

#### **Dear Headteacher**

This is our **30th** year of providing exciting workshop opportunities for every child in the Henley and district schools as part of the Henley Youth Festival.

We are offering some great workshop opportunities for you to book.

Please review the details below and complete the separate Application Form which gives detailed performance times.

As previously, we would like you to tell us which sessions you do NOT want to attend in addition to those you would be able to attend, as this makes the distribution of places easier.

The theme this year is 'My Favourite Things'. We hope that the workshops will fuel creativity and spark imaginations. Please encourage the students to enter the Writing, Art and Film Competitions, as well as taking part in the Performing Arts events too.

If you have any queries after you have read the information please contact: Daniel Sadler by email: dan38sadler@icloud.com (Tel: 07776303858).

The completed Application Form should be sent to Daniel by email to dan38sadler@icloud.com by the deadline of 31 January 2024

The Henley Youth Festival is extremely grateful for the generous sponsorship by local businesses and organisations, without which the Festival would not be able to take place.



### **Performances\***

### Young Shakespeare Company – "A Midsummer Night's Dream"





www.youngshakespeare.org.uk

Four Young Shakespeare Company actors perform Shakespeare's enchanting comic tale in a fast-moving fully-costumed interactive production. The play is brought vividly to life for the children, at times including the whole audience to create such enchanting scenes as the bustling Athenian market and the wood full of mysterious fairies and sprites. The performance concludes with the market traders' hilarious rendition of 'Pyramus and Thisbe'.

Throughout the performance the children become actively involved in the play through a carefully structured range of drama and language activities. They are encouraged to explore the motives, thoughts and feelings of the characters, exploring in detail how Hermia and her friends feel at every twist and turn of their confused night in the forest. Volunteers from among the children are also chosen to become individual characters in the story and all the children have the opportunity to speak and enjoy Shakespeare's words in short, accessible sections.

The performances are for years 5 and 6.

4 x 1.5 hour performances in schools 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Scarlet Oak Theatre – "Along Came A Magpie"



"A heartwarming story about friendship, compromise and the joy of sharing a cup of tea!"

In the intimate setting of a potting shed, we meet our Gardener. She loves the smell of the flowers, the feel of the earth and watching her plants bloom. But along came a magpie who turns her potting shed upside down! Making friends is lots of fun, but can sometimes be tricky. Join our gardener and magpie on this playful and heart warming journey as they navigate the intricacies of friendship.

Featuring puppetry, plants and lots of pots, this forty minute adventure is designed to delight ages 2-6 and their grownups.

The performances are for years Reception/1/2/3

8 x 1 hour performances in schools 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024





### Stefan Gates 'The Rude Science Show'



BBC Gastronaut Stefan Gates takes you on a funny, cheeky, thoroughly disgusting but utterly scientific multimedia journey through the human body from head to bottom, with lots of spectacular science stunts and audience interaction. There'll be edible bogies, cooking in vomit, farts, faeces and urine as well as live insects and some VERY weird food. Stefan is renowned for his world-class science and food shows. 5yrs+

The performances are for years 4 and 9.

Two Performances on Thursday 7th March 2024 at the Kenton Theatre

### Globe Players – 'An Inspector Calls'



https://theglobeplayers.com/an-inspector-calls/

This exciting new presentation of An Inspector Calls for secondary schools is proving extremely popular. Each turn of the plot draws gasps from the students – even those already familiar with the text. Key scenes from the play are used, as we examine the willingness, or otherwise, of the various members of the family to take responsibility for the death that, according to Inspector Goole, has occurred. We also look at the play's structure, the use of language, historical context and the different character types represented.

The performances are for years 10 and 11.

Two Performances on Wednesday 6th March 2024

<sup>\*</sup>Performances may incur a small cost per child.



### Workshops

Artist: Michaela Clarke

Workshop Name: Create 'n Make – artwork on our 'My Favourite Things' theme

#### **Workshop Description:**

Michaela has a knack for pitching her art at the younger pupils producing wonderful original individual and collaborative artworks. In her 1 hour workshops children will create artwork on our 'My Favourite Things' theme.

Each one hour workshop will be based in your school.

Years: 1 - 4

**Requirements from the school:** Class teacher and support teacher, classroom space, aprons.

Artist provides: all materials

Please see some of Michaela's fantastic art at http://www.createnmake.com

**Artist:** Emily Cooling

Workshop name: Artwork on our 'My Favourite Things' theme



#### Workshop description

Emily Cooling is the heart and soul of Creating ART. She is an artist above all, but she is also something more unique — a born educator. She works with people of all ages and literally all walks of life, delivering amazing workshops, installations and events throughout Oxfordshire and beyond.

Emily is an accomplished artist who will visit schools delivering workshops aimed at producing artwork for display based on our 'My Favourite Things' theme.

Years: 3 - 6

**Requirements of school:** 2 support teachers, classroom space, tables, chairs, aprons, sink and water, electric point.

Artist provides: all materials

Please see Emily's fantastic website <a href="https://www.creatingart.co.uk/">www.creatingart.co.uk/</a>





Artist: Camilla Shelley

Workshop name: A Mini Museum of My Favourite Things

**Workshop description:** A 1.5 hour morning or afternoon session with Camilla Shelley for up to 30 children: look at, touch and pass around some very special museum objects with stories to tell. Bring in a couple of your own favourite things. Then make drawings and 'pop ups' to create your own mini museum in a box.

**Years:** Secondary School – please enquire with Daniel

**Requirements:** Drawing materials and glue will be provided. Children will be asked to supply a box of some kind: this could be a shoe box, a cereal box or similar. Schools to supply scissors.



Artist: Kathryn Fell, Photography

Workshop name: Digital Portraits

A 50 minute workshop that will teach children the basics of taking digital photographs.

It should be noted no photographs of children will be taken or used in this workshop.

**Years: 5/6** 

Artist provides: will use props available in normal school environment. School to ensure that children to have bring in a smart phone or tablet per two children. Access to school internet.

**Requirements of school:** Minimum of 2 support staff. School to ensure that children to have bring in a smart phone or tablet per two children. Access to school internet.

Kathryn Fell is a local Professional photographer, specialising in Family portraits, Weddings, Food, Events, Commercial photography as well as teaching Digital SLR photography workshops and Smart Phone Photography for Business Social media.

www.kathrynfellphotography.co.uk

Instagram www.instagram.com/kathrynfellphotography



Artist: Wise Moves Dance

Workshop Name: Senjuti- Bhangra Dance Workshop



**Workshop Description:** Wise Moves are the UK's leading provider of cultural arts based workshops and performance to events organisers within the education, corporate and public sector. In this lively and joyous workshop children learn how to dance Bhangra. The workshop will be made up of up to five, 1 hour sessions in a day- all in the same school which can accommodate up to 30 students per session.

Years: Please enquire with Daniel

**Requirements from School:** Class teacher and support and large class room space or hall/and or outdoor space.

https://wisemovesdance.co.uk/

#### Flamenco classes



Tailored to any age group from Year 2 upwards, children will have lots of fun watching a flamenco performance, before learning about how flamenco developed and how a flamenco group is formed.

We then move on to trying out some flamenco footwork and movements - children love delving into my flamenco fancy dress box too!

'Danielle had myself and the children enthralled with her flamenco performances! The sessions were jam packed with content on dance and Spanish culture, which she tailored to our topic unit, 'Geographical Neighbours'. I love that there was a focus on men and boys in dance, which encouraged our boys to put forward their best effort! Every child learned a thing or two about flamenco and it was enjoyable for all (children and staff alike)!'

#### **Next steps:**

If you would like to book spaces for your class, please complete the **separate Application**Form and return to **Daniel Sadler at dan38sadler@icloud.com** by **31 January 2024** 

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