

## 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'.

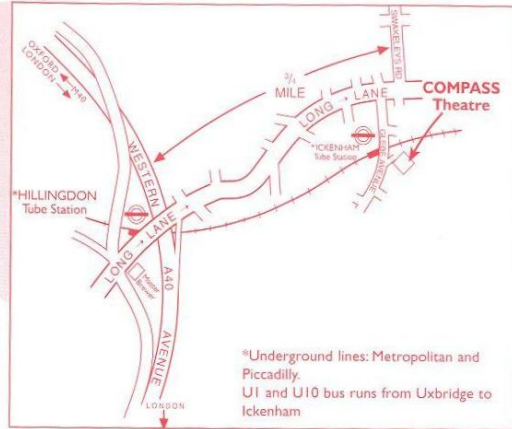
We are happy to reserve tickets for you. Reserved tickets will be held for 3 working days, or 45 minutes prior to the performance - whichever is sooner. We are able to offer concession price tickets on most of our shows, for Senior Citizens, Students, UB40 holders and Registered Disabled. If you require 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

Press 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.

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# COMPASS

THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE

## THEATRE PROGRAMME

**AUTUMN 1999**  
**SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER**  
**& DECEMBER**



## 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 Autumn our volunteer staff are being supported by:

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## 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 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 actress? Maybe they're just interested in creative but challenging fun, learning new skills, making friends and building up their confidence. Compass runs weekly drama classes on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. There are three classes for each session: 7 & 8 years, 9 & 10 years and 11 & 12 years olds. No experience is necessary, but enthusiasm is essential! Please call our Administration section on 01895 632488 for further details or an application form. There are currently waiting lists for all classes.

## 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. Our Auditorium is not currently fitted with an induction loop, although we hope to install one before the Millennium. 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, except where specified). 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.

## HYART

Hillingdon Youth Arts (HYART) is also based at Compass. There are three youth theatres: Magnetic North Too (12 - 14 years) on Saturday mornings, Magnetic North Youth Theatre (14-16 years) on Wednesday evenings and 360° Youth Theatre (16-19 years) on Tuesday evenings. New for Autumn '99 - youth dance programme at the Townfield campus (Hayes) of Uxbridge College and young women's photography at Ruislip Youth Centre. For information on any of the above, graffiti art, video, comics and much, much more contact the HYART office on 01895 465572.

## 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.



**Wednesday 8 - Saturday 11 September** 7.45 pm nightly & 2.15 pm Saturday  
Tickets: £5.50 (Wednesdays), £6.50 (Thursdays - Saturdays) & £4.00 (Matinee)

Cameo Productions present

### BE OUR GUEST

'Be Our Guest' will be Cameo Productions' ever-enjoyable mix of songs, dances and sketches. Another evening of all-round fun and entertainment. Tickets also available from Cameo's Box Office on 020 8907 2633.

**Friday 17 & Saturday 18 September** 7.30 pm nightly - Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions

HYART presents

### SUMMER WORKSHOP PERFORMANCE

After two weeks hard slog in the Studio, a group of talented young actors, playwrights, directors and designers will present their summer workshop performance. Last year's [Alice@wond.land.co.uk](http://Alice@wond.land.co.uk) was a great success, and this year's performance looks set to be just as superb.

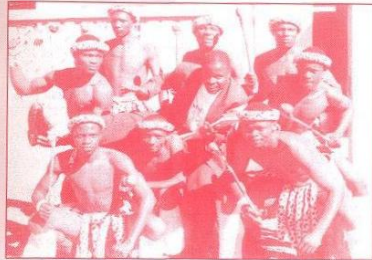


**Sunday 19 September** 7.00 pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents

### EVENING RECITAL

Our series of Sunday evening recitals in the informal setting of the Bistro continues. Enjoy Handel's Organ Concerto performed on two pianos, music for violin by J S Bach, some ragtime, jazz and a dance interlude.



**Thursday 23 September** 7.30 pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

The Equator Company presents

### IMBIZO- Lude Luluhambo

Compass brings you another superb night's entertainment celebrating music and culture around the globe (the audience who witnessed the exhilarating performance by the Folklore Ensemble of Lublin, Poland will need no convincing!). Imbizo are a dance, drumming and A'Cappella song troupe from Zimbabwe, who frankly are just too talented for their own good! Visiting Britain for the first time, Imbizo will take you on a musical journey (entitled 'Lude Luluhambo') through Zimbabwe from the Zulu

war-dances to the gumboot dances from the mines of South Africa, from the Afro party days of the 60's to the Pantsula Township Jive (for which the group has won awards). Exciting, dynamic, infectious and charismatic, Imbizo will most probably blow your socks off! Suitable for all the family. The performance follows two days of workshops with over 400 local school children, as part of Compass' education programme. The workshops have been made possible by the generous support of Bristol-Myers' staff.

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**Friday 24 September** 7.30 pm - Tickets: £8.00 / £6.50 concessions

Three's Company presents

### TIN PAN ALLEY

We know you'll give Three's Company a warm Compass welcome when they premiere their new show 'Tin Pan Alley' at the venue. Packed full of timeless music by some of this century's most popular composers, this brand new show promises a joyous celebration of song by this locally-based professional trio. Tin Pan Alley was the name

given to the sheet music publishing industry that sprang up in New York in the 1890's. At this time a song's popularity was determined not by record sales, but by the number of copies of sheet music sold. From this industry came some of the USA's finest popular composers including George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen and Richard Rodgers, and the songs they penned have been performed by the likes of Al Jolson, Judy Garland and Frank Sinatra. We know 'Tin Pan Alley' will do justice to these musical legends.

**Saturday 25 September** 8.00 pm - Tickets: £7.50 / £6.00 concessions

Custard Factory Theatre Company presents

### A DOLL'S HOUSE

Nora and Torvald play games. Like children, they play at marriage and happy families, dwelling in an imaginary world of their own creation until one day a secret is uncovered that shatters their fantasy. Using music and strong visual imagery, including puppetry and live animation, interwoven with the text, nationally-acclaimed Custard Factory Theatre Company's adaptation takes a sideways look at Ibsen's classic masterpiece. Exploring the story from a contemporary perspective, the delicate fabric of unreality and unspoken



**Wednesday 3 - Saturday 6 November** 7.45 pm nightly - Tickets: £8.50 / £7.00 concessions

Players 2 present

### HOT MIKADO

Book & lyrics adapted by David H Bell

Based on 'The Mikado' by W S Gilbert & A Sullivan

The 'Hot Mikado' faithfully follows the plot and characters of the original Gilbert & Sullivan masterpiece, except it cleverly combines two different cultural and visual worlds - Japan and 1940's America. Brash, colourful and comic, with a terrific mix of 40's swing, New Orleans and Gospel-style music, the 'Hot Mikado' is a show for everyone to enjoy.

**Wednesday 10 - Saturday 13 November** 8.00 pm nightly - Tickets £7.50 / £6.50 concessions

Phoenix Productions present

### INSPECTOR DRAKE & THE PERFECT CRIME

The impossibly handsome Inspector Drake is called to the scene of an unspeakably awful murder. The adjectives fly thick and fast as, assisted by the hapless Sergeant Plod, he investigates sudden death in the house of the mysterious Dr Short. Cliché follows cliché as the search for the murderer continues and our hero pauses only to make love to every voluptuous woman in the cast. This adds nothing to the plot, but it seems a shame to waste the opportunity!

Phoenix Productions pull out all the stops - then push them all back in again, to bring you an evening full of vile deeds, mistaken identities and really hammy acting. Miss it at your peril!

**Saturday 13 November** 11.00 am - All Tickets: £4.00

Norwich Puppet Theatre presents

### PINOCCHIO

Norwich Puppet Theatre return to Compass following their sell-out debut visit here last Spring with 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. They return with another children's favourite. Created by Gepetto, the puppet boy Pinocchio begins his exploration of life with a visit to the puppet theatre where he meets Mr Punchinello and Harlequin. He is lead astray by the circus ringmaster, and tempted by a fox and cat. Pinocchio treads the tightrope of life through experiences that challenge, entertain and amuse both himself and the audience alike. Norwich Puppet Theatre promise another exciting and innovative production bringing to life this classic story with a variety of puppet styles including Bunraku, glove, marionette and shadow plus mask theatre. Suitable for 5 years upwards.



**Wednesday 17 - Saturday 20 November** 7.45 pm nightly & 2.30 pm Saturday

Tickets: £7.50 / £6.50 concessions (Wednesdays, Thursdays & Matinee only)

Ruislip Dramatic Society presents

### WHEN WE ARE MARRIED

The best-known and loved of J B Priestley's plays, 'When We Are Married' tells the story of three couples celebrating their joint silver wedding anniversaries. At the height of their celebrations they receive some most unwelcome news. This is a comic view of the stresses and strains of marriage under pressure. The characters are memorable and the script honest and warm. This play is a classic of its genre.



**Thursday 25 - Saturday 27 November** 7.00 pm nightly & 2.00 pm Saturday - Tickets: £8.00 / £7.00 concessions

Constellation presents

### IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC

Constellation present their tribute to legendary rock band Queen in their inimitable style. The multi-talented company promise to make you go Ga Ga with their fabulous all-singing, all-dancing cast in what promises to be a hit with Queen fans young and old alike. With a selection of scenes from West Side Story, Fame, Beauty & The Beast and much, much more, the members of Constellation say 'We Will Rock You'!

**Wednesday 1 December** 7.00 pm - All Tickets: £3.00

HYART presents

### WORLD AIDS DAY PRESENTATION

Schools and youth groups from across the borough come together for this night of drama, music and dance in acknowledgement of World AIDS Day. Be prepared to be moved, to laugh and be entertained by some of Hillingdon's most talented young people. All proceeds to a children's AIDS charity.



**Thursday 9 - Saturday 11 December** 7.30 pm nightly - Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions

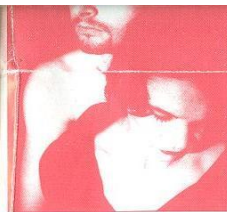
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**Saturday 2 October** 7.30 pm - Tickets: £8.00 / £6.00 concessions

Chorleywood Opera Group presents

**DIDO & AENEAS MEET FAUST!**

Compass is delighted to welcome Chorleywood Opera Group for the first time. The company present a concert performance of Purcell's 'Dido & Aeneas' and extracts from Gounod's 'Faust', with a linking narrative. The story of 'Dido & Aeneas' is drawn from classical legend and is a story of epic proportions, relating the downfall of Carthage through love, politics and envy. The legend of Faust, a wordy man seduced by the devil into selling his soul, has provided inspiration in all areas of musical and dramatic art. Chorleywood Opera has enjoyed ten years of staging innovative opera productions, with a commitment towards education for students and young people. The concert is sung in English with piano accompaniment.

**Thursday 7 - Saturday 9 October** 7.30 pm nightly & 2.30 pm Saturday

Tickets: £7.50 / £6.50 concessions; Matinee - All Tickets £6.00

Harlequin Players Light Opera present

**STATE FAIR** Music & lyrics by R Rodgers & O Hammerstein; Book by T Briggs & L Mattioli

Set in the Heartland State of Iowa the Frake family is preparing for their annual visit to the State Fair in Des Moines. Abel, the father, is convinced that Blue Boy, his prize boar, will walk off with the Blue Riband. Melissa, his wife, hopes to beat her life-long rival in the pickles and mincemeat contest. Their son, Wayne, is determined to win at the hoop-la stall, while romance is in the air for their daughter, Margy. A \$5 bet, a pig in love, spiked mincemeat, the hustle, bustle and all the fun of the fair make for a magical musical. Harlequin Players Light Opera are pleased to be amongst the first non-professional companies in Britain to present this new, sparkling show, the kind of remarkable family entertainment that only Rodgers & Hammerstein can deliver!

**Saturday 9 October** 11.00 am - All Tickets: £4.00

Inside Out Theatre presents

**THE ELF & THE SHOEMAKER**

The classic story of a poor shoemaker whose luck is about to change for the better. Experience the magic of the elf and his naughty friends, Pin and Pan. Together they turn the shoemaker's dusty old shop into a world of enchantment, filled with lots of colourful characters for you to meet. From Sergeant Loudmouth, a pair of bossy boots, Sasha Avonaslip, a beautiful but arrogant ballerina, and...what's in all those boxes? A captivating tale told through drama, puppetry and storytelling. Suitable for 3 - 8 years.

**Thursday 21 - Saturday 23 October** 7.30 pm nightly - Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions

Magnetic North Too presents

**THE DEMON HEADMASTER** by Gillian Cross; adapted by Adrian Flynn

Strange things happen at Lloyd and Harvey Hunter's school. When their new foster sister Dinah arrives, she wants to find out why... Can she escape the Demon Headmaster? Magnetic North Too, HYART's youngest theatre group (for 12 to 14 year olds), will perform this wonderful tale. Be warned though, don't look the Headmaster in the eyes!

**Wednesday 27- Saturday 30 October** 8.00 pm nightly - Tickets: £7.50 / £6.50 concessions

Purple Theatre Company presents

**WANTED: ONE BODY** by Charles Dyer

Greenacres - family home to the late Charles Barraclough and the icing on the cake for his future heirs. But who stands to inherit his millions, and will it be by foul means or fair? Family and faithful servants wait with baited breath to hear the last will and testament, only to discover that this death holds nothing but surprises. As the flood waters rise, confusion reigns and the body count increases in this farcical chiller. It's a classic whodunit, with mysterious long-lost relatives, brooding butlers and Hector (the faithful family guinea pig). Who will be the next victim, and is Charles Barraclough really even dead? Only time will tell... The show is performed by arrangement with Warner-Chappell. Tickets also available from Purple's Box Office on 07050 605081 or by e-mail to [purpletheatre@ngo.org.uk](mailto:purpletheatre@ngo.org.uk)

by some of Birmingham's most talented young people in process to a children's theatre company.



**Thursday 9 - Saturday 11 December** 7.30 pm nightly - Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions

Group booking rates available

Magnetic North Youth Theatres present

**THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Nerds! Alien plants! Dentists! Girlfriends! This play has got the lot! If you want a laugh, a good singsong and lots of blood, then this is the musical for you. Come and enjoy the latest production by the fabulously talented Magnetic North Youth Theatres.



**Sunday 12 December** 7.00 pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents

**EVENING RECITAL**

The second in our Autumn seasonal of recitals, including original seasonal compositions, with music for violin and piano, Bach Preludes & Fugues and music for piano.

**Wednesday 15 December** 8.00 pm - All tickets: £5.00

Capital Connection presents

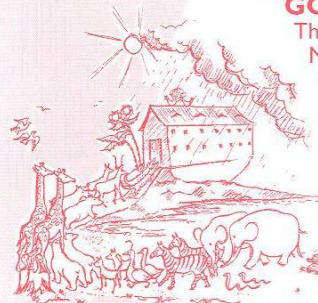
**THE CAPITAL CONNECTION CHRISTMAS SHOW**

Capital Connection, the 1998/9 National Ladies Champion Barbershop Chorus and 1998 Sainsbury's Choir of the Year semi-finalists are hosting their Christmas concert at Compass for the first time. The evening will include a Christmas punch of traditional carols, seasonal favourites and other songs in the barbershop style. An informal atmosphere and special guests will contribute to a warm evening of entertainment and song for family, friends, supporters and anyone else who would like to join us. Come and see out the Millennium on a high note!

**Sunday 19 December** 11.00 am & 2.00 pm - All Tickets: £4.00

Little Angel Theatre presents

**GO NOAH GO!**



This play gives a new look to the favourite Old Testament story. Mr & Mrs Noah will be there with the Ark and all the animals - as never seen before! Join Noah and the crew on the Ark, with its precious cargo of animals, in this enthralling recreation of the Flood and the boats eventual safe return to dry land, beneath the rainbow, which cannot fail to delight children (and adults!). With a sparkling new production created in collaboration with celebrated writer and poet, John Agard, Little Angel makes a welcome return visit to Compass. 'Go Noah Go!' uses drama, puppets and specially composed music to create the wonder, excitement and fun that has created an internationally renowned reputation for this fantastic company. Suitable for 3 to 9 years.



**Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 January**

11.00 am, 2.00 pm & 7.00 pm daily

Tickets: £9.00 / £6.00 concessions

Group booking rates available & signed performance

Applause Productions present

**THE UGLY DUCKLING**

Based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen

Once you've seen in the Millennium, get the family down to Compass for another fantastic family Christmas show. The venue welcomes highly-acclaimed company Applause Productions for the first time, bringing with them many years of experience in children's and family entertainment. Seasoned pantomime performers, Applause bring the classic Hans Christian Andersen story to the stage using songs, puppets, audience participation, prizes, colourful costumes and sets. Come along and meet Mother Duck and her little ducklings, the farm cat, Clucky the Hen, Drumstick the Turkey, the farmer and, of course, the Baddies - the horrible hunters and their dog. 'The Ugly Duckling' is a delightful mixture of classic story and slapstick pantomime, guaranteeing all-round entertainment for the whole family. Suitable for 3 years upwards.