

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.

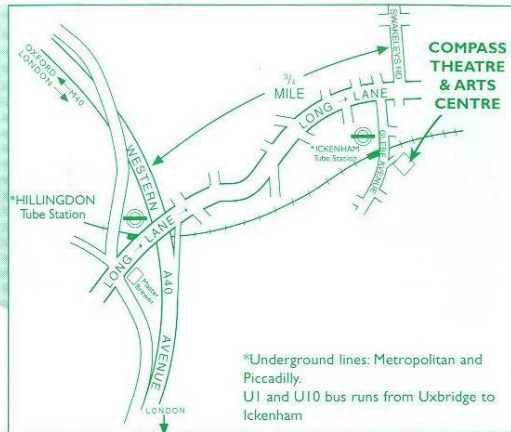
We particularly welcome credit / debit card bookings by telephone (no charge is made for this service). If you book by post or telephone, your tickets will be posted to you free of charge. Please make cheques payable to 'Compass Theatre'.

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.

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COMPASS
THEATRE & ARTS CENTRE

THEATRE PROGRAMME

SPRING 2000
JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH
& APRIL

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 Spring 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 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 will be fitted with an induction loop by the New Year. 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. We also run a 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.



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.*

Friday 21 January 8.00 pm - Tickets: £8.00 / £6.50 concessions

Poppycock Productions present

MOPSY, FLOPSY AND DEATH by Janet Rawson

Poppycock first visited Compass in September 1997, with another Janet Rawson play 'Thrilling'. The sell-out performance further assured them of their reputation as one of London's most exciting small-scale touring companies, producing plays by new playwrights and writers, and being performed by the best new talent.

'Mopsy, Flopsy and Death' is a black comedy that lulls the audience into a false sense of security, before taking them on an emotional and intellectual rollercoaster. It is often said that what you don't know can't do you any harm. This is a premise that Bethany (Jacqueline Goddard) and her new lodger Megan (Karen Jardine) are about to put to the test. 'Mopsy, Flopsy and Death' is a darkly humorous tale of manipulation, secrecy and revenge.



Jacqueline Goddard

Saturday 22 January Doors open 7.30pm First band 8.00pm - Tickets: £5.00 advance / £5.50 on door

Uxbridge Guitar Club presents

ROCK AT THE COMPASS

Following the success of its two previous concerts, Uxbridge Guitar Club is staging a third night of rock music. Three local bands will be featured, each playing in a different style. The softer, country-based sound of Loose Change, the heavier rock of CATCH and the blues / rock n' roll of Bite the Bullet will combine to appeal to almost every fan of rock music. This promises to be a popular night, so advance booking is recommended. Tickets are also available from Geoff Buckell on 01895 270448 or Dave Maloney on 01895 677348.

Wednesday 26 - Saturday 29 January 7.45pm nightly & 3.00pm Saturday.

Tickets: £8.00 / £6.00 concessions; Matinee - All Tickets £6.00

Songtime TheatreArts present

ANNIE

In their Compass debut, Songtime TheatreArts present the Broadway musical 'Annie'. Based on the 1930's comic strip 'Little Orphan Annie', the ever-popular musical for all the family features songs such as 'Tomorrow', 'Hard Knock Life' and 'Maybe'. With a cast of over fifty talented youngsters, Songtime TheatreArts launch their latest youth company with this thrilling musical. Included in the cast are West-End performers and children who have previously appeared in 'Les Miserables' and 'Whistle Down The Wind'.

Sunday 30 January 8.00pm - All Tickets: £8.00

Murder Most Fun presents a murder game -

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HALF TERM ACTIVITIES (continued)

Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 February 10.00am - 4.00pm daily; £25 for 2 days

Stop the Clock Theatre Company presents

THE GOLDEN HAired GIANT - Drama Playscheme

Compass is delighted to present its first-ever mini drama playscheme during the half-term holidays. Held at Compass, the scheme is suitable for 8 to 12 year olds. The participants will devise and rehearse their own version of this exciting tale, culminating in an informal performance for family and friends. No experience is necessary, just bags of energy and enthusiasm. For further details and an application form, contact our Box Office on 01895 673200.

Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 February

10.00am - 3.00pm; £10 for 2 days

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET RESIDENCY

Held at Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon.

Thursday 24 & Friday 25 February

10.00am - 3.00pm; £10 for 2 days

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY RESIDENCY

Held at Uxbridge College, Hayes campus



Supported by
Hillingdon Arts Association

Hillingdon's Arts Service is delighted to announce this unique and exciting project! The residences offer local young people an unprecedented opportunity to work with internationally-acclaimed dance companies. Young people will spend two days working with professional dancers either in the field of classical ballet (English National Ballet) or contemporary dance (Rambert Dance Company) - or even both!

Further information and an application form can be obtained by calling Compass' Administration office on 01895 632488. Both courses are kindly supported by Hillingdon Arts Association, and cost only £10 each. A deposit of £20 per place will also be required (cheques will only be cashed if participants fail to turn up).

Tuesday 7 - Saturday 11 March 7.45pm nightly & 2.30pm Saturday Matinee

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

Pastiche Theatre presents

VIVA MEXICO! An amateur production by kind permission of Joseph Weinberger Ltd.

Pastiche Theatre return to the Compass for their annual Spring production with a performance of 'Viva Mexico!' Set, as its name would imply, in Mexico at the turn of the century, this tongue-in-cheek romantic comedy melodrama involves bandits, American tourists, revolutionaries, an Aztec ceremony and the mysterious Zorro! The tuneful score uses well-known melodies from Latin America, including 'The Mexican Hat Dance', 'El Rancho Grande' and 'La Cucaracha'. Proceeds from the show will be donated to Age Concern and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the charity.



Thursday 16 - Saturday 18 March 7.30 pm nightly

Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions; Group booking rates available

Magnetic North Youth Theatres present

THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

It's here at last! 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.

Saturday 25 March 11.00am - All Tickets: £4.00

Presto Puppet Theatre presents

THE SNOW QUEEN

The story of the evil queen from the Arctic wastelands, and her quest to turn children into snowflakes unfolds against a background of beautiful Scandinavian scenery. Using half life-size puppets costumed in traditional folk designs, the very talented Presto Puppet Theatre return to Compass with their adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairytale. 'The Snow Queen' combines excitement, humour, beauty, romance and music in a spell-binding production. *Suitable for 5 years upwards.*



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Sunday 30 January 8.00pm - All Tickets: £8.00

Murder Most Fun presents a murder game -

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Ever wished that you could have seen the famed Gladiators do battle in the Coliseum? Or watched the lions being 'fed'? Well you can't! But the murder mob is going back to wreak havoc and mayhem and that is the next best thing. What was the Centurion doing in the bathhouse on ladies night? Why was the slave girl dressed in her mistress's favourite nightie - bought especially from 'Marcus and Sparticus', the department store on the Forum. Why did the Emperor miss the usual orgy and where was the Empress when he needed her most?

None of these questions will be answered on the night but a murder mystery to mystify, suspicious suspects to suspect and questions (and eyebrows) to raise. Come as you are but bring an open mind. We provide everything - even the pencils. Bring a team (tables of 8), a part-team or just yourself. We don't mind. But be there.

Thursday 5 February 7.30pm - Tickets: £4.00 / £2.50 concessions

Hillingdon Music Service presents

CHAMBER CONCERT

A selection of music performed by musicians from Hillingdon Music Service. The concert will include symphonies and solo items.



Friday 7 - Saturday 12 February 7.30pm nightly & 2.30pm Saturday Matinee

Tickets: £8.50 / £7.50 concessions (Mon-Thurs); £9.50 (Fri & Sat)

Opera and Harlington Operatic Society presents

MEET CHARITY Book by Neil Simon; Music by Cy Coleman; Lyrics by Dorothy Fields

Brught to you by the team who performed 'Chicago' and 'Cabaret' at the venue, 'Sweet Charity' tells the story of a girl who just wants to be loved. Bob Fosse's classic dance musical features popular songs 'The Rhythm of Life', 'Big Spender', 'There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This', 'If My Friends Could See Me Now', 'I'm a Brass Band' and many more. 'Sweet Charity' is based on the screenplay 'Nights of Cabiria'. Arrangement with MusicScope & Stage Musicals Ltd of New York.

Friday 18 & Saturday 19 February 8.00pm nightly - Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions; Group rates available

ART presents

HYNRG YOUTH DANCE PERFORMANCE

ART is pleased to introduce HYNRG, Hillingdon's Youth Dance Programme for young people aged 13 to 19 years. They will be performing contemporary dance pieces combined with physical theatre. The young people will also have a chance to dance pieces they have choreographed. This aims to be a dynamic evening of young talent.

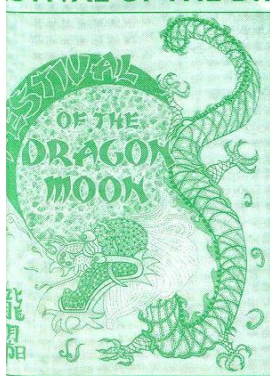


HALF TERM ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday 20 February 11.00am - All Tickets: £4.00

Professor Popup's Puppet Theatre presents

FESTIVAL OF THE DRAGON MOON



A special half-term performance celebrating 2000 as the Year of the Dragon. It will soon be the time of the 'Dragon Moon' and, like everyone else in the village, Tang and her teacher are busy preparing for the festival. Potatoes are being stolen from the storehouse each night and brave Tang wants to wait and catch just who, or maybe what, is responsible! Using Chinese Palm Puppets and a travelling Pagoda Theatre with music and atmospheric lighting, the customs and folktales from the mountains of Western China will be revealed through this enthralling and entertaining show. Suitable for 5 to 11 years.

Sunday 20 February 2.00pm - Tickets: £4.00
CONCERTINA DRAGON-MAKING WORKSHOP

After solving the mystery of Tang's stolen potatoes, why not spend the afternoon making your very own dragon puppet. All materials are provided, but please dress for a mess! Suitable for 5 to 11 years.



scenery. Using half life-size puppets costumed in traditional folk designs, the very talented Presto Puppet Theatre return to Compass with their adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairytale. 'The Snow Queen' combines excitement, humour, beauty, romance and music in a spell-binding production.

Suitable for 5 years upwards.

Thursday 30 March - Saturday 1 April 7.30pm nightly - Tickets: £6.50 / £5.50 concessions

Harlequin Players Youth Drama presents

CLOWN, CHAOS & QUAKER!

Harlequin Youth Drama presents 'Clown, Chaos & Quaker!', an evening of three one-act plays prepared especially for the group. 'Harlequinade' features one of the oldest forms of theatre - the 'Commedia dell'arte', and tells the story of Harlequin's love for Columbine. 'For Heaven's Sake' is an imaginative comedy that starts from a road accident. We follow Kevin and his strange journey to who-knows-where! Finally, 'The Grey Angel' takes in the squalor of Newgate Prison and tells the moving story of how Elizabeth Fry worked to better the lives of inmates. Ben Morris and a group of young Harlequin Players wrote 'For Heaven's Sake' in 1992, when they were 16 years old. The play has been produced on two occasions in small venues, but this is its first full public performance.

Wednesday 5 April - Saturday 8 April 8.00pm nightly & 3.00pm Saturday

Tickets: £9.00 / £8.00 concessions (Wed & Thurs); Group ticket (4 people) £32.00

Purple Theatre Company presents

BUGSY MALONE

Set in downtown New York in the middle of the prohibition era, 'Bugsy Malone' tells the tale of gangster warfare in a world where bullets have been replaced with custard pies and flour bombs. Fat Sam Stacetto has the monopoly on the illegal sarsaparilla trade and everything seems to be running smoothly at the Grand Slam Speakeasy, the hottest nightclub in town. Then along comes Dandy Dan and his gang of hoodlums, armed to the teeth with the new and improved splurge gun - not a weapon to trifle with! Enter Bugsy Malone, city slicker and smoothie extraordinaire - the man of every girl's dreams and every cop's nightmare. Will Dandy cream off all the opposition? Will Fat Sam be turned into a giant knickerbocker glory? Will it all end in a sticky mess, or will they get their just desserts? Join Purple for an evening of messy mayhem!

Fifty pence from each ticket will be donated to Purple's nominated charity, the Hillingdon Hospital Tiny Smiles Appeal. Tickets are also available from Purple on 07050 605081 or by email: tickets@purple-theatre.co.uk



Wednesday 12 - Saturday 15 April 7.45 pm nightly - Tickets £8.50 / £7.00 concessions

Players 2 presents

CITY OF ANGELS Book by Larry Gelbart; Music by Cy Coleman; Lyrics by David Zippell

"The great American musical is back and show business in the USA is breathing a little easier!" This is what one critic said after 'City of Angels' exploded onto the stage of the Virginia Theatre on 11 December 1989. A hilarious Hollywood private-eye spoof by Larry Gelbart (M*A*S*H), together with a 40's era jazz-tinged score by Cy Coleman ('Sweet Charity' and 'Barnum') and brilliant lyrics by David Zippell (Disney's 'Mulan' and 'Hercules'). Players 2 continue their tradition of presenting exciting and innovative performances with 'City of Angels'.

Sunday 16 April 7.30 pm - All Tickets: £4.50

FILM QUIZ presented by James Skinner & Tim Leman

A fun evening to test your knowledge on film and camera from the 1930's to the present day. Make up a party with friends or join a table if you come alone (teams of 8).



Sunday 30 April 7.00 pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents

THE EXPERIMENTAL PIANO THEATRE

The first in a new series of evening performances in our Bistro. Recitals and diversions in which dancers, singers and instrumentalists are invited to join in a celebration of the versatility of the piano repertoire with new compositions and established favourites.

Contact Norman Higgins on 020 8845 1580 for further details.



