

COTSWOLD PLAYHOUSE

Stroud's Own Theatre www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk

Parliament Street, Stroud, GL5 1LW
PROGRAMME 2009 - 2010

Tickets are on sale from Stroud Tourist Information Centre, Subscription Rooms, Stroud,
01453 760960 around 4 weeks before the show opens.
Evening performances are at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

The Cotswold Players present

The Railway Children: 13th – 16th and 20th – 23rd January 2010

A superb musical adaptation of an English classic. An Edwardian family's Christmas is interrupted by a knock at the door that changes their lives forever. Father is wrongfully arrested and Mother and the 3 children are forced to move to the country. Discovering a railway near their new home is just the beginning of a series of adventures set over one long summer.

PanGottic Circus Theatre presents

Full Twist: 6th February 2010

A witty tale of lust and love, quirky romance and cynical twists, using physical humour with poetic moments and slick choreographed object manipulation to create a light hearted world of 4 flustered hearts and more than a few surprises...

Full Twist is a playful physical performance combining circus skills and physical theatre. The piece has no text, is based on physical and visual elements and brings together an innovative and original fusion of masks, juggling, comedy and physical theatre with a hint of contemporary clowning.

Standing out from the clowning crowd are PanGottic, a duo who match physical wit with tenderness in their portrayal of a couple stumbling into love, complete with heart dropping and baby juggling! www.pangottic.com

Friends of HLB present

Harmony Singing Workshop with Helen Chadwick: 13th February 2010 2 - 4 pm

Helen Chadwick is a singer /composer who has run workshops and performed all over the world. Her relaxed, open style of teaching has charmed song participants for decades and not least the people of Stroud where she has run several sessions over the years. She is delighted to be running a workshop for the first time in the newly refurbished Playhouse and looks forward to testing out the acoustics with 30 plus other voices. She will be teaching songs from all over the world with a sprinkling of home-grown. All levels of singers welcome. A benefit event for Harry Banks

Friends of HLB present

A Jolly Good Night Out: 13th February 2010

featuring Paradiso, The Lazy Susans, Stroud Jazzers, Sarah Ruff and Ed Currie.

A benefit concert for Harry Banks. Harry is a 28 year old local actor/musician who was treated for spinal cancer in 2008 and now needs funds for intensive physio-therapy to increase her mobility. not to be missed... one of those special evenings that you wish you hadn't missed when everyone's talking about it the week after!

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La Cage Aux Folles: 17th – 20th and 24th – 27th March 2010

'La Cage aux Folles', set in a gay nightclub in the South of France, is a love story with a great deal of laughter and some wonderful music. It is a play with great warmth and will send the audience out humming the music and with a real 'feel-good' reaction. The songs include - 'I am what I am', 'With you on my arm', 'Masculinity' and 'The Best of Times'. Book by Harvey Fierstein, Music and lyrics by Jerry Herman.

Stroud Theatre Company present
The Amazing and Preposterous Constance Smedley: 9th and 10th April 2010

CANCELLED

Miles Productions present
BURTON: 1st May 2010

BURTON vividly presents the life of the great Welsh actor in his own words from humble beginnings to Hollywood mega-stardom. Beautiful women (not least Liz Taylor), alcohol, wealth, stage and screen are the threads woven into this sad, happy, exuberant often hilarious one-man show. Drink seemed like the only real anodyne to his deteriorating health and mental state, his doomed tempestuous relationship with Taylor and his constant guilt over the abandonment of his family. His life imitated his art. Rhodri Miles, (Eastern Promises, Torchwood, Holby City) takes on the role of the younger BURTON fresh from a successful run to critical acclaim at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival which received glorious 4/5 star reviews.

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School present
David Copperfield: 15th May 2010

The Bristol Old Vic Theatre School return again - this year with their production of David Copperfield

The Cotswold Players present
House of Bernarda Alba: 16th – 19th June 2010

Lorca's final masterpiece on love and loathing. Five daughters live together in a single household with a tyrannical mother. When the father of all but the eldest girl dies, a cynical marriage is advanced which will have tragic consequences for the whole family. This all women drama is a fascinatingly modern play speaks powerfully as a political metaphor of oppression as it does a domestic drama.

The Cotswold Players present
Saturday Sunday Monday: 5th – 9th October 2010

A colourful and funny portrait of Italian family life. The comedy starts on Saturday, where a major family row starts to brew while Sunday lunch is being prepared; the row breaks over lunch on Sunday (the traditional day for family quarrels!); and is movingly resolved on Monday.

The above programme is subject to change.
For more details visit our website www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk
For priority booking at reduced prices and to guarantee your tickets for future Playhouse productions, become a "Friend" by phoning Steve Goodwin on 01453 873381 or by filling in the form on the website.