

PLAYS AT THE  
*Playhouse*  
SEASON  
2017/18

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, MARKET ST. WEST, PRESTON PR1 2HB

TEL: 01772 252288

[www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)

6th-9th September 2017

PRESTON MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY presents

## **USHERS** The Front of House Musical

Music by Yiannis Koutsakos.

Lyrics by James Oban & Yiannis Koutsakos

Book and Additional lyrics by James Rottger

Set in a West End theatre hosting the jukebox musical, "Oops I Did It Again, The Britney Spears Musical", USHERS: The Front of House Musical follows the lives of the stagiest people in the theatre - the front of house staff selling programmes, ice creams and tearing tickets.

Over one working shift, it portrays the hilarious, ridiculous and frequently moving stories of these youngsters who dare to dream... including a three-year workplace romance that is on the rocks, an untrained newbie working her first shift and the amorous manager who is under pressure to cut costs. What could possibly go wrong?

Friday 8th & Sunday 10th September 2017

## **NATIONAL HERITAGE OPEN DAYS AT THE PLAYHOUSE**

Members of the public, friends and patrons are cordially invited to visit us and take a look 'behind the scenes'. Members will be on hand to give you a short guided tour.

20th - 23rd September 2017

PRESTON DRAMA CLUB presents

## **JUNE EVENING**

A play by Bill Naughton

Set on the evening of the 1st June, 1921, on a typical street in a Lancashire town. We share the trials and tribulations, laughter, tears and memories of the residents as they go about their daily lives. Written in a very true to life manner as would be expected of the playwright of Spring and Port Wine, All in Good Time, and Alfie. A very true and entertaining picture is painted of those post world war one years.

4th-7th October 2017

THE BROUGHTON PLAYERS present

## DOUBLE CUT

A thriller by Alfred Shaughnessy

An ingenious thriller set in a luxury villa on the Costa Del Sol. The plot revolves around diamond heiress Olivia Prescott whose villa is disturbed by an enigmatic stranger. He seems to know many seemingly trivial details of her past family life. His papers verify his identity, but Olivia insists, with mounting hysteria, that he is an imposter. The plot thickens when we learn that ten million pounds worth of diamonds has gone missing. Is that what the stranger is after? The complications are finally unravelled in a gripping denouement to this taut and well-written thriller.

Thursday 12th October 2017

PRESTON PLAYHOUSE

and the Blackpool branch of Equity present

## VARIETY STARTIME SPECTACULAR

Featuring an all star cast of professional entertainers including:

- **DES DAY** Host/Compere
- **LYNNE FOX** Greatest Hits vocalist
- **DAVE BROOKLYN** Sounds of the 60's / 70's
- **BRIAN SEFTON** Magician
- **SUE SABINE** Comedy Vocalist
- **BLUES BROTHERS** Tribute
- **SUZANNE ROBERTS** Dancers

Proceeds to the 'Theatre Development' project and the Equity Benevolent Fund

Tickets £10 available from the Box Office 01772 744771. Or you may book online by following the links on the Playhouse website at [www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)

**Saturday 14th October 2017**  
Raising funds for the Playhouse

## CELEBRATION OF YOUTH

Organised each year by Preston Arts Association and the Playhouse Development Fund.

Featuring the best of local young talent introduced by Mark Howard

including:

- **BEN JARVIS** - Cornet - member of The Leyland Band
- **ELIZA ROBNEY** - Piano
- **EMMANUEL MORO** - Singer
- **ETHAN CASTLE** - Dance - Preston's Got Talent winner
- **JACK HEATON** - Guitar
- **STUDENTS FROM THE JOPSON MUSIC ACADEMY**

Tickets £8 available from the Box Office 01772 744771. Or you may book online by following the links on the Playhouse website at [www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)

**25th - 28th October 2017**  
PRESTON DRAMA CLUB presents

## WIFE AFTER DEATH

A comedy by Eric Chappell

Comedian and national treasure, Dave Thursby, has died and it's the day of his funeral. Harvey, his script writer with his wife Vi, together with Kevin, his agent, and Kevin's wife Jane are in attendance. Laura, Dave's glamorous widow, has arranged a funeral to remember, with the predictable horse drawn hearse and a fly past by the local aero club. Then there is a mysterious uninvited stranger who turns out to be Kay, Dave's ex-wife from before he was famous. A series of secrets are revealed about Dave's dodgy past and recent philandering with all the guests asking themselves if they ever really knew the real Dave.

2017

**Saturday 4th November 2017**

**Raising funds for the Playhouse**

**PRESTON PLAYHOUSE** are delighted to present

## **THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS**

**In Concert**

Tickets £12 available from the Box Office 07790 081536 or email [grimsarghboxoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:grimsarghboxoffice@btinternet.com)

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**15th - 18th November 2017**

**GRIMSARGH PLAYERS** present

## **SPRING AND PORT WINE**

**The favourite Lancashire comedy by Bill Naughton**

Rafe Compton is not a stern man but has such unswerving integrity that his family is forced to hide slight peccadilloes from him. His daughter Hilda particularly resents this and her refusal to eat a herring which is placed before her at dinner makes the situation explosive. The family is almost broken up before Rafe is made to see the dangers in his attitudes, and they are reunited in a more progressive and tolerant atmosphere.

**Saturday 2nd December 2017**

**Raising funds for the Playhouse**

**PRESTON PLAYHOUSE** presents

## **THE FRECKLETON BAND & PRESTON MUSICAL COMEDY SHOW CHOIR**

### **AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MAGIC**

**Compered by Dennis Yardley**

**The perfect way to start the Festive Season**

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**8th – 23rd December 2017**

PRESTON MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY presents

## **SLEEPING BEAUTY**

**A traditional pantomime written by  
Mark Howard and Philip Tomlinson**

Princess Aurora is castle-bound as her parents fear for her safety due to the terrible curse Carabosse has put on her. The Good Fairies help but Aurora still needs a champion ( Prince Charming ) when she gets tangled in vines. Will they all fall asleep and not wake up? Can the Prince and the gang save Aurora from whatever lurks in the forest? Mischievous fun ensues, a goodie with some gags, a baddie wanting boos. This superb cast perform a family friendly show with a fabulous musical score and sophisticated choreography that will excite the whole family.

For performance times call the box office or see the Playhouse website.

**17th – 20th January 2018**

PRESTON DRAMA CLUB presents

## **RUMOURS (The British Version)**

**A comedy by Neil Simon**

Ken and Chris have found their host Charley, a prominent Government official, in his bedroom, too dazed to speak, with a bullet wound in his ear lobe! Len and Claire arrive, themselves injured in a car crash, and are soon joined by Ernest and Cookie, Glen and Cassie, each with their own problems. A second, accidental gunshot leaves Ken temporarily deaf, the police arrive and Len has to pretend he is Charley, concocting a touching and fantastic explanation...

**7th – 10th February 2018**

THE BROUGHTON PLAYERS present

## **SPIRIT LEVEL**

**A comedy by Pam Valentine**

When famous crime writer Jack Cameron and his wife Susie drown in a boating accident, they are refused entry into heaven. Jack is a card carrying atheist so they return to haunt the country cottage where they lived. Life is dull. Their only pleasure comes from spooking the estate agent and frightening away any would-be tenants.

# 2018

**21st - 24th February 2018**

PRESTON DRAMA CLUB presents

## BRONTE

A play by Polly Teale

“How was it possible? Three Victorian spinsters living in isolation on the Yorkshire Moors ... ?” This breath-taking play lets us into the real and imagined worlds of Charlotte, Emily, Anne and their enigmatic brother Branwell, as their fictional characters come to haunt the writers.

A riveting drama, offering a tantalising, bittersweet glimpse through the window of a unique family home.

**7th - 10th March 2018**

PRESTON GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY presents

## RUDDIGORE

Ruddigore is now regarded as one of the gems of the Gilbert and Sullivan canon. A satirical take on the Victorian Melodrama genre, Ruddigore's zany plot has it all – ghosts, witches, curses, disguises, and even a wicked villain who tries to make off with the fair maiden. All of the Baronets of the locale are under a terrible curse enacted by a witch a long time ago. Each of the successive Baronets must commit some kind of crime every single day, or else they will die in terrible agony. Ruddigore is an ensemble tour de force with a wealth of fun character roles.

Tickets £12, concessions and students £10,  
children under 16 years £8.

Box Office Tel. 07779 738607 or visit [www.prestongass.co.uk](http://www.prestongass.co.uk)

**21st - 24th March 2018**

GRIMSARGH PLAYERS present

## THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES

A comedy by Joanna Murray-Smith

Thirty years ago Margot Mason, pioneer of the 1970's Women's Liberation Movement and fearless academic, wrote her ground-breaking work, *The Cerebral Vagina*. Numerous best sellers and international adulation followed, but she now has writer's block. As she sits in her country house struggling with a deadline, in walks Molly Rivers, student, idealist and daughter of one of Margot's most dedicated followers. Initially flattered, Margot is less pleased when Molly handcuffs her to the desk and pulls a gun ...



**11th-14th April 2018**

PRESTON DRAMA CLUB presents

## **AND THEN THERE WERE NONE**

A play by Agatha Christie

Ten strangers accept invitations to a house party on a remote island; the only thing they have in common is a past they're unwilling to reveal involving a secret that will seal their fate ..... and each is marked for death.

As the weather turns and the group is completely cut off from the mainland the murders begin, and one by one they're brutally slain in the ways described in the verses of a well-known nursery rhyme ...

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**9th - 12th May 2018**

THE BROUGHTON PLAYERS present

## **DEAD RECKONING**

A thriller by Eric Chappell

Dead Reckoning finds a renowned artist caught up in a maze of chilling mind games and deceit. When mysterious Mr Todd arrives at painter Tony Reed's house, Tony is forced to face the past that still haunts him and make a decision he has only ever fantasised about. This decision leads Reed and his second wife into a terrifying nightmare from which there is no escape. Who exactly is Mr Todd? Just how far is Tony Reed prepared to go? And who really killed his adored first wife....?

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**23rd - 26th May 2018**

PRESTON DRAMA CLUB presents

## **LAST TANGO IN WHITBY**

A comedy by Mike Harding

For Pat, recently widowed, this year's charabanc trip to Whitby is tinged with sadness. She is determined to enjoy herself in the company of her old friends – warm, kind hearted Jimmy and Joan; gentle, innocent Jessie; Maureen; know-it-all Henry and interfering, out-spoken Kathleen. At the hotel we meet Phil and Edna – 'The Shangri-Las' who provide entertainment in the form of old-time dancing. Phil is also trying to enjoy himself, despite being trapped in a dead, loveless marriage. Phil and Kathleen feel the unexpected spark of mutual attraction and ... ?



# 2018

**7th-9th June 2018**

Raising funds for the Playhouse

PRESTON PLAYHOUSE presents

Returning by popular demand

## THE PLAYHOUSE FOLLIES

Songs and laughter all the way!

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Or you may book online by following the links on the Playhouse  
website at [www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)

**21st - 23rd June 2018**

Raising funds for the Playhouse

THE BROUGHTON PLAYERS

PRESTON DRAMA CLUB

GRIMSARGH PLAYERS presents

## THREE MORE PLAYS

An evening of three short plays.

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If you are looking for an interest with a social life attached and  
would like to be involved in the running of this Preston  
landmark, we are looking for volunteers to support us in the  
operations and maintenance. Roles range from providing teas,  
bar work, and house management, to painting, plumbing,  
electrical and joinery tasks so recently retired tradespersons are  
particular welcome. Your commitment can involve as little or as  
much time as you wish, day or evening. For more information  
visit our website at [www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)

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# TICKET PRICES

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## WEDNESDAY

Adults	£8.00
OAP's & Children	£7.00

## THURSDAY TO SATURDAY

Adults	£9.00
OAP's & Children	£8.00

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## Preston Drama Club & The Broughton Players

Box Office: Don Stephenson 01772 744771

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## Grimsargh Players

Box Office: 07790 081 536  
or email [grimsarghboxoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:grimsarghboxoffice@btinternet.com)

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## Preston Gilbert & Sullivan Society

Tickets £12 | Concessions £10 | Children under 16yrs £8  
Box Office: 07779 738 607  
or visit [www.prestongass.co.uk](http://www.prestongass.co.uk)

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## Preston Musical Comedy Society

Ushers The Front of House Musical  
Tickets £12 and £10  
Pantomime Sleeping Beauty  
Tickets £10 and £8 | Family Ticket £32  
Group bookings - one free ticket for every 10 purchased

You can book tickets online at [www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)  
or via the TicketSource telephone booking service on 0333 666 3366. ( Booking fees will apply, plus a £1.50 service charge for booking by phone ). For more information and full terms and conditions please visit the website [www.prestonmusicalcomedy.co.uk](http://www.prestonmusicalcomedy.co.uk)

## Playhouse Theatre Seating Plan



A	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	A			
B	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	B
C	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	C	
D	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	D
E	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	E	
F	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	F
G	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	G	
H	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	H	
J	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	J	
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### CAR PARKING

The Trinity Square car park opposite the theatre is available, at no charge, for patrons after 7pm on the evening of a performance. A current, valid disc, available from the Box Office must be displayed.

### LICENSED BAR

The bar opens half an hour before each evening performance and stays open after the show. You can help us and yourself by ordering your interval drinks before the show. The bar is staffed voluntarily by members of the five societies using the Playhouse.

### TEA & COFFEE

are served during the interval in the theatre foyer.

### WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

We can accommodate wheelchair users. Please let us know your requirements in advance so that we can ensure a pleasant visit for you and your companion. The theatre is equipped with a loop system for the hard-of-hearing.

## BOOKING FORM

In order to reserve your seat, please state the number of tickets required in the appropriate box

OAP/ Adult child			Day	Row Seat(s) No.
		PLAY		
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# BOOKING FORM

NAME: Mr/Mrs/Miss .....

ADDRESS: .....

Telephone No: .....

Please return your completed form together with your remittance and S. A. E. to:

**BOX OFFICE MANAGER  
THE PLAYHOUSE THEATRE  
MARKET STREET WEST, PRESTON. PR1 2HB**

**Tel: 01772 252288**

**Cheques to made payable to: PRESTON DRAMA CLUB**

**Any queries - please telephone: PRESTON 744771**

On-line bookings for most productions can also be made by following the links on the Playhouse website at [www.prestonplayhouse.com](http://www.prestonplayhouse.com)  
A nominal booking fee applies.



**Drama Classes...**

Age 6 - 12 years old

Saturdays at the PLAYHOUSE

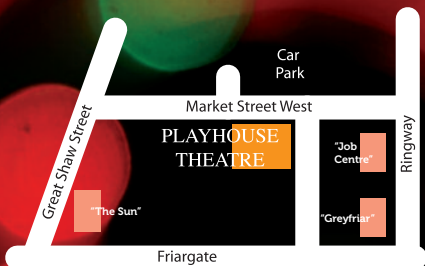
Wednesday evenings ages 13 - 16 year olds

To book a place contact Deborah Carter on

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