

## 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'.

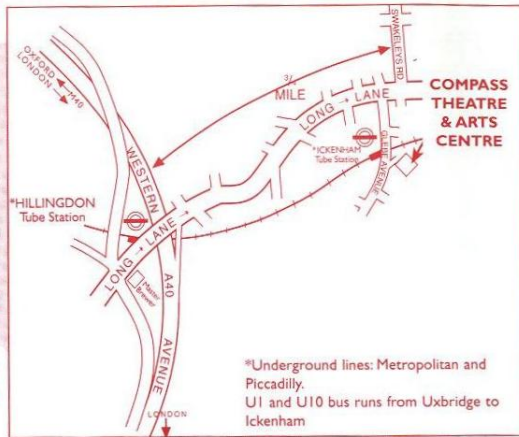
We are happy to reserve tickets for you. Reserved tickets will be held for 3 working days, or 45 minutes prior to the performance - whichever is sooner. We are able to offer concession price tickets on most of our shows, for Senior Citizens, Students, UB40 holders and Registered Disabled. If you require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

We regret to advise patrons that parking tokens for use at Ickenham Station Car Park are no longer available.

In addition to our own parking facilities, patrons may, of course continue to use the Station Car Park but will have to pay on exit. Patrons may also park locally – please park in a sensible and courteous manner as we have built up a harmonious relationship with our local residents over the years.

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**

**AUTUMN 2001**  
**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 or Coffee Bar we'd love to hear from you! To join our friendly team, please call our Manager on 01895 632488 for an informal, commitment-free chat.

This Summer 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 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 KIDZ

Our monthly arts workshops for 3½ - 7 year olds are held on the first Saturday morning of each month. Little ones have the chance to try out drama, movement to music, crafts, storytelling, art, poetry and lots more. For more information call our Compass Kidz Co-ordinator, Netta Sands, on 01895 632488 (Thursdays only). **Regretfully, waiting list closed until December.**

## 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. **Wardrobe opens on Wed 5 September through to Wed 12 December (Closed for half term Wed 24 October.) Opens again in the new year on Wed 9 January 2002.**

## 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

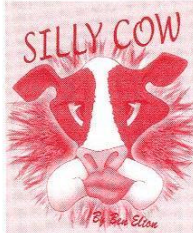
Hillingdon Music Service is based at the Compass Theatre. The Service is one of the London Borough of Hillingdon's Education Services. The Music Service operates in borough schools and teaches 2,000 pupils on a weekly basis. Music Service staff also give concerts and workshops to 12,000 pupils each year. 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.



**Saturday 8 September 8.00pm** - Tickets: £8.50 / concessions £7.50

Walrus Productions presents  
**SILLY COW** by Ben Elton

An award winning play by the master of satire, the brilliant Ben Elton. Doris is a tabloid journalist of the worst kind. Her twisted bitchy show business reporting in the gutter press has destroyed many an artist's career - but now she's about to get her cum-uppance! Side-splitting fun and in the true Ben Elton style - with a sting.

Early booking is strongly recommended.

"A cracker of a play" *The Stage and Television Today*. "I laughed my head off" *City Limits*.

**Friday 14 & Saturday 15 September 7.30pm** - Tickets: £5.00 / concessions £3.00

HYART presents  
**PERFORMANCE 01**

Hyart proudly presents its summer Performance 01 that is the culmination of a two-week intensive drama programme for young people aged 14 - 19 years. Following their success with 'A Midsummer Mix-up' and 'Alice@wond.land.co.uk' they aim to spice up a classic tale and inject it with creative vibrant energy.



**Sunday 16 September 7.00pm** - Tickets: £6.00 / concessions £4.00

Norman Higgins Music presents

**THE EXPERIMENTAL PIANO THEATRE**

Some old favourites, some new compositions, sung and played by Joanne Locking and Norman Higgins with guest instrumentalist.



**Tuesday 18 - Saturday 22 September 7.45pm** nightly & 3.00pm

Saturday matinee - Tickets: £8.00 / £6.00

Odd Sock Productions present

**ARCHIE**

Step back to the turn of the twentieth century and witness the humble beginnings of a Hollywood icon in Bristol. See how his passion for the theatre emerges and eventually provides an escape route from a lonely, isolated existence during war-torn Britain. Follow him to America where he works on the vaudeville circuit before heading for success in Hollywood. This sophisticated, debonair actor, one of Hollywood's 'darlings' appears to have it all ...but fame and fortune protects no man from his innermost feelings and the past is a tough opponent to overcome...

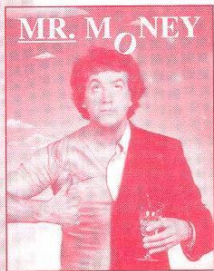
Odd Sock Productions are proud to present this exciting new musical about the early life of Cary Grant, one of Hollywood's greatest legends. It is a fascinating story about a remarkable man and has gripped both the author and director for several years. *Sponsored by National Lottery's Awards for All.*



**Friday 28 September 8.00pm** - Tickets £8.50 / concessions £7.50

**ZOOT MONEY**

For more than 25 years Zoot Money has contributed to music and entertainment with as many artists as there are sides to his character. From leading his Big Roll Band; a landmark band of the '60s London scene and onto Dantalion's Chariot, with Andy Summers (of The Police), he blazed on into the '70s while still writing for Lulu, Long John Baldry and Juicy Lucy. Zoot was the musical director of the BBC's BAFTA award-winning (six, no less!) series about a rock band Tutti Frutti (which launched Robbie Coltrane and Emma Thompson) in 1985. If you love the blues - this is for you - Zoot Money's evening of blues and soul accompanied by Ronnie Johnson, guitar; Boz Burrell, bass guitar and Martin Wild, drums, is at Compass for 1 night only. Early booking highly recommended.



**Wednesday 10 - Saturday 13 October 8.00pm** - Tickets: £8.50 / concessions £7.50



**Sunday 11 November 7.00pm** - Tickets: £6.00 / concessions

Norman Higgins Music presents

**SONGS WITHOUT WORDS**

A recital of music for piano, cello and voice

**Thursday 15 - Saturday 17 November 7.30pm** nightly & 2.30pm Saturday  
£10.00 / (concessions £8.00 Thursday & Saturday matinee only)

Southall Operatic Company presents

**JACK THE RIPPER**



Jack the Ripper

Southall Operatic Company are pleased to return to Compass, the roaring' melodramatic music hall version of the real life Victorian swiftly from the streets of the East End to the stage of the local the mystery of Jack the Ripper is told in the song and dance rogues. They act out the roles of Queen Victoria, her minister real Cockney humour within the grim reality of their hopeless lives. Fun and with many rousing, stirring songs and a chance for you to join in - in true M

**Wednesday 21 - Saturday 24 November 8.00pm** -

Tickets: £7.50, (£6.50 concessions Wed & Thurs only)

Argosy Players present

**THE SCOTTISH PLAY**

Michael has a burning ambition to direct Macbeth. When a gap opens unexpectedly in the Thespians' planned season of plays, it looks as if he may get what he wants. But he will need convincing, making much of the theatrical superstition that surrounds the play and believing that the group is ill-equipped to attempt Shakespeare. Aided by the self-styled first lady of the Thespians, Michael's obsession grows - with the 'Scottish Play' catching up with him as he approaches his moment of triumph

**Saturday 24 November 11.00am** - All tickets: £4.50

The Little Angel Theatre presents

**THE SELKIE BRIDE**

After the sell-out success of 'Cindermouse', The Little Angel Theatre return with their latest production - a powerful story from Celtic Mythology.

On the coasts of Scotland they tell stories of mysterious creatures that live on the shore in remote coves. It is said that if you can capture a Selkie skin, you - for without it she cannot return to the sea....

With design and storytelling of the highest order, and a production with a worldwide reputation for fine puppetry, this is children's theatre at its challenge! Suitable for children aged 4 years and over and their parents.

**Monday 26 November - Saturday 1 December** Ticket prices will vary

HYART presents

**YOUTH ARTS WEEK**

Compass Theatre is one of the host venues for the first Hillingdon Youth Arts Week throughout this week to platform the creative talents of Hillingdon's young people. Drama, dance, video and music performances as well as readings and arts events. It's an exciting and dynamic week for Hillingdon so please contact HYART for more information on 01895 465572

**Wednesday 5 - Saturday 8 December 7.30pm** nightly - Tickets:

concession £5.50 (Wed & Thurs); £7.50 / concessions £6.50 (Fri & Sat)

Tap for Fun presents

**TAPPING OUT**

**ERRATUM**

Unfortunately, due to an error we have wrongly attributed 'The Scottish Play' to the Argosy Players. The Ruislip Dramatic Society is in fact presenting it. We apologise for any confusion this has caused.



RUISLIP DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Argosy Players present



## A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM

Music & lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart.

This play is the first one for which Sondheim wrote both music and lyrics following his collaboration with Bernstein on the legendary 'West Side Story'. Set in ancient

Rome and based on the works of Plautus - the prolific Roman dramatist of the

second century B.C., the accent is on comic routines interspersed with delightful

musical numbers such as 'Comedy Tonight', 'Everybody ought to have a Maid', 'Lovely',

'Impossible' etc. The show was first performed on Broadway in 1962 and arrived in London in 1963

with Frankie Howard in the role of Pseudolus and Kenneth Connor as Hysterium.

By arrangement with Josef Weinberger

**Saturday 13 October** 11.00am - All tickets: £4.50

The Storytellers Theatre Company presents

## THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

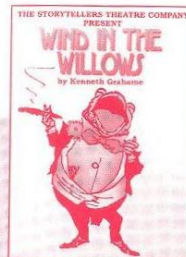
This delightful musical adaptation follows Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger in their

entrancing tale of life on the River Bank and in the Wild Wood. From Ratty's picnic

with Mole to the troublesome Mr Toad and his love for driving Motor Cars, this

production is sure to enthral and entertain and is packed to the brim with comedy,

music and fun. Suitable for 4 years and upwards.



**Thursday 18 - Saturday 20 October** 7.30pm nightly & 2.30pm matinee - Tickets: £7.50 / concessions £6.00. Saturday matinee £6.00

Harlequin Players present

## THE PAJAMA GAME

When the new Superintendent of the Sleep Tite Pajama Company meets Babe

Williams, the head of the Union Grievance Committee, sparks fly and there is romance

in the air. Hines, the efficiency expert, and Gladys, the boss's Secretary add to the

confusion and passion. This is one of the happiest, most romantic and comical musicals

ever staged. Enjoy the hit tunes 'Hey There', 'I'm not at all in love', 'Steam Heat' and

'Herando's Hideaway.'

**Wednesday 24 - Saturday 27 October** 7.45pm nightly - Tickets: £7.50, (£6.50 concessions Wed only)

Proscenium presents

## THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III

George III's behaviour has often been odd, but now he is deranged, with rumours circulating that he has even addressed an oak tree as the King of Prussia. Doctors are brought in, the government wavers and the Prince Regent manoeuvres himself into power...

Alan Bennett's play explores the court of a mad king, and the fearful treatments he was forced to undergo. It is about the nature of kingship itself, showing how by subtle degrees the ruler's delirium erodes his authority and status.

PROSCENIUM



**Wednesday 7 - Saturday 10 November** 7.45pm - Tickets: £8.50, concessions £7.00

Players 2 presents

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Half a dozen relatives are celebrating Christmas with Neville and Belinda. Various children are also there: though unseen, their presence is always felt and indeed seems duplicated in the adults. Petty, and not so petty squabbles break out and Christmas presents are rifled. An incompetent puppet show and a midnight love scene that ends by setting up a fearful din among several mechanical Christmas presents are also part of the action. In a final climax, resulting from the arrival of a young writer named Clive, there unfolds what appears to be a hilariously tragic conclusion....



Tap for Fun presents

## TAPPING OUT

Tap for Fun return to Compass with a brand new show to make you laugh, sing and most of all, tap your feet. If you've seen 'Stepping Out' you won't want to miss 'Tapping Out' - from Church Hall to (West) London stage in one action-packed evening!

**Saturday 8 December** 11.00am - All tickets: £4.50

The Storytellers Theatre Company presents

## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Using 'rap', song and mirth, 'A Christmas Carol' will brighten any cold winter's day. Scrooge meets the usual Ghost of Christmas Past, Present, and yet to come, but will he repent in time for Christmas, or is Scrooge doomed to a life of misery? This hour-long show takes us through Dickens' classic novel and makes it easily accessible for young and old alike. Suitable for 5 years & upwards.

**purple** Wednesday 12 - Saturday 15 December 8.00pm

The Purple Theatre Company will undoubtedly provide their usual mixture of fun, frolics and laughter with their next production, but at the time of printing they are still knee-high in scripts and have not decided what to do! Watch out for their nice, glossy flyers and other local publicity - coming your way soon...

**Sunday 16 December 7.00pm** - Tickets: £6.00 / concessions £4.00

Norman Higgins Music presents

## A CHRISTMAS DIVERTISMENT

A sweet and spicy mixture of carols and music for Christmas.



**Friday 21 December 7.45pm** - Tickets: £6.00

Capital Connection presents

## CHRISTMAS WITH CAPITAL CONNECTION

An evening of carols and Christmas fun with one of the country's best female singing groups. The show will be followed by an informal seasonal celebration in the bar of the theatre.

**Wednesday 26 - Monday 31 December**

Tickets: £9.50 / concessions £7.50 - Group rates available

Applause Productions present

## LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Wednesday 26 December 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Thursday 27 December 2.00pm

Friday 28 December 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Saturday 29 December 11.00am and 2.00pm

Sunday 30 December 2.00pm

Monday 31 December 2.00pm

Following the success of last year's pantomime 'Pinocchio', Applause Productions return to Compass for what promises to be another season of fantastic Christmas entertainment.

When Red Riding Hood sets off on her journey through the forest she doesn't expect it to be so eventful. Enjoy her adventures with the funny woodland characters and her exciting encounter with the Big Bad Wolf! Will she ever reach Grandma? And what will she find when she gets there? With singalong songs and plenty of joining in, this sparkling traditional pantomime is great fun for all the family - granny included!

