LISTING GUIDE 2022

SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE

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PRODUCTIONS IN THE COCKPIT THEATRE

ALL THE JOY YOU CAN WISH
Fri 15 July
Join in the party as the people of Prescot create a glorious ceremony to celebrate with all of the noise, glamour and silliness we can muster. FREE, no need to book.

OPEN UP
Sat 16 & Sun 17 July
This is it. The doors are open. This place IS YOURS so TURN UP and OWN IT. Dive into a weekend of joyful moments, made just for you. FREE, no need to book.

AS YOU WRITE IT
Sat 16 & Sun 17 July
A collaboration with BBC's The One Show. Three young writers whose short stories are now brought to life on our stage. These are bold, generous, and confident plays that we think you'll love.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
Thurs 22 September - Sat 22 October
It's all kicking off in the woods! A riotous ride through the forest at night. Shakespeare's best known comedy where not everything is as rosy as it seems. Recommended for ages 14+.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Fri 25 November - Sat 7 January 2023
Ebeneezer Scrooge is mean, no doubt about that. A slightly bonkers, fast and furious retelling of the original text with some familiar local references and a sprinkling of pantomime fun. Fun for all ages.

AN EVENING WITH JIMMY MCGOVERN
Sat 23 July, 7.30pm
Two fantastic northerners to come together for a good old fashioned chin wag. First up, one of Liverpool's living legends, Jimmy McGovern, interviewed by actor and comedian, Johnny Vegas.

AN EVENING WITH JOHNNY VEGAS
Fri 29 July, 7.30pm
For the second of our 'Evening With…' events the baton is passed on to one of our best-loved actors and comedians, Johnny Vegas.

VISITING PRODUCTIONS
IN THE STUDIO AND PERFORMANCE GARDEN

THE LIVER BIRD
Sat 23 - Sun 24 July
What if the Liver Bird really did exist?
Our Performance Garden will come alive for the very first time with this enchanting outdoor family show. Suitable for all ages

KITTY QUEEN OF THE WASHHOUSE
Sat 23 - Sun 24 July
"Nobody was ever poorer for what they gave a neighbour in distress" A powerful story of an extraordinary woman. Told by her friendly ghost… Suitable for everyone aged 7+

TWELFTH NIGHT
Fri 29 - Sat 30 July
Join the HandleBards for a bicycle-powered, laugh-out-loud production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. Suitable for everyone aged 8+

RUBBISH ROMEO AND JULIET
Sat 6 - Sun 7 August
Enemies. Balconies. Kissing… sausage rolls!? Three idiots attempt to stage Shakespeare's most heartbreaking tragedy. An anarchic and joyous, interactive, family-friendly event.

AUTOLYCUS!

Fri 12 - Sat 13 August

Derekk Ross's one-man play is a roller-coaster ride for anyone who likes a bittersweet tale. Suitable for ages 14+

SERIOUS NONSENSE FESTIVAL

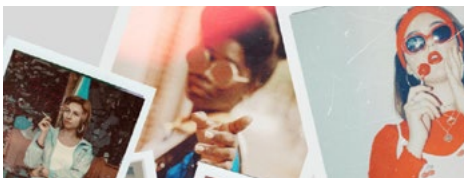
Fri 19 - Sun 21 August

Part of the Knowsley Borough of Culture. Prescot Town Centre will be packed with nonsense for this massive three-day adventure celebrating Edward Lear's connection to Knowsley.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

Sat 27 - Sun 28 August

Slapstick Picnic invite you to its summer tea party where marvellous feats of performance and culinary capers await. Suitable for everyone aged 8+



MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Tue 30 August - Sun 4 September

Grab a drink, and let Unseemly Women transport you on a wild journey of whispers, banter, plots and schemes. This is Shakespeare's Much Ado, but with an Unseemly twist.

THE INCOMPLETE WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE

Sat 17 - Sun 18 September

William Shakespeare is "unwell" - and he hasn't finished his new play. A completely improvised, interactive Shakespeare play. Suitable for ages 6+.

ROMEO AND JULIET

Sat 24 - Sun 25 September

With music, mayhem and more costume changes than you can shake a spear at, expect the HandleBards usual charming, hilarious bicycle-powered style. Suitable for everyone aged 8+

HALF MEASURES

Fri 30 September - Sat 1 October

How far would you go to save a brother's life? Two women in crisis, five centuries apart. From plague and war in William Shakespeare's time to dramatic episodes located in Liverpool, today. Suitable for ages 14+

BE GAY, DO CRIME

Fri 7 October

A reading of a new show about gay drug dealers from Garston. See the results of rehearsals played without set and minimal costume and props but plenty of hip hop.

BOOKING OPENS APRIL 2022

Sign up to be the first to hear when tickets are available.

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FORGOTTEN VOICES

Tue 18 - Wed 19 October

The remarkable real-life story of Eva Moorhead Kadalie, who fought for freedom for over 30 years with her husband and paved the way for Nelson Mandela's rise. This one-woman show, spans a turbulent time in South Africa's history. Suitable for ages 12+

STRANGE TALE

Wed 2 - Sat 5 November

Imaginarium Theatre present this new comic play that explores Shakespeare's links to Prescot through a time-travelling adventure that blows apart the myths, the man and the missing years. Suitable for ages 7+

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Mon 14 - Fri 18 November

An exhilarating week of performances in our beautiful cockpit in court theatre space, giving local children and young people the chance to shine on their very own unique stage.

CREATE AND PARTICIPATE

SHARE IN THE JOY OF OUR THEATRE THROUGH FUN, PRACTICAL AND INFORMATIVE SESSIONS.

- Pre-school Music sessions
- Pre-school storytelling sessions
- Storytelling and Spoken Word
- Monthly Open Mic nights
- Monthly craft workshop
- Heritage, art and writing workshops