

Playbox Theatre

Members' Newsletter

November 2022

ORESTEIA SUCCESS



Runs at The Dream Factory from 10-12 November

Huge congratulations to Stewart McGill, the cast and creative team, on bringing this epic project to the stage. Exploring the painful Fall Of The House Of Atreus, this production sees the main theatre reconfigured, to enable to action to take place on and above the ground, with the inclusion of *The Snake Pit*, which allows braver audience members to stand amongst the action, for an up-close-and-personal experience.



Lucy Barriball has created a fantastic set of production images, really capturing the wild spirit of the piece.



WELCOME

Welcome to the November edition of the Playbox Members' newsletter, keeping you in the picture about everything that's taking place across the company and beyond.

It's a very busy month, with *Oresteia ~ The House That Dripped Blood* completing our Greek tragedy explorations (for now!), and rehearsals intensifying for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Read on, for a flavour of what's happening in the run-up to Christmas,

Emily Quash

Artistic Director

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if you have news to share email ~ info@playboxtheatre.com

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM...REHEARSALS INTENSIFY

Runs at The Dream Factory from 21-30 December

It's busy in fairyland right now, with rehearsals well underway for Mary's sumptuous Christmas production of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, which promises to be full of magic, music and joy.

Dream is suitable for all of the family, and we'd love to welcome you all to our theatre, at the most magical time of the year.

Here are some pictures from past productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Playbox Theatre.



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

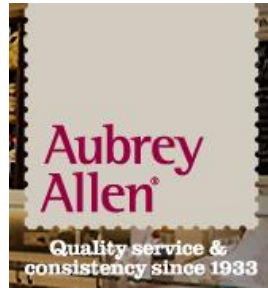
It's always wonderfully busy and bright at Playbox in December, and this year is no exception. The Christmas Festival will be launched on Saturday 3rd December, with the annual switching-on of the lights at 5pm. Everyone is welcome, and we'll be treated to some festive numbers by Musical Theatre members, and the launch of the Friends of Playbox Christmas Raffle, along with a scrumptious Christmas menu in the café, characters from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and a fab tombola with lots of prizes.

No need to book, and please come along and join us!

After the lights, please stay on and join us for a really exciting AUCTION, raising much-needed funds to restore the roof of The Dream Factory. Read on for more details...



PLAYBOX AUCTION



Juliet Stevenson



As part of our mega fundraising campaign, to restore the damaged roof of The Dream Factory, we are excited to be hosting a special AUCTION at the theatre, following the turning on of the lights. This will start at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd December and there are some really special Lots up for auction.

More details on the items soon, but these will include: *Original Art Work ~ Love Is Art ~ by Nic Joly; Juliet Stevenson personalised voice recording; Weekend Getaway; Cotswold Distillery Experience; Masterclass with RSC Director; Life Coaching...and many more.*

Admission to the auction will include wine and cheese, kindly supported by Aubrey Allen. We will send booking links to everyone later this week.

WINTER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

There are still a couple of places left on our *Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe* holiday workshop, taking place at The Dream Factory on Tuesday 20th December from 10am-4pm. Follow [this link](#) to find out more, and to grab one of the final spaces.



CONGRATULATIONS NATHANAEL!



We're so excited that *Dangerous Liaisons* is now streaming on Netflix, starring Playbox Agency Actor, Nathanael Saleh as Azolan. We are so proud of this wonderful Playbox member, although we can't wait to see him back on a Playbox stage, when he can find a moment between exciting projects!

ALUMNI NEWS

Eva O'Hara has some major storylines in *Hollyoaks* at the moment, as her character, Verity, comes closer to discovering the truth about her brother, Eric. We are so proud of Eva, who has been a regular in the show for several years now.



Did you know that the actor who plays Billy Mayhew in *Coronation Street* is Playbox alumnus, **Daniel Brocklebank**? Daniel was a member of Stratford Playbox in 1990s and appeared in several productions with us at Warwick Arts Centre, in the days before The Dream Factory!



Edmund Kingsley conjured up a really wonderful project during lockdown and as a result, is now set to Produce Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean's adaptation of the epic graphic novel, *Violent Cases*. This major film will star Ed's father, and our Patron, Sir Ben Kingsley, and we can't wait for the results. It was great to see Ed and his family at The Dream Factory last week, as he brought his children for their first Playbox experience, enjoying a Halloween Holiday Project.

