

# Playbox Theatre

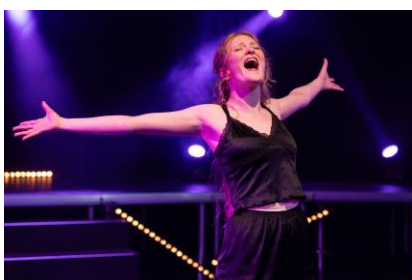
## Members' Newsletter

July 2023

### Harmony



We are so proud of *Freya Phillips*, who concluded her time as a Playbox member by directing a superb celebration of musical theatre for the main stage.



Freya's production included the best from the musical theatre repertoire, which was inspired by the work of Bob Fosse.



After many years as a performer with Playbox, and more recently a gap year staff member, we are so sad to say goodbye to Freya. She is now heading off to York University, and we are delighted to welcome her to the *Playbox Alumni* team, who remain vital to the life of the company.



Good luck, Freya – we will miss you so much.



## WELCOME

Welcome to the July edition of the Playbox Theatre Newsletter.

We have reached the end of a wonderful season of work, which has seen extraordinary achievements from Playbox members of all ages.

The season concluded with *Harmony* – a beautiful summer cabaret at The Dream Factory, followed by the launch of our holiday workshops.

We're already excited to get started on the Autumn programme, but for now we are taking a moment to reflect on everything that has taken place over the past few weeks.

Thank you for your support and for being a part of the Playbox World.

Emily Quash

Artistic Director

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## AUCTION SUCCESS

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, we staged our final major fundraiser for RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN, to restore the damaged main roof of The Dream Factory.

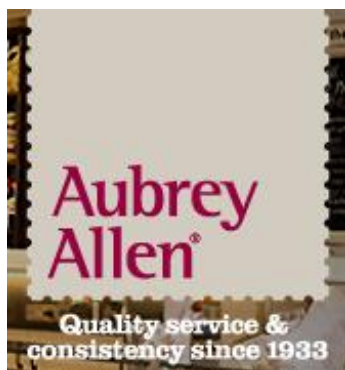
The event was an enormous success and raised over £10,000 in one evening.

We were delighted to be supported once more by *Aubrey Allen*, who treated us all to a fabulous BBQ (one of many we have been able to offer this summer).

We would also love to say a big thank you to The Friends of Playbox and to Richard Gormley, Head Auctioneer for Locke & England, for heading up the night with such flair.

Lisa Hobson co-ordinated the whole event, and we are forever grateful to her, as we are to all the individuals and companies who donated items for the auction, and to everyone who attended and made bids throughout the night.

It was so much fun and brings us within touching distance of the total amount needed – keep those fingers crossed!

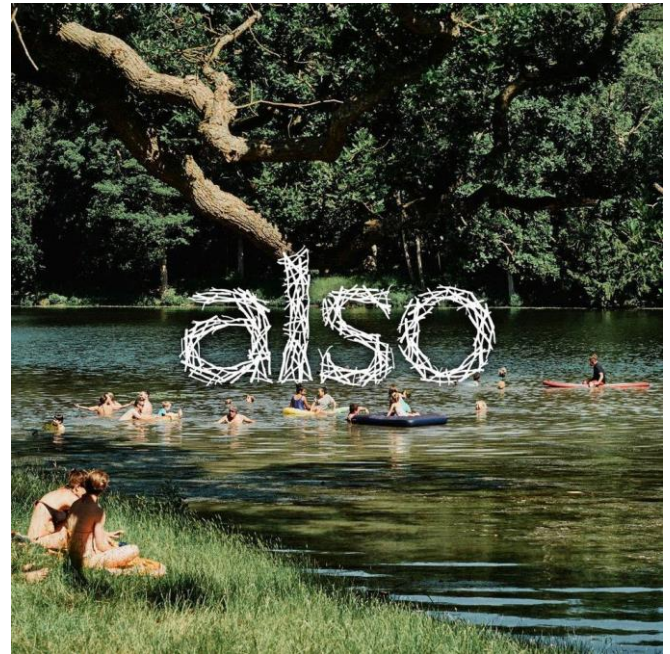


## ALSO FESTIVAL

This is always a highlight in the Playbox year! We were so pleased to be invited to be a part of the 2023 ALSO FESTIVAL at Park Farm, Compton Verney this summer.

If you've never been, do pop it in the diary for next summer as a special treat for all the family – a whole weekend of music, events, inspirational performances, fabulous food and lots more.

Playbox Directors Hannah Hampson and Stacey Newton led musical theatre workshops and bedtime storytelling throughout the weekend, in the beautiful setting of woodlands by the lake.



## HOLIDAY PROJECTS

July sees the start of three intensive weeks of holiday programmes for young people of all ages. These are staged at The Dream Factory in Warwick, and range from mini Theatre Parties, to week-long performance schools. This summer, there is more than ever to choose from, and we would love to welcome you. Take a look at the website to find out more, and to make a booking <https://www.playboxtheatre.com/holiday-projects/>

## ALUMNI NEWS

This month, our alumni focus is a special nod to the very many past members of Playbox who are joining the team (or are already a part of the team), and delivering holiday workshops for 1,000s young people.

It makes us so proud that the majority of our programmes are led by Playbox alumni, who are now doing extraordinary things 'beyond the box' #playboxforever

Here are some of the lovely faces of past members you will see here over the summer 😊



IZZIE JAMES



JESSICA CHAPPLE



STACEY NEWTON



ALFIE JONES



NANCY HALL



TOM BRIGGS



EMILY QUASH



JULIET VANKAY



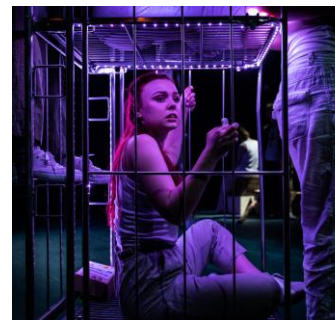
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PAIGE COOPER



AMBERQWAY ALFORD



LILLY LISTER



LIAM BESSELL



FREYA PHILLIPS



SPESH MALONEY



EILIDH EVANS



SAMMIE HORTON



CHARLOTTE MERRIAM



AMY PERKINS



EDWARD WOLSTENHOLME



LEAH MOSS

Isn't that just wonderful?

## LOOKING AHEAD

Behind the scenes, we're working flat-out on preparation for the autumn season...to make sure that our members experience the very best of theatre for young people during their weekly workshops, in rehearsals, and on stage.

See you for the next adventure!