

**Wed 8 - Sat 11
September**

Evenings at 8pm
Sat matinee 2.15pm

TREASURE ISLAND

Directed by Debra Elsdon

Youth Theatre

By **Robert Louis Stevenson**, adapted for the stage by **Stuart Paterson**.

This classic adaptation takes us from the Admiral Benbow Inn to the Bristol Docks, via a voyage on the *Hispaniola* to a show-down on tropical, terrifying Treasure Island. Join us on an adventure which starts with a curse and a treasure map and includes killings-a-plenty, betrayals and acts of great courage. How perfect for our youth theatre, who love stage fights, lots of shouting and a powerful death scene... or two... or three!

**Mon 8 - Sat 13
November**

Evenings at 8pm
Sat matinee 2.15pm

ON GOLDEN POND

Directed by Suzi Whittle

Drama

By **Ernest Thompson**

This is a funny and moving play of rare simplicity and beauty. Retired couple Ethel and Norman are spending the summer at their vacation home on Golden Pond, in the woods of Maine. Their delightful summer routine of fishing, picking strawberries and relaxing together is interrupted by a visit from their daughter and her dentist fiancé, who then go off to Europe leaving his teenage son behind for the summer. After a difficult start, the boy becomes the grandchild they have longed for and as Norman revels in teaching him fishing and good books, he also learns some lessons about teenage attitudes.

**Wed 5- Sun 9
Wed 12 - Sat 15
January**

Evenings at 8pm
Matinees Sat 11,
Sun 12 & Sat 18
2.15pm

GOODNIGHT, MR TOM

Directed by Ian Brown

Family Show

By **Michelle Magorian**, adapted for the stage by **David Wood**

Set during the dark and dangerous build-up to the Second World War, *Goodnight Mister Tom* follows sad young William Beech, who is evacuated to the idyllic English countryside and builds a remarkable and moving friendship with the elderly recluse Tom Oakley. All seems perfect until William is devastatingly summoned by his mother back to London. This is a tale of two broken souls at very different ends of the age scale: it celebrates the value of love and proves that friendship knows no barriers. The play won the Oliver Award for Best Entertainment and Family in 2013.

**Mon 21 - Sat 26
February**

Evenings at 8pm
Sat matinee 2.15pm

THE LAST OF THE HAUSSMANS

Directed by Julie Cumbo

Drama

By **Stephen Beresford**

Judy Haussman is an incorrigible ageing hippy, still anarchic and feisty but now ill and so members of her dysfunctional family, as well as neighbours, come to visit her. The play is set in and around the Haussman family home, a 1930s' art deco property in a state of virtual dereliction, on the South Devon coast. There are rows, revelations, touches of comedy and touches of pathos in this lively, funny and touching drama.

**Tues 5 - Sat 9
April**

Evenings at 8pm
Sat matinee 2.15pm

OUR DAY OUT

Directed by Debs Brooks

Youth Theatre

By **Willy Russell**

Join the 'Progress Class' on a rare outing from the deprived area in which they live. Accompanied by their ever-patient teacher Mrs Kay and disciplinarian Mr Briggs the group cause havoc as they stop off at a zoo, a castle and a petrol station along their way to a theme park. Exploring themes of education, poverty and the ever-present social glass ceiling, Willy Russell draws on his personal teaching experience of an inner-city school with hilarious and heart-breaking results. With around 20 roles to choose from, this funny, gritty play is a great vehicle for our youth theatre.

**Mon 23 - Sat 28
May**

Evenings at 8pm
Sat matinee 2.15pm

THE WOMAN IN WHITE

Directed by Eve Manghani

Drama

By **Wilkie Collins**, adapted for the stage by **Constance Cox**

Late one night on a deserted road, Walter Hartright meets a young woman all dressed in white who needs his help. Slowly Walter's world is enveloped in mystery and secrets. This play is a truly atmospheric Victorian mystery. It is a Gothic Whodunnit, a terrifying tale of good versus evil. It is a detective story and a love story, with twists and turns one would expect from a modern-day thriller!

**Mon 4 - Sat 9
July**

Evenings at 8pm
Sat matinee 2.15pm

THE 39 STEPS

Directed by Lauren Milsom & Noel Harris

Comedy

By **John Buchan**, adapted by **Patrick Barlow**

This intriguing, thrilling, riotous and unmissable comedy hurtles a notorious fugitive and a spellbound blonde from a London music hall north by northwest to Scotland's most remote highlands. Will they save Britain from a den of devious spies? A cast of five actors plays over 150 characters in this fast-paced tale of an ordinary man on an extraordinarily entertaining adventure. Winner of the Olivier Award for Best Comedy in 2007, *The 39 Steps* contains every single legendary scene from the award-winning movie, all are brought to life on The Courtyard stage, in this inventive and hilarious theatrical tour-de-force.