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THEATRE Living Spit

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PARKING Two free public car parks on Great Western Road, BS21 6HB, a 5 minute walk from Theatre Shop. B&M Bargains car park, two minutes away, offers unrestricted parking after 5pm.

SEATS Please note that seats are unreserved.

TICKET OFFERS – NEW THIS SEASON!

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ACCESS INFORMATION

Theatre Shop: Level access to theatre space from street, but nearest public accessible toilet facility is in Queens Square, just outside the shop. Wheelchair spaces available. Parking 300m away. For all enquiries re: access and parking, please call Theatre Shop 07702 804118.

VOLUNTEERING

Theatre Shop's brilliant volunteers work with Theatre Orchard and Living Spit to keep the show on the road. If you'd like to lend a hand, please drop us a line.

📞 GET IN TOUCH

Theatre Shop, Unit 5, Queens Square, Clevedon, BS21 6HX • 07702 804118

🎙 HOW ТО ВООК

Online at

www.theatreshop.org.uk (no booking fee)

or call 0333 666 3366 (£1.50 booking fee).

THANK YOU

Theatre Shop is only possible thanks to our many local partners and supporters, including Clevedon Town Council and Theatre Shop 100 Club.

ABOUT THEATRE SHOP

Theatre Orchard and Living Spit met in 2012. Their eyes locked across a crowded room and they decided to get together and turn an empty shop into a theatre.

They named their bundle of joy "Theatre Shop". It's 5 years old this year and is co-run by them in collaboration with a steering group of lovely local people.

Find out more about what else they're up to at www.theatreorchard.org.uk and www.livingspit.co.uk



THEATRE SHOP BAR

Our bustling bar is brimming with locally produced beverages to tempt you both before and after shows. Open for pre-show drinks 30 minutes in advance.

"The sun is up, the sky is blue, there's not a cloud to spoil the view."

That's what Buddy Holly said, like, ages ago. But whilst it was raining in his heart, we're going to make sure it won't rain in yours by bringing you a brand-new season at the Theatre Shop.

Now people often look at us, guizzically, and say to us "Guys, what is Theatre Shop? I'm so confused. Is it a theatre or is it a shop?" To which we reply, "It's a theatre in a shop." To which they say "Wow. That sounds kinda weird. How does it work?" To which we say "Well, what we've done is turn an empty shop unit into a 90-seat theatre. And then put a cool bar upstairs where you can have a drink before and after each show, and even in the middle if there's an interval." To which they say "Okay, I'm starting to understand. Actually that sounds like a really great idea. I wish I'd thought of it." To which we reply "Well you didn't. We did." To which they reply "Alright there's no need to be so smug." To which we reply "Sorry. It's just that we're really proud of it." To which they reply "That's okay. I don't blame you for being proud. Like I said, it's a really great idea. If I were to visit, what sort of stuff could I see there?" To which we say "Loads of different stuff." To which they say "I was hoping you might be a bit more specific." To which we say "Shall I give you a run down of the forthcoming season?"

To which they say "Yes please." To which we say "Okay. So here goes... This season we've got brilliant puppets from Pickled Image with "Woodland Tales with Granddad", a world-premiere of "The Time Machine" from North Somerset's very own Mumblecrust Theatre, Theatre Shop favourites Living Spit are back with their "Living Quiz", "Les Gloriables" from



"Gloriator" creators Spitz & Co, "Sing Happy" from the amazing Kate Dimbleby and poetry from the nationally renowned Luke Wright with "Poet Laureate". Plus loads more!" To which they reply "Like what?" To which we reply "Here, take a brochure." To which they reply "Looks amazing. Where can I buy tickets?" To which we reply "Head to www.theatreshop. org.uk" To which they reply "Great. I will. Really nice to talk to you." To which we reply "You too. What you up to Saturday night?" To which they reply "Nothing." To which we reply "Fancy seeing a show. then dinner or something?" To which they reply "Yeah. Definitely. I thought you'd never ask..."

The Theatre Shop team



LET ME LOOK AT YOU

STARVING ARTISTS

④ 7.30 PM

£12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY.

Ø AGE 14+

Q: What's so funny about being gay? A: Let Me Look At You.

'Let Me Look At You' is the newest performance piece from award-winning Starving Artists Theatre Company. Stand-up meets solo theatre in this personal story from the gay "movement" as a fifty-something gay man shares his misadventures while quietly having a nervous breakdown himself.

On the fiftieth anniversary of the UK's Sexual Offences Act, the show flags up the oftignored warning: things haven't changed all that much. Having won two Fringe First awards (Road Movie, Viper's Opium) and celebrated for their combined talents as writer and performer, Godfrey Hamilton and Mark Pinkosh (partners on stage and off for 30 years) present their latest collaboration.

WINNER THE STAGE AWARD & MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS AWARD

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FESTIVAL LIST

SAT 6 APRIL GREATEST SPITS ALBUM LAUNCH LIVING SPIT

O 8PM												
🗣 £12												
Ø AGE 1	2+					•••						



Howard, Stu and Craig AKA Living Spit got together 7 years ago in 2012 and have done 14 shows since then. All but two of these shows have been performed here at the Theatre Shop. (Which two? A prize for the first person to answer. Email livingspit@ mail.com). Anyway, all these shows have had loads of songs in them. They made CDs of the first few shows, but quickly realised that they couldn't really be bothered, preferring instead to stay at home and count the mountains of cash they were earning from touring the country with their unique brand of musical comedy. People started to ask them when there would be a new CD and they felt really guilty.

Then Howard chanced upon an amazing idea. "How about we make a greatest hits album to include such hits as 'Anne of Cleves', 'Pig Pig Pig', the entire 'War in 15 Minutes' and fleece our loyal, loving audience for a bit more moolah?" "Brilliant idea" said Stu. Then Craig piped up "Sounds a bit cynical and opportunistic". "It's alright" said Stu "We'll do an album launch to raise funds for the Theatre Shop and play all the songs off the album for our aforementioned loyal and loving audience then people will think we're really magnanimous while being unaware of our real motives. Mwwwaaahhaaahhaaa!"

So here it is. The album launch for "Greatest Spits".

FRI 12 APRIL WOODLAND TALES WITH GRANDDAD PICKLED IMAGE

Directed by Emma Williams Written by Hattie Naylor

① 11AM AND 2PM

 £7 OR £25 FOR A FAMILY TICKET OF 2 ADULTS AND 2 CHILDREN OR 1 ADULT AND 3 CHILDREN.
 Ø AGE 3+

Briarbush the old dog fox can sense a change in the air...

On the eventide of the Summer Solstice, he returns home to his den after a long day's hunting to find his neighbours from the opposite valley distraught and scared. They have a message which could affect the future of his beloved woods. Briarbush turns to the only human he can trust – a kindly man known to others as Granddad. Is there enough time for him to help and can the woodland be saved? Find out in this enchanting new family show with an important environmental message.

"MAGICAL, BEGUILING, EMOTIONAL & EYE-WIDENINGLY BEAUTIFUL"

BRISTOL 24/7 FOR 'YANA AND THE YETI'

FRI 19 & SAT 20 APRIL THE TIME MACHINE MUMBLECRUST THEATRE

2PM & 5PM
£5
AGE 4+



COME AND SEE THE EXCITING FIRST INSTALMENT OF 'SHOPLIFTING', THEATRE SHOP'S ARTIST DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

With our help, awardwinning Mumblecrust Theatre have developed a brilliant new family show an adaptation of HG Wells' The Time Machine - that will be touring nationally from September 2019. At just £5 a ticket, we'd love as many people as possible to time-travel with us and give feedback! "A Victorian scientist perfects his invention, the world's first Time Machine! Who believed the crazy contraption would actually work and launch him 800,000 years into the future?! He finds a race of cute creatures the size of teddy bears, frolicking in a dreamlike paradise. Everything seems perfect... or is it? In the shadows, pale eyes watch him and creeping feet disturb his sleep. In the future, monsters are very real indeed."

Returning to Theatre Shop after their packed out performances of The Tale of the Cockatrice in 2017, Mumblecrust re-imagine HG Wells' thrilling Sci Fi classic with lashings of humour, award-winning puppetry, music and storytelling.

> **WINNER** Best Newcomer, Brighton Fringe 2017

WINNER Best Children's Show, Brighton Fringe 2017

"A GENUINE WORK OF ART" ***** THE VOICE ON THE TALE OF THE COCKATRICE



TUE 23 APRIL AFTERMIRTH DAYTIME COMEDY CLUB CURATED AND

COMPERED BY ANGIE BELCHER

① 11AM-12.30PM

8£ 🏈

Ø AGE – STRICTLY ADULTS ONLY (WITH ACCOMPANYING BABIES)

PLEASE NOTE! THERE'S LIMITED SPACE, DITCH THE BUGGY AND BRING A SLING IF YOU CAN. THE EVENT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR BABIES OVER 18 MONTHS OLD. The journey of parenthood is a magical and maddening one so what better way to cope with it than through comedy? Award-winning stand up comedian Angie Belcher presents a daytime comedy club strictly for adults, containing mature content, sweary words and the odd birth story flashback! We'll provide the toys and the funnies, all you have to do is bring your baby.

The gig has reduced amplification and a dimmed room so no one will notice those red eyes from sleepless nights and it's fine to bottle, breast or Haribo feed. There will also be drinks and snacks in the bar, so you can actually eat yourself!

The gig is open to parents, Aunts, Uncles, Grans, carers, in fact anyone who needs some daytime comedy and doesn't mind some cute babies in attendance.

THU 25 APRIL LES GLORIABLES SPITZ & CO

④ 7.30PM	
£12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY	
Ø AGE 13+	

Following on from the success of 'Gloriator' and 'Glorilla', comedy duo Spitz & Co are proud to present the third and final show of their trilogy.

Inspired by Victor Hugo's classic novel, Les Misérables, legendary French actress Gloria Delaneuf is determined to create a piece of theatre with the power to reunite Europe. She has dreamed a dream, and her hapless assistant Josephine has promised to build a barricade. Vive la Revolution!





FRI 26 APRIL

JOHN PEEL'S SHED & CIRCLED IN THE RADIO TIMES

JOHN OSBORNE

⑦ 7.30PM

	£12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY
0	AGE 15+

Writer, theatre maker and Radio 4 favourite John Osborne returns to the stage, this time with a double bill of two storytelling shows. Cult Edinburgh sellout show 'John Peel's Shed' - a show about radio, music and a box of records that once belonged to Radio 1 DJ John Peel is performed alongside 'Circled in the Radio Times', a show about a collection of old magazines and the changing ways all of us watch television.

I COULD HAVE LISTENED FOR HOURS" ***** THE INDEPENDENT

FREE

LIVING SPIT

 7.30PM
 £12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY
 Ø AGE 12+

DO YOU LIKE QUIZZES?

a) Yes!b) No. Can't stand 'em.

c) Oh, what a novel way to begin a blurb for a show. I'm intrigued to see where this goes...

2. DO YOU ENJOY BEING ENTERTAINED?

a) Yes, of course! It's my favourite thing ever!b) No, I'm essentially a soulless, empty husk of a human being.c) I wish I'd never picked up this brochure now.

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If you answered mostly A's, then Living Spit's Living Quiz is for you!

The Living Quiz is a quiz night with a twist! Every question is performed live: acted, sung, mimed or danced by Living Spit's very own Howard Coggins and Stu Mcloughlin!

Armed with just a Guitar, a Double Bass and a Ukulele, they mix improvisation techniques with their own inimitable performance style and apply them to the tired old 'Pub Quiz' format, resulting in a unique, live quiz experience that's never the same twice. So grab your Granny, corrall your colleagues, muster your mates and assemble yer in-laws! Form your team and compete to win a very special, mystery star prize...After you've quizzed with Living Spit, you'll know you've been quizzed with!

"A BRILLIANT FEAST OF FUN... THESE HUGELY TALENTED COMEDIC ACTORS KEPT THE AUDIENCE CAPTIVATED AND TICKLED PINK FOR TWO GLORIOUS HOURS."

PIERS MCBRIDE, THE NORTH

MCLOUGHLIN

THU 2 - MON 13 MAY NORTH SOMERSET ARTS WEEK

Once again Theatre Shop is a venue in the bi-annual North Somerset Arts Week. Come and see the best that North Somerset artists have to offer in our little theatre in a shop!



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FRI 17 MAY HOT FLUSHES

DOCUMENTAL THEATRE

 7.30PM
 £12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY
 AGE 12+

"CUNNINGLY CONSTRUCTED AND GLORIOUSLY SUNG"

LYN GARDNER, THE GUARDIAN ON 'SCORE'

A Country and Western musical about BHS.

It's 2016. Lady Green is on her £100m SuperYacht, Sir Green is taking questions from the Select Committee, and Annie, who has worked thirty years for BHS, is reeling from the loss of her pension.

Croydon branch is closing but there's no closure for Annie, not even in the stoic lyrics of her favourite Country songs. That's until a chance encounter in the ladies' fitting rooms with a member of the National Rifle Association. It seems Annie has a lot to learn from the women of the Round Rock chapter of the Well-Armed Woman...

A selected play for Bristol Old Vic Open Session 2018/19, Hot Flushes re-imagines the BHS pension crisis and gives it a different ending. With catchy original songs, one-liners and two hard-to-forget homicidal, menopausal heroines, Hot Flushes is probably the only show you'll see this year that puts chutzpah and footspa in the same lyric.

THU 30 MAY PASSIONATE MACHINE ROSY CARRICK

WINNER BEST NEW PLAY, BRIGHTON FRINGE 2018

 7.30PM
 £12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY
 AGE 12+

> "BAGS OF WIT AND WITH ENORMOUS HEART... CARRICK HAS CRAFTED SOMETHING GENUINELY ONE OF A KIND."

> > EXEUNT

rewrite history and save herself. Winner of The Infallibles Award for Theatrical Excellence and Brighton Fringe's Best New Play Award 2018, Passionate Machine is a playful, intelligent and searingly honest story about obsession, salvation and finding yourself – literally.

Remember P.E. kit. Cancel Free Trial. Call Mum. Everyone writes instructions to their future selves. But what if the future starts writing back?

Rosy Carrick has to build a time machine - because her future self has already done so and is now stuck 100 years in the past... Thus begins a complex and original blend of science, Schwarzenegger and selfdetermination as Rosy attempts to



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From Off-Broadway to Curry Mallet Village Hall, Kate takes her one-woman shows all over the world. This new show, created with Cal McCrystal (Paddington, One Man, Two Guvnors), is designed to have you singing and laughing along. Kate weaves classic popular songs with stories about the human voice as well as mesmerising layered vocals from her critically acclaimed album 'Songbirds'.

Using a looper sitting on an ironing board, Kate reinvents this show for each performance with her audience.

THU 6 JUNE VERY MODERN SARAH CORBETT

FRI 7 JUNE

⑦ 7.30PM

Ø AGE 10+

OFFERS APPLY

SING HAPPY

KATE DIMBLEBY

♦ £12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET

"RIVETING"

★★★★★ MAIL ON SUNDAY

"A MUST-SEE SHOW

SUNDAY TIMES

⑦ 7.30PM

 £12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY
 Ø AGE 12+

Very Modern homages a modernist age and an ideology for a better, brighter future.

At the height of Lido culture, with its forward thinking and ambitious overall concept of rejuvenating air, sun and water, lidos gave communities a sociable, open air place to swim.

The Swimmer emerges at a poolside of nostalgic optimism and celebrates a golden age of swimming. She's an athlete of the imagination navigating the bold architectural aspirations of modernist Britain from the local lido to the purpose built housing estate. As the tides turn on fortune, and with resilience and foolhardy optimism, she portrays a brave testimony to an ideal and a future lost.



FRI 14 JUNE **POET LUKE** WRIGHT

 7.30PM
 £12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY
 Ø AGE 14+ Luke Wright seeks poetry's top job. Has own quill.

With a new Poet Laureate due in 2019, Wrighty's chucking his hat in the ring. But he's a dark horse at best. He turned down his last invite to Buck House and he's really got to stop penning onevowelled invectives about Tory politicians if he's to get a look in.

So he's on a mission to reinvent his poetry, to unite rather than divide. But can one poet ever really represent an entire nation? And just who are these previously laurelled rogues? Luke delves into the murky world of poets laureate past, while serving up a sparkling set of new poems.

AN EVENING OF LIGHT OPERA & SHOW TUNES

WITH TERESA DE ROBERTO

 7.30PM
 £12. GROUP AND MULTI-BOOKING TICKET OFFERS APPLY
 AGE 10+

Teresa De Roberto began her training at the Italia Conti Academy of Performing arts, London, where she received the Singer of the Year Award. Since then she has showcased her voice worldwide including performing with renowned opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa for the BBC and touring her classical crossover show across the world.

Teresa is absolutely delighted to be coming back "home" to perform in 2019, so come along to this intimate event and she'll take you on her musical journey from Puccini to Lloyd Webber and everything in between. With her big voice and even bigger personality, Teresa will have you laughing, crying and singing all in one sitting.

"FIERCE, WISTFUL, ROMANTIC AND WITTY BY TURNS, THIS IS A SENSATIONAL HOUR OF POETRY. "

THERE'S MORE TO

THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER CREATIVE THINGS THAT TAKE PLACE IN THEATRE SHOP BESIDES SHOWS

THEATRE WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Theatre Orchard is introducing Theatre Workshops for budding actors, with the first session taking place this Easter.

If you're up for some fun and want to try acting, then this is for you! Run by brilliant theatre-maker Angela Athay-Hunt who is a regular with Bristol Old Vic and Travelling Light, the workshops will bring out so many inner super powers that your friends and families just won't recognise you.

The first Theatre Workshop will take place at Theatre Shop during the Easter break and costs just £7 per person/session. Places are limited and bookable in advance at **www.theatreorchard.org.uk**

For 7 – 11 year olds: 'What's Your Super Power?' Date: Tuesday 9 April. Time: 10am - midday

If you were an ancient Greek God or Goddess – what would be your super power be? Want to be invisible? Want to read your friends' minds? How about flying or walking through walls! Expect games, storytelling, fantasy and a lot of fun in a playful environment.

For 12 – 16 year olds: 'Find Your Voice' Date: Tuesday 9 April. Time: 1pm – 3.30pm

Interested in unleashing your imagination and tapping into your inner actor? This practical workshop will explore a wide range of theatrical techniques to help you bring your ideas to life on stage at the Theatre Shop. No experience is needed – just come along and join in the action!

THE THEATRE SHOP



BUSINESS WORKSHOPS WITH A DIFFERENCE

And it's not just kids who deserve a bit of fun.

If you're a business that needs bounce or a freelancer that needs firing up, then don't miss our new bespoke business courses, drawing on comedy and drama to improve confidence, presentation skills, conflict resolution and all that jazz.

Really useful stuff presented in a way that's utterly fun, with business testimonials galore to prove it really works.

First up this Spring is 'Confidence Through Comedy' led by award-winning, professional comedienne Angie Belcher.

Learn how to be brave in the workplace in a half day workshop designed to build confidence and bring out your inner stand-up comedian. Packed with top tips, tricks, games, exercises, comedic devices, audience psychology and presentation skills, you'll return to the office with a spring in your step and some great one-liners!

For more information, contact info@theatreorchard.org.uk















Living Spit





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CALENDAR of EVENTS

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