#### **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'.

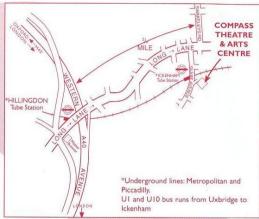
We are happy to reserve tickets for you. Reserved tickets will be held for 3 working days, or 45 minutes prior to the performance - whichever is sooner. We are able to offer concession price tickets on most of our shows. for Senior Citizens, Students, UB40 holders and Registered Disabled. If you require 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 UI and UI0 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.

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### 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 or Coffee Bar 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 Anita Capon 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 some 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 and Box Office are fitted with induction loops. 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: 360° Youth Theatre (16 - 19 years) on Tuesday evenings, Magnetic North Youth Theatre (14 - 16 years) on Wednesday evenings and Magnetic North Too (12 - 14 years) on Thursday evenings. We also run a youth dance programme at Hayes Community Campus and video workshops at Compass. 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.

Thursday 5 - Saturday 7 October 7.30 pm nightly & 2.30 pm Saturday

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

Harlequin Players present

WALTZES FROM VIENNA by Johann Strauss; adapted by Phil Park & Ronald Hanmer

This is the story of the rivalry between Strauss the Elder and Johann, his son, who has ambitions to succeed his father as Waltz King of Vienna. Full of endearing characters, this is a delightful show woven around a score taken from some of the greatest light music ever written, including 'The Radetsky March', 'The Emperor Waltz' and 'The Blue Danube'.

Tuesday 10 - Saturday 14 October 8.00 pm nightly - Tickets: £7.00 / £6.00 concessions

Argosy Players present

STRIPPERS by Peter Terson

Set in the north-east of England, this affectionate, witty and entertaining play centres on Wendy and Bernard, a young couple whose lives are turned upside down when Wendy turns, reluctantly, to stripping to support the family after Bernard is made redundant.

Although Bernard quite happily watches the 'exotic dancers' over a couple of pints at the pub, when it comes to his own wife it's a different matter! A well-rehearsed touching and hilariously funny play.

Please note this production contains language which some may find offensive and is not suitable for children.

Tuesday 17 - Saturday 21 October 7.30 pm nightly & 2.30 pm Saturday

Tickets: £10.00 / £9.00 concessions; Matinee - All tickets £6.00

Songtime Theatre presents

## MY FAIR LADY

This is a classic musical packed with hits such as 'I Could have Danced All Night', 'Wouldn't It Be Lovely' and 'I'm Getting Married in the Morning'. After the sell-out production of 'Annie', 'My Fair Lady' promises to be yet another success for Songtime at Compass.

Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 October 10.00 am - 4.00 pm daily : Tickets: £25.00 for 2 days Stop The Clock Theatre Company presents

# THE EMPERORS NEW CLOTHES - Drama Playscheme

A two-day mini drama playscheme for 8 to 12 year olds during the half-term holidays. In a land not that far away from ours lives a foolish ruler, an Emperor who loves fashion more than anything else in the world. Life is merry in the Emperor's city and many people visit him there. Then one day two rascals, calling themselves designers come to the palace.

The participants will devise and rehearse their own version of this very old story in a very modern way, culminating in an informal performance for family and friends. No experience is necessary, just bags of enthusiasm and energy.

For further details and an application form, contact our Box Office on 01895 673200.

**Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 October** 7.00 pm nightly & Saturday 2.00 pm Tickets: £8.50 / £7.00 concessions

Constellation of Performing Arts presents

# LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Constellation brings you another exciting show. Just sit back and listen to the sounds of James Bond, The Blues Brothers, Mary Poppins, Glen Miller and much much more.



Saturday 9 December 11.00 am - All tickets: £4.00

The Storytellers Theatre presents

## **HANSEL & GRETEL**

When Hansel and Gretel get lost in the woods, they follow the path that leads to the Gingerbread House and meet the wicked witch..... This fabulous production is action-packed full of music, song and drama, and Storytellers have given it a comic twist. Meet Hansel and Gretel very short-sighted father, and their mother who has a waist measurement of at least 200 inches! There are baddies galore in this classic children's story, but like all good fairy tales there is bound to be a happy ending. Suitable for 4 years upwards.

Wednesday 13 - Saturday 16 December 7.30 pm nightly

Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 Group rates available

Magnetic North Theatres present

# **AUTUMN PRODUCTION**

At the time of going to press, the amazing talents of Magnetic North Youth Theatre and their spring production are being kept under top-secret wraps. We can't tell you any more than this, but we guarantee the production will be innovative, dynamic and, of course, brilliant! Watch this space...



Thursday 21 December 8.00 pm - Tickets: £5.00 Capital Connection presents

## **CHRISTMAS SHOW**

These talented singers return to Compass yet again by popular demand. Fresh from appearances in Kansas City, the National Ladies Barbershop Competition and Sainsbury's Choir of the Year, they present a miscellany of Christmas delights for all the family. As all previous performances at Compass have sold out, early booking is advised.

Tickets are also available from Capital Connection on 01895 637879.

# Tuesday 26 - Sunday 31 December

Tickets: £9.00 / £7.00 concessions - Group rates available Applause Productions present

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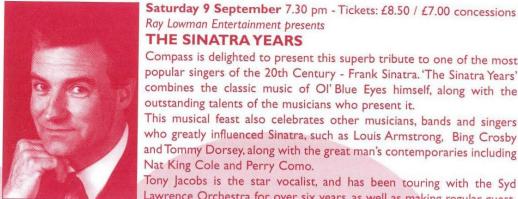
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Following the success of our Millennium show 'The Ugly Duckling', Applause Productions return to Compass for what promises to be another season of fantastic Christmas entertainment.

'Pinocchio' tells the story of a puppet that becomes a real boy. Meet Geppetto the Carpenter, the talking cricket, the wicked fox, the naughty cat and other wonderful characters. Packed full of songs, audience participation, music, colourful characters and lots of fun, 'Pinocchio' offers a delightful story, pantomime and fabulously old fashioned family entertainment.

Suitable for 3 years upwards.





THE SINATRA YEARS

Compass is delighted to present this superb tribute to one of the most popular singers of the 20th Century - Frank Sinatra. 'The Sinatra Years' combines the classic music of Ol' Blue Eyes himself, along with the outstanding talents of the musicians who present it.

This musical feast also celebrates other musicians, bands and singers who greatly influenced Sinatra, such as Louis Armstrong, Bing Crosby and Tommy Dorsey, along with the great man's contemporaries including Nat King Cole and Perry Como.

Tony Jacobs is the star vocalist, and has been touring with the Syd Lawrence Orchestra for over six years, as well as making regular guest appearances with the Pasadena Roof Orchestra. A seasoned performer,

Tony has made many TV and radio broadcasts as well as countless performances across the country. He is also a fine trumpet player. Supported by an outstanding band comprising Jim Barry on piano, John Barnes on saxophone & clarinet, Roger Nobes on vibraphone, Andre Messeder on bass and Steve Rushton on drums. Between them they have a formidable reputation of being amongst the best jazz and light music musicians in Europe.

This is a show with swing, style, sophistication and humour - don't miss it!

Friday 15 & Saturday 16 September 7.30 pm nightly Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions - Group rates available HYART presents



# **SUMMER 2 K**

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Young actors, writers and directors (14-19 years) have worked together for two weeks over the school holidays to produce their own original play. As with previous years, this promises to be an entertaining and thought-provoking evening of young talent.

Monday 18 - Saturday 23 September 7.30 pm nightly & 2.30 pm Saturday



Purple Theatre Company presents

Tickets: Mon £6.50; Tues-Sat £9.50 / £7.50 concessions, Matinee £8.50 Encounters Theatre Company presents

# THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Encounters performs one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most famous shows. Based on a true story, it tells of the Von Trapp family's escape from the Nazis in Austria during World War II. Musical highlights include 'Climb Every Mountain', 'Doh-Ray-Me', & 'Edelweiss'.

Wednesday 27 - Saturday 30 September 8.00 pm nightly & 3.00 pm Saturday Tickets: £7.50 / £6.50 concessions (Wed, Thurs & Matinee only)



# DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER by Marc Camoletti; adapted by Robin Hawdon

Bernard is planning a cosy weekend with his mistress. He's booked a cordon bleu cook, and his best friend Robert will provide the perfect alibi. There's just one slight problem - his wife! It's an evening filled with mistaken identities, bribery and deception as plans go disastrously awry. All will be revealed in this hilarious tale of adultery and farcical improvisation as a weekend of passion turns into a nuptial nightmare!

Tickets are also available from PTC on 07050 605081 or by email: tickets@purpletheatre.co.uk

# Wednesday I - Saturday 4 November - 7.45 pm nightly



Tickets: £8.50 / £7.00 concessions

# YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU by Moss Hart & George S Kaufman Players 2 return with a truly classic American comedy. Meet the delightfully mad Sycamore family and their rather unhappy counterparts, the Kirby family. 'You Can't Take It With You' is packed full of peculiar personalities, disapproving parents, young lovers determined to find a way and erm...a printing press, tax collector, Russian ballet teacher and fireworks! Players 2 will guide you through the mayhem and madness in their town in their own inimitable way.

Wednesday 15 - Saturday 18 November 7.45 pm nightly - Tickets: £7.00 / £6.00 concessions Proscenium presents

# TWELVE ANGRY MEN by Reginald Rose

New York, Summer 1954. One man is dead and the life of another is at stake. A guilty verdict seems a foregone conclusion, but one man has the courage to confront the ignorant prejudice of his fellow jurors. The conflict which follows is fierce and passionate, cutting straight to the heart of the issue of civil liberties and social justice.



Saturday 18 November 11.00 am - All tickets: £4.00 Edinburgh Puppet Theatre presents

## PETER PAN

The internationally - acclaimed puppet company make their debut performance in stunning style! The classic tale sparkles with all your favourite characters: Peter Pan, Wendy, Captain Hook and the Lost Boys! Using puppets, drama, colour and music, this promises to be a highly entertaining performance for all the family.

Suitable for 5 years upwards.

Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 November 7.45 pm nightly - Tickets: £7.50 / £6.50 concessions (Wed & Thurs only) Ruislip Dramatic Society presents

# THE RIVALS by Richard Sheridan

Following the success earlier this year with 'Separate Tables', RDS return to the Compass with their latest production. This comic romp tells the story of Lydia Languish and her assortment of rival suitors, who come and go under the watchful eye of her aunt, the awesome Mrs Malaprop.





Friday | December 7.00 pm - Tickets: £TBC HYART presents

# **WORLD AID'S DAY PERFORMANCE**

Schools and youth groups from around the borough come together for another dynamic evening of theatre and dance. This year each group will create work around the subject of Youth Culture and previous years have proved this is not an evening to be missed! All proceeds to an AIDS Charity.

Wednesday 6 - Saturday 9 December 8.00 pm nightly & 3.00 pm Saturday DUID @ Tickets: £7.50 / £6.50 concessions (Wed, Thurs & Matinee only) Purple Theatre Company presents



# CARPE JUGULUM by Terry Pratchett

Invite a vampire into your home and you're asking for trouble! Invite an entire vampire clan to your baby's christening and you'd better serve garlic as the entrée! Some bright spark invited the De Magpyrs - a family of New Age vampires with a taste for garlic and fancy waistcoats, set on a feeding frenzy with baby Esmeralda for dessert! It's all-out war as the witches take on the vampires in Purple Theatre Company's fourth foray into the Discworld!

Tickets are also available from PTC on 07050 605081 or by email: tickets@purpletheatre.co.uk