

BOOKINGS & RESERVATIONS

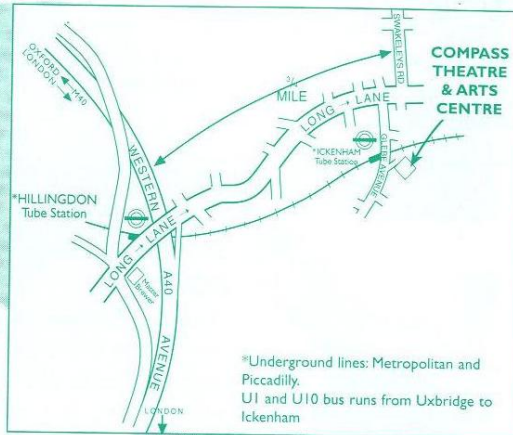
Ticket bookings can be made in person, by post or over the telephone. Our Box Office is open from 11.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, and from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Saturdays. On a performance night, the Box Office will open 45 minutes prior to the start of the show. We particularly welcome credit / 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. **Information correct at time of going to press.**

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

WINTER / SPRING 2001
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 Winter/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 Anita Capon on 01895 632488 for further information and booking.

COMPASS KIDZ

Our monthly arts workshops for 3 1/2 - 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).

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.

Saturday 9 February 8.00pm - All tickets: £6.00



Dorothy's Friends Theatre Company presents
A TRIBUTE TO JOHN COARD

Dorothy's Friends present an evening of celebration and remembrance of the life of John Coard. Following his tragic death after a short illness, friends of John's from shows he performed in at the London Palladium, Bloomsbury Theatre, Questors Theatre, Southwark Playhouse, Forest of Dean Theatre and, of course, Compass Theatre, come together to pay tribute to a special person and a great talent. All profits from this show will go to Ealing Hospital's Wilmot Ward, who cared for John with such compassion and dignity, and to breast cancer research.

Wednesday 7 - Saturday 10 February 7.30pm nightly
Tickets: £5.00 / £3.00 concessions; group booking discount available
Magnetic North Youth Theatres present

OLIVER

Magnetic North Youth Theatres are proud to present their interpretation of this powerful musical based on Dickens' masterpiece, Oliver Twist. MNYT are fast building a reputation for producing innovative and dynamic productions. Do these ridiculously talented young people ever stop?! Family entertainment at its best.



Saturday 10 February 11.00am - All Tickets: £4.50
The Little Angel Theatre presents
CINDERMOUSE

The Little Angel Theatre return to Compass by popular demand. The company has delighted local children (and their parents!) with shows such as 'The Ugly Duckling' and 'Go Noah Go!', and now present the delightful 'Cindermouse'. Cindermouse is an enchanting tale reminiscent of Cinderella, but set in the land of mice. The show features characters such as fairies, acrobats, courtly dancers and, of course, outrageous sisters. The story draws us into the realms of fantasy where

dreams come true and Cindermouse meets her Prince. Accompanied by original music, the show is performed by two puppeteers and a cast of 35 mice! *Suitable for 3 years upwards.*

Sunday 11 February 7.30pm - Tickets: £4.00 / £2.50 concessions
Hillingdon Music Service presents
CHAMBER CONCERT

An evening of solo and ensemble chamber pieces performed by students, staff and friends of Hillingdon Music Service.



Sunday 25 February 7.30pm - Tickets: £5.50
FILM QUIZ presented by Tim Leman & James Skinner

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).

Tuesday 27 February - Saturday 3 March 8.00 p.m nightly - Tickets: £7.50 / £6.50 concessions
Lemon Wedge Theatre Company presents
TEN TIMES TABLE by Alan Ayckbourn

The leading lights from the village decide to hold a pageant of local history based on a somewhat vague event, 'The Massacre of the Pendon Twelve'. On the committee, however, is a left-wing schoolteacher, the right-wing Chairman's Conservative wife and her co-opted military advisor..... Alan Ayckbourn's comedy could turn out to be a riot!

OKLAHOMA! by Rogers and Hammerstein (by kind permission of Joseph Weinberger)

Pastiche Theatre return to Compass with a production of this ever-popular musical. Many of Rogers & Hammerstein's best-loved melodies feature in this story of cowboy Curly's love for the capricious Laurey - 'Oh What A Beautiful Morning', 'The Surrey with the Fringe on the Top', 'People Will Say We're In Love' and, of course, 'Oklahoma!'

'Oklahoma!' has recently been released for amateur groups following the highly successful production staged at The National Theatre. Since the first professional performance in the 1950's, the show has been enjoyed by audiences all over the world. Proceeds from the show will be donated to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the charity.



Sunday 8 April 7.00pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions
Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents
EVENING RECITAL

A charming evening of music including Keats' 'Ode to a Nightingale' and poems by Coleridge set to music by Norman Higgins and sung by Joanne Locking. Other pieces include Beethoven's 'Spring' sonata for violin and piano. Tickets are also available from Norman Higgins on 020 8845 1580.

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS



Saturday 14 April 11.00am - All tickets: £4.50
Moby Duck presents
BOP!



Meet Bop! During her short life she's learnt a lot of things..... things that would make Dahl's Matilda look like a saint - even the robbers wish this little girl would go and pick on someone her own size instead! This is a warm, funny tale based on an Indian story that dates back to the beginning of the last millennium. Bop! is enchantingly told with storytelling, live music and Bharatanatyam dance, performed by Chitraleka Bolar ("A stunningly accomplished dancer" - The Guardian). *Suitable for 4 to 9 years.*

Saturday 14 April 2.00pm - Tickets: £4.50
INDIAN DANCE & DRUMMING WORKSHOP

A fabulous two-hour workshop learning the brilliantly expressive Bharatanatyam dance and classical Indian drumming. This workshop promises to be unusual, exciting and great fun! *Suitable for 7 to 10 years.*

Children of Eden



Wednesday 25 - Saturday 28 April 7.45pm nightly
Tickets: £8.50 / £7.00 concessions; group booking discount available
Players 2 present

CHILDREN OF EDEN by Stephen Schwartz & John Caird
From the creation of the Universe to Adam and Eve's banishment from Eden, to Noah's Ark and the Flood, this is a high spirited show makes an emotional journey for Earth's children, through

adversity to hope. Stephen Schwartz, the author of 'Godspell' and John Caird, director of 'Les Miserables' turn their attention to the power and passion that is found in Genesis. Players 2 present this vibrant and moving musical for young and old alike, and continue to build their reputation for producing dynamic musical theatre. For group bookings, please call the Players 2 Box Office on 020 8482 0020.



Thursday 11 - Saturday 13 January 7.30pm nightly & 2.30pm Saturday

Tickets: £8.50 / £6.50 concessions (Thursday & Matinee only)

Southall Operatic Company presents

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Southall Operatic make their debut at the Compass with this timeless and much-loved story. Follow the magical adventures of Dorothy as she goes over the rainbow. Meet the Scarecrow, the Tinman and the Lion as together they follow the yellow brick road to the wonderful city of Oz. Start the New Year with a touch of magic for all the family.



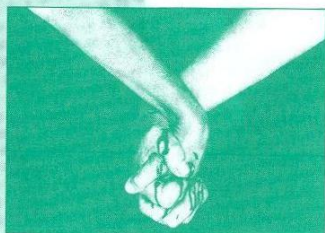
Saturday 20 January 7.45pm - All tickets: £8.00

Murder Most Fun presents

POSTMAN'S KNOCK

The Murder Most Fun team return with a vengeance to present their ninth murder mystery for you to solve. The residents of the pretty village of Orlways-on-the-Mayke are horrified to find that a murder has been committed in their midst. Fingers are pointed, questions are asked, suspicions are roused and reputations are shattered. What was the Colonel doing with the retired Bishop? What kind of jam is Victoria Sponge in? What about the murky past of Grenville Barker-Poles? Join Inspector Duncan (Basil) Brush and his assistant WDC Lucy Lockup as they try to unravel the mystery and probe the secrets of the suspects.

This is NOT a play - it's a murder mystery for you to come and solve. Either bring your own team of assistants (tables of up to eight) or come along and join a team. You will need an enquiring mind and a sense of humour. We provide everything else - even the pencils!!



Saturday 27 January 8.00pm - Tickets: £8.50 / £7.00 concessions

Peregrine Theatre presents

MACBETH - a reworking

No mere tale of good and evil! Peregrine Theatre's provocative and moving interpretation of Macbeth brings out the full savour of this hugely popular classic in a highly-charged, atmospheric and thoroughly human production. Peregrine's reworking challenges preconceptions to provide a fresh insight into Shakespeare's

masterpiece with all the power and passion of the text intact.

This production is highly accessible and relevant to 21st century audiences - newcomers and experienced Shakespeareans alike will be able to identify and empathise with the characters. The design of the production is particularly exciting because of the involvement of sculptor John McGill. Peregrine last visited Compass in early 1997, when their 'Two Gothic Tales' production sold out. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of the region's best small-scale touring companies in action.

Sunday 28 January 7.00pm - Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 concessions

Norman Higgins Music Ltd presents

PEACEFUL MUSIC FOR PIANO

Relax at this evening recital of beautiful melodies, songs and nocturnes. Add warmth to a mid-winter evening with the music of Chopin, Schumann and Schubert.

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FROM THE WORLD OF DANCE

An evening of music for two pianos along with a guest singer. This promises to be a lively evening that includes marches, masques, minuets, waltzes, gavotte gallops, fox trots, quick steps and rock and roll! Tickets are also available from Norman Higgins on 020 8845 1580.



Friday 16 March 8.00pm - Tickets: £9.00 / £7.50 concessions

Pushpalata Dance Company presents

KATHAK MEETS FLAMENCO

Following the success of international dance performances at Compass by the Folklore Ensemble of Lublin (Poland) and Imbizo (Zimbabwe), we are delighted to present a unique evening celebrating both western and eastern dance style. This exciting and exhilarating show blends Indian classical dance with Spanish flamenco. Although separated physically by thousands of miles, the two dance

forms have ancient but strong links. Flamenco may have originated in north India and brought to Spain by travellers, who came through north Africa absorbing Moorish and Arabic influences on the way.

'Kathak meets Flamenco' demonstrates the colour, grace and skill of these two dance styles in a friendly contest between two dancers, Priya Pawar (Kathak) and Rosandra Doling (Flamenco), accompanied by live musicians. This promises to be an unusual and innovative exploration of two dynamic, beautiful and passionate styles.



Saturday 17 March 11.00am - All tickets: £4.50

Action Transport Young People's Theatre presents

NANNA'S NIGHTINGALE by Richard Sheridan

When Sally and her big floppy dog Che move to their new home, they soon make friends with their next door neighbour and storyteller extraordinaire, Nanna Sidhu. But making friends with Lloyd, who lives in the house on the other side, is not as easy... Based on Hans Christian Andersen's story 'The Nightingale', this is the delightful tale of a young girl, her blossoming friendship with Nanna Sidhu and the importance of stories. A beautiful tale of friends, foes and forgiveness which shows stories aren't always just for bedtime... Suitable for 3 to 7 years.

Friday 30 & Saturday 31 March 7.30pm nightly

Tickets £5.00 / £3.00 concessions; group booking discount available

HYNRG YOUTH DANCE NIGHT

HYnrg presents its annual evening of dynamic and inspiring dance. Young people aged 12-19 have worked throughout the year studying diverse styles of dance and choreography. This is high-energy entertainment brought to you by talented young people of Hillingdon.

HYART
HILLINGDON YOUTH ARTS

Tuesday 3 - Saturday 7 April 7.45pm nightly & 2.30pm Saturday

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