

The THEATRE Shop

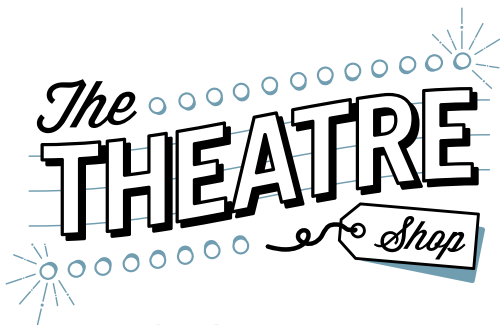
AUTUMN/
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CLEVEDON'S
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THEATRE
IN A SHOP

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AH! AUTUMN...

Falling leaves, spiced pumpkin lattes, be-mittened walks in frosty parks and, of course, taking your seats in our cosy Theatre Shop and allowing world class talent to entertain, enthral and delight you as the nights draw in. Yes, we've managed, once again, to secure some fabulously entertaining professional shows this season and they're all winging their way to perform in our wonderful little shop, so slip this tiny little brochure into your pocket / handbag / sporran, book those shows and we'll see you at the Theatre Shop this Autumn!

The Theatre Shop team

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THEATRE SHOP,
INCLUDING DIRECTIONS AND ACCESS INFORMATION
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE**

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ABOUT THEATRE SHOP

We turned an empty shop into a theatre eight years ago, and have enjoyed filling Clevedon Town Centre with life and laughter ever since.

It's run by The Theatre Shop CIC, a not-for-profit organisation made up of volunteers and Clevedon's theatre company, Living Spit.

Find out more about what else they're up to at:

www.livingspit.co.uk

📞 GET IN TOUCH

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🏷️ HOW TO BOOK

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.

Please note: we reserve the right, in certain circumstances to change the programme.



**"A HYSTERICAL TAKE ON TOXIC MASCULINITY THAT WILL
MAKE YOU THINK AS MUCH AS IT MAKES YOU LAUGH"**
ALEX JACKSON, DIRECTOR, EXETER FRINGE FESTIVAL

SAT 14 OCTOBER

THE GENEVA CONVENTION OF HUMAN F*KS**

YET TO BE

© 7.30PM 📍 £15 🚫 AGE 18+

The Geneva Convention of Human F**ks takes us on an unforgettable journey with three men embarking on their latest adventure across Europe. Meet Michael, Liam, and Peter as they delve into a world of brothels, encounters with prostitutes, and the discovery of unconventional sexual experiences.

Presented exclusively by a talented ensemble of women performers, this thought-provoking production alternates between humour and discomfort, delving deep into the realms of toxic masculinity, sex tourism, and the enduring bond of friendship among these three individuals.

MON 16 OCTOBER

CANTERBURY TALES

DAVID MYNNE 7.30PM £15 AGE 12+



From the company that brought you 'A Christmas Carol', 'Dracula' and 'The Odyssey' comes a one-man performance of 'Canterbury Tales'.

All of life is here in these few bawdy, funny and sometimes shocking short stories. Experience a journey down the foul and fetid footpaths

of fourteenth-century England, told with the usual irreverence, wit and silliness!

Expect naughtiness, nonsense and medieval swearing!

It's rude! It's ribald! It's ridiculous!

Let's party like it's 1387!

THURS 26 OCTOBER

FAIRYTALES, FABLES & OTHER ASSORTED NONSENSE

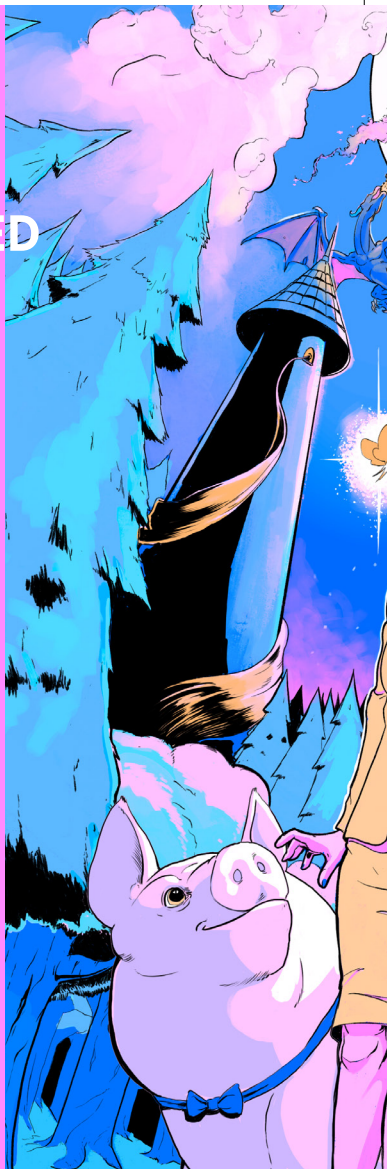
ASSEMBLETH THEATRE

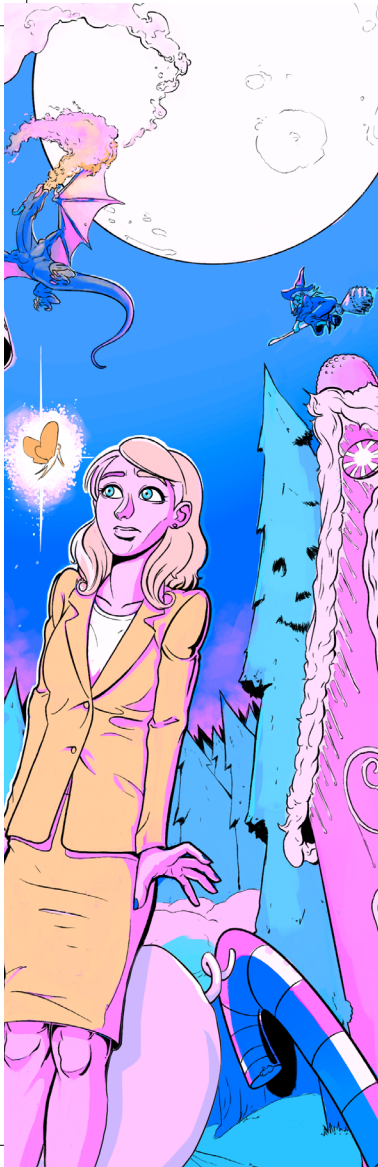
🕒 2.30PM 🎫 E8 🗝️ AGE 8+

Fairy tales from across the land live in fear. Why you ask? Because Little Red Riding Hood has taken control. The once sweet and innocent girl now rules The Fairytale Woods with an iron fist and a mob of incompetent wolves.

All this changes when Susan, a kind, if rather uninspiring, book editor finds herself magically transported into this world of wonder and fantasy. Susan must try desperately to find a way home - if she starts a revolution along the way, well that can't hurt anyone can it?

Featuring all your old favourites Assembleth Theatre's brand-new fantastical comedy takes you on a rebellious fairytale journey you'll never forget.





WORKSHOP: BUILD YOUR OWN FAIRYTALE!

🕒 11AM 🎟 £5
👤 AGE 8-14 (SUITABLE FOR
ALL EXPERIENCES)

Discover fairytales like you've never seen them before! In this workshop, designed alongside Assembleth Theatre's fantastical show *Fairytales, Fables & Other Assorted Nonsense*, you will be taken on a magical journey through fairytales as you create your very own stories with all your favourite fairytale characters at the centre.

Assembleth Theatre's experienced facilitators will guide you through the process using drama games and short scripts. This 1hr workshop helps participants build confidence and acting skills and, most importantly, is lots of fun!

FRI 3 NOVEMBER

CONFESSIONS OF A TELETUBBY

NIKKY SMEDLEY

🕒 7.30PM 🎫 £15

🕒 AGE 16+

Arguments and poo! Sex and swearing! Blood, sweat, tears and giant rabbits! Life on the set of Teletubbies might not have been quite as you imagined...

Nikky Smedley played LaaLaa (the yellow one) in the original series of Teletubbies for six years - that's a lot of custard for a grown woman to get excited about. Come and hear how she got the job by dressing as a bistro table; what it was really like inside one of those (surprisingly large) Tubby suits; how the NooNoo really worked and why children loved the show so much.

**“CONFESSIONS OF
A TELETUBBY IS
DEFINITELY WORTH
AN EH-OH!”
THE QUINTESSENTIAL
REVIEW**





SUN 12 NOVEMBER

KID CARPET & THE NOISY GARDEN CENTRE

🕒 **2.30PM** 💷 **£8** 🕒 **AGE 3-8**

Something brand new for kids and families from Kid Carpet (Noisy Holiday, Noisy Nativity, Super Mega Rockin' Rock Show)

Kid Carpet really wants to win the Royal Fancy Garden Contest. The Noisy Animals really want to run a garden centre. It's a perfect match! Nothing could possibly go wrong.

Surely first prize is in the bag?

A brand new Kid Carpet & The Noisy Animals show for family audiences, featuring their signature relaxed performance style of catchy songs, lofi puppetry and video magic, audience participation and games!



**"A ONE PERSON
TOUR-DE-FORCE"**
CLARE BRENNAN
(THE OBSERVER)

MON 13 NOVEMBER

THE RAGGED TROUSERED PHILANTHROPISTS

TOWNSEND PRODUCTIONS

🕒 7.30PM 🎟 £15 🚫 AGE 11+

Adapted by Neil Gore from the book by Robert Tressell, directed by Louise Townsend.

Neil Gore presents a one-person version of the classic novel featuring projection, political conjuring tricks, live music and song. Meet the famous characters and enjoy the scenes, speeches and songs, featuring

the Great Money Trick as its centrepiece.

This enduring and absorbing classic story of a year in the life of a group of Edwardian painters and decorators is brought to life by Neil Gore using his extensive knowledge of the book and the play, having performed it in many versions over forty years.




IN ASSOCIATION WITH
CLEVEDON LITERARY FESTIVAL

SAT 18 NOVEMBER

PETER CLIFFORD'S MAGICAL MYTHOLOGIES

🕒 7.30PM 📍 £15

👤 AGE 10+



**"PETER CLIFFORD IS ONE OF MY
FAVOURITE MAGICIANS AND ONE OF
THE LOVELIEST PEOPLE I KNOW... DO
EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO GET TICKETS!"**

DERREN BROWN

Discover why you can't trust your eyes... and you may well not believe your mind, with Peter Clifford's latest, mind-melting magic show.

In the intimate and exciting space of the Clevedon Theatre Shop, he will weave his magic around stories of life, conjuring and the

wonders of the world.

Join him as he plays with puzzles of perception and prestidigitates for your pleasure. Let your grip on reality slip for a moment and be transported into something far more fantastical and exciting. You really have to see it to not believe it.

THURS 23 NOVEMBER

RED PLANET: REVOLUTION

UPSTART THEATRE

🕒 7.30PM 🎫 £15 🗝️ AGE 12+

It's the year 2223, and the human settlement on Mars has finally declared its independence from Earth. You have been chosen to lead the people of Mars into a new and brighter future. The decisions you make now will shape your planet's history for generations to come. No pressure...

Red Planet: Revolution is an award-nominated game-theatre show from critically acclaimed innovators Upstart Theatre.

Fun and thought-provoking, this interactive experience gives you the chance to build your very own future society.

You'll face down political opponents and deal with interplanetary threats, as you lead the people of Mars into a better tomorrow.

**"A UNIQUE
AND EXCITING
EXPERIENCE"**

THE SPY IN
THE STALLS



FRI 24 NOVEMBER

SALLY-ANNE HAYWARD: EGG SHORTAGE

🕒 7.30PM

💷 £15

🚫 AGE 16+

Sally's approaching a certain age. No need for numbers - but getting sweaty at night no longer involves someone else having to be there.

So is she worried about being 'Over the Hill'? Well not enough to stop her rolling playfully down the other side. Join her for hilarious tales of dating apps, fragile neighbours, and trying to hold in farts on a yoga retreat.

"SALLY-ANNE HAYWARD HAS THAT ACCESSIBLE NAUGHTY BUT NICENESS OF EARLY SARAH MILLICAN... WHATEVER SHE'S SELLING, WE'RE BUYING: THE PITCH IS SO PRACTISED, SO ELEGANT, SO UNOBTRUSIVE YOU'LL STRUGGLE NOT TO LAUGH."

BRITISH COMEDY GUIDE



FRI 8 – SAT 30 DECEMBER
**LIVING SPIT'S
A CHRISTMAS
CAROL**

Ⓢ 7.30PM 🎟 £15

🕒 AGE 10+

*only joking
about the
"money back"
bit

Hard hearted Ebenezer Scrooge hates the season of goodwill. Until a visit from three spirits one Christmas Eve makes him rethink his... blah blah blah.

We all know the story. We've all seen the film(s). But who's the best Scrooge of all time? Albert Finney? Alistair Sim? Patrick Stewart? Well, just hold your horses there! Because you've yet to witness Bristol actor Craig Edwards' take on Dickens' mean miserabilist.

He waits, like a coiled spring, ready to bring his unique brand of Midlands malcontentment to the role. And he's brought Clevedon's finest, Stu Mcloughlin, along for the ride to play (almost literally) all the other parts!

Hilarious, tender, idiotic and musically virtuosic by turns, Living Spit's two-man adaptation of A Christmas Carol promises a feast of festive foolery that'll have you splitting your sprouts with laughter, or your money back!*



SAT 23 DECEMBER

A WINTER'S TAIL

THE LAST BAGUETTE

Ⓞ 10AM & 11.30 AM

🎫 £8

🕒 AGE 2+

The snow is falling and the solstice is approaching. Ratty is getting ready. She wants everything to be really rat-tastic! But will her friends make it through the snow to the winter woodland revels? Can you help them on their journey? There'll be excitement, adventure, games, music, silliness and lots of snow!



A Winter's Tail is a fun, relaxed play-along theatre adventure. Expect to play, move, watch and laugh. The show lasts 1 hour and is for ages 2-7 and their grown-ups. Younger and older siblings welcome!

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

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DECEMBER		
FRI 8 - 30	A CHRISTMAS CAROL LIVING SPIT	7.30PM
SAT 23	A WINTER'S TAIL THE LAST BAGUETTE	10AM & 11.30PM

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