



Hello Everyone – Well that was a bit of a curve ball! As we are scrambling to get up and running again we just need to look and see the rest of the world to know how lucky we are that we are able to start again, even if it is with bated breath.

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Kind Regards

Helen

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What's New?

HOT OFF THE PRESS!! A number of new plays in the past few months, and first especially for Little Grimley Fans!

Lockdown in Little Grimley

By David Tristram

Comedy

2 M 2 F

In a time of lockdown, the Chairman Gordon calls an emergency meeting, complete with social distancing, to discuss his idea for their next production when restrictions ease - a touching love story set in a hospital, with all profits destined for the NHS. But based on their previous efforts, will the NHS actually end up worse off?

LOCKDOWN is a new addition to the popular Little Grimley series, which follows the antics of a hapless Amateur Dramatic Society desperate for audiences, and it's a perfect fun-filled romp to kickstart your own society after lockdown.

The Lovely Bones

By Alice Sebold/Bryony Lavery

Drama

3 M 3 F 3 either

Susie Salmon is just like any other young girl. She wants to be beautiful, adores her charm bracelet and has a crush on a boy from school. There's one big difference though – Susie is dead. Now she can only observe while her family manage their grief in their different ways. Her father, Jack is obsessed with identifying the killer. Her mother, Abigail is desperate to create a different life for herself. And her sister, Lindsay is discovering the opposite sex with experiences that Susie will never know. Susie is desperate to help them and there might be a way of reaching them...

Alice Sebold's novel *The Lovely Bones* is a unique coming-of-age tale that captured the hearts of readers throughout the world. Award-winning playwright Bryony Lavery has adapted it for this unforgettable play about life after loss.

The Girl On The Train

Mystery/Thriller

By Rachel Wagstaff & Duncan Abel

4 M 3 F

Rachel Watson longs for a different life.

Her only escape is the perfect couple she watches through the train window every day, happy and in love. Or so it appears. When Rachel learns that the woman she's been secretly watching has suddenly disappeared, she finds herself as a witness and even a suspect in a thrilling mystery in which she will face bigger revelations than she could ever have anticipated.

Welcome To Our Village, Please Invade Carefully series 2 Comedy

by Eddie Robson

3 M 3 F

The small Buckinghamshire village of Cresdon Green is still suffering under the yoke of alien invasion. Well, we say 'suffering', quite a lot of the villagers don't seem bothered. But with this being a pilot scheme for a full-scale invasion of Earth, Katrina Lyons feels they ought to knock it on the head while they've got the chance, and then she can finally move out of her Mum and Dad's house and go back to her old life in London. But her entire resistance movement still consists of herself and local teenage stoner Lucy Alexander.

In the process of trying to outwit the alien commander Uljabaan, Katrina and Lucy are drawn into a sinister gardening project, must face a fate worse than death and prevent the invasion force's Computer falling in love with a virus. Can they get this minor part of the Genon military strategy cancelled? Is the Earth doomed if they can't? Or will the whole situation just sort of drag on and on?

3 Women

Comedy

By Katy Brand

3 F 1 M

3Women, the hilariously frank debut play from the award-winning comedian and writer Katy Brand, is a tale of female family bonding and buried resentment, it raises the question – what does it mean to be a woman in the twenty-first century?

This story places three generations of women and their own very different identities and opinions into one hotel suite for a single night of redemption. What will be revealed?

The Tyler Sisters

Comedy

By Alexandra Wood

3 F

Three women, forty years, one ever-evolving bond. Fake sick days, Stonehenge, roller skates, champagne and glow-in-the-dark stars. *The Tyler Sisters* is a funny, heartening exploration of time, and the unassuming moments that make up our lives. Alexandra Wood's innovative play explores the deep and unruly waters of sisterhood.

The Amber Trap

Drama

By Tabitha Mortiboy

3 F 1 M

Katie and her girlfriend Hope work at their local corner shop. The bell tinkles as familiar feet tread into the aisles, the sign swings gently from open to closed and they steal kisses beside tins of baked beans and instant noodles. For Katie, the little shop is a sanctuary. A place where she can hold onto Hope without anybody watching. But when new employee Michael arrives, everything unravels. He's lovely. He can juggle. He can name every bone in the human body. But as Michael is tugged into the tight knit universe of the corner shop, the sands start to shift and the air begins to thicken.

Native Gardens

Comedy

By Karen Zacarias

2 M 2 F

Pablo, a high-powered lawyer, and doctoral candidate Tania, his very pregnant wife, are realizing the American dream when they purchase a house next door to community stalwarts Virginia and Frank. But a disagreement over a long-standing fence line soon spirals into an all-out war of taste, class, privilege, and entitlement. The hilarious results guarantee no one comes out smelling like a rose.

Silver Lining

Dramatic Comedy

By Sandi Toksvig

1 M 6F

On one dark and stormy night in the upper day room of the Silver Retirement Home, five elderly women are trading stories of their remarkable (or sometimes unremarkable) lives. With the storm floods rising and no rescue team in sight, the ladies are faced with the sudden realisation that in order to survive they are going to have to do what they have done for their entire lives - do it themselves!



Zero Tolerance

Drama

By June Allen

4 m 4 F

They're taking a stand! Four senior friends decide that they're going to be noticed when they're out walking. No longer are they going to step aside in fear of being bowled over by the younger, fitter set. A declaration is made that there'll be zero tolerance of thoughtless pedestrians blocking their path. Being confused by annoying phone call identification process is something else that bothers these mature ladies. We hope you'll enjoy a good laugh over their experiences and their endeavours.



New Monologue and A Two Hander

Killymuck

Dark Comedy

By Kat Woods

1 F

A darkly comic play about class, poverty and the struggle to escape by award-winning playwright Kat Woods.

Killymuck is a fictitious housing estate built on a paupers' graveyard in 1970s Ireland. Inspired by real events, Kat Woods' play sees Niamh navigate the trials and tribulations of being a kid from the benefit class system. Educational barriers, lack of opportunity and the oppressive structures that are implicit in the cycle of impoverishment, all seem to conspire against the will to abdiccate the media constructed underclass stereotype.

Shafted

Drama

by John Godber

1 M 1 F

Shafted! moves forwards and backwards over time, starting after the Miners' Strike in 1984. Act I demonstrates the depression and hopelessness which engulfed a West Yorkshire mining village post the strike and the plethora of menial jobs which Harry found in order to try to make a living. By the late 1990s Dot had suggested they move to Bridlington to start a new life running a Boarding House. Act II starts in 2016 with Dot suffering from cancer, immobile in a wheelchair, the act moves backwards through the success of the boarding house and their new life together, to the time they left Upton to run the boarding house in the 1990s.

Musicals

Beverly Hillbillies - The Musical

Musical

by Amanda Rogers / Greg Opelka

5 M 6 F

When 17-year-old Elly May Clampett's father, Jed, unexpectedly strikes it rich, he moves his family from the Ozarks to Beverly Hills, California. Suddenly torn from her pig-farmer fiancé, Lyle, the beautiful but naïve tomboy is thrown into a world of debutante balls, polo matches and people mainly concerned with their place in society. Nearly taken in by a couple of scheming ne'er-do-wells—including seductive bad boy Justin—Elly proves traditional country virtue triumphs over slick city vice. She even manages to teach the villains a lesson in mercy. Elly's cantankerous Granny is there to put her two cents in, usually unsolicited. And cousin Jethro, a lovable galoot, comes to the rescue of a young L.A. damsel in distress. All while banker Millburn Drysdale and his faithful girl Friday, Jane Hathaway, do everything they can to keep Jed—and his millions—from leaving Beverly Hills. The Beverly Hillbillies, The Musical is a story about compassion and tolerance—with a little moonshine and Ozark stompin' thrown in to spice it all up

Golly Gee Wiz!

Youth Musical

By Joanne Bogart, Eric Rockwell

4 M 6 F + company

Winner of the National Youth Theatre Award for Outstanding New Musical and the Shubert Fendrich Memorial Playwriting Contest, this rousing show offers 10 spectacular musical numbers that give every young actor their moment in the spotlight! Golly Gee Whiz! is the quintessential "backyard musical," a loving tribute to the terrific Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland Hollywood film musicals of the 1930s and



40s. The residents of Happyville, USA, aren't all that happy. Usually loaded with a golly-gee-whiz sort of unstoppable optimism and ready to make the world a better place, they all seem to have come down with a case of boredom and grumps. They have good reason to feel so lousy. After all, it's the middle of the Great Depression. But that's when Mickey and Judy set 'em straight and get everyone to work to put on a show! Why, if they all pitch in together, they can do something good for the town and raise some money to help out the local businesses! By working together, they put on such a great show that folks come from miles around to see it, and re-establish Happyville as the bustling town that it once was.

A Christmas Story the Musical

Family Musical

By Joseph Robinette

15 M 10 F extras

This musical, which received rave reviews on its Broadway run, is based on the movie classic that runs round-the-clock on television every Christmas. Set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana, the musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts—an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle.

Rebuffed at every turn with a similar echoing response, Ralphie plots numerous schemes to achieve his desperate desire for the coveted BB gun. All the iconic scenes from the movie are here: Ralphie's friend, Flick, getting his tongue stuck to the flagpole; his brother, Randy, getting dressed in his snowsuit; the bullies, Farkus and Dill; the leg lamp award; the bunny suit; the Chinese restaurant; Christmas dinner; and many others. The delightfully versatile score ranges from gentle ballads to show-stopping full-ensemble numbers such as "Ralphie to the Rescue!," "A Major Award," "Sticky Situation," "Up on Santa's Lap," "Somewhere Hovering Over Indiana" and the inevitable "You'll Shoot Your Eye Out!" A Christmas Story, The Musical will bring an exciting new dimension to those who have seen the movie and will certainly stand on its own for those who haven't.

Flapper

Great for young or mixed ages

Musical

By Tim Kelly and Bill Francoeur

Flexible cast

The Roaring Twenties was such a colourful decade that the unbeatable team of playwright Tim Kelly and musician Bill Francoeur couldn't resist it! Come celebrate the era with them and meet Polly Pepper, a young flapper who really knows how to live in the time of Stutz Bearcat automobiles, Ziegfeld girls, raccoon coats, ukuleles, beauty contests, goldfish swallows, and gangsters. Polly's about to turn 18 and will then inherit a fabulous diamond necklace called the 'Ice Garden.' She's planning a madcap birthday party and inviting all her pals. However, with a friend like Susan Stuyvesant-Fish, she doesn't need any enemies! Polly's new boyfriend, Buck Wayne, wouldn't miss the birthday bash for anything, even if he has to land his private plane on the lawn of the polo grounds. But there's trouble ahead! Mobsters are planning to grab the necklace. But thanks to Polly, they're defeated in uproarious fashion. Meet fabulous characters like Mona of the Crazy Cat Club, Monica Woodsquirrel of Radio Station WWWW atop Hotel Times Square, crime fighter Lieutenant Fluke, mobsters trying to steal the necklace, and 'Flagpole Sitter' Lenny Knickerbocker. Not only does Polly save the necklace, she also saves her aunt from losing money in a confidence scheme and manages to become the star of the Ziegfeld Follies before she even cuts the cake! The songs are sensational, including 'The Roaring Twenties,' 'It Has to be Jazz,' 'Mona's Moaning Low,' 'Dijja Ever?' . Set on an open stage, this is a simple production with lots of small but funny roles. *Flapper* is the 'cat's meow,' so what are you waiting for? 'Ev'rybody Charleston' your way over to this sure-fire audience pleaser!

What's On around the Country

Title	Author	Group	Date
Vinegar Tom	Caryl Churchill	Titirangi Rudolf Steiner School	Aug 02 - Aug 04
The Visit	Friedrich Durrenmatt	Whakatane High School	Aug 03 - Aug 04
Road	Jim Cartwright	Whakatane High School	Aug 04 - Aug 05
Love And Information	Caryl Churchill	Glendowie College	Aug 04 - Aug 05
Enchanted April	Matthew Barber	New Plymouth Little Theatre Society	Aug 05 - Aug 15
Love And Information	Caryl Churchill	Mt Roskill Grammar School	Aug 05 - Aug 08
Bouncers (1990's Remix)	John Godber	Howick College	Aug 12 - Aug 14
Calendar Girls	Tim Firth	Gisborne Unity Theatre	Aug 13 - Aug 22
Steel Magnolias	Robert Harling	Dannevirke Theatre Company	Aug 13 - Aug 22
Black Comedy	Peter Shaffer	KeriKeri Theatre Company Inc	Aug 13 - Aug 15
Find Me	Olwen Wymark	Waimea College	Aug 13 - Aug 14
At The Sign Of The Crippled Harlequin	Norman Robbins	Dolphin Theatre Inc	Aug 14 - Aug 29
Waiting For God	Michael Aitkens	Titirangi Theatre Inc	Aug 18 - Aug 29
The House of Bernarda Alba	Frederico Lorca/ Jo Clifford	Howick College	Aug 18 - Aug 21
Heart's Desire	Caryl Churchill	University of Otago- Theatre Studies	Aug 20 - Aug 21
For All I Care	Alan Harris	Hagley Community College & Theatre Company	Aug 24 - Aug 29
Boeing Boeing	Marc Camoletti	Marlborough Repertory Soc Inc	Aug 26 - Sep 05
The Revlon Girl	Neil Anthony Docking	Stagecraft Theatre Inc	Aug 26 - Sep 05
The Lover	Harold Pinter	KeriKeri Theatre Company Inc	Aug 27 - Aug 29
Skylight	David Hare	Navi Collaborative	Sep 01 - Sep 12
One Man, Two Guvnors	Richard Bean	St Patricks College	Sep 01 - Sep 03
And Then There Were None	Agatha Christie	Whangarei Repertory Society (Octagon Theatre)	Sep 04 - Sep 20

When The Wind Blows	Raymond Briggs	Tauranga Repertory Society	Sep 04 - Sep 11
Twelve Angry Men	Sherman Sergal	St Johns College	Sep 08 - Sep 25
The Hound Of The Baskervilles	Steven Canny	Rosmini College	Sep 08 - Sep 10
Dancing At Lughnasa	Brian Friel	Tawa College	Sep 10 - Sep 12
Twelve Angry Men	Reginald Rose	Bob scott Retirement Village Playreaders	Sep 10 - Sep 12
The Real Inspector Hound	Tom Stoppard	Theatre Hawkes Bay	Sep 16 - Sep 27
Caramba's Revenge	William Norfolk	Rotorua Little Theatre Society Inc	Sep 16 - Sep 26
Proof	David Auburn	Evolution Theatre Company	Sep 17 - Sep 27
The Freedom Of The City	Brian Friel	Unitec New Zealand Ltd	Sep 17 - Sep 19
Sherwood The Adventures of Robin Hood	Ken Ludwig	Kings College	Sep 21 - Sep 22
PUFFS (one Act For Young Wizards)	Matt Cox	Takapuna Grammar School	Sep 21 - Sep 22
When They Go Low	Natalie Mitchell	Waiuku College	Sep 21 - Sep 22
The 39 Steps	Patrick Barlow	One Duck Productions	Sep 23 - Sep 26
The Breath Of Life	David Hare	Waiheke Theatre Company	Sep 24 - Sep 26
The Love Of The Nightingale	Timberlake Wertenbaker	Freyberg High School	Sep 24 - Sep 25
Twelve Angry Men	Sherman Sergal	Unitec New Zealand Ltd	Sep 24 - Sep 26
Exit Laughing	Paul Elliott	Limelight Theatre Company	Sep 30 - Oct 04
Waiting For God	Michael Aitkens	Elmwood Players	Sep 30 - Oct 10
The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe	Joseph Robinette	Howick Childrens & Youth Theatre Inc	Oct 01 - Oct 04
Educating Rita	Willy Russell	Te Awamutu Little Theatre	Oct 01 - Oct 11
Blue Stockings	Jessica Swale	Howick Childrens & Youth Theatre Inc	Oct 01 - Oct 04
Prepare To Meet Thy Tomb	Norman Robbins	Dargaville Little Theatre	Oct 02 - Oct 10
Lockdown in Little Grimley	David Tristram	Playing Around Productions	Oct 02 - Oct 31
Subculture	Steve Yockey	Hagley Community College & Theatre Company	Oct 13 - Oct 17

Very Still & Hard To See (A Short Play Cycle)	Steve Yockey	Hagley Community College & Theatre Company	Oct 13 - Oct 17
Large Animal Games	Steve Yockey	Hagley Community College & Theatre Company	Oct 13 - Oct 17
Like A Virgin	Gordon Steel	Inglewood Dramatic Soc	Oct 14 - Oct 24
Archangels Don'T Play Pinball	Dario Fo	Waiuku College	Oct 20 - Oct 21
Clara's On The Curtains!	Arthur Lovegrove	KeriKeri Theatre Company Inc	Oct 22 - Oct 24
Allo 'Allo	Jeremy Lloyd	Aubyn Live Theatre Inc	Oct 23 - Oct 31
The God Of Carnage	Yasmina Reza	Hawera Repertory Society	Oct 30 - Nov 07
A Chip In The Sugar	Alan Bennett	Napier Operatic Society	Nov 05 - Nov 07
Bed Among The Lentils	Alan Bennett	Napier Operatic Society	Nov 05 - Nov 07
Soldiering On	Alan Bennett	Napier Operatic Society	Nov 05 - Nov 07
Two	Jim Cartwright	Sahara Breeze Ltd	Nov 13 - Nov 29
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens / Michael Paller	Howick Little Theatre	Nov 14 - Dec 05
Present Laughter	Noel Coward	Canterbury Repertory Theatre	Nov 18 - Nov 28
A Kick In The Baubles	Gordon Steel	New Plymouth Little Theatre Society	Nov 25 - Dec 12
Mr. Burns - A Post Electric Play	Anne Washburn	Arcade Theatre Company	Dec 04 - Dec 19
Jekyll & Hyde	Evan Placey	The Court Theatre	Dec 09 - Dec 12