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Monday 25 - Saturday 30 January 2027

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Autumn | Winter 2026
WHARF THEATRE DEVIZES





Tickets go on sale for **Friends of the Wharf** from
01 July | General Sale 01 August 2026.

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that being a **Friend** plays a vital role in the future
development of the theatre. You will also receive
newsletters and invitations to member events.

Apply for membership online via our website or
send your details together with a cheque made
payable to **The Wharf Theatre** to: Membership
Secretary, Wharf Theatre, Devizes SN10 1EB*

Our GDPR Promise | We will use the information
that we collect in accordance with the General
Data Protection Regulations 2018 and the Privacy
& Electronic Communications Regulations 2003.

*Please allow 28 days for membership to be activated.

The Wharf | Est. 1979

Couch Lane
Devizes SN10 1EB
Wiltshire

Once an impressive waterside warehouse
standing on the banks of the Kennet and Avon
Canal, the Wharf became a 96 seat theatre in
1979. The Devizes and District Amateur
Dramatic Society, formed in 1947, made it their
home and **The Wharf Theatre**, as we know it
today, was born. It remains the only dedicated
theatre in East Wiltshire.

Today we are proud to offer high quality theatre
and diverse entertainment with in-house
produced musicals, plays, pantomimes, youth
shows and live music along with guest theatre
companies and speakers.

The Wharf is run by a community of volunteers.



Ali Warren | Artistic Director

*As the newly appointed Artistic Director, I am
thrilled to invite you to join us for a vibrant
Autumn-Winter theatre season.*

*There is a special energy to this time of year - the
anticipation in the air and the promise of stories
unfolding onstage. It is my privilege to curate an
array of inspiring, bold, and unforgettable
performances that celebrate the richness of our
community and the art of theatre itself. This, of
course, includes our Christmas show, our own
version of **Peter Pan**, from the same team that
brought you the sell-out show, **Hansel & Gretel**.*

*Whether you are a seasoned patron or discovering
the Wharf for the first time, I look forward to
welcoming you personally. Let us share in the
magic, laughter, and discovery as the curtain rises
on a season filled with creativity and connection.
See you at the theatre!*

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★★★★★
"Brilliant production"
Measure for Measure



Audition Notices

Peter Pan

Directors | Jessica Bone & Karen Ellis

Workshop Sunday 23 August | 2pm-4pm

Auditions Sunday 30 August | Children 8-16 years & dancers 2pm-4pm / Adults 4pm-5pm

The Valentine Letters

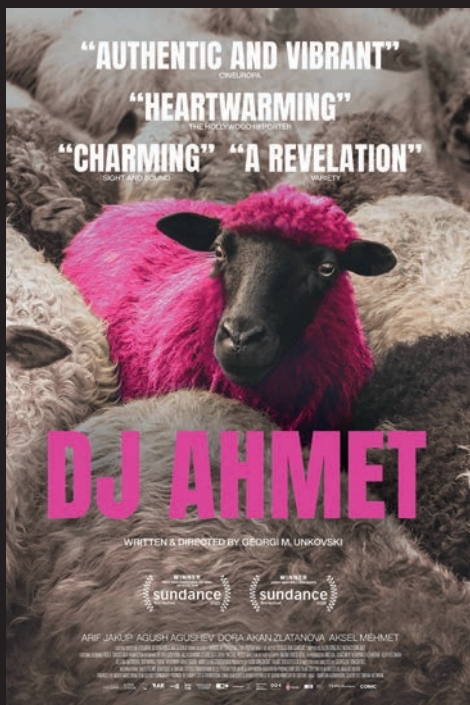
Director | Abigail Newton

Wednesday 9 September | 7pm

More details to be announced! Keep up to date online via wharftheatre.co.uk/audition-notices

Please note that to take part in any Wharf Theatre production, you must be a current member.

Past Wharf Theatre productions | Photo credits © Chris Watkins Media / Jeni Meade Photography



DJ Ahmet | PG

Thursday 27 August

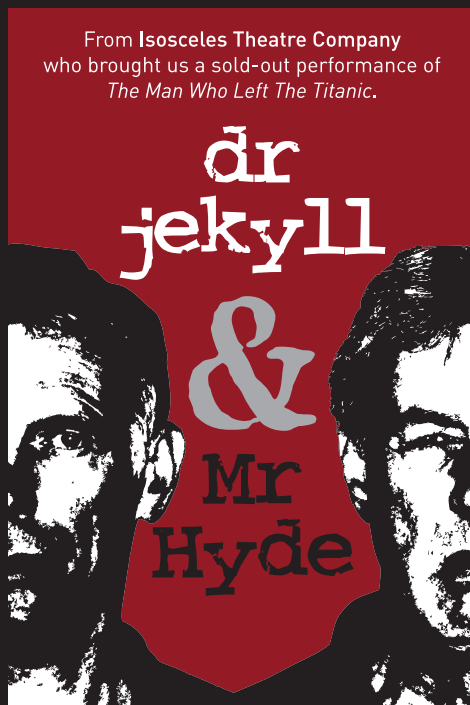
7.30pm

Tickets £8 + booking fee



Ahmet (Arif Jakup), a 15-year-old shepherd, lives with his dad (Aksel Mehmet) and younger brother Naim (Agush Agushev) in a small Macedonian village. Since their mum died, Ahmet has become responsible for the sheep and his little brother, who has stopped speaking. Ahmet is besotted with his neighbour Aya (Dora Akan Zlatanova) but she is promised to someone else. Brought together by their love of music, Ahmet rigs up his tractor so Aya can practise dance routines with her friends. A delightful and beguiling offbeat comedy drama, with wonderful, natural performances from the two young leads. Winner of the World Cinema Audience Award at Sundance 2025.

© 2025 | North Macedonia, Czech Republic, Serbia, Croatia
1hr 39m | PG | Comedy Drama
Director: Georgi M Unkovski
Starring: Arif Jakup, Agush Agushev, Dora Akan Zlatanova
Language: Turkish, Macedonian, English with English subtitles



Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde | isosceles.biz

Saturday 29 August

7.30pm

Tickets £18 + booking fee

Written by Patrick Prior
Performed by Pat Abernethy & Dave Marsden
First performed in 2006, this is a fast-paced adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel which has enthralled audiences throughout Britain and Ireland and played to packed houses everywhere.
An experiment to separate virtue from wickedness in his own nature results in the respectable Dr. Jekyll releasing the demon within - a malevolent force which will eventually possess his body and soul.

"Done in fine style... a good, vivid, popular version of a great story, told with notable passion."
The Scotsman

"Every emotional nuance is wrung out of it and a packed audience sit rapt at such conversely dark materials."
Glasgow Herald

DRAMA

Scenes from an Execution

Monday 21 - Saturday 26 September

7.30pm

Adults £18 + booking fee | 12A

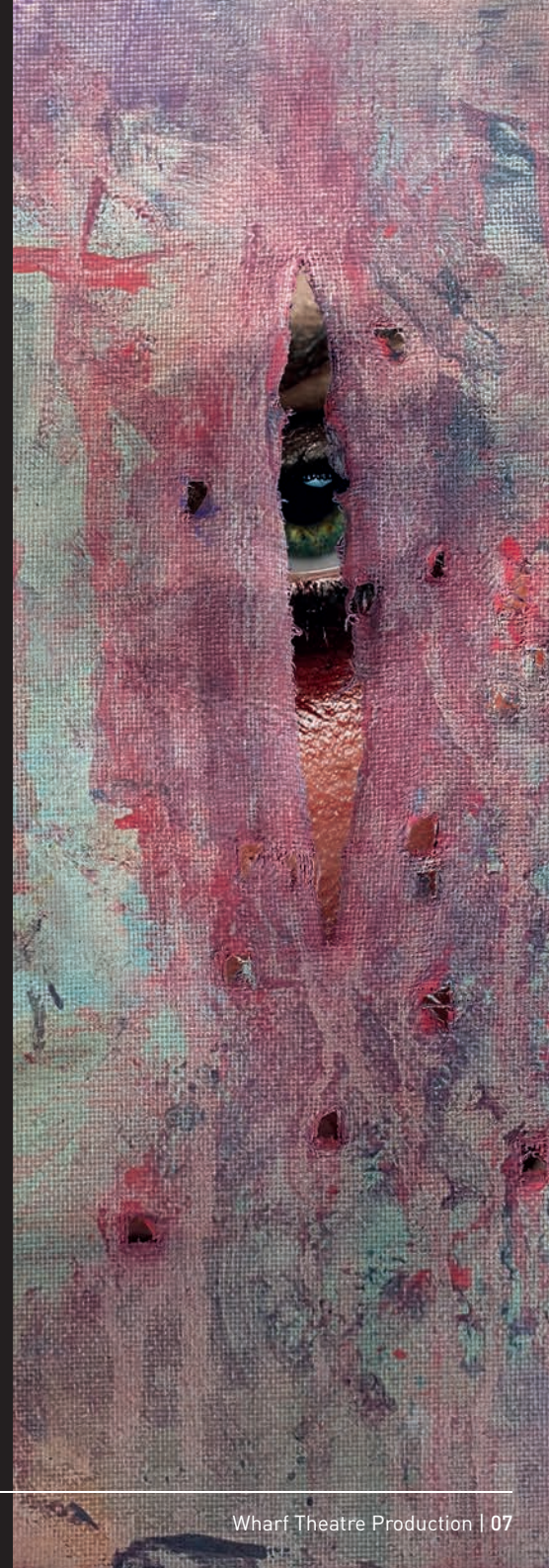
Written by Howard Barker, this play explores what happens when art clashes with politics and religion.

In 16th century Venice, renowned female artist Galactia is commissioned by the Catholic Church and the Venetian State to paint the Battle of Lepanto, celebrating the defeat of the pagan Turk and glorifying Venice. Instead, Galactia paints the cruel, senseless slaughter of one of the bloodiest battles in human history.

Will Galactia be strong enough to withstand the machinations of Church and State, winning her own personal battle to get her truth heard?

More relevant today than ever before, with facts being twisted by politicians, voices silenced by those with the most power, and the arts one of the few mediums left through which people may find their voice, Galactia's personal battle will empower and inspire audiences to keep demanding the truth.

Director | Jax Brady





Fremont | 12A

Thursday 1 October

7.30pm

Tickets £8 + booking fee

Donya (Anaita Wali Zada) is a young Afghan refugee living in Fremont, California. Previously a translator for the American army, she now spends her days working at a fortune cookie factory. Lonely in her new environment, she has trouble sleeping. She's trying to rebuild her life but is tormented by survivor's guilt for leaving her family and friends behind in Kabul. One day, in an attempt to connect with the wider world, she sends a personal message through a fortune cookie.

Tinged with wry, deadpan humour, *Fremont* is a delightful and visually captivating film. Winner of 7 international film awards.

© 2023 | United States | 1h 31m | 12A

Drama

Director: Babak Jalali

Starring: Anaita Wali Zada, Gregg Turkington, Jeremy Allen White

Languages: English, Dari, Cantonese with English subtitles

3RD THIRD THEATRE

Playhouse Creatures | April De Angelis

Thursday 8 - Saturday 10 October

7.30pm

Tickets £18 + booking fee

This tragi-comic play set in 1660s London, focuses on the first English actresses allowed on stage after the Restoration, and explores the lives, struggles and camaraderie of five women navigating a male-dominated world, dealing with sexual exploitation, ageing, and the fight for artistic freedom.

Bawdily funny yet profound, *Playhouse Creatures* explores the pitilessness of ageism and the need for economic independence. The play highlights the harsh realities of the early theatre scene, where actresses were often seen as 'animals' or 'creatures', rather than respected professionals.

Produced & Directed by Debby Wilkinson

Contains strong language & adult themes | Suggested age 14+



3rdthirdtheatre.co.uk

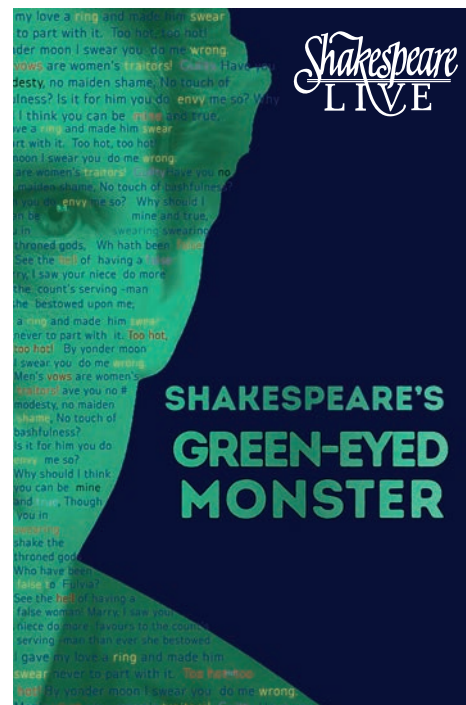
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Concorde Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordetheatricals.co.uk

A large, stylized number '60' with a dense, sparkling texture resembling diamonds or crystals. The number is set against a dark blue background with a subtle pattern.

Reg Charity: 1050079

**16th & 17th October 7.30pm
at Lavington School**

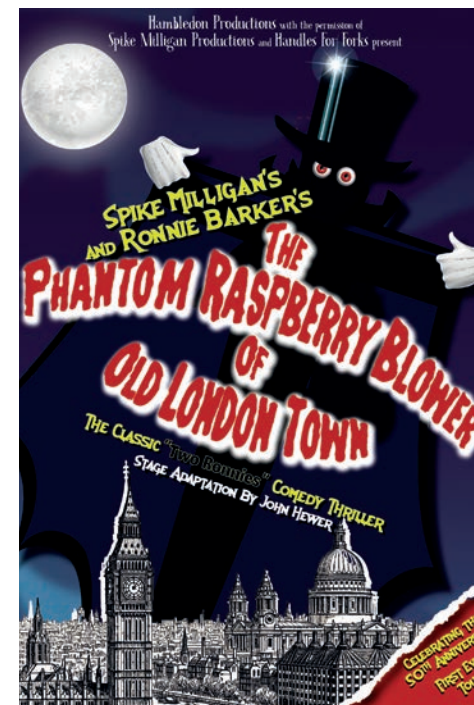
www.DevizesMusicalTheatre.co.uk



Tickets **£16** + booking fee

Jealousy and envy, powerful and destructive emotions that sow doubt, suspicion, disgust, anger and even murder. *Shakespeare's Green-Eyed Monster* is a full-length play created by director Gill Morrell for Shakespeare Live from extracts & quotes, some serious and even tragic, but others light-hearted and full of laughter.

shakespearelive.com



Tickets **£18** + booking fee

In Victorian England, a rotten, raspberry blower is claiming the lives of the upper-classes. The dark alleyways and moonlit graveyards of London are alive with the repetitive dins of the Phantom. Inspector Corner of the Yard and his faithful sidekick, Sergeant Bowles, are fed up with these din-dins. The case is afoot. Will the Phantom be unmasked? All will be revealed... particularly if the Phantom unmask himself.

hambledonproductions.com



La Traviata | Giuseppe Verdi

Tues 27 / Wed 28 / Fri 30 October | 7.30pm

Sat 31 October | 2pm Matinee

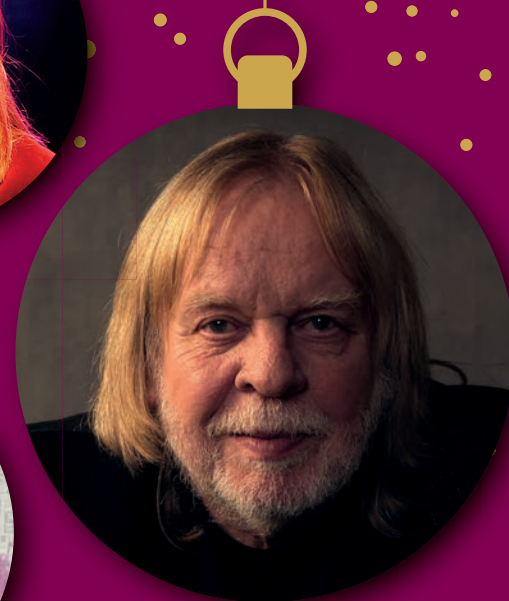
Tickets £20

La Traviata (meaning *The Fallen Woman*) is a tragic opera in three acts by Giuseppe Verdi. It tells the story of Violetta, a Parisian courtesan who falls in love with a nobleman named Alfredo. However, Violetta sacrifices their idyllic life together after being pressured by Alfredo's father to leave for the sake of his family's reputation, she reluctantly writes Alfredo a farewell letter and sets off for Paris. Amid all the tension and heartbreak there are some rousing party scenes but ultimately Violetta, having finally been reunited with Alfredo, tragically dies in his arms of tuberculosis - Sung in English.

Tickets available through Devizes Books & online
ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

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**LONGCROFT
PRODUCTIONS**



FAMILY

Please note:
Saturday 5 December Matinee
will be a relaxed performance

Peter Pan

Based on the book by J. M. Barrie

Thursday 3 – Saturday 12 December

7.30pm

2.30pm Saturday Matinee 5 & 12 Dec

No performance on Monday 7 Dec

Adults £18 | Youth U16 £16 + booking fee

Wendy Darling lives in Edwardian Devizes with her parents and two younger brothers. One December evening they find themselves transported to Neverland with the enigmatic Peter Pan, who has been secretly visiting their home in Le Marchant Barracks to listen to their bedtime stories. Once on the magical island, they meet the Lost Boys and the Flower People, but also find themselves drawn into a long-standing feud with the villainous Captain Hook.

With scenes of stage fighting, themes of youth, bravery and the bittersweet reality of growing up, along with songs that everyone will know, this year's Christmas show promises to combine all the fun of a magical world with the gradual realisation of the importance of family life.

Adapted & directed by Jessica Bone & Karen Ellis

Wharf Acting Company

Junior | School years 6 - 9

Senior | School years 10 - 13

The Junior Actors Company aims to build confidence and gain life and performance skills through drama games and improvisations. Students will rehearse and perform scenes from plays and devise their own. Our workshops are not only an opportunity to develop acting and drama skills, but to make friends and become confident young adults.

The Senior Actors Company bridges the gap between school drama offering you further practitioner knowledge, a chance to develop your performance skills and many opportunities to perform in our very own theatre. It is a chance to work with like-minded people once a week who share the same passion for drama.

Get involved!

More information online

Find enrolment details & term dates
via wharftheatre.co.uk | Get involved

There will be opportunities to perform in the theatre plus many audition opportunities within the Wharf's own company. Tailored for mixed abilities, this class allowing everyone to improve in confidence and skill and also have a lot of fun!



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The Valentine Letters

by Steve Darlow

Monday 25 - Saturday 30 January
7.30pm | 2.30pm Saturday Matinee
Adults £18 | Youth U16 £16 + booking fee

A poignant play exploring the real-life Second World War story of RAF airman and prisoner of war, John Valentine and his wife Ursula. Through their letters, the play delves into themes of love, resilience, and hope amidst the challenges of war. A moving testament to the human spirit.

The play is based upon the book *Geprüft* written by their daughter, Frances Zagni.

Director | Abigail Newton

GEPRÜFT



Wharf Acting Company

Adults | 18+

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The Adult Actors Company allows all participants of all abilities to have time out from adult life, to have fun and perhaps rekindle their love of drama from school days. If you are already a seasoned performer, you'll have the opportunity to expand on performance skills and develop a contextual understanding of practitioner theories looking at theatre throughout the ages.

There will be opportunities to perform in the theatre plus many audition opportunities within the Wharf's own company. Tailored for mixed abilities, this class allowing everyone to improve in confidence and skill and also have a lot of fun.



The Wharf Writers' Group

Nurturing Local Playwriting Talent

Find out more via
wharftheatre.co.uk/wharf-writers-group
or email hire@wharftheatre.co.uk

The Wharf Writers Group is all about developing your script-writing skills in a very friendly and positive atmosphere. We meet on Mondays, at a range of venues, where we read the work that we've written to get feedback on how to develop the pieces and, best of all, to hear voices other than our own say the words aloud.

We're currently working on some of our own pieces as well as an ambitious project to create a full length play made up of scenes created within a specific theme from our writers.

We'd love you to join us!

No experience is necessary; just a lively imagination and the desire to tell a story.



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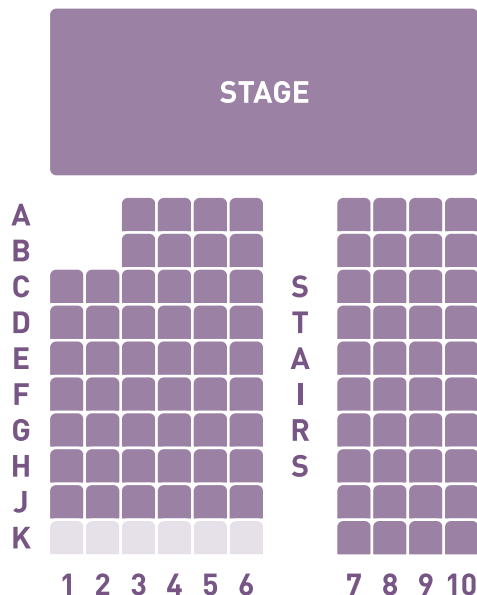
Hopton Industrial Estate SN10 2EU

Seating Plan

Induction loop for hearing aid users
Wheelchair friendly*
Level access to auditorium & toilets

How to find us

Sat Nav SN10 1EB
Follow signs for the Wharf Centre
Free parking from 6pm



Booking tickets

wharftheatre.co.uk
03336 663 366
Front of House
Devizes Community Hub & Library

*Please inform us if you are a wheelchair user at the time of booking. Seats available in Row A.

Please be assured that all of our seats offer an excellent, unobstructed view.



Online

When booking online you will be directed to the seating plan to choose from seats available. All major credit and debit cards are accepted and your tickets can be sent, printed at home or downloaded to your mobile.

Telephone

Calls are free on some mobiles or charged at no more than local rates. Please refer to the seating plan and our operators will endeavour to allocate your preferred seats. If these are not available they will advise you of the best alternatives.

Front of House

Open during all performances and any tickets which are already on release will be available for purchase. Credit, debit cards and cash will be accepted and tickets will be printed on payment.

Town Box Office

Tickets available to purchase in person from the Devizes Community Hub & Library, Sheep Street.

Refund Policy

We do not offer refunds on tickets. However, we will endeavour to resell your tickets on sold out performances.

Donate today!

JustGiving.com
fundraising@wharftheatre.co.uk

We all come to the Wharf Theatre to enjoy the various performances put on by our very talented actors, directors, behind the scenes crew, Front of House team and everyone that contributes to the running of the theatre. We also come to the theatre to meet friends, associates and fellow theatregoers before performances and during the interval to talk about the shows. Our bar & refreshments area is a good place to do this, and we want to make it more inviting and bring it up to date.



justgiving.com/campaign/wharftheatredevizesbarimprovements

This year we have put on a number of successful fundraising events including, a very popular quiz and a sold-out murder mystery evening. We have also been one of the Wyvern Clubs nominated charities who have been fundraising throughout the year. We created a JustGiving page, simply scan the QR code to donate as little or as much as you want.

We want to do more! We see these events as ways of raising funds and also getting like-minded people together in a fun and social setting. We will be running another quiz and I am sure another murder mystery performance! We want to run events that you want to come to, so if you have any ideas of what you would like to come along to, do get in touch via fundraising@wharftheatre.co.uk

Ever fancied helping Front of House?

More information via
foh@wharftheatre.co.uk

We always welcome volunteers to work in the bar, refreshments, Box Office or as Duty Manager. Please register your interest via email foh@wharftheatre.co.uk or talk with a member of staff for more information.

Thank you

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