



WHAT'S ON SUMMER 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 Summer 2023 brochure! We are delighted to announce that two of our most popular events return with a brand new twist. Firstly, The Proteans present their long-standing tradition of performing Summer Shakespeare in the Walled Garden, this year tackling the stormy seas of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* on what will hopefully be a balmy June weekend as part of the Basingstoke Festival.

July sees the return of the UNMISSABLE smallest FESTIVAL IN THE WORLD, born out of a wonderful sense of post-lockdown fun and freedom, now in it's 3rd year; it's become a staple start to the Summer Holidays for all ages to enjoy.

We also have BONKERS BALLOON SCIENCE in the May half term, inspiring art exhibitions, our immersive in-house family summer show FAIRY FINDERS and cabaret nights to entertain you. Not to mention, a varied programme of exhibitions, artist-maker led workshops, café events and regular classes spanning watercolour painting to Tai Chi, 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.



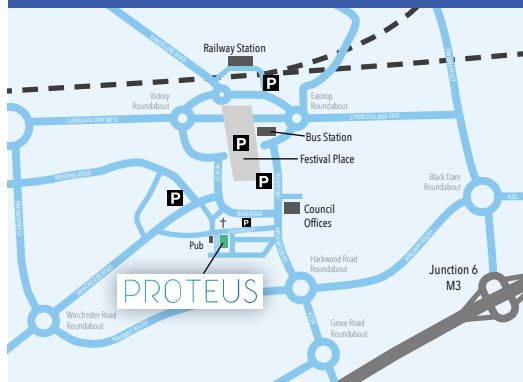
FIND US

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)



Balloonatic presents:

THE BONKERS BALLOON SCIENCE SHOW

Thursday 1st June | 11.30am & 3pm

Tickets: £11



Becky Balloonatic loves balloons and she wants to show you just how much you can learn from these humble globes of latex!

The Balloon Science Show is full of thrills and spills, pops and bangs. The audience will help set up experiments and make lots of predictions on what they think might happen!

This balloon science extravaganza will demystify Atoms, Molecules and Polymers and answer the big questions such as, "When you make a balloon kebab, why doesn't it explode?"

We explore different topics in a super fun and interactive way including:

Friction: By way of a balloon dog and taking advantage of a few forces

Physical forces and carbon dioxide: What happens when you mix a popular carbonated drink with a minty sweet? Watch out for a real fizz-ical reaction!



Thrust: Which balloon will travel the fastest? Ready, steady, go!

Forces: Pushing, pulling, twisting and the lesser known force, centripetal

Static Electricity: Protons, Neutrons and Electrons As Paula Abdul once said, opposites attract and Protons and Electrons are highly attracted to each other.

You will never look at the humble balloon in the same way again and you'll even learn how to create your very own balloon dog.

Suitable for: Ages 5-11, (guidance only)





The Proteans present

THE TEMPEST

Friday 23rd June 7pm | Saturday 24th June 2pm & 6pm | Sunday 25th June 2pm

Tickets: £11 / £9 concession

A luxury yacht carrying Italian Aristocracy, A-Listers and social media influencers returning from a wedding, sinks off the coast of a remote Island. The inhabitants of this Island are a magician, his daughter, a shape-shifting spirit serving Bowie vibes and a member of a downed airline cabin crew with amnesia who everyone calls Caliban...

Laughter, love and intrigue all mix into a Pina Colada of a romp through Shakespeare's last play. This Summer join The Proteans in the beautiful Walled Garden for a Desert Island disco with a Shakespearean twist. With the original text intact (but abridged), songs, comedy and a lot of heart, this is just the show you need to kick off a great summer.

As ever, ticket holders are welcome to arrive up to 1 hour before the performance begins with a picnic to soak up the atmosphere and experience the delight of some outdoor theatre!



THE PROTEANS ADULT COMMUNITY THEATRE

A friendly and sociable group, the Proteans only undertake performances when they feel like it, and even then, not all the members of the group must be involved. Whilst many of the current members are regularly active participants, anyone who has previously participated is always welcome to pick back up with the group when the time is right.

The group now meet regularly on Wednesday evenings from 7pm. The sessions are informal and sociable, consisting of 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.)

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Proteans or would like to attend one of the informal Wednesday sessions, please contact Helen Palmer on 01256 354 541 | admin@proteustheatre.com



Saturday 22nd July | 11am, 1:30pm and 4pm
Tickets: from £11

The live music, the sights, surprises and sounds, the glorious sunshine (more of a hope than a guarantee), and the delicious smells from the food truck... We have taken all the best bits of a festival and left out all the hassle and faff. No camping, no mud, real toilets, and going home to your own comfy bed once you are boogied out! As always we have a jam-packed line up of brand new acts and firm favourites returning for 2023.



A taster of what to expect:

- Canape Art by Levante's Dance theatre, exquisite street theatre style performance full of colour, sequins, edible tattoos and plenty of silliness
- Back by popular demand Madman Soundz (as seen at RaverTots) bring the rave to the Smallest Festival featuring live Woosley MC!
- Soon TBC headline band on the 'Garden Main Stage'
- Dame Lily-Trott Twankey and Becky Boobala host the 'Generation Blankety-Bingo Family Fortunes Game Show'
- Live music from breakthrough Cardiff act Something About Dinosaurs
- Community music performance
- Walkabout and circus acts surprise performances throughout the day
- Scratch Built productions performance for lots of laughter for little ones
- Arts and Crafts
- Street food | Craft Beer | Cocktail and Mocktail bar



Scratch Built Productions in association with Proteus presents

fairyfinders

Saturday 29th July - Sunday 6th August | 10am, 11:30am and 2:30pm

Ticket:s £11



A magical and mischievous immersive show for families who love fairies!

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!

Start your summer holidays with a special trip to the theatre and become part of the Fairy Finders squad! 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 on an interactive theatrical adventure to try and spot the elusive fairies that have been reportedly glimpsed in and around Basingstoke!

This is a truly immersive show where little ones and their families follow the story around different spaces in the Creation Space arts centre, where each room is becomes part of the set and is transformed into an enchanting scene, full of wonder.



“EXCELLENT - COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER!”

- Audience Member You Need a Holiday Too 2022

“SO GOOD! REALLY ENJOYED, 5 STARS!”

- Audience Member The Christmas Switch 2022



Tickets: £11 per person

Babies: Please note that only babies in arms under 12 months go free of charge, however, please make sure you reserve a ticket for them (priced £0) so that we can manage capacity for each show.

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th July 10.00am | 11.30am | 2.30pm

Wednesday 2nd August - Sunday 6th August 10am | 11.30am | 2.30pm

Most suitable for ages: Families with young children ages approximately 3 up to 8 years old, (younger or older siblings are welcome at parents' discretion)

Running time: Approximately 50 minutes

THE LATE NIGHT ASSEMBLY CABARET – BACK TO SCHOOL

Friday 8th September | Bar opens at 7pm, the fun begins at 8pm
Tickets £20 | Over 18s only


Summer might be over, a new school year has started and routine **may** have returned, but we have news to brighten your spirits and put pep in your walk... Basingstoke's Best cabaret and burlesque night is back for the Late Night Assembly, where mischief is aplenty and chaos still reigns king!


The Late Night Assembly returns, hand in hand with your fabulous host, Miss Becky Boobala, who brings you an ensemble of acts. Be blown away by performances from musicians, burlesque artists, circus, and variety performers!

Eye boggling acts, hilarity, peculiarity, dancing, music, costumes, toasting, and general extravagance!

We of course, encourage you to come dressed for the occasion – so spot clean those house ties!

Acts to be announced soon. Follow us and The Late Night Assembly on social media for act reveals!

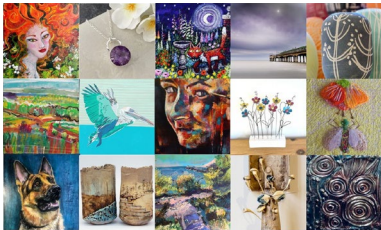
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 Proteus Creation Space / The Late Night Assembly



WEST BERKSHIRE & NORTH HAMPSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

13th – 21st May | 10am – 5pm | Free to attend



7+ Artists join forces with several of 2022's Collective Genius artists to exhibit work together this May as part of West Berkshire and North Hampshire Open Studios in this brand-new art exhibition.

Many of the group were part of exhibitions last year and are pleased to be returning to the Creation Space with diverse and exciting work.

Works featured include: Ceramics, Drawing and painting, Graphic art, Jewellery, Mixed media, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Textiles and the artists books.



Plastic Pie Presents
CELLOPHANE WRAPPER
3rd – 14th July | 10am – 4pm | Free to attend

The World is Plastic. We are Pie. The Plastic Pie collective unfurl their debut exhibition, Cellophane Wrapper. Displayed will be artworks from both emerging and established artists, relating to the theme and concept of unwrapping, uncovering and discovering, in all disciplines and media forms, including sound.

The Plastic Pie collective is the combined efforts of Katie Karcheski and Naomi Escott, both interdisciplinary artists with a deep interest in facilitating creative exploits through collective stunts and deeds.

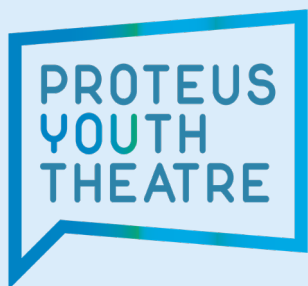
HAMPSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

19th – 28th August | 10am – 5pm | Free to attend

The colourful & inspirational work of 19 talented local artists & designer makers creates an exciting & eclectic visual feast. Workshops available; please check our website & social media for details & booking.



Exhibiting for 2023: Annie Eagle, Caroline Moore, Emma Moscow Millinery, Georgina Bouzyk, Gillian Hancey, Hawksbury Print, Helen Long Ceramics, Jackie Purtill Fine Art, John Brazendale, Judith Needham, Katie Smith Ceramics, Llinos Gale Ceramics, Rachel Davis Mixed Media Art, Ross Buckner Art, Ruby & Jack Design, Sarah Jane Gordon Art, Sue Crook, Sue Howe, Tracey Clarkson.



Proteus Youth Theatre (PYT) is dedicated to providing access to the performing arts for all young people aged 7 to 18.

Proteus Youth Theatre is a weekly skills workshop and specialist masterclass for young people aged 7-18 years, to explore theatre and the arts with the support and leadership of experienced theatre practitioners. Being part of youth theatre is a fantastic way to help build confidence, social skills, teamwork, encourage creativity and make new friends.

- Work with professional theatre-makers
- No audition process
- We perform everywhere and anywhere
From professional theatre spaces to promenade outdoor shows
- Come along for a free taster session
- Bursary places to support participation are available

£60 per term, 3 terms a year

Contact us to book a taster session, find out more, and to join!
01256 354 541 | 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, Youth Theatre member

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

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

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

VENUE HIRE

The Creation Space is unique in its beautiful Victorian architecture, with stunning original features.

The building is also equipped with a café / bar which can be included in your hire. This venue is adaptable to your needs, be it a party a work event, exhibition, meeting, community event, or wedding!

We also have reliable and recommended suppliers for catering, sound and lighting, adult entertainment, and children's entertainment for parties.



To arrange a look around the venue and facilities please contact Matthew Dwyer at:
Email: matthew.dwyer@proteustheatre.com or call 01256 354541.

PARKING AT PROTEUS

**£66 A MONTH
ENCLOSED CARPARK
24 HOUR MONITORING
5 MINUTE WALK TO TOWN
12 MINUTE WALK TO TRAIN STATION**

The average price for a permit can cost between £70 - £80 a month. Parking at Proteus offers a more wallet-friendly option, with our monthly permits costing just £66. That's a saving of almost £180 a year, and you will be supporting your local charitable arts organisation in the process!

For more info and permits
email: matthew.dwyer@proteustheatre.com
call: 01256 321621



Varjack-Lowry Present

THE BABY QUESTION

14th September

In 1974, the contraceptive pill was made available to single women on the NHS for the first time. What has changed since then? What if child-free/childless women were at the centre of that narrative?

The Baby Question is a theatrical film exploring the narratives of women who are child-free by choice or circumstance, set in the world of a seventies Top of the Pops style chart tv show.

Varjack-Lowry is a collaboration between artists Paula Varjack and Chuck Blue Lowry; merging skills derived from careers in filmmaking, theatre-making, and participation.

James Rowland Present

PIECE OF WORK

16th November

In *PIECE OF WORK* James explores how the landscapes we exist in physically affect the way we think and feel. How searching for something is an end in itself, regardless of whether the search is successful. It's about our sense of home, and the hope that makes our lives liveable.



ScratchBuilt and Proteus Present

HELP! THERE'S AN ELF IN MY HOUSE

8th - 24th December

Each year we delight in welcoming a new generation of young audiences to enjoy the magic of theatre on their doorstep and hearing that grown-ups have had just as much fun is the icing on the cake. The Christmas show at Proteus is always a sell out so keep your eyes out for more updates!



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