



# Cotswold Playhouse

Parliament Street, Stroud, GL5 1LW

## PROGRAMME 2008 - 2009

Tickets are on sale from Stroud Tourist Information Centre, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, 01453 760960 around 4 weeks before the show opens.

### **Beatrix Potter Looks Back, performed by Daphne Neville : 16<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

Daphne was trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic and is an accomplished actress, author, speaker and television personality. She has cared for otters at her family's mill in Gloucestershire for the past 20 years and talks on average once a week on Otters around the world and her own otters in particular.

In this amusing and entertaining presentation she plays the part of Beatrix Potter as a married woman in the Lake District, looking back on her Tales of Peter Rabbit, Jeremy Fisher, etc. and why she wrote her 'little books'. Daphne is kindly donating the majority of her fee to the Cotswold Players' Building Fund.

### **Gordon Peters presents Flanders and Swann – 'Nothing quite like it' : 13<sup>th</sup> September 2008 with David Carter at the piano**

*I'm a Gnu; Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud; Let's Talk Rude; The Gas Man Cometh; Madeira M'Dear* and many more.

Gordon Peters had his own TV series 'The Gordon Peters Show' on BBC 1 and appeared in Dads Army, Are You Being Served, One Foot in the Grave, Hi Di Hi, Tales from the Crypt, Little Britain and My Family. He is an accomplished comedy entertainer having over the years starred in summer seasons, pantomimes, cabaret and plays.

### **The Cotswold Players present Top Girls by Caryl Churchill : 21st – 25th October 2008**

A 1980's play with a theme that remains central to the challenges faced by working women today. High Flyer Marlene hosts a dinner party to celebrate becoming Managing Director of the Top Girls Recruitment Agency.

She invites prominent female figures from history as her guests and as dinner is served, each recounts her struggles and achievements. As the evening progresses, we see cracks revealed in Marlene's perfect life.

### **The Cotswold Players present A Few Good Men by Aaron Sorkin : 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

Set in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in the 1990s, the play examines themes of duty, honour and patriotism in the US Marine Force.

Through following the progress of a court martial, the audience watches the gradual uncovering of high-level conspiracy in the US forces and is left questioning the nature of justice.

**The Cotswold Players present**  
**The Secret Garden : 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

The Secret Garden is a beautiful family musical, based on Francis Hodgson-Burnett's story of lonely orphan Mary Lennox who comes to live with her Uncle in isolated Mislethwaite Manor following the death of her parents.

Through Mary's discovery of a "secret" garden, the magical powers of nature are released, transforming the lives of all who reside at Mislethwaite.

**The Cotswold Players present**  
**Carousel : 29<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

Lively, brutal, funny, touching; reportedly Rodgers & Hammerstein's favourite musical collaboration features numbers such as "You'll Never Walk Alone", and "June is bustin' out all over". It tells the story of Billy Bigelow, a fairground barker and his ultimately destructive love for Julie Jordan, a demure local mill worker.

**The Cotswold Players present**  
**The Rise and Fall of Little Voice : 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**The Cotswold Players present**  
**Ladies Night: 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

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**Arsenic and Old Lace: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

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**The Seagull: 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2009**

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**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe: 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010**

**The Cotswold Players present**  
**La Cage Aux Folles: March 2010**

The above programme is subject to change.

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