# Stoke-on-Trent Repertory Theatre

Summer 2024





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#### Welcome

Summer is finally on the way and over the next four months we are delighted to be welcoming a wide range of entertainment at the Rep with something for all ages.

The Repertory Players will be slapping on the sun cream in June when they head for the beach for their final production of the season, **Sand Castles**, by Bob Larbey, co-writer of the BBC's much-loved 1970s TV sitcom **The Good Life**.

Young theatre-goers (and the young at heart) will love Five Towns Theatre's production of *Honk*, a delightful musical interpretation of the famous Hans Christian Andersen story, *The Ugly Duckling*. Five weeks later Five Towns will be returning to the Rep with the musical *Made in Dagenham* which tells the story of the 1968 Ford sewing machinists' strike.

In July Scarlet Theatre will be taking audiences on a breath taking trip **Around the World in 80 Days**, and later that month local production company Set in Stone will be staging their play, **Trial**, an immersive drama experience based on a real life murder trial.

In addition to the productions we also have our regular visitors *Talon*, with their acoustic concert, and the final Harding Trust piano recital of the season featuring the ever-popular Martin James Bartlett, before closing our season with the powerhouse musical *We Will Rock You*, presented by Stoke Youth Musical Theatre.

It's going to be busy, it's going to be fun and we hope you'll come and join us and enjoy a great summer of entertainment.

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# SAND CASTLES

A COMEDY BY BOB LARBEY



### 11 ~ 15 June 2024

7.30pm Nightly & 2.30pm Saturday Matinée Stoke Repertory Theatre | Leek Road | Stoke-on-Trent | ST4 2TR

Tickets £14.50 | Saturday Matinée £11.50 Student/Children Concessions £10.50

Stoke Rep Players Box Office: 01782 209784
Email: BoxOffice@StokeRepPlayers.co.uk

Online: TicketSource.co.uk/StokeRepBoxOffice

(Online booking fee applies)

StokeRepPlayers.co.uk

# SAND CASTLES

A COMEDY
BY BOB LARBEY

Based on an idea by Trish Larbey

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A comedy in the true sense of the word, *Sand Castles* is a wonderful summer offering by the co-writer of BBC TV's *The Good Life*.

We all like to be beside the seaside and as everybody knows, an Englishman's home is his (sand) castle. Life's a beach for the Billets and the Pattersons who have been taking their holidays in the same English seaside resort for years and have turned the area around their beach huts into a cosy little fiefdom. However, this year, the arrival of Doug and his nubile nieces spells trouble. They just want to have fun in the sun and don't give a hoot for beach hut protocol.

How will the regular holidaymakers cope with a cast of characters who seem determined not to let them have it all their own way?

This amateur production of 'Sand Castles' is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



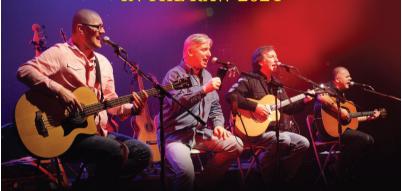
## **Stoke Repertory Theatre**

Leek Road • Stoke-on-Trent • ST4 2TR

Friday 3rd May 2024 7.30pm



IN THE RAW 2024



'In The Raw' features their own breathtakingly beautiful acoustic arrangements from the great singer-songwriters;
 James Taylor, Simon & Garfunkel, 10cc, CSN,
 Traveling Wilburys, Joni Mitchell, Billy Joel, Eagles,
 Pink Floyd, Toto, Bee Gees, and many more.

Sitting on bar stools and armed with no more than their trademark four-part vocal harmony, acoustic instruments and laid-back banter, Talon will leave you simply spellbound.

Tickets: £24 (incl. booking fee)

TICKETS: Music Mania • 01782 206000

3-6 Piccadilly Arcade • Hanley • Stoke-on-Trent ST1 1DL ONLINE: musicmaniauk.com

# STOKE-ON-TRENT REPERTORY THEATRE

Leek Road • Stoke-on-Trent • ST4 2TR



Thursday 9th May 2024 7.30pm

# **Martin James Bartlett**

Martin possesses a fearless technique and plays with a maturity and elegance beyond his years. Our audiences adore his style, witty personality and stage presentation and continually call for his return to the Rep Theatre. He will also take a morning Masterclass at the Rep on Friday 10th May. This will be his fifth appearance in our series which 'says it all'!

#### **SCHUMANN**

Kinderszenen

#### DEBUSSY

Arabesque No. 1 in E minor

#### RAVEL

Pavane pour une infante défunte

Le Tombeau de Couperin

#### INTERVAL

**GRANADOS** 

Goyescas, Op.11: El Amor y la Muerte

#### GINASTERA

Danzas Argentinas, Op.2

#### **GERSHWIN**

Three Preludes

Rhapsody in Blue (solo version)

TICKETS £27

Price includes a complimentary programme and interval wine or coffee/tea/fruit juice.

Available from:

**Music Mania** 01782 206000

www.musicmaniauk.com

Martin James Bartlett will take a morning Masterclass on Friday 10th May at 10.30am at the Rep Theatre.

Tickets will be issued to all Piano Masters season ticket subscribers when renewing their series ticket.

# Visiting Company Productions





This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI www.mtishows.co.uk



### THE UGLY DUCKLING MUSICAL

Music by George Stiles Book & lyrics by Anthony Drewe

# **Tickets from £15**

Book online at www.fivetownstheatre.org.uk or call 01782 321666

### Wednesday 22nd May -Saturday 25th May 2024

Evenings 7:30pm and 2:30pm Saturday Matinee

Stoke Rep Theatre Stoke ST4 2TR





Stoke Rep Theatre Leek Road, Stoke



(Mr / Mrs / Miss / Dr)

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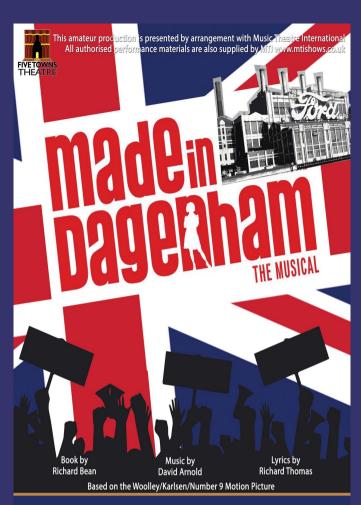
Winner of multiple awards, including the 2000 Olivier Award for Best Musical, this heart-warming celebration of being different is sure to delight audiences of all ages with its sparkling wit and memorable score.

Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out, despite his mother's protective flapping. Feeling rather foul about himself, the little fowl finds himself on adventure of self discovery all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way Ugly meets a whole flock of unique characters and finds out being different is not a bad thing to be.

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	Postcode				
Phone					
Email					
Please add me to the Five Towns Theatre mailing list (tick)					
	No. of Seats Required	Performance Total			
Wed 22nd May 2024 @ 7:30pm	@ £15	£			
Thu 23rd May 2024 @ 7:30pm	@ £15	£			
Fri 24th May 2024 @ 7:30pm	@ £15	£			
Sat 25th May 2024 @ 2:30pm	@ £15	£			
Sat 25th May 2024 @ 7:30pm	@ £17	£			
Cheques are to be made payable Five Towns Theat		£			

Please complete and return with payment & SAE to : Five Towns Theatre, 122 Westonfields Drive, Weston Coyney, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST3 5JH

Name



# Tickets from £15

Book online at www.fivetownstheatre.org.uk or call 01782 321666

# Wednesday 26th June - Saturday 29th June 2024

Evenings 7:30pm and 2:30pm Saturday Matinee

Stoke Rep Theatre Stoke ST4 2TR





#### Stoke Rep Theatre Leek Road, Stoke



# Box Office: 01782 321666 Buy Online: www.fivetownstheatre.org.uk

(Booking fees may apply)

Essex 1968. Like millions of other working women, each morning Rita O'Grady is just trying to get her husband out of bed, get the kids off to school and get to work at the factory on time. But life is about to change forever when it's announced that the girls in the stitching room of Ford's Dagenham car plant will have their pay grade dropped to 'unskilled'. Quickly drawing on a strength she never knew she had, Rita leads her friends in a battle against the might of Ford and the corruption of the Union supposed to protect them. As the girls' inspiring journey gets bigger than anyone could have imagined, the pressure is too much for some, but can Rita keep up the fight and the happy home she's worked so hard for?

Funny, touching and timeless, Made in Dagenham shows how ordinary people can do extraordinary

things when they stand together. Name (Mr / Mrs / Miss / Dr) Address \_ Postcode Phone **Fmail** Please add me to the Five Towns Theatre mailing list (tick) No. of Seats Performance Total Required Wed 26th June 2024 @ 7:30pm @ £15 £ Thu 27th June 2024 @ 7:30pm @ £15 £ Fri 28th June 2024 @ 7:30pm @ £15 £ Sat 29th June 2024 @ 2:30pm @ £15 £ Sat 29th June 2024 @ 7:30pm @ £17 £

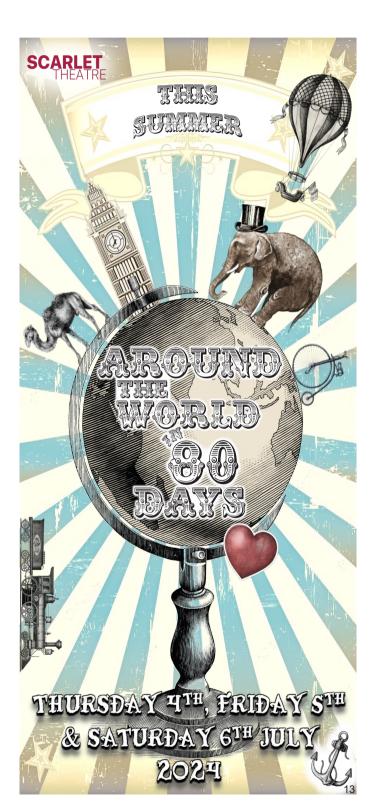
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**Five Towns Theatre** 





After reading in the newspapers that a new railroad in India has made it possible to travel around the world in 80 days, I laid a bet with my fellow members of the Reform Club that I would make the journey in 80 days or less; the wager is for the princely sum of £20,000 (half my fortune).

I invite you to join me and my loyal valet Passepartout, as we voyage from the misty alleys of Victorian London, across the subcontinent and on to the Wild West in an adventurous race against the clock.

A handful of actors take on over a hundred characters, six trains, six boats, four fights, two dances, one storm, a circus act and an elephant as Scarlet Theatre brings Jules Verne's much-loved family adventure, Around The World In 80 Days back to The Rep Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent this July!

With equal measures of laugh-out-loud comedy and nail-biting thrills, this new immersive theatrical adventure is a masterclass in multi-rolling and a feast for the senses!

Your Friend

Phileas Fogg

FRIDAY 544 & SATURDAY 644 THURSDAY 4HL JULY 2024

AT 7.BOPM

**BOOK ONLINE AT** WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/SCARLET-THEATRE

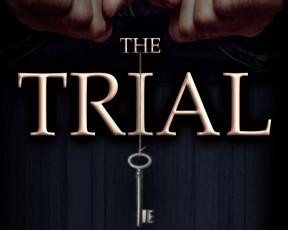






# YOU-THE JURY-DECIDE

AN IMMERSIVE JURY EXPERIENCE BASED ON A REAL MURDER TRIAL



A SET IN STONE THEATRE PRODUCTION

WRITTEN BY

CATHERINE O'REILLY & TIM CHURCHILL

DIRECTED BY

ROBERT MARSDEN

JULY 16TH - 20TH 2024

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# TRIAL

Guy Fraser stands accused of murder. He is adamant he is innocent. However Fraser has no alibi. But the police have no body.

Join us in this immersive courtroom drama unlike any other, where the audience, you, become the jury.

Watch the trial unfold, assess the witnesses, ask the judge the questions you need answering and consider the Barristers closing speeches.

Guilty or Not Guilty.

You decide.

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# Stoke Youth Musical Theatre Company

proudly presents an amateur production presented by arrangement with

Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW)

### THE WORLDWIDE SMASH HIT MUSICAL WITH THE SONGS OF QUEEN



# Tuesday 30th July to Saturday 3rd August 2024

Nightly at 7.30 p.m. Matinee performance on Saturday 3rd August

# Stoke Repertory Theatre

Leek Road. Stoke-on-Trent ST4 2TR

Ticket Hotline: 01782 616486 Online Bookings:









# Music & Lyrics by **QUEEN**Story & Script by **BEN ELTON**

Young@Part Edition adapted by Marc Tumminelli & originally workshop at Broadway Workshop in NYC. **WE WILL ROCK YOU** tells the story of a globalised future without musical instruments. A handful of rock rebels, the Bohemians, fight against the all-powerful Globalsoft company and its boss, the Killer Queen; they fight for freedom individuality and the rebirth of the age of rock.

#### The amazing musical score includes ...

'Don't Stop Me Now', 'Radio Ga Ga', 'I Want To Break Free', 'Bohemian Rhapsody', Somebody To Love', 'Another One Bites The Dust' 'We Are The Champions' & 'No One But You'

Performance	Time	Price	Tickets
Tuesday 30th July 2024	7.30 p.m.	£15.00	
Wednesday 31st 2024	7.30 p.m.	£15.00	
Thursday 1st August 2024	7.30.p.m.	£15.00	
Friday 2nd August 2024	7.30 p.m.	£15.00	
Saturday 3rd August Matinée	3.30.p.m.	£15.00	
Saturday 3rd August Evening	7.30 p.m.	£15.00	

To book your tickets online, click on the link from our website (www.stokeyouth.org) or go direct to www.ticketsource.co.uk/ stokeyouth to purchase your tickets simply and safely with a debit or credit card. Once your booking has been made, you will receive an email confirmation with your e-ticket/s attached for you to print off and bring to the theatre with you. If you prefer, there is an option to have your e-tickets posted to you for a small additional fee. You can also book your tickets through any Stoke Youth Member.

If booking by post, please enclose a cheque (made payable to 'SYMTC') for the relevant amount together with a stamped addressed envelope and a careful note of your ticket requirements on this form and send it to SYMTC Ticket Secretary, 4 Kingsdown Mews, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 4NJ.

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	Telephone No:
Email:	

#### Information

**CAR PARKING:** Free car parking is available at the theatre.

Overspill parking is available in the Staffs University car park on the lefthand side of the drive-in. Please check university carpark notice boards for parking terms, conditions and fees (when applicable). Neither The Rep nor the University can be held responsible for damage to, or loss of yehicle.

**COFFEE BAR:** Coffee, tea and confectionery are available in the foyer 45 minutes prior to performance.

**THEATRE BAR:** Open 45 minutes prior to performance and for a limited time following the end of the performance.

Interval drinks may be pre-ordered.

Please note: Drinks are not allowed to be removed from the bar.

**ACCESS FACILITIES:** We have designated car parking spaces and level ground-floor access to the foyer and auditorium where wheelchair access is available on Row B. Guide dogs are welcome and there is an induction loop provided for the use of hearing aid users.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING:** To comply with copyright regulations, the use of cameras and recording equipment is not allowed in the theatre.

#### Come and Join Us

**BECOME A MEMBER:** At The Rep we have room for every kind of talent - acting, directing, set design and construction, technical wardrobe, props, front-of-house, administration and publicity.

All the staff you see at The Rep are unpaid volunteers and we are always grateful for help and welcome new members.

#### **Booking Information**

ONLINE BOOKING: at www.stokerep.info

#### REPERTORY PLAYERS PRODUCTIONS:

BOX OFFICE TELEPHONE: 01782 209784.

**SEAT PRICES:** See individual play details and our season ticket package. **REFUNDS & EXCHANGES:** Tickets cannot be refunded. They can be exchanged for another performance at a charge of 50p per ticket.

Latecomers may not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance in order to avoid distracting other patrons.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The Repertory Theatre Box Office only handles ticket sales for Repertory Players' productions.

To purchase tickets for the one night concerts or

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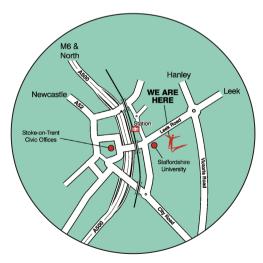
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