

BOOKINGS & RESERVATIONS

Ticket bookings can be made in person, by post or over the telephone. Our Box Office is open from 11.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, and from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays.

On a performance night, the Box Office will open 45 minutes prior to the start of the show.

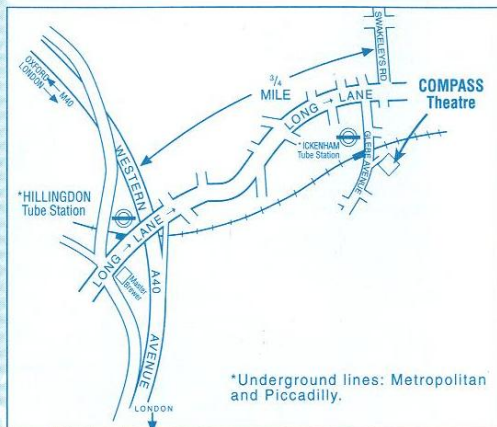
We particularly welcome credit / debit card bookings by telephone (no charge is made for this service). If you book by post or telephone, your tickets will be posted to you free of charge. Please make cheques payable to 'Compass Theatre'.

We are happy to reserve tickets for you. Reserved tickets will be held for 3 working days, or 45 minutes prior to the performance - whichever is sooner. We are able to offer concession price tickets on most of our shows, for Senior Citizens, Students, UB40 holders and Registered Disabled. If you require a concession price ticket, please let our Box Office know at the time of booking. If you are a wheelchair user, please inform our staff at the time of booking to ensure that an adapted space is made available for you.

Our Box Office telephone number is 01895 673200

HOW TO FIND US

The Compass Theatre is on Ickenham's Glebe Avenue, just 150 yards from Long Lane. Ickenham Underground Station is just across the road (Metropolitan and Piccadilly Lines), whilst West Ruislip Underground (Central Line and British Rail) is a 15 minute walk away. Ickenham is served by the U1 and U10 bus routes.



CAR PARKING

In addition to our own parking facilities at Compass Theatre, patrons also have free access to Ickenham Station car park at performance times. Simply park your car at the Station, and present your ticket at the Box Office for a token for use on exit. Please help us maintain our good relations with local residents by not parking in streets adjacent to the theatre.

For customers with mobility problems, we have two dedicated parking spaces next to our main entrance. If you require the use of these spaces, please advise our Box Office staff when booking your tickets, to ensure a parking place is reserved for you.

FREE MAILING LIST

Impress the postman! Be the envy of your friends! Arrange your theatre visits without moving from the comfort of your armchair! Enjoy the Compass programme hot off the press, plus specialised mailings delivered straight to your door. If you would like to join our free mailing list, call our Box Office on 01895 673200 or complete a form whilst at the theatre.

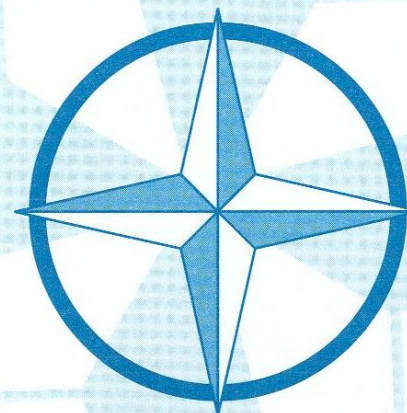
Compass Theatre
Glebe Avenue
Ickenham
Middlesex UB10 8PD



Box Office 01895 673200
Administration 01895 632488
Fax 01895 623724
e-mail: ctheatre@lbhill.gov.uk
Manager: Bryony Flanagan



THE Compass ICKENHAM




Theatre Programme
SUMMER 1998

May, June, & July

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER STAFF TEAM!

The Compass Theatre is entirely dependent upon our dedicated team of volunteer staff. If you fancy working in our Box Office, Wine Bar, Wardrobe, Coffee Bar or Front of House, we'd love to hear from you! To join our friendly team, please call our Manager, Bryony Flanagan on 01895 632488 for an informal, commitment-free chat.

This Spring our volunteer staff are being supported by:



Lauren Otterwill
Clinic: 0181 841 5656 Mobile: 0956 491893
Fully Qualified I.T.E.C. Therapist
Discount for Unemployed & Elderly

Programme Designed and Printed by

Jacksons

70 Wood End Green Road, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 2SL

Contact **David O'Dell**

Tel: 0181 561 4002 Fax: 0181 561 8099

e-mail: enquiries@jacksonprint.co.uk

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

The Compass Theatre can offer a full range of sponsorship packages to local or locally-based businesses. Supporting the arts can create a range of benefits to you and your customers. We believe your business can benefit through a partnership with Compass! Call our Manager, Bryony Flanagan on 01895 632488 for further information or to discuss your individual requirements.

BISTRO & BAR

Our coffee bar is open for refreshments every day during the week, and for all performances. Our Wine Bar is open on all performance nights. For your convenience, interval drinks can be ordered with bar staff on the night.

HIRE OF ROOMS

Are you looking for a comfortable space for a meeting, seminar, training session or rehearsal? The Compass Theatre has a number of rooms available for hire. We have a selection of presentation aids available, substantial parking, catering and refreshment service and excellent public transport access. We can also offer a warm and relaxed atmosphere in our beautiful Georgian house set in five acres of grounds. Call Stan Quin on 01895 632488 for further information and booking.

COMPASS PRESENTATIONS

Are you looking for a unique guest talk, presentation or after-dinner speech? The Compass Theatre can offer you, in the comfort of your own meeting place, an entertaining evening of local history, culture and a behind-the-scenes look at the venue. For further information call our Manager, Bryony Flanagan on 01895 632488.

CENTRE STAGE DRAMA CLASSES

Is your son or daughter an aspiring actor, or are they just interested in creative but challenging fun? The Compass runs weekly drama classes on a Friday evening. There are three classes: 7 - 8 year olds, 9 - 10 year olds and 11 - 12 year olds. No experience is necessary, but enthusiasm is essential! Please call our Administration on 01895 632488 for further details or an application form.

THEATRICAL COSTUME & FANCY DRESS HIRE

Are you looking for a costume or outfit for a play, fancy dress party or a special occasion? Our Wardrobe Department is open to the public every Wednesday night from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. We have an extensive selection of costumes including fancy dress, period costume, hats, shoes and other accessories. Costumes for a full cast can usually be catered for - a special fitting evening can be arranged. Our Wardrobe can be contacted on 01895 632488 at the above times.

ACCESS

The Auditorium is fully accessible for customers with mobility problems. We have two dedicated spaces in the Auditorium, car parking facilities and an adapted toilet. We welcome guide dogs and are happy to provide a bowl of water for them. We regret that our hiring rooms are not fully accessible for customers with mobility problems, and that the Auditorium is not fitted with an induction loop at present. If you have any special requirements, please advise our Box Office staff when booking your tickets to ensure that your visit is 'hassle free'.

CHILDREN

We welcome children, and have an extensive programme of performances, workshops and other activities dedicated to the under 12's. **Please note that children under the age of 3 years are not permitted in the Auditorium (including children's performances). Children under the age of 8 years must be accompanied by an adult at all times.** We have baby changing facilities and can warm bottles on request.

HILLINGDON MUSIC SERVICE

Hillingdon Music Service is based at the Compass Theatre. The Service is one of the London Borough of Hillingdon's Education Services. The Music Service operates in borough schools and teaches 2,000 pupils on a weekly basis. Music Service staff also give concerts and workshops to 12,000 pupils each year. Groups of students form bands, orchestras and choirs which meet centrally. For more information contact the Music Service office on 01895 630155

HY-ART

Hillingdon Youth Arts (Hy-Art) is also based at Compass Theatre. Hy-Art run two youth theatres: Magnetic North for 14 - 21 year olds and Magnetic North Too for 13 - 14 year olds. As well as regular acting workshops, we stage productions throughout the year. We are also able to offer technical instruction for those who prefer to be behind the scenes. Please call Clare or Louie on 01895 465572 for further details.

ADULT EDUCATION & WEA CLASSES

Hillingdon Adult Education and Workers Education Association both run a number of classes at Compass Theatre. For full information and details about current courses, please call Adult Education on 01895 634616

PROGRAMME FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY 1998

Sunday 3 May 7.00pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents

EVENING RECITAL - Music for piano, violin & cello

Continuing the programme of Sunday evening recitals in the intimate Bistro, the recitals always welcome new compositions and performers, especially local musicians.

Those interested in submitting compositions or performing should contact Norman Higgins at 28 Summit Road, Northolt, Middlesex or telephone 0181 845 1580.

Limited tickets.



Fusion Guitar Duo

Friday 8 May 8.00pm - Tickets: £7.00 / £6.00 concessions

THE FUSION GUITAR DUO

The power of flamenco, the rhythms of Latin America, the subtlety of classical music and the spontaneity of jazz....

All this, and more, can be experienced at the Compass debut of the Fusion Guitar Duo. This exciting and dynamic duo draw on world-wide musical tradition to break new boundaries in guitar performance. With a wealth of radio and TV appearances, extensive touring and album recordings under their belts, the highly talented Jon Salfeld and Charlie Heykoop promise a stunning evening of musical entertainment.

Not to be missed! Supported by Hillingdon Arts Association 



Wednesday 13 - Saturday 16 May 8.00pm nightly - Tickets: £5.50 (Weds) & £6.50 / £5.50 concessions (Thurs - Sat); Group booking rate available

Argosy Players present

DANGEROUS CORNER by J B Priestley

On an evening in 1932, Robert and Freda Caplan are entertaining friends and relatives to dinner. Pleasant after-dinner conversation unexpectedly turns to a suicide, which occurred a year previously. Many unpalatable revelations follow the 'dangerous corner' as the facade each character adopts is stripped away. Tragedy results - or does it?

Tuesday 19 - Saturday 23 May 8.00pm nightly - Tickets: £6.50 / £5.50 concessions

Phoenix Production presents

TABLE MANNERS by Alan Ayckbourn

Annie is preparing for a weekend away. She has arranged for her brother Reg and his wife Sarah to house-sit. This involves looking after an invalid mother and, more often than not, keeping the local vet (Annie's hesitant companion Tom) fed and watered. Only one more hurdle is left to overcome...

Certain scruples arise when Sarah discovers Annie's choice of partner for this stolen weekend - their brother-in-law, Norman. All that remains is for Norman's wife Ruth to be summoned to the house, and scene is set for the weaving of more tangled webs than most of us would expect from a 'quiet' family get-together. With the play's centre piece - a frenzied attempt to seat guests at the dinner table, 'Table Manners' gives lovers of farce many moments to savour. The playwright's distinctive warmth and compassion adds flavour to the stew. Ayckbourn himself described 'Table Manners' as the most robust and overtly funny offering in his 'Norman Conquests' trilogy. Phoenix Productions are delighted to present this witty and delightful play for every connoisseur of laughter and complicated human relationships.

Friday 12 & Saturday 13 June 7.45pm nightly - All Tickets: £6.00

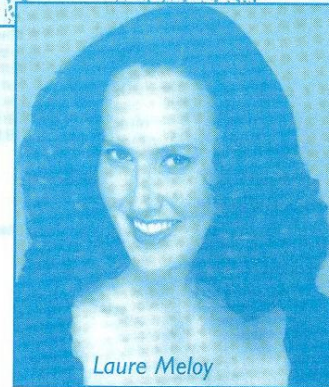
Pastiche Theatre present - in Aid of the Chiltern Cheshire Homes

SHOWSTOPPERS!

Following their successful productions of 'The Boy Friend' and 'Salad Days' at the venue, Pastiche return to Compass with two nights of songs from the shows, as a special charity event. The show features costumed excerpts from well known and loved favourites such as 'Fiddler on the Roof', 'Kiss Me Kate', 'Carousel', 'The Boy Friend', 'Showboat' and 'Salad Days'. All proceeds to charity.



Sinead Pratschke



Laure Meloy

Sunday 14 June 7.30pm - Tickets: £8.50 / £7.00 concessions

Gala Opera International present

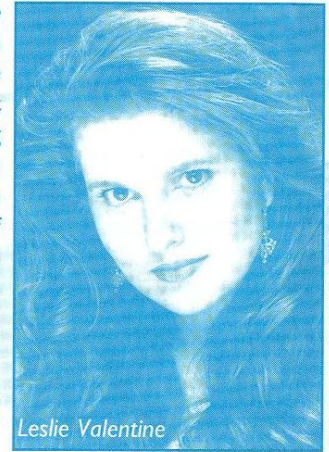
DIVA'S -

The Women of Opera, Operetta & Musical Theatre

Compass Theatre is delighted to welcome Gala Opera International for their debut performance at the venue. The company is a small but young and dynamic one, gathering some of the best young female singers from Europe and North America. Following in the success of their 'The Three Sopranos' tour,

Gala Opera come to Ickenham with a performance which will blend the operatic favourites with musical theatre showstoppers.

The programme stars soprano's Sinead Pratschke and Laure Meloy and mezzo-soprano Leslie Valentine, who between them have performed throughout the UK, Europe and the USA. Accompanied by talented pianist Sarah Wilkinson, 'Divas' will present popular and much-loved arias, duets and ensembles from works by Mozart, Verdi, Rossini, Puccini, Bernstein, Sondheim and more.



Leslie Valentine

Sunday 21 June 7.00pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

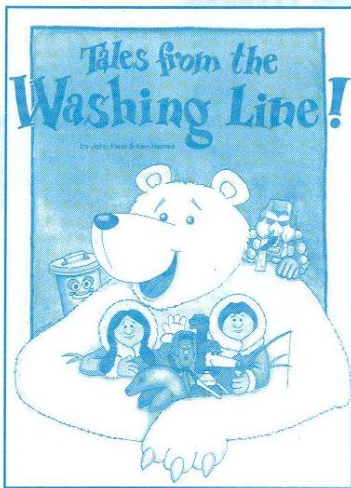
Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents

EVENING RECITAL - Music for piano, violin & cello

Continuing the programme of Sunday evening recitals in the intimate Bistro, the recitals always welcome new compositions and performers, especially local musicians.

Those interested in submitting compositions or performing should contact Norman Higgins at 28 Summit Road, Northolt, Middlesex or telephone 0181 845 1580.

Limited tickets.



Saturday 30 May 11.00am - All Tickets: £4.00

Champ Productions present

TALES FROM THE WASHING LINE

Isn't it amazing what can happen in your own backyard? Meet Ruby and Billy as they magically create the Arctic in a tale about two eskimo's who meet some remarkable characters - including a huge polar bear! Come and say hello to a talking dustbin called Horace, a very brave little girl and the amazing Litter Bug!

'Tales from the Washing Line' is a charming and entertaining puppet show, which also shows how fun caring for the environment can be. It features the brilliant puppets of Ken Haines who creations can be seen on 'Muppet Christmas Carol' and many TV programmes. During the performance Ken shows a clever way to make puppets from junk left lying around. The show also features Erika Poole (star of TV's 'In the Dark with Julian Clary'). Entertaining, educational, excellent fun! *Suitable for 4 years upwards.*

Thursday 4 - Saturday 6 June 8.00pm nightly - All Tickets: £8.00

Dorothy's Friends Theatre Company present - In Aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief

FUNNY BOY by Michael Blore

The delightful Dorothy's Friends Theatre Company return to Compass with a musical comedy. 'Funny Boy' tells the story of a theatre cleaner with not much in life but Streisand, Dietrich, biscuits and dresses. Suppose that's what happens to a boy when he doesn't know his father. Funny Boy!

Tickets only available from Dorothy's Friends Box Office on 0181 810 1340

Tuesday 9 June 8.00pm - All Tickets: £9.50

Hayden Searle Productions present

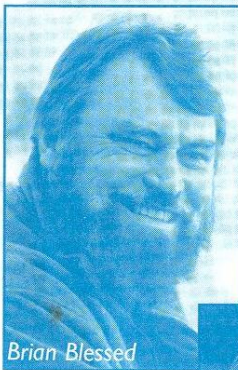
THE GLASS MENAGERIE by Tennessee Williams

Amanda Wingfield was once courted by seventeen gentlemen callers in one afternoon. Now she yearns for the day when her daughter Laura will captivate the world. However, Laura lives out her own dreams with her cherished collection of glass animals, until the man she has loved from afar arrives at the apartment.....

The masterpiece which transformed American theatre, 'The Glass Menagerie' is a poignant and intensely moving exploration of a fragile fantasy world - a world that might easily be shattered.

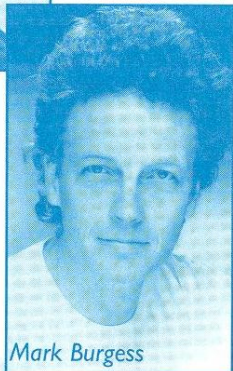
Compass is proud to present the 50th anniversary production of Williams' magnificent classic.

Directed by Brian Blessed and starring Hildegard Neil (best known for her film roles in 'Anthony and Cleopatra' and 'A Touch of Class') and Mark Burgess (best known as Gordon Collins in 'Brookside'). Early booking is advised!

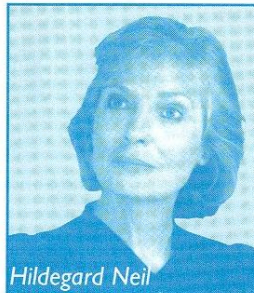


Brian Blessed

'The Glass Menagerie' is presented through special arrangement with the University of the South Sewanee, Tennessee.



Mark Burgess



Hildegard Neil

Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 July 7.45pm nightly & 2.15 pm Saturday - Tickets: £4.00 (Matinee) £5.00 (Wednesday); & £6.00 (Thursday - Saturday)

Cameo Productions present

CAMEO VARIETY SHOW

Back by demand! Cameo Productions' 1998 variety show will be a blend of popular songs, dance and sketches. All round fun and entertainment!

Sunday 26 July 7.00pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents

EVENING RECITAL - Music for piano, violin & cello

Continuing the programme of Sunday evening recitals in the intimate Bistro, the recitals always welcome new compositions and performers, especially local musicians.

Those interested in submitting compositions or performing should contact Norman Higgins at 28 Summit Road, Northolt, Middlesex or telephone 0181 845 1580.

FUN FACTORY - SUMMER '98



The success of our Summer 1997 Fun Factory has led to an even bigger, bolder, brighter, brilliant programme of children's events and activities for 1998! This year we have a programme to suit all ages (from the under fives up to 12 years) and all tastes.

Monday 27 - Friday 31 July

A dazzling array of performances! 'George & the Dragon' - beware the fiery dragon waiting to eat anything in his path. Will George be bold enough to challenge it, or will he run away? 'A Million Brilliant Ideas' tells the story of Sunny who wants to write a book. The trouble is, he's stuck and needs a bit of help. The classic tale of 'Jack & the Beanstalk' meets Arfur Ogre, who lives in a bouncy castle in the sky, his posh wife Brenda and, of course, little Jack. Go mad for music with the 'Rock n' Roll Pirates'. Join in singing, a jam session and kids karaoke! There's also musical instrument making workshops. Full details available soon.

Monday 3 - Friday 7 August

Back by popular demand! Stop the Clock Theatre Company return to Compass with another brilliant drama playscheme. A week-long event for 8 - 12 year olds, this year's scheme is 'The Tales of the Arabian Nights'. Children will devise and rehearse their own version of these colourful and imaginative stories, set in the fantastic world of Sinbad, Aladdin and Shahrazad. The week will culminate with a performance on stage for parents, friends and family. Please telephone for an application form.

Monday 10 - Friday 17 August

Another brilliant week of performances and workshops! The very young can meet 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' in a highly visual show that's selling out all over the country. Another enduring favourite - 'The Pied Piper' has lots of audience participation as the Piper outwits the nasty Mayor of Hamlyn. 'The Great World Game Show' is a show with a difference - it's outside! A board game that's played on a giant map gives children a chance to travel the world! Be prepared for fun, joining in songs and games, but don't forget your passport! There'll be some more workshops: mask-making and clowning. The last item on the Fun Factory production line is the *Laisy Daisy Clown Show*. Meet *Laisy Daisy* (probably the laziest person in the world) and *Wally* (probably the biggest wally in the world) as they attempt to get the better of each other. Slapstick, magic, juggling, lots of audience participation and heaps of laughter! Full details available soon.