Chipstead Players' Season List 2023-24

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Tues 19 - Sat 23 September 2023 Evenings at 8pm Sat matinée 2.15pm	PUNK ROCK Directed by Beth Brooks and Bradley Adams Older Youth BY SIMON STEPHENS (This play contains language and themes which some people might find offensive or upsetting) Image: Control of the school. She'd quite like to fly under the radar but doesn't mind making some friends along the way. In the school library, she meets William and the rest of his friends. While trying to fit in, she is harshly reminded how aggressive and dysfunctional teenagers can be. Will she succumb to social expectation of school life or rise above it and avoid what is to come? Tickets on sale from May 22nd 2023
Mon 6 - Sat 11 November 2023 Evenings at 8pm Sat matinée 2.15pm	LADIES' DAYDirected by Julie CumboComedyBY AMANDA WHITTINGTONAn exuberant tale about four likely lasses from the Hull fish docks on a day trip to the races, this is a heart-warming comedy. Work, love and life are just one long, hard slog for the fish-filleting foursome Pearl, Jan, Shelley and Linda but their fortunes are set to change when they acquire tickets to Ladies' Day at the races. Out go the hairnets, overalls and wellies as the four ditch work, do themselves up to the nines and head off to the races for a drink, a Tickets on sale from July 3rd 2023
Wed 10 - Sun 14 & Wed 17 - Sat 20 January 2024 Evenings at 7.30pm Matinées on Sat 14, Sun 15 & Sat 21 at 2pm	UNCLE EBENEZERDirected by lan BrownFamilyBY PHIL WILLMOTT(Based on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens)Dickens's Christmas classic is given an unusual twist in this delightful musical version.On Christmas Eve, Scrooge's nephew, a social reformer fired up by the inequalities he has witnessed, narrates to his family the magical story of his uncle's transformation. Famous pieces of classical music, Gilbert and Sullivan songs (all set to new words) and Christmas carols are seamlessly interwoven into the narrative, giving a marvellously Christmasy feel to the piece.
Mon 26 February - Sat 2 March 2024 Evenings at 7.30pm Sat matinée 2pm	LAWRENCE AFTER ARABIADirected by Maggie MayDramaBY HOWARD BRENTONSo what happened to one of the twentieth century's most brilliant scholars and the legendary desert warrior of the Arab revolt? The play is set in 1922 with T E Lawrence holed up with George Bernard Shaw, reflecting on his epic campaign, battling with his guilt at broken promises to his Arab friends and craving normality. We are transported back to the scenes of his historic achievements.Tickets on sale from November 6th 2023
Tues 9 - Sat 13 April 2024 Evenings at 7.30pm Sat matinée 2pm	GRIMM TALESDirected by Debs BrooksYouth TheatreADAPTED BY PHILIP PULLMANADAPTED BY PHILIP PULLMANIt would be like to own a wishing cloak? This collection of seven reworked storiesHave you ever wondered what happened to the big-bad wolf, or what it would be like to own a wishing cloak? This collection of seven reworked storieswill give you some answers, although not necessarily the ones you expect. Those included range from classic tales such as Red Riding Hood andHansel and Gretel to some which are a little more unusual, like Donkey Cabbage and The Juniper Tree.You won't want to miss these deliciously dark tales for all the family.
Mon 20 - Sat 25 May 2024 Evenings at 7.30pm Sat matinée 2pm	THE SONDirected by Sheila Carr (This play contains references to suicide)DramaBY FLORIAN ZELLER, translated by CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON(This play contains references to suicide)DramaThe Son by Florian Zeller is a beautifully written, totally absorbing play. Until two years ago Nicholas was a happy, smiling boy but he is not coping with his parents' separation and divorce and is now listless, skipping school and lying. The resulting disruptive dynamics of family life form the basis of this thought- provoking, mesmerising piece of theatre. Not to be missed!Tickets on sale from February 26th 2024
Mon 1 - Sat 6 July 2024 Evenings at 7.30pm Sat matinée 2pm	WHEN WE ARE MARRIEDDirected by Chris HearnComedy DramaBY J.B. PRIESTLEYThe play is set in Yorkshire in the early 1900s. Twenty-five years earlier, the Helliwells, the Parkers and the Soppitts were married on the same day by the same parson and they have now gathered to celebrate their silver weddings. These staunch Yorkshire chapel folk have summoned the new organist to reprimand him for courting a local girl but to the dismay of the three couples, the new organist delivers bombshell news. Pandemonium breaks out when these pillars of society believe they have been living in sin for 25 years.Tickets on sale from April 8th 2024