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- REGENT'S PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE CONFIRMS EXTENDED 2021 SEASON INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL CO-PRODUCTION WITH UNICORN THEATRE AND A SERIES OF MORE OUTDOOR COMEDY EVENTS AND FILMS
- THE THEATRE ALSO ANNOUNCES THE LAUNCH OF THEIR CREATIVE TEAM ASSOCIATES PROGRAMME AND ACKNOWLEDGES A GRANT FROM THE CULTURAL RECOVERY FUND

Regent's Park Open Air Theatre led the industry last summer, being the first major London theatre to re-open amidst the coronavirus pandemic. Welcoming audiences of over 30,000, the theatre was widely celebrated as being at the forefront introducing new measures to safeguard theatre audiences, performers and staff.

Today the entirely open air theatre confirms their 2021 season, including **extended runs of *Romeo and Juliet*** (17 June – 24 July), directed by Kimberley Sykes, and ***Carousel*** (31 July - 25 September), directed by Timothy Sheader. ***Dragons and Mythical Beasts***, for ages 3+, will now open on Friday 13 August with additional performances added during the run. The same covid-secure procedures will be in place for as long as necessary **including an initial 50% reduction** to seating capacity.

In addition, the theatre will present a **co-production with Unicorn Theatre** of ***Anansi the Spider*** for ages 3-7. Brought vividly to life by Unicorn's Artistic Director, Justin Audibert, the production – which consists of three classic West African and Caribbean tales about the spider hoaxster – enjoyed a critically acclaimed run at the Unicorn in 2019, and was 're-spun' as part of their digital offering during the pandemic. The show will play daytime performances on the theatre's lawn, 7 – 24 July. Tickets go on sale on 23 April (priority booking for members from 19 April).

A series of **MOREoutdoor** events will include comedy from **Aisling Bea, Jimmy Carr, and Luisa Omielan** and, following last summer's sell-out gigs, Canned Laughter present another all-star comedy fundraiser in support of The Trussell Trust featuring **Lolly Adefope, Rosie Jones, Rose Matafeo and Suzi Ruffell** – with more acts to be announced. Also confirmed is a 20th anniversary screening of Baz Luhrmann's ***Moulin Rouge!*** by The Luna Cinema alongside ***The Shining***.

The Open Air Theatre is proud to launch its inaugural **Creative Team Associates programme** providing opportunities for artists early in their career to broaden their experience making large scale work and be supported and mentored by the season's lead creatives. For more information and to apply visit: <https://openairtheatre.com/careers>.

Artistic Director **Timothy Sheader** said:

"As a theatre that receives no regular public funding, the financial challenges of producing large-scale theatre with a 50% reduction in seating capacity cannot be underestimated. We are therefore thrilled to have been awarded a grant thanks to the government's Culture Recovery Fund and look forward to welcoming both audiences and theatre makers back to our unique and special outdoor space this summer."

PRESS RELEASE



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* Until 16 May, lines open Mon-Fri, 9am - 6pm / Sat 10am - 6pm; from 17 May, Mon-Fri 9am - 8pm / Sat 10am - 8pm / Sun & Bank Holidays 10am - 6pm. A £1.80 per ticket telephone booking fee applies. For *Dragons and Mythical Beasts* a £1.80 per ticket booking fee applies for telephone and online bookings (no booking fee when purchased in person at the box office counter).

Social Media

Twitter: @OpenAirTheatre

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#OAT2021 / #RomeoandJuliet / #Carousel / #DragonsBeasts / #AnansiTheSpider #MOREoutdoor

2021 LISTINGS

ROMEO AND JULIET

By William Shakespeare

Saturday 17 June – Saturday 24 July 2021

First preview: 17 June

Press Night **UPDATED:** Wednesday 23 June (7.45pm)

Performances:

Monday – Saturday @ 7.45pm (gates 6.15pm)

Thursday & Saturday @ 2.15pm (gates 12.45pm)

No matinee 17 or 19 June

TICKETS FROM £25

Assisted Performances:

BSL Interpreted: Friday 16 July (7.45pm)

Audio Described: Saturday 17 July (2.15pm)



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Rodgers and Hammerstein's

CAROUSEL

Music by Richard Rodgers

Book and Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Based on Ferenc Molnar's Play "Liliom"

As adapted by Benjamin F. Glazer

Original Choreography by Agnes de Mille

Friday 30 July – Saturday 25 September 2021

First preview: 30 July

Press Night **UPDATED** Monday, 9 August (7.30pm)

Performances:

Monday – Saturday @ 7.30pm (gates 6.00pm)

Thursday & Saturday @ 2.15pm (gates 12.45pm)

No matinee 31 July or 5 August

TICKETS FROM £25

Assisted Performances:

BSL Interpreted: Friday 20 August (7.30pm)

Low Stimulus Performance: Thursday, 26 August (2.15pm)

Captioned: Friday 3 September (7.30pm)

Audio Described: Saturday 4 September (2.15pm)

Nicoll Entertainment presents

DRAGONS AND MYTHICAL BEASTS

For ages 3+; written by Derek Bond

Friday 13 August – Sunday 5 September 2021

Performances:

Monday & Wednesday @ 2.15pm (gates 1.45pm)

Tuesday @ 10.30am (gates 10am) & 2.15pm (gates 1.45pm)

Friday & Sunday @ 10.30pm (gates 10am) & 1pm (gates 12.30pm)

Saturday @ 10.30am (gates 10am)

No performance at 10.30am on 13 August, and no performances on Friday 3 September.

TICKETS FROM £17 (£15.20 ticket + £1.80 booking fee per ticket; no booking fee when purchased in person at the box office counter)

Assisted Performances:

BSL Interpreted: Wednesday 25 August 2.15pm

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Unicorn Theatre and Regent's Park Theatre present

ANANSI THE SPIDER

For ages 3+; created by Justin Audibert

Wednesday 7 July – Saturday 24 July 2021

Monday – Wednesday & Fridays @ 11am & 1pm (gates 10.30am & 12.30pm)

Saturdays @ 10.30am (gate 10am)

Relaxed Performance: Friday 16 July 1pm

TICKETS £10

LUISA OMIELAN: GOD IS A WOMAN

Sunday 4 July 2021

6pm (gates open 5.15pm)

Entry via Box Office Gate

Recommended ages 18+

75mins (no interval)

All tickets £17.00*



AISLING BEA plus some American Friends

Sunday 4 July 2021

9pm (gates open 8.15pm)

Entry via Stage Door Gate

Recommended ages 16+

75mins (no interval)

All tickets £21.80*

Chambers Touring Presents

JIMMY CARR: TERRIBLY FUNNY

Sunday 11 July 2021

6pm (gates open 5.15pm)

Entry via Box Office Gate

9pm (gates open 8.15pm)

Entry via Stage Door Gate

Recommended ages 16+

75mins (no interval)

All tickets £31.50*



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Berk's Nest presents
CANNED LAUGHTER
Sunday 15 August 2021

6pm (gates open 5.15pm)
Entry via Box Office Gate

9pm (gates open 8.15pm)
Entry via Stage Door Gate

Featuring: Rose Matafeo &
Suzi Ruffell

Featuring: Lolly Adefope &
Rosie Jones

More acts to be announced; As a charity event, the line-up subject to availability.

In support of the Trussell Trust

Recommended ages 16+
75mins (no interval)
All tickets £25 (£23.20 ticket + £1.80 booking fee)

The Luna Cinema presents:
MOULIN ROUGE! 2001 (12A)
20th Anniversary Screening
Sunday 22 August 2021

THE SHINING 1980 (15)
Sunday 5 September 2021

8.15pm (trailers) | 8.25pm (film)
gates open 6.45pm
Entry via the Box Office Gate

7.45pm (trailers) | 7.55pm (film)
gates open 6.15pm
Entry via the Box Office Gate

128mins (+ trailers)

114mins (+ trailers)

VIP Tickets: £32 | Band A: £19.50 | Band B: £17.00 *

* All quoted ticket prices for MOREoutdoor events include a £1.80 online and telephone booking fee. No booking fee when purchased in person at the theatre.

All information correct at the time of going to print. For latest information visit www.openairtheatre.com

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