

*"The class enjoyed engaging with the play in a different manner to the one we usually use in the classroom"*

ABERDEEN PERFORMING ARTS  
**CREATIVE★  
LEARNING**

**Teachers' News** June 2011

**STIMULATE, EDUCATE AND ENTERTAIN WITH EXCITING THEATRE EXPERIENCES**

Mon 12 - Sat 17 Sept - HMT  
**JOURNEY'S END**



EDUCATION PACK AVAILABLE

Fri 16 - Sat 17 Sept - LTS  
**ANIMAL FARM**



Thu 22 - Sat 24 Sept - LTS  
**EIGHT**

FREE  
SCHOOLS  
MATINEE



FOLLOWED  
BY PAGE  
TO STAGE

**eight**

Thu 6 Oct - LTS  
**LORD OF THE FLIES**



Tue 25 Oct - LTS  
**MACBETH**



WORKSHOP AVAILABLE

Tue 1 - Sat 5 Nov - HMT  
**MEN SHOULD WEEP**



WORKSHOP AVAILABLE

Tue 8 Nov - HMT  
**SCOTTISH DANCE THEATRE**



WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

Tue 15 Nov - HMT  
**NAT. DANCE COMPANY OF WALES**



WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

Wed 23 Nov - LTS  
**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**



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# CREATIVE LEARNING OFFERS

*"I worked in groups today and it helped my confidence"*

## Looking to develop your skills?

We have recently become CPD registered with Teaching and Learning Scotland and are currently offering a range of twilight workshop opportunities which have been tailored to support the Curriculum for Excellence. These offers can also be delivered within schools for up to 20 teachers per session and come with a comprehensive pack covering workshop content and a guide for delivering the sessions with pupils.

## Unique opportunities for pupils...

As part of our new Creative Learning Offers we have developed opportunities for pupils to take part in a range of education events within our venues. These have been tied in with Curriculum for Excellence while also offering experience for students studying drama at a higher and advanced level.

Further information about these offers can be found on the Creative Learning section of our website.



## Teachers Advisory Group

*"We value your support, comments + suggestions, which we consider are vital to improving and developing our work"*

Teachers Advisory Group meetings are held at the beginning of each school term and aim to have a fair representation from both primary and secondary schools across Aberdeen City and Shire. They are open to interested parties from all subjects who are keen to input into discussions and distribute information among their colleagues.

Teachers attending these meetings will be provided with updated information in advance, as well as receiving ticket offers and other incentives over the course of the school year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1 September, please RSVP by Thursday 25 August.

**Visiting your ASG** - Over the course of the last few weeks we have been visiting ASG meetings across the city, if you would like a member of our team to come and visit yours and explain a little more about what we can offer please contact Johanna Duncan, Creative Learning Manager.

## COMING TO YOU and working within the school setting...

We understand the restraints that funding cuts have put on school budgets, restricting the flexibility of staff time. Through consultation and feedback from past workshops and meetings we realise that visits by professionals to your schools are extremely beneficial.

We are currently developing projects that will allow us to offer more work within the school setting. If you would like to input on the development process of such projects please feel free to get in touch.

## CONTACT US

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# BULLETIN BOARD

- **Working internationally...**

This June we will be taking a group of young people aged 13-16 to Regensburg, Germany to perform a piece of theatre inspired by Visible Fictions and Scottish Opera's interpretation of Philip Pullman's novel *Clockwork*.

- **Representing Aberdeen at the National Festival of Youth Theatre**

In July, APA Youth Theatre will be taking their highly successful production of *You Are My Sunshine* to the nationwide festival in Fife.

- **Do you know any budding young reviewers?**

Our Young Person's Forum is open to those aged 12-18 and offers the opportunity to view performances and take part in educational activities including workshops and pre/post show discussions.

- **APA Young Person's Company developing performance and production skills...**

The company was established for 18-25 year olds and offers not only an opportunity to aspiring actors to develop their skills but also gives experience to those who want to work behind the scenes in lighting, stage management and wardrobe.

The group will be performing Ella Hickson's *Eight* at The Lemon Tree for which there is a

- **FREE schools matinee performance on Friday 23 June 1pm, followed by a Page to Stage.**

- **Adult Drama and Adult Singing Workshops...**

His Majesty's Theatre hosts a variety of fantastic workshops for adults to get involved and develop new skills. Our latest blocks of drama and singing workshops start after the summer.

- **Come and eat at HMT's new restaurant, 1906**

One of Aberdeen's newest and most exciting restaurants offers a relaxed dining experience, full of character, flavour and style.

- **Did you know that...**

When buying a ticket for any of our shows, you can also buy a £2 ticket for Harriet Street Car Park at the Bon Accord Centre.

For more information about any of the above please visit [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com) or contact [creative.learning@aberdeenperformingarts.com](mailto:creative.learning@aberdeenperformingarts.com)

# ARE YOU CHOOSING YOUR TEXTS FOR NEXT SESSION?

Why not choose a text which is being presented at one of our venues? Below is a list of shows that are coming to His Majesty's Theatre and The Lemon Tree over the coming year and may be suitable for you to teach to your classes:

*"I realised I knew a lot more about the play than I initially thought. I found interacting in groups was a good way to stimulate ideas. I had fun and I learned"*

## His Majesty's Theatre

**Journey's End** - R.C.Sherriffs (Sep '11)

**Men Should Weep** - Ena Lamont Stewart (Nov '11)

**An Inspector Calls** - J.B.Priestley (Feb/Mar '12)\*

**The Steamie** - Tony Roper (Apr '12)\*

## The Lemon Tree

**Animal Farm** - George Orwell (Sep '11)

**Lord of the Flies** - William Golding (Oct '11)

**Macbeth** - William Shakespeare (Oct '11)

**The Tempest** - William Shakespeare (Nov '11)

**Great Expectations** - Charles Dickens (Nov '11)

\* Not all of these productions have been fully confirmed, but we are confident they will be in time for our next what's on brochure in August. All other shows are on sale now. All of these shows have fantastic discounts for school group bookings - call the box office on 01224 641122 to book tickets.

## Waterstone's Discount

As an extra incentive, Waterstones have agreed to offer an extra discount on these titles at their Union Bridge store. Schools ordering any of the above titles who quote "APA offer" when they order will receive **15% off**.

Please email orders, with a purchase order number, to [manager@aberdeen-unionbridge.waterstones.com](mailto:manager@aberdeen-unionbridge.waterstones.com), and mark **FAO Gail**.

Note, all orders have free delivery and other titles ordered at the same time will only receive the standard 10% discount. Don't worry if your school doesn't have an account with Waterstones, it is very easy to set one up.

And remember, not only will seeing a production help with pupils' understanding of the text, it also meets a key Curriculum for Excellence experience outcome for pupils to experience the energy and excitement of being part of an audience.

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