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studio theatre**

**2018- 19 SEASON**

## WELCOME

Tip Top and some exciting visiting companies have a varied season of entertainment planned here at the Forum Studio Theatre and beyond. With so much to look forward to including drama, comedy, music, dance and pantomime, there's something for everyone. Come along and enjoy, and tell your friends we're still here!

*Brian Fray*

Chairman

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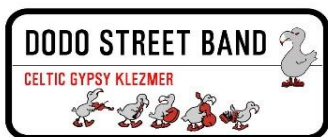
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## WEBSITE

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# Music at the forum



## *The last word in Celtic Gypsy Klezmer*

*A contagious epidemic of folk in a joyously wild maverick mix*



**Blows** - Piers Adams / **Scrapes** - Adam Summerhayes

**Bellows** - Murray Grainger / **Twangs** - Malcolm Creese

**Bangs** - Cormac Byrne

The last word in Celtic Gypsy Klezmer. A contagious epidemic of folk in a joyously wild maverick mix. This explosive band combines diabolical fiddle virtuosity from international star Adam Summerhayes; outrageous brilliance from world number one recorder genius, Piers Adams; horrifying high-ABV insanity from accordion master, Murray Grainger; positively feverish power from bass legend, Malcolm Creese; and dazzling bodhran playing from king of folk percussion, Cormac Byrne. Defy infection if you dare and keep your feet still if you can!

FRI 27<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Tickets from £13

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# Summer Fun for Children



**Summerschool 2018**  
[www.ChesterSummerschool.co.uk](http://www.ChesterSummerschool.co.uk)

**Oliver!**  
30<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018

**WE WILL ROCK YOU**  
6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Matilda**  
20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**All workshops suitable for ages 5-18\***

Only £130\* per week  
\*discount for siblings and 2nd weeks

\*Two half-day workshops for 3-5 year olds each week  
Only £30

[www.theatretrain.co.uk](http://www.theatretrain.co.uk)  
The company that loves to perform



Find us at TheatretrainSchools

Theatretrain return with their eleventh annual Summerschool. Each week there is a different theme for children age 5-18 to enjoy as they have classes in dancing, acting and singing throughout the week whilst creating an end of week performance for family and friends. There are also shorter classes for 3-5 year olds.

## July 30th - 24th August 2018

Week Comm. 30th July 2018 OLIVER!

Week Comm. 6th August 2018 WE WILL ROCK YOU

Week Comm. 13th August 2018

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Week Comm. 20th August 2018 MATILDA

[www.ChesterSummerschool.co.uk](http://www.ChesterSummerschool.co.uk)



# The Vanbrugh Theatre, Kings School, Chester

Now in its 9th year This is My Musical is a fast-paced, energetic review of the best musicals which are currently showing, soon to be showing or have previously been hits on Broadway and in the West End.

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	7.30pm
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	2.30pm & 7.30pm

Early bird tickets from just £7

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*FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY*

# TIP TOP THROUGH THE YEARS

FROM ANNIE TO PRISCILLA AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!

*MUSICALLY DIRECTED BY SIMON PHILLIPS*

A concert taking us through and celebrating the many years of Tip Top! There will be performances by our members, led by Simon Phillips, from some of our most successful and memorable productions to date.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Tickets £10

(Members £5)

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# Music at the forum



***"ABBA have left a fine musical legacy, and it's in good hands."***

Gimme Abba have been performing this fabulous tribute to ABBA for over 18 years and will embark on their sixth UK theatre tour for 2018/2019.

This complete and superb ABBA show comes with a repertoire that draws from the greatest hits of Sweden's most famous export.

This spectacular show will wow the audience with fascinating lighting and special effects. This is not just another Abba tribute but a 'truly complete and exciting Abba experience'.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Tickets from £15

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# *This is my Musical in Concert Presents*

*An evening of Alan Menken*

The team behind This Is My Musical bring you the first of their concert series for one night only. Celebrating the work of the legendary Alan Menken (Mr Disney) who has penned the music for films and Broadway shows such as: Aladdin, Little Mermaid, Newsies, Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop Of Horrors, Sister Act and A Bronx Tale...the list goes on!

Featuring past and present cast members from the This Is My Musical series this promises to be a wonderful evening and tribute to one of Broadway's most prolific writers.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (Members £5)

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From the writer of 'Cheshire Cats',  
'Bothered and Bewildered' and  
'Bouncing Back'

# HEAD OVER HEELS

17th - 20th October 2018

by Gail Young

Head over heels in love - did she  
fall and was he pushed?  
Come and see.....

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
DIVORCE AND ADMIRALTY DIVISION  
(DIVORCE)

Gail Young's latest comedy drama  
addresses the growing social  
phenomenon and Britain's hottest  
new demographic trend - 'Silver  
Splitters'. Come and join Jill and  
Andy as they navigate their way  
through the minefield of  
emotions that is produced by  
thirty odd years of so called  
wedded bliss ending in a  
messy divorce. Not a pretty  
sight, but funny in oh so  
many ways....

Petitioner  
Respondent  
Co-Respondent  
Court of Justice  
Royal Courts of Justice  
London WC2A 2LL

LoveUp

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## 'Head over Heels'

Gail Young's latest comedy drama addresses the growing social phenomenon known as 'Silver Splitters'. Aged 60 plus, grey haired (mostly but not all!), stressed, but free! They are Britain's hottest new demographic trend - retired divorcees. Come and join Jill and Andy as they navigate their way through the minefield of emotions produced by thirty odd years of so called wedded bliss ending in divorce.

'Head over Heels in love - did she fall and was he pushed? Come and see.....'

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	7.30pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	2.30pm & 7.30pm
Early bird tickets from just £7	

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# Family Entertainment at the Forum

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND



A fantastical new ballet for the whole family



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**Saturday 27th October**

1pm and 3.30pm

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chestertheatre.co.uk

Alice in Wonderland. A fantastical new ballet for the whole family! After their sell out shows here in February, Let's All Dance return with this fabulous family favourite. Stunning dancing, much loved characters and super costumes bring the famous tale to life in this magical ballet production. Don't be late for this very important date!

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1pm and 3pm  
All tickets £5

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# Music at the Forum



The Houghton Weavers are the UK's leading comedy/folk group weaving together popular folk songs, humour and audience participation. The group, comprising Tony Berry, David Littler and Steve Millington, in their four decades together have recorded over 30 albums, and have seven of their own BBC television series plus six BBC Radio 2 series to their name.  
Keep Folk Smiling!

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Tickets from £13

7.30pm

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# ALADDIN

*by Peter Swingle*

30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 -  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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**TICKETS: FROM £10.00 – FAMILY TICKET ONLY £40.00**

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Join us for our annual Christmas pantomime which, this year, follows the magical tale of Aladdin.

We have earned a reputation for family-orientated fun-filled pantomime productions in our intimate studio space in the last 12 years and, following the success of the last 3 years, this is another professional production.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the Forum pantomime so **BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

WE ALSO HAVE 2 WEEKS' OF DAY-TIME  
PERFORMANCES (not listed opposite) ESPECIALLY FOR  
SCHOOLS. CONTACT THE BOX OFFICE FOR DETAILS

## Performance Schedule

Friday	30/11/2018			7.00pm
Saturday	01/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Sunday	02/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Wednesday	05/12/2018			7.00pm
Friday	07/12/2018			7.00pm
Saturday	08/12/2018	1pm	5.00pm	
Sunday	09/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Wednesday	12/12/2018			7.00pm
Friday	14/12/2018			7.00pm
Saturday	15/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Sunday	16/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Wednesday	19/12/2018			7.00pm
Friday	21/12/2018			7.00pm
Saturday	22/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Sunday	23/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Monday	24/12/2018	12.00pm	4.00pm	
Wednesday	26/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Thursday	27/12/2018	1.00pm		7.00pm
Friday	28/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Saturday	29/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Sunday	30/12/2018	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Wednesday	02/01/2019	1.00pm		7.00pm
Thursday	03/01/2019	1.00pm	5.00pm	
Friday	04/01/2019	1.00pm		7.00pm
Saturday	05/01/2019	1.00pm	5.00pm	

**TICKETS Adults £12**

**Children/ OAPs/Students £10**

**Family Ticket (2 Adults and 2 Children) £40**

Contact the Box Office for Group Booking discounts for parties of 10 or more

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**ROALD DAHL'S**

# THE TWITS

**LIVE ONSTAGE**



**ADAPTED FOR STAGE BY DAVID WOOD  
DIRECTED BY PHIL CROSS**

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**February 20th-23rd 2019**

**Book online [www.chestertheatre.co.uk](http://www.chestertheatre.co.uk).**

**01244 341 296 Tickets From £9 Family ticket £40**

This amateur production is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH LTD

Come and follow the dastardly, disgusting deeds of Mr and Mrs Twit as they spend their days playing revolting tricks on each other and the Roly-Poly Bird who they want to put in a pie! From the director of "The Witches" and "The Boy who Fell into a Book," Tip Top takes us back into Roald Dahl's wonderful imagination.

Recommended for ages 6+

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 11am 2pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 11am 2pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2pm 5pm

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2pm 5pm

Tickets from £9

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## Where to sit... The Forum

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B	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	B
A	1	2	3	4	5	6		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	A

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The Forum Studio Theatre is an intimate performance space with the audience seated on two sides. Rows A, B, E and F are on the same level as the performers and all other seats are tiered. There is an excellent view from the entire seating area.

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## The Forum Studio Theatre

### Seating Plan

## Where to sit... The Vanbrugh

This Is My Musical takes place at The Vanbrugh Theatre in Kings School. Seating is tiered. Rows K-N form the higher balcony. Accessible seats and wheelchair spaces are available on row AA.

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## booking information

Book online at [www.chestertheatre.co.uk](http://www.chestertheatre.co.uk) 24 hours a day or call our box office on **01244 341296**.

Tickets are also available from The Tourist Information Centre, Lambpit Street, Wrexham. (Subject to booking fee)

*Please arrive promptly as latecomers may not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance*

### *Patrons with disabilities*

We are an inclusive and accessible theatre. Please contact the box office with your specific access requirements. Discounts and free carers seats available.

### *Refunds and Exchanges*

Exchanges can be made up to 48 hours before a performance for another performance of the same event. Refunds will only be issued in the event that a performance is cancelled.

**How To Find Us** The Forum Studio Theatre can be found in the building once occupied by The Chester Gateway Theatre in Hamilton Place, Chester

**Parking** The Market Car Park is the closest to the theatre.  
For SatNav enter: Hamilton Place, Chester, CH1 2BH

