

ARTS CAREERS CONVENTION 2011

Building on the success of the last Arts Careers Convention we are once again holding another Arts Careers Convention in January. We believe that it is vital for your students to be given the opportunity of seeing what working in the arts is like. It allows them the chance to gain more advice and guidance on their chosen career path and potential routes to working in the industry.

The Arts Careers Convention will be held at The Courtyard on *Wednesday 26 January 2011* for all students you feel would benefit from the opportunity. Most staff here at The Courtyard have different backgrounds and journeys into how they entered into the profession and this is a unique opportunity for young people in Herefordshire to gain a valuable insight. The students will have the opportunity to meet and talk with all departments in the venues; including Technical, Wardrobe, Marketing, Front of House, Education and Outreach, Visual Arts and Box Office as well as a full tour of the building.

We are also going to be inviting Bristol Old Vic, Welsh College and Worcester University and the local colleges so the students will be able to discuss what opportunities are available to pursue.

I'm sure that you'll agree that this is a beneficial experience for any students that have a passion for the arts and will open up their eyes into the many opportunities that are widely available.

The day will last approximately 2 hours and will include a tour, drama workshop with either myself or Kate Ganderton. This will then be followed with the chance for your students to meet the different departments and we will be giving them questionnaire with suitable questions to help get the most out of their visit.

If you would like more information please contact David Durant on 01432 346532

"It helps to bring the real world to the student's experiences and gives them insights into relevant careers."
Anthony Osborne, Hereford Sixth Form College

UNDER MILK WOOD: LIVE ON AIR

It's 1964 and two actors prepare for the tenth anniversary radio broadcast of Dylan Thomas' classic 'play for voices'. Performing in front of a studio audience, their personal history soon leads to mayhem. Pages are lost, parts are stolen, fights break out. Can the Studio Assistant rescue their celebratory broadcast from the brink of disaster?

Affectionately irreverent; think Dylan Thomas meets *Round The Horne*.

Bob Gwilym stars in Splice Productions latest theatrical adventure. Bob is well-known to audiences as 'Max' in *Casualty*. He was recently seen in *Knives In Hens* at the Ustinov and *Love The Sinner* at the National Theatre. Previous roles for Splice Productions include the title role in *Macbeth* at the Bristol Old Vic and DI Karn in *Sus* at the Bridewell Island.

Date: Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 February 2011

Time: 7:45pm

Schools: £10



SECONDARY SCHOOLS BULLETIN

ARTICULATE!

Welcome to The Courtyard's education newsletter: **ARTICULATE!**
In this newsletter you'll find information on our forthcoming productions, projects and the exciting return of free transportation for schools to Courtyard events!

FREE TRANSPORT FOR SCHOOLS IS BACK!

The
**Sylvia
Short**



EDUCATIONAL
CHARITY

We are pleased to announce that the Sylvia Short Trust have confirmed that they can support future funding for coaches for schools across the county.

This is fantastic news as we now hope that some school trips, that might not have been financially viable before, are more possible.

Over the coming months we have some exciting productions for your pupils and we hope that this funding will allow you to take the opportunity for your pupils to experience a different performance that you may not have risked before. Each production is picked for a particular purpose, either it fits in with literacy or the curriculum or because its artistic quality is worthy of a performance at The Courtyard.

To confirm funding is available follow these 6 simple steps:

1. Call/Email Grant Brisland to check availability.
2. If funding is available, gather a minimum of 3 quotes from Herefordshire-based coach companies.
3. Using the cheapest quote confirm with Grant the cost for accounting.
4. Confirm with the coach company your visit, highlighting with particular emphasis that they must invoice The Courtyard directly.
5. Come to The Courtyard and enjoy the performance.
6. Complete an evaluation form of the performance and for The Sylvia Short Educational Trust.

A completed evaluation form is an essential part of funding and without the funding may be withdrawn.



If you see this symbol in the newsletter, it denotes the availability of FREE TRANSPORT courtesy of The Sylvia Short Educational Trust

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PANTOMIME - ALADDIN

YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 DRAMA DAY 2011



After our most successful year for schools audiences we are already selling tickets for this year's production, ALADDIN. Over 5800 school tickets were sold for *Beauty and the Beast*, with many hailing it as our best pantomime to date. The same production team are now busy preparing this year's tale to bring another exciting performance to Herefordshire audiences.

We bring you this traditional story of Aladdin and his magical lamp, all your panto favourites are there - goodies, baddies, friendship, adventure, songs and dance - filled to the brim with jokes and laughter, all with a familiar Herefordshire twist.

Join Aladdin on an epic journey from China to the Middle East.

Can he defeat the evil Abanazar, and find his one true love?

Will Widow Twankey ever see her son again?

And what is so special about this mysterious lamp?

Images from *Beauty and the Beast* 2009/2010:



As usual there will be plenty of school matinees for you to book your classes into. However, year on year we are seeing an increase in schools bookings so please do book early to ensure that you get your preferred date.

The school performances are as follows:

Monday 29 November	10am
Tuesday 30 November	10am
Wednesday 1 December	10am & 2pm
Thursday 2 December	10am & 2pm
Friday 3 December	1pm
Monday 6 December	10am & 2pm
Tuesday 7 December	10am & 2pm
Wednesday 8 December	10am & 2pm
Thursday 9 December	1:30pm
Friday 10 December	1:30pm
Monday 13 December	10am & 2pm
Tuesday 14 December	10am & 2pm
Wednesday 15 December	1:30pm
Thursday 16 December	1:30pm
Friday 17 December	1:30pm
Friday 7 January	1:30pm

Schools: £9 (£8 if you pay before October half term)

**TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS
CALL 01432 340 555**

As many of you are aware we have been running successful Drama Days for the past 6 years and they have been a great opportunity for your students to meet professional theatre practitioners and is a chance to perform at The Courtyard. It puts the students work into context as they watch their peers' performances as well as taking part in different workshops. To us this day can only enrich your student's creative learning and performance skills and we're extremely proud of our previous Drama Days because of this.

However, due to the rarely cover guidelines, and the increasing difficulties taking your students out of school, this year's drama day is for both Year 10 and Year 11 students. Year 10 students will work together on improvisation to create a short performance and will not need to prepare anything in advance. Whereas, Year 11 students will be given the opportunity to perform an extract from a piece they have been working on as part of their Year 11 course. It might be a scripted piece or a devised one and they will receive constructive feedback from our panel of theatre directors to enhance their performances.

The day will most probably run like this:

	Year 10	Year 11
10am	Workshop 1	Workshop 1
11am	Workshop 2	Workshop 2
12pm	Improvisation Time	Lunch
12:45pm	Lunch	Performances
1:30pm	Performances	Performances continue
2:30pm	Finish	Finish



There is a maximum of 60 students for each year group and the cost per student is £5. This will help us cover the costs of the professional theatre directors that will work with your students. If you are part of the Herefordshire Arts Education Consortium it is free for your students. To book your students onto the course, please complete the enclosed form as soon as possible and return in the free post envelope also provided.

Your school will also be entitled to free coach transport to and from The Courtyard for the day. If you would like any further information please contact Grant Brisland on 01432 346535 / grant.brisland@courtyard.org.uk

THE COURTYARD EDUCATION BROCHURE

If you are interested in having a Courtyard practitioner come into your school, but you're not quite sure what project or area of the curriculum they could help you deliver please contact Grant Brisland on 01432 343535 and he can send you one of our new education brochures.

In it you'll find detailed projects such as:

- Shakespeare and Drama
- Greek Chorus
- The Role of a Casting Director
- Monologues
- Drama & Set Texts
- The Courtyard Student Company
- Audition Technique
- Arts Careers Convention
- Physical and Devised Theatre

It's a really exciting, user-friendly, document, which highlights the key learning objective of each project as well as examples of workshop structures.

If there is a project that you want us to deliver but is not within the pack, it doesn't mean that we can't deliver it, we just need to devise it together.

For more information on current projects please visit our website:

WWW.COURTYARD.ORG.UK/EDUCATION