

Autumn Winter 2023/2024



PEOPLE'S
THEATRE

**The Father A Streetcar
Named Desire Private
Lives The Lion, the Witch
and the Wardrobe
A Christmas Carol
Peter Pan A Poirot
Double Bill The Last
Quiz Night on Earth**

Booking information

Box Office opening hours

10.30am–1pm Monday to Friday
Performance nights: From one hour prior to curtain up.

Box Office days and hours may change at short notice.
Please call us before making a trip in person.

Save money with a Season Pass

See four Main Stage shows for the price of three!
This cannot be booked online. Please contact the Box Office by Saturday 7th October 2023 to get set up

Full price £48
Concession £40.50

How to book

Visit www.peopletheatre.co.uk to book online.
You can choose your seats, pay securely and have your tickets emailed straight to your inbox. Alternatively, call **0191 265 5020** or book in person during Box Office opening hours. To have tickets posted costs £1.
We do not charge booking fees.

All booking information in this brochure, including concessions, discounts, exchanges and credits, applies to People's Theatre productions only. Terms and conditions for visiting companies may differ.

Book with confidence

If you can't attend a People's Theatre show for any reason, let us know before the show begins and we'll exchange your tickets for another performance or give you a credit to see another People's Theatre show. You must contact us before the performance (24 hours' notice if possible) and credit notes cannot be issued retrospectively. If you provide less than 24 hours' notice, we reserve the right not to issue a credit note.

Group bookings

Make a booking for a party of 10+ for the same date and get 10% discount (offer excludes the Panto).

Latecomers

If you're late, you won't be admitted until a suitable break in the performance or until the interval. If you arrive after the interval or there is no interval, you won't be admitted. Latecomers aren't eligible for refunds or credits.

Theatre Tokens

We're delighted to be one of more than 240 venues across the country where you can buy and redeem Theatre Tokens gift cards. They never expire and make a perfect present!

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Prices

Full price £16
Concession £13.50

Young People's Theatre production

Full price £11
Concession £8.50

The concession price applies to those who are 18 and under, 65 and over, unwaged or students. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

We offer one free ticket to the guest of a customer who can't attend the theatre unaccompanied because of a disability.



The Father

by Florian Zeller

translated by Christopher Hampton

This amateur production of "The Father (Hampton/Zeller)" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

**"I feel as if I'm losing
all my leaves."**

**11th–16th
September 2023**

Starts **7.30pm**

Tickets **£16**

Concession **£13.50**

Studio Theatre

Eighty year-old Andre used to be a tap dancer. Now he lives with his daughter and her husband. Or was he an engineer whose daughter lives with her new lover? Andre is starting to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of his reality. Why is he still wearing his pyjamas, where's his watch, and who are these strangers who burst in on him?

This darkly humorous and deeply affecting drama is part tragi-comic mystery, part realistic family story, all told through the confused eyes of a man experiencing dementia. Winner of the 2014 Molière Award for Best Play, the 2020 film-adaptation won acclaim and awards for its stars Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman.



A Streetcar Named Desire

by Tennessee Williams

This amateur production of "A Streetcar Named Desire" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

“Whoever you are - I have always depended on the kindness of strangers.”

**3rd–7th
October 2023**

Starts **7.30pm**
Tickets **£16**
Concession **£13.50**

In the oppressive heat of a New Orleans summer, faded Southern belle Blanche DuBois turns up unannounced at the shabby apartment of her sister Stella. Wrapped up in stories of her glamorous past and terrified of the future, Blanche sets herself on a violent collision course with Stella's brutish husband Stanley. Reality and make-believe start to blur as Blanche's fragile world crumbles around her.

Williams' most popular work, A Streetcar Named Desire is one of the most critically acclaimed plays of the twentieth century. 76 years since its Broadway debut, this drama of desire, delusion and mental illness has lost none of its ferocious power or passion.



Private Lives

by Noël Coward

This amateur production of "Private Lives" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

“It’s a pity you didn’t have a little more brandy. It might have made you more agreeable!”

**24th–28th
October 2023**

Starts **7.30pm**
Tickets **£16**
Concession **£13.50**

Divorced couple Elyot and Amanda find themselves reunited while honeymooning with their new partners. Their unexpected meeting on adjoining hotel balconies reignites old passions... and problems! Only days after finding each other again, their fiery romance is once more lurching between love and anger. And when their wronged spouses appear, accusations are hurled, truths revealed and new alliances form.

This classic comedy of manners is packed with Coward's trademark wit and wordplay. A sublimely funny and high-spirited romp that fizzles with sophistication, fun and sexual chemistry!



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

by Glyn Robbins

adapted from the book by C.S. Lewis
a Young People's Theatre production

This amateur production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Robbins)" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

“Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy.”

**9th–11th
November 2023**

Starts **7.30pm**

Tickets **£11**

Concession **£8.50**

Studio Theatre

Take a walk through the wardrobe with our talented Young People's Theatre into the magical world of Narnia! Join the Pevensie children as they escape wartime Britain into an exciting faraway land populated by friendly Beavers, brave Centaurs, a talkative Faun, and mighty ruler Aslan who is locked in a battle with the frosty and fearsome White Witch.

This adaptation of C.S. Lewis' much-loved classic is a celebration of courage, friendship, love, and the triumph of good over evil. A wintry adventure for all ages!



A Christmas Carol

by Charles Dickens
adapted by Karen Louise Hebden

This amateur production of "A Christmas Carol"
is presented by arrangement with Nick Hern Books

“Bah Humbug!”

**21st–25th
November 2023**

Starts **7.30pm**
Tickets **£16**
Concession **£13.50**

Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge is about to have a Christmas Eve like no other, thanks to three ghostly visitors taking him through past, present and future as they try to show him the error of his ways and teach him the power of kindness and compassion.

Written in 1843, Charles Dickens seasonal short story is as popular and enduring as ever. This celebrated stage adaptation sticks closely to Dickens original and includes traditional carols, making it the ideal pre-Christmas treat to get the whole family in the mood for the festive season.



Peter Pan

by J.M. Barrie
adapted by Tom Whalley

This amateur production of "Peter Pan" is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk and Tom Whalley Pantomimes www.tomwhalleypantomimes.com

"All children, except one, grow up..."

**9th–17th
December 2023**

Relaxed performance
Tuesday 12th, 7pm

9th **2pm & 7pm**
10th **1pm & 6pm**
11th **No performance**
13th–15th **7pm**
16th **2pm & 7pm**
17th **2pm**

Tickets **£16**
Concession **£13.50**
Child **13.50**

Save **£4** with a family ticket
(2 adults and 2 children
or 1 adult and 3 children)

With a sprinkling of Tinkerbell's fairy dust, Peter Pan whisks Wendy, John and Michael off on a flight to the magical Neverland – home to lost boys, mermaids and the dastardly pirate Captain Hook! Can Peter rid Neverland of Captain Hook forever? Will the Darlings find their way home to London? Will Mrs Starkey and her bumbling son Smee stick by Hook's side? And, most importantly, do you believe in fairies?

The People's Panto is back with an awfully big Christmas adventure full of singing, dancing, laughs and fun for the whole family! We'll also be welcoming back Cragside Primary School, whose pupils will be producing fabulous artwork to fill our Foyer Gallery with Christmas cheer!

We're delighted to once again be including a relaxed performance of our panto on Tuesday 12th! A relaxed performance can benefit audience members with learning disabilities, neurodivergent audience members, or those with sensory triggers such as flashing lights or sudden loud noises. It's also a great option for young children visiting for the first time, and families with babies. For more information, please see our website.

“And, Poirot, I’d...
Thank God you came.”



A Poirot Double Bill

by Agatha Christie

This amateur production of “A Poirot Double Bill” is presented by arrangement with
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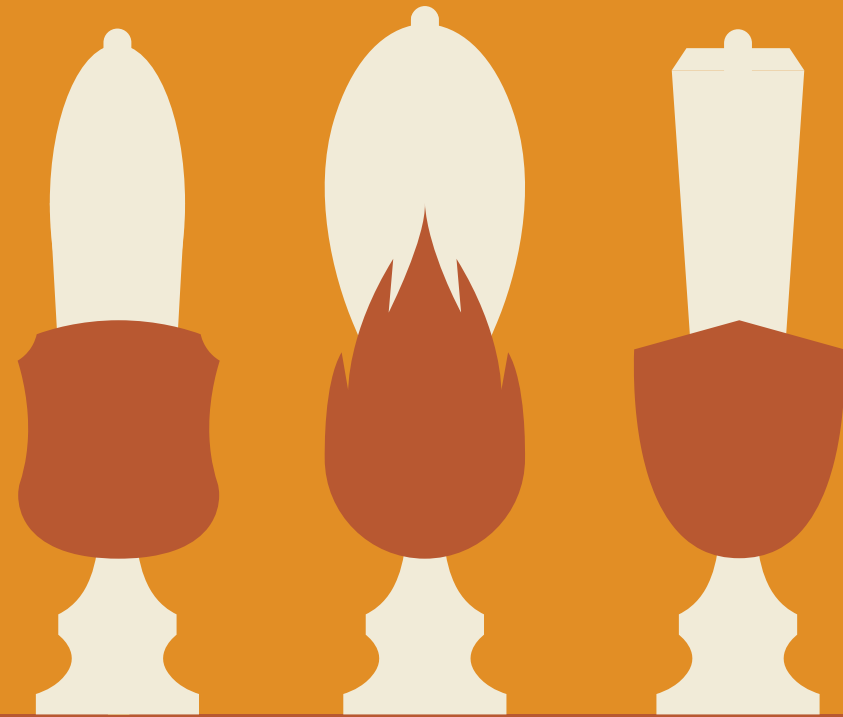
16th–20th
January 2024

Starts 7.30pm
Tickets **£16**
Concession **£13.50**

We're starting the year off with two thrilling mysteries in this
Hercule Poirot double bill!

In **The Wasps' Nest**, the Belgian detective comes between
a bitter love triangle in the hopes of preventing a murder
before it can take place. **Yellow Iris** brings the moustachioed
sleuth to the hotel Jardin des Cygnes when a distressed
phone call from a mystery woman throws up questions about
a suspicious death years earlier. These might be early Poirot
cases, but they're as intriguing and full of twists as we'd
expect from Agatha Christie, aka the Queen of Crime!

**“Onwards ever
onwards to our fiery
decline. Round three!”**



The Last Quiz Night On Earth

by Alison Carr

This amateur production of “The Last Quiz Night on Earth”
is presented by arrangement with Nick Hern Books

**12th–17th
February 2024**

Starts **7.30pm**
Tickets **£16**
Concession **£13.50**
Studio Theatre

There's a massive asteroid on an unstoppable collision course with Earth, so landlady Kathy and quizmaster Rav are putting on the pub quiz to end all pub quizzes (literally!). As we hurtle towards the apocalypse, a couple of unexpected guests turn up – one hoping to rekindle a teenage romance and the other to air old grievances before it's too late.

This critically acclaimed comedy drama bursts with laughs and heartbreak, and includes a real quiz that you're invited to play. Whether your specialist subject is film and television, world flags or you think you're in with a chance of winning Best Team Name, grab a drink and a pen and join us for this truly unique night out!

What's on in the Gallery

Gallery opening times

You can view our exhibitions during Box Office opening hours:

10.30am–1pm Monday to Friday

Performance nights: From an hour before the show.

Daytime opening hours may change at short notice. Please call us on **0191 265 5020** or check online at **www.peopletheatre.co.uk/booking-information** before making a trip.

For information about small group visits and for viewings outside of these hours, please email **gallery@peopletheatre.co.uk**



Rolf Wojciechowski



Ann Pino



Andy Hull



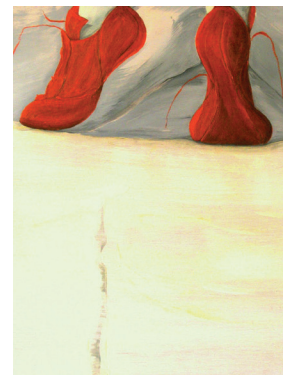
Rolf Wojciechowski:

Past - Present - Future and the Reality of Now

Preview: 10th September 6.30pm–8.30pm

Exhibition: 11th September–20th October

Growing up in the post-war era of Berlin in the '50s, Rolf developed an interest in the debris from the still-ruined sites around the city. He started his artistic career in the USA, before settling in North Shields. His main focus is to point out how we dismiss the ordinary and "the beauty of the everyday". He works with his own photographic images of drains and drainpipes, back lanes and alleyways, which he combines with 3D photo replications of found objects.



Ann Pino: The Pleasure is to Play

Preview: 23rd October 6.30pm–8.30pm

Exhibition: 24th October–1st December

Born in South Shields, Ann studied fine art at Goldsmiths College, London. For the past eight years, she has been showing paintings in public spaces around the north and Scotland. She has shown works up and down the East Coast Mainline in waiting rooms and lounges, in beautiful listed buildings in Newcastle, in comedy clubs and bars. Her exhibition includes line drawings of our North East coastal skies, and a collection of pictures, colours, words and ideas that have stayed with her.



Andy Hull: Play-ing With Time

Preview: 15th January 6.30pm–8.30pm

Exhibition: 16th January–23rd February

Andy Hull is a Northumberland-based artist working in various disciplines such as ceramics, sculpture and digital art. Since training in printmaking at Brighton University and Kansas City Art Institute, Andy has diversified into other media. He has exhibited in the USA, France and the UK. For the theatre, Andy is working on a collaborative project to capture the movement, ethos and atmosphere of Production through his own unique creative process.



Venue hire

Whether you're looking for a space to rehearse or stage your show, need somewhere to host a conference or presentation evening, or want a stunning venue for a party, you'll find it here at the People's Theatre. For details of the spaces available, visit www.peoples theatre.co.uk/venue-hire



Join us for coffee and cake!

We regularly meet up in our fabulous foyer for coffee, cake and chat, and we'd love you to come along. The coffee mornings run on Wednesdays from 11am until 1pm, with final servings at 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome and there's no charge. For dates, visit www.peoples theatre.co.uk/whats-on



Costume hire

If you are going to a fancy dress party, themed event or you need to costume your cast for a play, then speak to our wardrobe team. We have a huge collection of items available at very reasonable prices. For details, email wardrobe@peoples theatre.co.uk



Get involved

We're always thrilled to welcome new members, so we'd love you to come and join us. And don't be put off if you don't fancy treading the boards – there's lots to get involved with besides acting! Come along to a New Members' Night to find out more. To book a place, visit www.peoples theatre.co.uk/about-us-join

Further information



Access

Our foyer, Main Auditorium and Studio Theatre are fully wheelchair accessible. Please contact the Box Office regarding spaces for customers who use wheelchairs and accompanying seats for their guests, as these cannot be booked online.

Keep up to date

Sign up to our email list at www.peoples theatre.co.uk/subscribe to receive occasional updates on what's coming up. We'll also send you future season brochures electronically, to help reduce our environmental impact.

Young People's Theatre

Our Young People's Theatre is for 11 to 17-year-olds and performs at least two productions every year. Members meet every Thursday from 6pm until 8pm to improvise, rehearse, play theatre games and discover more about all aspects of theatre. Membership is between £18 and £30 per year. No audition is required, but there is currently a waiting list for places.

Parking

There is limited parking at the Theatre. If you need to park and can't get a space in our car park, please don't park on Holderness Road or Beatrice Road. The Corner House car park is for Corner House customers only, and you could be fined for parking there. Please consider the local residents when you park.

Hearing loop

The Main Auditorium has a hearing loop installed. If you use a hearing aid, switch it to the 'T' setting to amplify the sound from the stage.

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