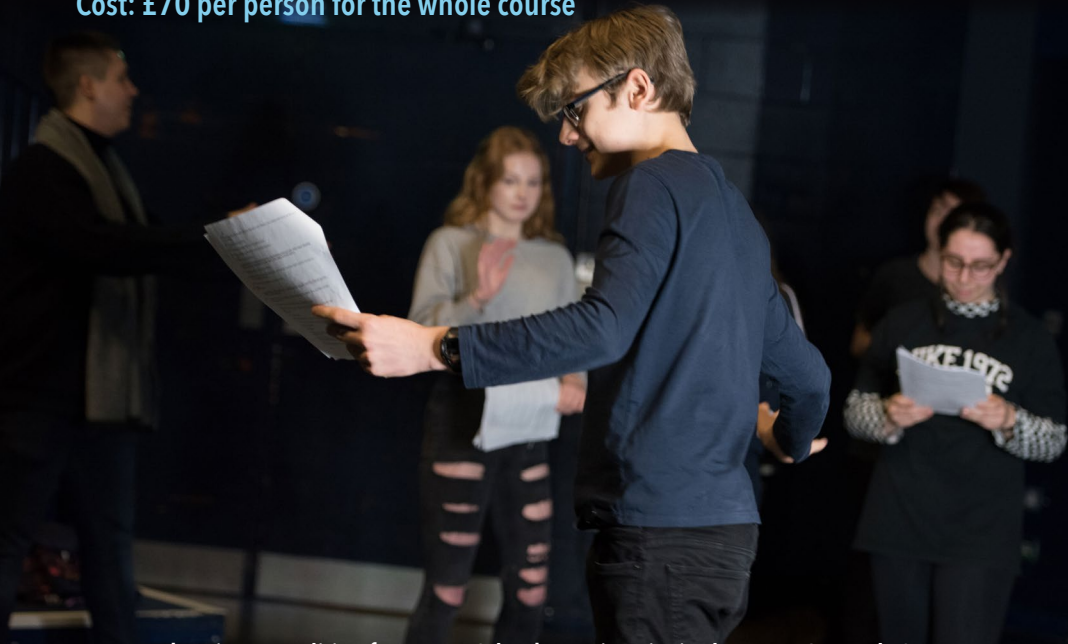
- Audience member, Musical Bingo 2021

AUDITION MASTERCLASS

2-day Audition Bootcamp

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February | 10am - 5pm

Cost: £70 per person for the whole course



Are you planning to audition for Drama School or University in the next 18 months?

It is an incredibly competitive process. Most drama schools and some Universities will charge audition fees of up to £50, so it can also be an eye-wateringly expensive one.

Our 'Audition Bootcamp' at Proteus gives you a weekend with two leading Industry figures. Pieter Lawman, actor and director; trained at RADA with compatriots such as Ben Whishaw and Tom Hiddleston and went on to work at The National Theatre, Kneehigh, The Globe and Bristol Old Vic. Pieter will be joined by Proteus Artistic Director Mary Swan; whose work has been in the West End and New York as well as across the length and breadth of the UK. Mary and Pieter will help you choose and perform a Shakespearean and contemporary monologue, give you valuable training in voice and physical techniques and take you through a 'workshop' style audition. You'll also receive guidance from a professional vocal coach to help you choose a song suited to your voice.

By the end of the weekend, you will emerge with the tools you need to audition successfully and give yourself the best chance of securing a place on your preferred course.

All participants will also be offered a 'follow-up' session during the following month, either in person or on zoom, to get further feedback on your pieces and to ask any questions about upcoming auditions.

Suitable for: Anyone looking to audition for drama school, at whatever stage in life or career.



DON'T BE BORED HALF TERM FUN DAY

Thursday 16th February | 10am - 3.30pm

Tickets: £7.50 per child

Come and spend a day of relaxed family-friendly fun at the Creation Space.

We'll have lots of board games and colouring set up throughout our rooms in the morning where children can get stuck into some new board games they may not have tried before and make like-minded friends. After that we'll be setting up a Fancy Dress Disco for everyone to get active and burn off some energy. There is no theme, so feel free to be as creative as you like! We'll have prizes for:

- Best presented (most commitment to the costume)
- Best homemade element
- Most creative costume

To finish off the day, we'll be showing a family film that is age appropriate to wind down and will have a tuck shop open.

Our on-site café will be open for hot drinks and sweet treats, ticket holders are welcome to bring packed lunches to picnic in the Creation Space between activities or pop into town and come back.

Suitable for: Ages 4-11 years

All children attending must have an adult with them at all times, this is a stay and play.

The Late Night Assembly presents

INFLATE 'TIL LATE!

Cocktails and balloon-bending

Friday 3rd March | Bar opens at 7pm, the fun begins at 8pm

Tickets: £10



Balloons aren't just for kids, especially when accompanied by a cheeky cocktail or two!!

Your host for the evening will be Balloonatic Becky, who is on a one-woman mission to take balloon art to the next level.

With twists, turns and a bit of Balloonatic magic, Becky will guide you through some bal-loon-art basics so you can create some fantastic elastic sculptures of your own. Balloonatic urge you to think beyond the balloon dog...

Peppered with plenty of fun and games, this night is guaranteed to give you the best #selfie opportunity EVER!

Suitable for: over 18's



Bryn Strudwick and Friends presents

AS TIME GOES BY

Friday 10th March | 7.30pm

Tickets: £6



Local award-winning actor and writer Bryn Strudwick invites you to join him and his guests for another evening of poetry, sketches and reminiscences as part of his new show 'As Time Goes By'.

Bryn is a founding member of The Proteans and has appeared in numerous productions since 2002.

Over the same period, he has won more than 50 awards for his creative writing. His poetry having been described as "reminiscent of Pam Ayres at her wittiest"

This is his 9th annual show and, after his 2021 evening was a complete sell out, he is delighted to be performing his material to a live audience at the Creation Space.

As ever, Bryn will be joined by some talented guests on stage that regular audiences of Proteans productions may well recognise!

Red Cape Theatre & South Street Arts present

ON TRACK

Tuesday 14 March | 7.30pm

Tickets £11, £9 concessions

"[The bicycle] has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world. It gives women a feeling of freedom and self-reliance. I stand and rejoice every time I see a woman ride by on a wheel" Susan B Anthony, Women's Rights Activist, 1896

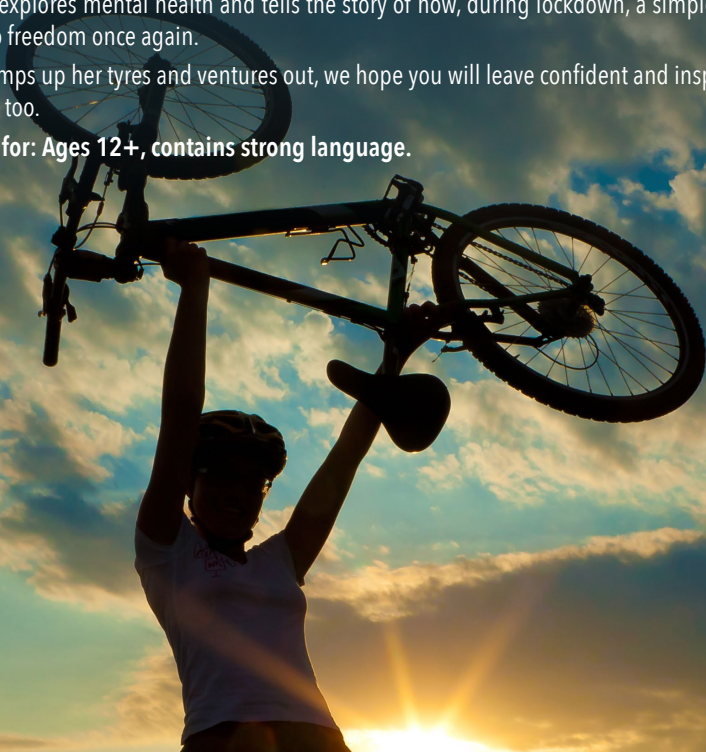
March 2020. Dynamic single mother Kit's world suddenly shrinks. Staying at home to save lives means a retreat back to the role of mother and home-maker. With the walls closing in, the garage and 2 wheels become her sanctuary...

On Track is a new play drawing on true stories and using RedCape's trademark blend of comedy and visual, physical theatre. The audience follow Kit's journey of discovery through the shocking history of women's cycling. Riding at night, disguised as men, these cycling pioneers powered over Victorian ideals of the genteel, house-bound woman and opened up new worlds.

On Track explores mental health and tells the story of how, during lockdown, a simple bicycle became a vehicle to freedom once again.

As Kit pumps up her tyres and ventures out, we hope you will leave confident and inspired to ride out on your own too.

Suitable for: Ages 12+, contains strong language.



CONTEMPORARY THEATRE DOUBLE BILL. SEE

Sweet Beef presents

I HATE IT HERE

Thursday 16th March | 7.30pm

Tickets: £11, £9 concessions

A game show. A nurse. A chicken shop. Dolly Parton. A golden umbrella. Making it rain. Quite a lot of hopping. Some bingo. Zero hours contracts. You better work bitch.

I Hate it Here is an interactive devised piece about zero hours contracts and instability. It centres on Plang, an elderly care worker who loves a boogie, Tara, a nurse with a penchant for Anne Robinson, and Spud, a teenage fast-food worker who would just love a date with fit Clare. Join them for their shift but expect some interruptions from the BIG BOSS.

You will be asked to participate in game shows, sign up for shifts and have the power to change the outcome of the show.

There'll be bingo, banging tunes and a glittery curtain. All of this could be yours if you just sign here

I HATE IT HERE has had sell out runs at Camden People's Theatre's Sprint festival and Omnibus Theatre's Vault Festival Rehomed Season 2022 and was shortlisted for both The Pleasance Charlie Harthill Award and Les Enfants Terribles LET Award.

Suitable for: Ages 16+



BOTH SHOWS FOR £18* (£15 CONCESSIONS)

Jack Dean and Company presents

VINLAND

Tuesday 4th April | 4pm

Tickets: £11, £9 concessions

“IF YOU LIKE VIKINGS AND
MYTHS, YOU’LL REALLY
WANT TO SEE THIS”

- Audience Member

We are thrilled to welcome previous Proteus Associate Artist Jack Dean with a family-friendly show that brings to life the Vikings last journey to America, through storytelling, animation, live drawing and music.

Set sail with Freydis and her son Snorri on a Viking adventure brought to life through storytelling, animation and live music. Join her crew of explorers as they find out they're not alone in this strange new land and come face to face with ghosts, monsters, and wild gooseberries. Follow Snorri as he confronts an ancient spirit set on revenge and learns the truth about himself.

Vinland retells the incredible true(ish) tale of the Vikings last journey to North America, taking inspiration from the Viking sagas of Erik the Red and his family. The show brings the audience into a world where myth and history collide.

Suitable for: Fans of Jack's incredible gig-theatre storytelling of the Luddites in 'Jeremiah', Viking history, cinematic music, live animation and new and interesting ways of telling stories! Recommended for ages 8+



COMICS AND CARTOONS

Workshops with writer, illustrator and animator Christopher Harrison. All workshops are Pay What You Can but must be pre-booked as spaces are limited. The workshops complement the themes and styles in Vinland (Tuesday 4th April) but you do not need to have seen the show to enjoy them.



CREATE A VIKING

Thursday 6th April | 11am | 1 hour |
Pay What You Can

A brave warrior, a nimble scout, or a pompous chief - who will you choose?

In this one-hour workshop, participants will discover what makes a good comic book character and design their own Viking from the world of Vinland. The workshop will cover character design and drawing tips, as well as creative writing exercises to unlock the personality of their creations.

Suitable for: Ages 8-12

LIVE DRAWING WORKSHOP

Thursday 6th April | 2pm | 1 hour | Pay What You Can

In this practical one-hour workshop, participants will explore live drawing, reacting to a range of different musical stimuli. We will explore visual storytelling, including rhythm and composition, and the performative side of live drawing.

Suitable for: Ages 8-12

Tickets must be pre-booked. Pay what you can (recommended £5 per child).

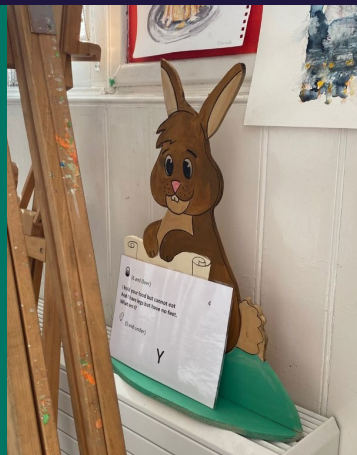
EASTER TRAIL & CRAFTING

Each day between Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April | Drop in any time between 9.30am and 12.30pm, (£1 per child taking part in the trail)

Pop into the Creation Space to visit our café this Easter Holiday and go on a treasure hunt to find the clues and crack the code.

We'll also have FREE Easter colouring and a simple craft available to do, so spend as much time as you want in our warm space. Every child completing the trail will receive a small edible prize!

Suitable for: Ages 3-10





THE LATE NIGHT ASSEMBLY CABARET EVENING

Friday 7th April | Bar opens at 7pm,
the fun starts at 8pm

Tickets: £16

The Late Night Assembly cabaret is back with a bang and you'd be an April Fool to miss it. The inimitable Miss Becky Boobala returns to host this popular night of fun and frolicks presenting a fresh new line up of acts.

Featuring an ensemble of talented burlesque artists, musicians, circus and variety performers for another extraordinary evening of the best in British Cabaret.

Expect plenty of eye boggling acts, hilarity, peculiarity, dancing, music, extravagant costumes and possibly even some audience participation if you are very lucky.

Come dressed for the occasion, the more adventurous your outfit, the better!

Suitable for: Strictly over 18's only



**“IT WAS A GREAT
NIGHT. WE LOVED
IT. WE WILL BE
BACK SOON!”**

- Audience member, Facebook



THE POLAR BEAR (IS DEAD)

Thursday 4th May

Have you ever thought about what it means to lose something forever? A treasured possession? Someone you love? Or an entire species?

Natalie and Daniele have made a show about loss and being alone that's ultimately full of hope. It includes a plant, a polar bear, the Spice Girls and a conversation with Natalie's Mum about the end of the world.

7+ ARTISTS RETURN TO THE CREATION SPACE

Saturday 13th - Sunday 21st May

A joining of several 2022's Collective Genius artists with others exhibiting together for several years as 7 Artists+. We are pleased to be returning to Proteus Creation Space with our diverse and exciting work. This year's line-up is: Gaila Adair, Kevin Akhurst, Ross Buckner, Tracey Clarkson, Sue Crook, Rosemary Derwent, Gareth Jones, Caroline Moore and Consuelo Simpson.



THE SMALLEST FESTIVAL IN THE WORLD

Saturday 22nd July

What if you could experience all the fun of a festival in under 2 hours and avoid the mud, the overpriced warm beer and the queues for the loos!? Then THE smallest FESTIVAL IN THE WORLD might be just what you have been looking for....

Join a dazzling line-up of performance artists, musicians, and creatives for a family-friendly whirlwind of a festival, and rave the day away, right here in the heart of Basingstoke!

THE PROTEANS

ADULT COMMUNITY THEATRE

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

The Proteans have a long history of performing popular plays each summer at Basingstoke's Walled Garden, the most recent being Oscar Wilde's *Importance of Being Earnest* in 2021 and are now planning for Summer 2023. The group can also choose to participate in other plays throughout the year and the group have just finished a successful and self-directed 3-night sell-out run of Terry Pratchett's *Guards! Guards!* They also frequently get involved in larger participatory projects that Proteus undertake.

Members are invited to see all of Proteus' professional performances and critically engage in the work, this also gives them access to see exciting artists work in development and to work alongside professional theatre practitioners in specialist workshops.

From week commencing 9th January the group will be meeting regularly on Wednesday evenings from 7pm, for improv sessions, play readings and guest workshops with professional artists. These sessions are PAY WHAT YOU CAN. (For those that can afford it, we recommend a £5 donation per session.)



**Register your interest now to take part in our
SUMMER 2023 OUTDOOR PRODUCTION OF THE TEMPEST**

(you do not have to attend the weekly workshop sessions to be part of the summer show)

Contact Helen Palmer | 01256 354351 | admin@proteustheatre.com

PROTEUS YOUTH THEATRE

Proteus Youth Theatre (PYT) is dedicated to providing access to the performing arts for all young people aged 7 to 16.

Collaborating with inspirational professionals from the worlds of theatre, circus, puppetry & design; groups meet weekly during term-time to develop artistic, personal and social skills – including those pertinent to GCSE and A Level drama (devising, scripted work and monologues).

Alongside skills workshops and specialist masterclasses, members have the opportunity to be part of multiple performance projects each year, including the National Theatre Connections festival and performing outdoors at the Walled Garden in Down Grange, plus occasional special projects and performances with Proteus including podcasts and the Basingstoke Festival.

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

Ages 7-11, Tuesdays 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Ages 11-14, Mondays 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Ages 14+, Thursdays 6.45pm - 8.45pm

Cost: £60 per term.

Proteus Youth Theatre is about more than the performances we make. Our ethos is deeply rooted in inclusion – PYT is open to everyone and our work is ensemble-led. As there is no audition process, we welcome young individuals of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. From our youngest participants, taking their first steps into the world of theatre, to those 16+ looking for a new challenge.

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 Mary Swan, Artistic Director admin@proteustheatre.com.

**“I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE SPACE
TO LEARN AND BE CREATIVE IN MY
OWN WAY AND THAT IS SOMETHING
I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH”**

- Phoebe, PYT alumna



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

To book on to any class or workshop, please contact the individual tutor running the course.

More information can be found on our website at www.proteustheatre.com/classes-and-workshops

WATERCOLOUR FOR BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS

Mondays 10am – 12 noon

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 Rosenfeld | 07719 654439 | localartclasses@hotmail.com



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 Hobbs | 01189 80743 | thobbs@rocketmail.com

SING FOR FUN – COMMUNITY CHOIR

Mondays 7pm – 9pm

A relaxed and fun adult community choir who come together to sing rock, pop and musical theatre in harmony.

Accessible to everyone, regardless of experience.

Contact: www.singforfun.co.uk

CERAMICS FOR ALL

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

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

Contact: Katie Smith | 07921 383851 | katiesmithceramics@yahoo.co.uk



DISCOVER THE ARTIST WITHIN YOU

Tuesday & 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 subjects including landscapes, still life, flowers, animals and street scenes.

Contact: Jessica Mann | 07887 127987 | jessicagunmann@gmail.com

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 Rate | 07910 222 283



DRU YOGA

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 Martin | 01256 326056

SING STAR VOCAL COACHING

Thursdays 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Fun and exciting group classes for children aged 7-16 with a keen interest in pop music, singing and performing. Using a variety of vocal techniques, warm up exercises, performance coaching, harmonies, basic movement and more to build confidence and skill.

Contact: Hayley O'Brien | info@singstarvocalcoaching.com



HIRE OUR SPACES

The Creation Space is the perfect unique space for hosting your party, work event, exhibition, meeting, community event or even wedding, as our beautiful Victorian building offers a variety of diverse spaces. These include a spacious and light-filled gallery, multi-functional performance space/ dance studio, art rooms and a café.

We can also help with sourcing children's party entertainment, catering and sound or lighting through one of our preferred suppliers, who are able to offer a preferential rate if you host your event with us!

Contact us at admin@proteustheatre.com or on **01256 354 541** to arrange to look around our spaces with a member of staff, or just pop in between 9.30am - 5pm (Mon-Thurs).



WARM SPACE

We understand the challenges facing many in our community this Winter.

Our doors will be open between 9.30am and 1pm, Monday - Thursday from 9th January for anyone who needs a place to go, stay warm and be around others in a welcoming atmosphere. As a community arts centre, we are, at our heart a civic safe space.

No need to spend any money, just drop by, bring or borrow a book, meet a friend and we have toys/ games and colouring for little ones, as well as accessible facilities.

Thank you so much to the lovely folks at Lamb Brooks Solicitors who have donated a collection of brand-new board games suitable for young children right up to adults so you can relax and connect. They have also donated a vast collection of second-hand books for our informal book swap and borrow scheme in the café.

Lamb Brooks Solicitors are delighted to be working with Proteus Creation Space and supporting them with their wonderful warm space initiative this Winter. *"This is such a lifeline to many local families or people on their own in need of somewhere to go to stay warm and see a friendly face. The team at Lamb Brooks, who are based just down the road from Proteus, are proud to be able to give their help to such a great resource"* says, Rob Parker, Partner and Family Law Solicitor at Lamb Brooks LLP (pictured).

About Lamb Brooks

Lamb Brooks Solicitors have been helping individuals, families and businesses in and around Basingstoke for over 240 years. A pillar of the community, the high street law firm offers a wide range of legal services to help people throughout their legal journey. The friendly and understanding team offer comprehensive legal advice on Wills and Probate, Divorce and Family Law, Conveyancing, Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence claims, Employment Law, Company Commercial Law, Dispute Resolution and Commercial Property. Lamb Brooks is the leading law firm in Basingstoke with over 400 5-star reviews on Google. T: 01256 844888 E: enquiries@lambbrooks.com



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EXPERIENCE...WHATEVER
YOUR AGE! FIVE STARS”**

- West End Best Friend




fairyfinders

Saturday 29th July – Sunday 6th August

Tickets: £11

From the makers of Let's Go On Holiday and 2022's sell-out Christmas show, The Christmas Switch, comes a brand new, immersive theatre show for families, with a magical sprinkle of fairy dust!

The show takes inspiration from A Midsummer Night's Dream, weaving the mischievous and the magical together. Children and their families will join our team of Fairy Finders and embark on a theatrical adventure to try and spot the elusive Fairies that have been reportedly glimpsed in and around Basingstoke!

Suitable for: Families with young children aged up to 8 years.




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