# LEISURE & CULTURE SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER



# **Summer 2018**

We're excited to let you know that following the success of Beauty and the Beast, the Derby LIVE pantomime will once again be taking place at Derby Arena this Christmas. This year's show, Jack and the Beanstalk, will run from Sat 8 Dec 2018 - Sat 5 Jan 2019. Tickets are selling fast so reserve your tickets now to get the best seats. If you came last year, we hope you found it as good as many of the schools we've had positive feedback from. Or join us for a fun-filled adventure in The Dinosaur who came for Christmas with the Babbling Vagabonds as they return for another fabulous Christmas show.

We have a selection of upcoming events we thought your school might be interested in coming along to. Join us at Markeaton Park with the hilarious Oddsocks Productions and their renditions of The Tempest and Romeo and Juliet. Derby Book Festival welcomes Professor Robert Winston and Germaine Greer to share their knowledge and stories with the Guildhall Theatre audiences. In Grace - the Lighthouse Girl, a gifted cast and 12 - piece band bring to life the remarkable and moving story of Grace Darling at the Guildhall Theatre. The Lost Boys return in October with The Creation of Frankenstein, and using their 25 years of teaching experience, offer workshops for teachers and students.

The hugely popular Cathedral Quarter 3aaa Christmas Ice Rink will once again take over the Market Place this winter with exclusive schools sessions on offer! We also have a selection of upcoming events we thought your school might be interested in coming along to.

If you're looking for activities outside of your school we've got lots to choose from at our leisure centres and parks! From swimming to athletics tracks, sports courts, nature walks, high ropes, Footgolf or even track cycling at Derby Arena. Read on to find out more.

# Now on sale at 膏





Professor Robert Winston Open Road Productions Thu 5 Jun, 7pm Tickets £15.75

Germaine Greer Fri 8 Jun, 7:30pm Tickets £13.75

Guildhall Theatre





Wed 27 - Sat 30 Jun Schools rate: £12 11th ticket free

Guildhall Theatre

A gifted cast and band bring to life the remarkable story of Grace Darling, who was catapulted to fame after being involved in a brave rescue at sea.





Oddsocks Productions Outdoor Cinema and Theatre season

The Tempest Thu 14 - Sat 16 Jun School tickets £10 & 1 seat free

Romeo and Juliet Tue 24 - Thu 26 Jul School tickets £10 & 1 seat free

Markeaton Park Craft Village



# Book now and pay by Autumn 2018

Fee Fi Fo Fum, Derby Arena is in for some fun. The villagers of Dappy Darley on the Derwent are under threat from a ginormous giant! Poor young Jack has his head in the clouds, but when he sells his beloved cow Pat for just a handful of beans he begins a huge adventure which takes him to new heights.

The team behind the 2017 smash hit *Beauty and the Beast* are back with the BIGGEST panto of them all with marvellous moosic, cow-ntless costumes and an udderly ridiculous dame with giant-sized jokes!

#### School performances: Earlybird tickets £10.50 and the 11th ticket FREE for a teacher/ supervisor (£11 from 1 Nov - pay before 31 Oct to save 50p per ticket)

#### **DERBY ARENA** Performance schedule

More dates available, please see our website for more information.

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Dec 2018		Fri 14	10am	Approx	Floor	
Tue 11	10am	Tue 18	<mark>10am</mark> , 1:30pm	2 hrs 20 Including interval	Seating	
Wed 12	<mark>10am</mark> , 1:30pm	Wed 19	<mark>10am</mark> , 1:30pm*		Lower Tier	
Thu 13	10am*, 1:30pm	Thu 20	10am	Key: Limited tickets		

\* BSL interpreted Thu 13 Dec 10am 🙋 Relaxed performance Wed 19 Dec 1:30pm Ŗ

All your favourite characters will be bought to life in this enchanting and spellbinding tale combining laugh-out-loud comedy, toe-tapping music and dance routines and oodles of audience participation.

Derby Arena is located on Pride Park, easily accessible off the A52 and with good coach parking and easy drop off.

Well what can we say... today was our annual whole school trip to the Pantomime @ Derby Arena and it didn't disappoint!!! St George's, Derby on Beauty and the Beast

## Cathedral Quarter 3aaa Christmas Ice Rink

Derby's Market Place will once again play host to the purpose-built Cathedral Quarter 3aaa Ice Rink this winter, made of real ice!



#### School Private Hire: £200 for 50 minute exclusive session.

Available weekdays **Mon 3 to Fri 14 Dec**, **10am and 11am**. Maximum of 100 skaters including teachers. Price includes skate hire and free use of skate aids - max of 20. (These sessions can only be booked in person or by phone.)

Schools can also book on public sessions with groups discounts available and NO booking fee!

To book tickets for your class or school please visit our **Sales & Information Centre**, call **01332 255800** or email us at **boxoffice@derby.gov.uk**.

### SCHOOL BOOKINGS MADE EASY

- Reserve now, pay later (we can hold your Christmas tickets and you can pay later )
- Seating plan and group ticket (on request)
- Parking and coach information (on request)
- Risk Assessment online at derbylive.co.uk/risk-assessment
- Advance ice cream ordering
- No booking fees
- FREE postage

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Join those festive funsters The Babbling Vagabonds, as they return with more seasonal shenanigans.

Expect a Christmas cracker of a tale, crammed with goodies, baddies, and a whole lot of fun, as the team weave the story of a Christmas with an unexpected guest!

With a mix of actors playing various roles, original songs and music, puppets, and brilliant shadow work, the story will come to life as we see what happens when it's not just Gran who comes to stay.

#### School rate: \$8, and the 11th ticket FREE for a teacher/supervisor.

#### **GUILDHALL THEATRE** Performance schedule

#### Dec 2018

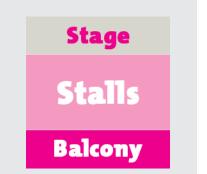
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Shadow interpreted BSL performances on Wed 12 and Thu 20 Dec. More performances available, please see our website for more information.



# THE CREATION OF FRANKENSTEIN

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* is probably the greatest horror story ever told. This gripping production interweaves the story of Frankenstein with the story of the novel's creation.

Bespoke educational workshops will be facilitated by The Lost Boys, the two lead cast members and producers of *The Creation of Frankenstein*.

**Student workshops** will encourage attendees to develop their own ideas about the themes and subjects covered in the novel and their relevance today. They will also explore the production itself by looking at the creative theatrical choices that make this adaptation distinct from other versions of the *Frankenstein* story.

The Lost Boys will also be delivering **teacher workshops** that focus on the use of dramatic elements to enhance student's learning.

"Guaranteed to be fast-paced, funny and interactive, these workshops really will bring Frankenstein's creature to life." - Ben Adwick, Director of Education & Community, The Lost Boys

For more information and details on how to book visit **derbylive.co.uk** 

**Performances - Wed 24 - Sat 27 Oct | Workshops - on a mutually agreed date** Guildhall Theatre | £15 (13 concessions) Group and school rates are available.

## **Reserving your tickets**

To book tickets for your class or school please call our Sales & Information Centre on 01332 255800 or email us at boxoffice@derby.gov.uk.

You can reserve tickets until 4 weeks before the show (longer for Christmas shows) depending on how close you book to a performance. You will then be sent an invoice. Please make sure that your final ticket numbers are correct on the invoice. If you are a Derby City Council school we also need to be sent your IPROC order. You can send this to us when you reserve your tickets, or when you confirm your numbers. If you are not run by Derby City Council then this does not apply to you.

We will also ask if you are visiting by coach and the details of the coach company booked. This is so that we can liaise with them regarding drop off and collection times.

Full payment for tickets must be made 4 weeks before the performance date. Derby City Council no longer accept payment by cheque, you can pay for your tickets by card or BACS payment.

### **Sports facilities**



Our leisure centre's offer a wide range of versatile sport and health & fitness opportunities. We have a whole range of facilities on offer to create opportunities for all, and a range of spaces from large sports halls to various sized meeting rooms are available to hire for a range of events and activities.

At Derby Arena, we have a top of the range sprung-floor dance studio, which can be used for a variety of sports, performance and arts. As well as Cycling on our 250m indoor track start for as little as  $\pounds$ 6 from the age of 9.

Queen's Leisure Centre is conveniently located in the city centre. There is a range of facilities and activities available including 3 multi-purpose Swimming pools (Gala pool, Family pool and Teaching pool).

Our sports courts and pitches at Springwood Leisure Centre in Oakwood are bookable too, and activities available for children including sports coaching courses such as gymnastics, trampolining and cheerleading.

At Moorways Stadium in Allenton, we offer rooms to hire as well as bookable pitches and the athletic track.

For more information visit inderby.org.uk/active or contact our leisure booking team on 01332 641234 to make a booking or discuss your requirements.

### Plan your next school trip to Derby Parks

Let kids explore the wild side and benefit from the wonderful open green spaces and range of activities available at Derby Parks, with opportunities to learn about Derby's historical past, the parks natural wildlife and so much more.

Markeaton Park has undergone a major transformation, including new pathways, improved signage, a new children's play area and a sparkling Craft Village following its makeover, which now includes a new visitors area, community room and the refurbished Orangery Café.

Alongside the improvements to the park, we will be delivering a wide range of events and community activities throughout the year, to get more people involved in the park and to increase their understanding of the park's heritage. Visit inderby.org.uk/events for more information.

Activities on the park include tennis and football on our Sports Courts, Pitch & Putt and Footgolf. Why not take the class room outdoors and use our new Visitor Centre and Community Room located in the Craft Village.

If you would like to discuss any school trip ideas for Markeaton Park call our Development Officer - Dawn Dagley on 01332 641558, mobile 07812 300606, or email Dawn.Dagley@derby.gov.uk. You can also visit, inderby.org.uk/markeaton.

### **Derby Libraries**

#### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is back this summer holiday at a library near you, with a new theme called Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.

The challenge is to read six books of the child's own choice. It's free and encourages children to read during the long summer break when their reading skills can decline without the regular reading activity at school.

The combination of creativity, fun activities and reading choice can have a real impact on children's reading ability, range and motivation, boosting their confidence and leading to a more positive attitude towards learning.

#### **Riverside Library opening**

The new Riverside Library will open Monday 2 July. Come and take a look at the new facilities on offer, including a children's area with plenty of books to get lost in! All the usual clubs, including Rhyme Time and Code Club, will continue and school visits are welcome.

Keep an eye out for further details at inderby.org.uk/libraries or call 01332 642240.







We hope to see you again soon!

Best wishes, Leisure and Culture team