

BACON THEATRE



Autumn
2016

Celebrating 25 Years

This season join us in celebrating 25 wonderful years at The Bacon Theatre with a particularly packed line-up of comedy, drama, opera, ballet, live music and event cinema.

Season highlights include: Music Off Hath Such a Charm by Olivier Award® winning OperaUpClose, emotive stand-up in The Red Shed written and performed by comedian Mark Thomas, nostalgic swing hits harmonised beautifully by The Honeybirds, a feast of festive foolery in A Christmas Carol by Living Spit Theatre Company, plus high-calibre live music from Ben Waters and also Ultimate Bowie.

To mark this special occasion the Dean Close Drama Department are also offering free public performances by the talented Dean Close Scholars: The Taming of the Shrew and Fiddler on the Roof.

We look forward to celebrating with you,

Team Bacon x



NT Live: The Deep Blue Sea
1 September



Taming of the Shrew
9 September



The King and I
15 - 18 September



Message is in the Music
24 September



RSC Live: Cymbeline
28 September



Ben Waters & Guests
7 October



Snow White
9 October



RSC Live: King Lear
12 October



Tom Gates Tour
30 October



Ladies of Swing
6 November



Trenchcoats for Goalposts
12 November



Ultimate Bowie
12 November



Mark Thomas
17 November



OperaUpClose
18 November



Fiddler on the Roof
8 - 10 December



Lily & the Little Snow Bear
14 December



A Christmas Carol
18 December



The Polar Express
20 - 21 December



All on a Winter's Night
22 December



RSC Live: The Tempest
11 January

Close Up Theatre

The Taming of the Shrew

Friday 9 September 7.30 pm

Entrance by ticket only - free of charge

To celebrate 25 wonderful years of the Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School opens its doors for a public performance of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Dean Close is renowned for its drama. In recent years, actors from the school have gone on to enjoy considerable success, notably Will Merrick (*The Rack Pack*, BBC Films; *Skins*, Channel 4) and Paddy Fleming (*War Horse*, New Theatre).

"Another fantastic show" [BroadwayBaby.com](#)

"An outstanding production" [EdinburghSpotlight.com](#)

"A brilliant production" [BroadwayBaby.com](#)

"Talented... bright young things" [ThreeWeeks](#)

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The drama department touring company Close Up Theatre performs at the Edinburgh Fringe every year and this is their 2016 production of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. Close Up Theatre have been awarded the elite 'Sell Out' status every year since 2004 for their interpretations of classic texts.

Following on from their critically acclaimed fringe production of *Richard III* in 2015, this is a ninety minute re-imagining of Shakespeare's gender war.

England. 1918. A generation of men obliterated by the futility of war. Shakespeare's battle of wits set against the devastating backdrop of a country in mourning, as Katherina and Bianca are forced to consider their worth in terms of their marital eligibility: A haunting adaptation of the familiar play.

National Theatre Live

The Deep Blue Sea [12A]



Thursday 1 September 7.00 pm

£16.50 (£14.50) Student £12.50

Helen McCrory returns to the National Theatre in Terence Rattigan's devastating masterpiece. When Hester Collyer is found in the aftermath of a failed suicide attempt, the story of her tempestuous affair with a former RAF pilot and the breakdown of her marriage begins to emerge. With it comes a portrait of need, loneliness and long-repressed passion. Behind the fragile veneer of post-war civility burns a brutal sense of loss and longing.

Live | Running time: 180mins

ntlive.nationaltheatre.org.uk

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Promenade Productions

The King and I



Thurs 15 – Sun 18 Sept 7.30 pm w/end 2.30 pm

£12.00 - £16.00

HIRE

This large and dedicated cast of local thespians invite you to join them at the court of the King of Siam. With an exotic setting and a full orchestra, award-winning Promenade Productions promise a colourful production of *The King and I*. Join them for a fantastic musical with a memorable score, including great numbers, *Getting to Know You*, *Shall We Dance?* and *Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera*.

Tickets available via Showcase 01242 224144, at promenadeproductions.co.uk or via the Bacon Theatre. Please note: matinees are Saturday & Sunday only

promenadeproductions.co.uk

The Message is in the Music



Saturday 24 Sept 5.30 pm - 11.00 pm

£25.00 (£22.00)

HIRE

An evening of great music, laughter and entertainment: Join Josephine Enright (BBC's *The Job Lot*) as she comperes an evening of peace, love and hope. With music supplied by the Legendary Brinsley Forde OBE (founder of Aswad), supported by The King Solomon Band, UK Gospel singer Philippa Hanna, UK Hip Hop Star Jelz Music, *Out of The Ashes*, Valerie Maxfield and special guest performances.

A charity event with all profits going towards local community projects within the Gloucestershire area

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RSC Live
Cymbeline [12A]



Wednesday 28 September 7.00 pm

£16.50 (£14.50) Student £12.50

Cymbeline is a ruler of a divided Britain. When Innogen, the only living heir, marries her sweetheart in secret, an enraged Cymbeline banishes him. But a powerful figure behind the throne is plotting to seize power and murder them both. Innogen embarks on a dangerous journey that will reunite Cymbeline with a lost heir and reconcile the young lovers. A story of power, sexuality and identity, directed by Melly Still.

Live | Running time: tbc



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Lifting The Blues
Ben Waters and Very Special Guests



Friday 7 October 7.30 pm

£27.00 HIRE

Ben Waters is one of Jools Holland's top ten favourite pianists of all time and he has performed with the greats: Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, The Rolling Stones and Mick Hucknall. After last year's sell out gig with the Ben Waters Band and Bill Wyman, Ben returns with more very special guests. Already named are Eugene Hideaway Bridges (Tina Turner's cousin!) and Patsy Gamble, with others to be announced soon.

In aid of Lifting The Blues
Sponsored by Ceres Estates



benwaters.com

Vienna Festival Ballet
Snow White



Sunday 9 October 5.00 pm

£19.00 (£18.00) Child £14.00

Vienna Festival Ballet's production of the fairytale Snow White, choreographed by Barry McGrath, is unmissable. A beautiful girl journeys through the magical world of an enchanted mirror, eats a poisoned apple and encounters hip-hopping dwarves all to find her Prince Charming. Based on the traditional Brothers' Grimm story, this spellbinding treat will dazzle the whole family.



viennafestivalballet.com

RSC Live
King Lear [12A]



Wednesday 12 October 7.00 pm

£16.50 (£14.50) Student £12.50

Antony Sher plays King Lear, one of the greatest parts written by Shakespeare, directed by Gregory Doran. King Lear has ruled for many years. As age begins to overtake him he divides his kingdom amongst his children to live out his days without the burden of power. Misjudging their loyalty he soon finds himself stripped of all the trappings of state, wealth and power. Alone in the wilderness, he is left to confront the mistakes of a life.

Live | Running time: tbc



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Open Morning
Saturday 15th October

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Liz Pichon

Tom Gates' Brilliant Bands and Doodle Tour



Sunday 30 October 5.00 pm

£12.00 Family of four £40.00 HIRE

Come and join Liz Pichon, the creator of the bestselling Tom Gates books, in a fun-packed, interactive, music, monster and drawing event. Here's your chance to ask Liz questions about Tom's world and how it all began. Learn to doodle like Tom and hear his favourite band in the whole WIDE world - DUDE3. Then get ready to strike that rock star pose! (We've all been there.)



lizpichon.co.uk

Ladies of Swing

ft. The Honeybirds



"An authentic close-harmony sound reminiscent of the 1920s to 1950s"

Sunday 6 November 5.00 pm

£16.00

Revisit your favourite swing hits of the 1920s to 1950s in this lively, feel-good show starring close-harmony specialists The Honeybirds, including songs made famous by Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Billie Holiday, Nina Simone, Sarah Vaughan and the Andrews Sisters. Combine vocal prowess with vintage flowery dresses, red lipstick and a host of show reel images and you have an unforgettable evening of nostalgia.

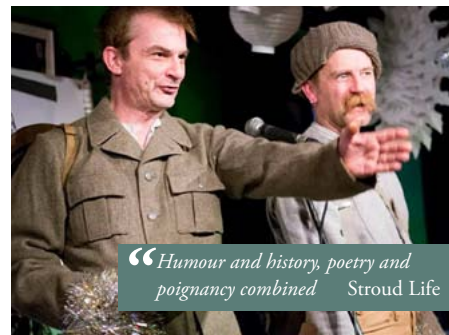


thehoneybirds.co.uk

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Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company

Trenchcoats for Goalposts



"Humour and history, poetry and poignancy combined" Stroud Life

Saturday 12 November 7.30 pm

£12.00

Be transported in theatre, spoken word, live music and song to No Man's Land in a moving and often funny re-creation of the 1914 Christmas Truce. Inspired by local stories and memories, two brave Cheltenham Town FC players set off from Cheltenham for the front line. A compelling ninety minute show performed by nine of Gloucestershire's finest performers.



spanielworks.co.uk

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Ultimate Bowie



"The capacity audience... were spellbound" Daily Record

Saturday 12 November 7.30 pm

£17.50

David Bowie is widely regarded as one of the most influential innovators on the music scene in nearly five decades and his sudden death touched people all over the world. Ultimate Bowie pays tribute in a show that is visually stunning, vocally impressive and captures the essence and authenticity of Bowie in concert. Enjoy early hits such as Starman, through his remarkable career to Let's Dance, China Girl and many more.



ultimatebowie.uk

Mark Thomas

The Red Shed



"Neatly crafted one-man show" The Guardian (on Cuckooed)

Thursday 17 November 8.00 pm

£16.00 Students / unwaged £10.00

The third in a trilogy that started with the multi award-winning shows Bravo Figaro and Cuckooed from comedian Mark Thomas. It's a story of strikes, fights, dinner ladies and commies. Pickets, placards, friendship, love and above all remembering. Part theatre, part stand up, part activism; it's the story of the battle for hope and the survival of a community in a small wooden shed.



Lakin McCarthy and Mark Thomas
In association with West Yorkshire Playhouse

markthomasinfo.co.uk

OperaUpClose
Music Oft Hath Such a Charm



“Striking music theatre of considerable integrity and force”
The Guardian

Friday 18 November 7.30 pm

£16.00 (£14.00)

Olivier Award® winning OperaUpClose mark Shakespeare400 with a performance of songs, operatic arias and ensembles inspired by the Bard's plays and poetry. This comedy of errors features show-stoppers from Verdi's Falstaff, the quick-witted wordplay of Beatrice and Benedict and well-loved songs, from Schubert to Kiss Me Kate: All performed by a quartet of singers accompanied by a virtuosic pianist, in staged scenes of romance, comedy and drama.



operaupclose.com/shakespeare

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Blunderbus
Lily and the Little Snow Bear



“Magical Storytelling”
The Stage

Wednesday 14 December 10.30 am

£10.00 (£8.00) Family £32.00

Lily loves SNOW! When she discovers a trail of soft little footprints, she's in for a very big surprise. For at the bottom of the garden, she finds a lost little snow bear. Brought to life by acclaimed Blunderbus Theatre, this funny, heart-warming tale of friendship is the perfect treat for Christmas. With exquisite puppets, enchanting music and a magical snowy setting, this modern day fairytale is especially for little snow bears aged 3+ and their grown-ups.



blunderbus.co.uk

Living Spit
A Christmas Carol



“A glorious celebration of silliness”
★★★★
The Stage

Sunday 18 December 7.30 pm

£14.00 (£12.00)

Hard-hearted Ebenezer Scrooge hates the season of goodwill. Until a visit from three Phantoms one memorable Christmas Eve makes him rethink his miserly ways and turn his wicked life upside down. With silly songs, pitiful puppetry and more Dickensian daftness than you can shake a selection box at, Living Spit burst onto stage with a feast of festive foolery!

Age recommendation 14 years +



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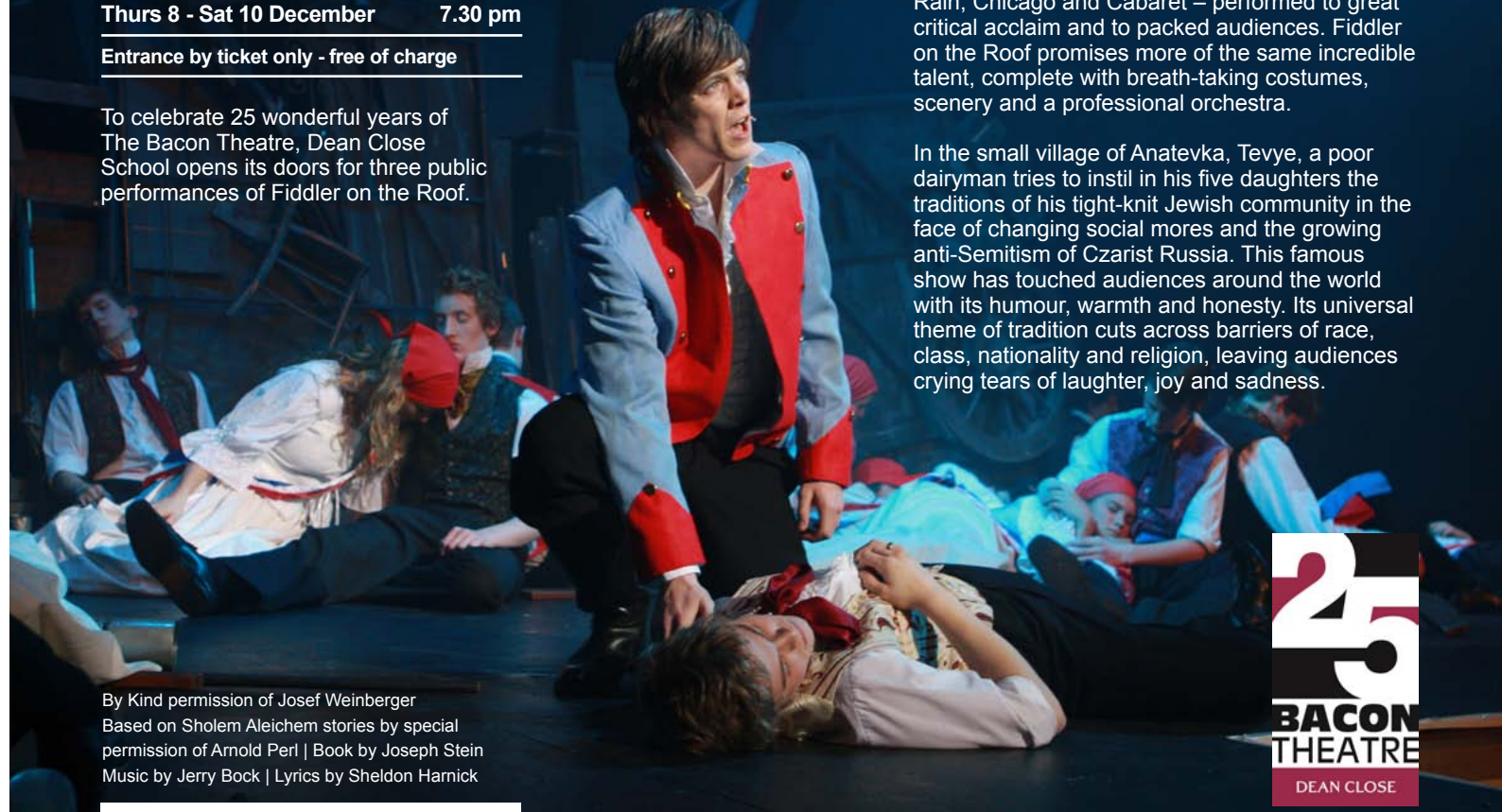
Dean Close School Presents

Fiddler on the Roof

Thurs 8 - Sat 10 December 7.30 pm

Entrance by ticket only - free of charge

To celebrate 25 wonderful years of The Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School opens its doors for three public performances of Fiddler on the Roof.



By Kind permission of Josef Weinberger
Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl | Book by Joseph Stein
Music by Jerry Bock | Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick

Dean Close is particularly renowned for its musicals and recent years have seen spectacular performances of Les Miserables, Singin' in the Rain, Chicago and Cabaret – performed to great critical acclaim and to packed audiences. Fiddler on the Roof promises more of the same incredible talent, complete with breath-taking costumes, scenery and a professional orchestra.

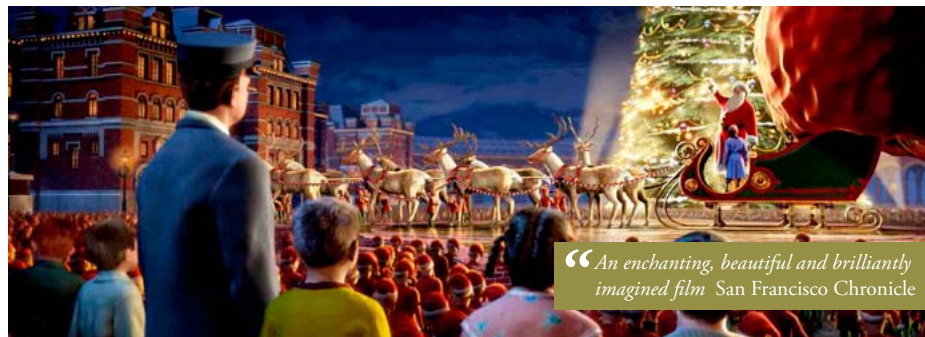
In the small village of Anatevka, Tevye, a poor dairyman tries to instil in his five daughters the traditions of his tight-knit Jewish community in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. This famous show has touched audiences around the world with its humour, warmth and honesty. Its universal theme of tradition cuts across barriers of race, class, nationality and religion, leaving audiences crying tears of laughter, joy and sadness.

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RELAXED FILM
The Polar Express [U]

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“An enchanting, beautiful and brilliantly imagined film” San Francisco Chronicle

Tues 20 December Santa from 4.00 pm
Film at 5.00 pm
£7.00 (to include a treat from Santa)

Wed 21 December Santa from 4.00 pm
Film at 5.00 pm
£7.00 (to include a treat from Santa)

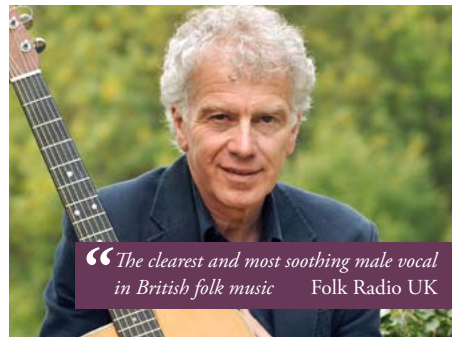
With a twinkling grotto and a visit from Father Christmas before the film, this cinema experience will also be adapted to create a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for audiences with additional needs. Please see website for details.

Tom Hanks stars in the holiday classic *The Polar Express* filmed in dazzling performance capture animation for an unforgettable cinema experience. It's Christmas Eve and you're about to roller-coaster up and down mountains, teeter across mile-high bridges and be served hot chocolate by singing waiters more astonishing than any you can imagine.

Dir: Robert Zemeckis | USA | 2004 | 100mins



Johnny Coppin
All on a Winter's Night



“The clearest and most soothing male vocal in British folk music” Folk Radio UK

Thursday 22 December 7.30 pm
£16.00 Child **£9.00** HIRE

Together with Paul Burgess, Dik Cadbury, and images by Martin Fry, Johnny presents material from his brand new album *All On A Winter's Night* in a very popular concert of carols, songs and stories.



johnnycoppin.co.uk

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RSC Live
The Tempest [12A]



Wednesday 11 January 7.00 pm
£16.50 (£14.50) Student **£12.50**

The Tempest will be brought to life on the Royal Shakespeare Company stage with the help of Intel and Andy Serkis' Imaginarium, featuring some of today's most advanced technology in a bold reimagining of this magical play, starring Simon Russell Beale. On a distant island a man waits. Robbed of his position, power and wealth, his enemies have left him in isolation. But this is no ordinary man and this no ordinary island.

Live | Running time: 210mins



rsclive.co.uk

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Promenade Productions
Sleeping Beauty



Wed 18 – Sun 22 Jan 7.00 pm
w/end 2.30 pm
£10.00 - £14.00 HIRE

Chase away those winter blues! Book tickets for Promenade Productions' traditional family pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* and be transported to a fairytale world with a beautiful princess, a handsome prince, good fairies and one very nasty fairy plus all the crazy characters you expect to find in pantomime. Lots of boos, lots of laughter, lots of audience involvement.

Tickets available via Showcase 01242 224144, at promenadeproductions.co.uk or via the Bacon Theatre
Please note: matinees are Saturday & Sunday only

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Coming soon



Dirty Dancing Tribute
17 February



The Bohemians
18 March



Vienna Festival Ballet
26 March

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OPENING TIMES
 Monday - Friday 9.00 am - 12.00 pm

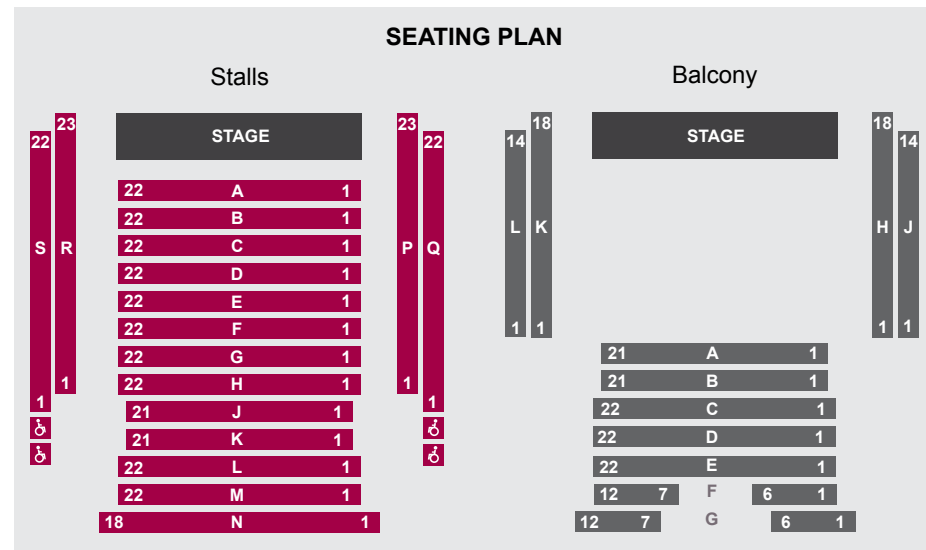
CONCESSIONS
 These apply to over 60s, students, under 18s, registered unemployed and registered disabled patrons. ID may be required.

GROUP DISCOUNTS
 10% discount applies to bookings of 10 tickets together. Please call the box office for full details of discounts available.

BOOKING FEE
 All advanced bookings are subject to a booking fee: £1 for a single ticket, £2 for two or more tickets. There is no booking fee for films or on-the-door purchases. There are no additional charges for postage or credit card payments.

PAYMENTS
 We accept cash, credit/debit cards and cheque payments (payable to Dean Close Services Ltd).

REFUNDS / EXCHANGES
 We are not able to refund tickets unless a show is cancelled. We can try to re-sell them for you if an event is sold out.



REFRESHMENTS

Our fully licensed bar is open for pre- and post-performance drinks and interval drinks which may be ordered in advance.

Coffee, tea and a wide selection of ice-creams and confectionery are on sale pre-show and during the interval.

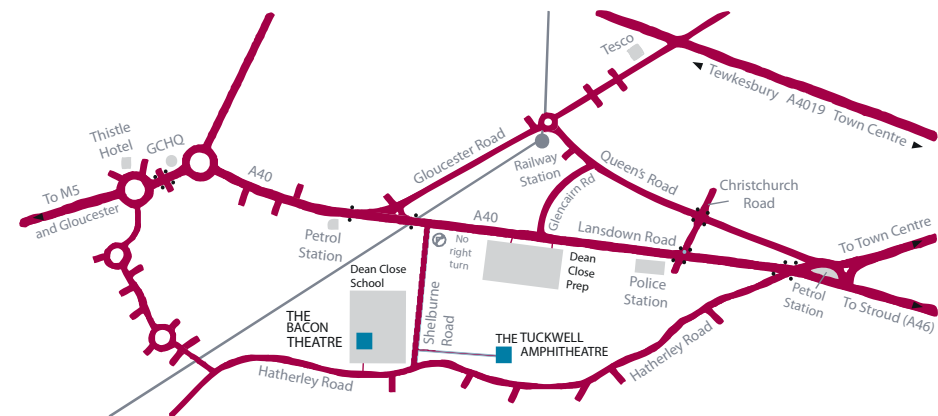
HOW TO FIND US

CAR
 The Bacon Theatre is accessed via the Hatherley Road entrance to Dean Close School. Simply follow the brown tourism signs from either end of the Hatherley Rd. For satellite navigation purposes only, enter the postcode **GL51 6EP**. For the Tuckwell Amphitheatre enter **GL51 6HE**. There is ample free parking on both sites.

TRAIN
 Cheltenham Spa railway station is a 15-minute walk away.

BUS
 Bus D from Cheltenham stops on Shelburne Road. Buses 97 and 98 from Gloucester stop on Hatherley Road. Bus 94 from Gloucester stops on the Lansdown Road. Local bus information line 08706 082608.

BICYCLE
 Cycle parking spaces are available on the top car park.



DISABLED FACILITIES

We welcome patrons with disabilities and we will do what we can to ensure that your visit is as straightforward as possible. If you need assistance, please let us know when booking your tickets. Facilities include: designated parking, level access, adapted toilet, wheelchair spaces in the auditorium and a hearing loop facility. Guide dogs are welcome.

Registered disabled patrons are entitled to concession tickets with a complimentary ticket for a companion.

Audio or large print versions of this brochure are available on request.

The Bacon Theatre is proud to support performers from the local community and we are always pleased to hear from any groups or individuals seeking affordable performance space or local businesses and organisations requiring facilities for conferences, functions and away days.

Please note that although changes to the advertised programme are rare, some events may be subject to change at short notice.

SEPTEMBER

Thur 1	NT Live: A View from the Bridge [12A]	7.00 pm
	Tickets: £16.50 (£14.50) Student £12.50	
Fri 9	Close Up Theatre: The Taming of the Shrew	7.30 pm
	Entrance by ticket only. Free of charge.	
Thur 15 - Sun 18	Promenade Productions: The King and I	7.30 pm or 2.30pm
	Tickets: £12.00 - £16.00	HIRE
Sat 24	The Message is in the Music	5.30 pm - 11.00 pm
	Tickets: £25.00 (£22.00)	HIRE
Wed 28	RSC Live: Cymbeline [12A]	7.00 pm
	Tickets: £16.50 (£14.50) Student £12.50	

OCTOBER

Fri 7	Lifting the Blues: Ben Waters & Guests	7.30 pm
	Tickets: £27.00	HIRE
Sun 9	Vienna Festival Ballet: Snow White	5.00 pm
	Tickets: £19.00 (£18.00) Student £14.00	
Wed 12	RSC Live: King Lear [12A]	7.00 pm
	Tickets: £16.50 (£14.50) Student £12.50	
Sat 22	CoadyCrew: Born 2 Perform 2016 (Act 2)	7.00 pm
	Tickets & info: coadydancestudios.com	HIRE
Fri 28 - Sat 29	Girlguiding Gloucestershire	Various times
	Tickets & info: 01242 242640	HIRE
Sun 30	Tom Gate's Brilliant Bands & Doodle Tour	5.00 pm
	Tickets: £12.00 Family of 4 £40.00	HIRE
Sun 30	Prince Michael Hall Pomegranate Piano Trio	3.00 pm
	Tickets: £10.00 (on the door only)	HIRE

NOVEMBER

Sun 6	Ladies of Swing ft. The Honeybirds	5.00 pm
	Tickets: £16.00	

Sat 12	Ultimate Bowie	7.30 pm
	Tickets: £17.50	
Sat 12	Prince Michael Hall Trenchcoats for Goalposts	7.30 pm
	Tickets: £12.00	
Thur 17	Mark Thomas: The Red Shed	8.00 pm
	Tickets: £16.00 Student/Unwaged £10.00	
Fri 18	Music Off Hath Such a Charm	7.30 pm
	Tickets: £16.00 (£14.00)	

DECEMBER



Mon 5	LabLive: Christmas Science Lecture	10.30 am
	Free event for KS3 pupils in Gloucestershire	HIRE
Thur 8 - Sat 10	Dean Close Drama: Fiddler on the Roof	7.30 pm
	Entrance by ticket only. Free of charge.	
Wed 14	Lily and the Little Snow Bear	10.30 am
	Tickets: £10.00 (£8.00) Family £32.00	
Sat 17	Streethouse Studios: It's Showtime	6.30 pm
	Tickets & info: 07891 864041	HIRE
Sun 18	Living Spit: A Christmas Carol	7.30 pm
	Tickets: £14.00 (£12.00)	
Tue 20 - Wed 21	Festive Films: The Polar Express [U]	4.00 pm
	Tickets: £7.00 (to include gift from Santa)	
Thur 22	Johnny Coppin: All on a Winter's Night	7.30 pm
	Tickets: £16.00 Child £9.00	HIRE

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