



IN THE LOOP!

This newsletter brings you the latest Playhouse news, developments and offerings. A bi-weekly update to help keep you In The Loop until we can welcome you back into the building.

INDUSTRY UPDATE

It is no secret that Covid-19 is having a devastating impact on the theatre industry, especially for organisations like Alnwick Playhouse, where 92% of our income comes from tickets and related sales, this revenue stopped overnight.

Since our closure, most of the Playhouse core staff team have been furloughed. We have skeleton staff in place to continue working to reschedule the busy Spring and Summer seasons originally planned. It continues to be a hugely challenging time for venues, artists and creative communities.



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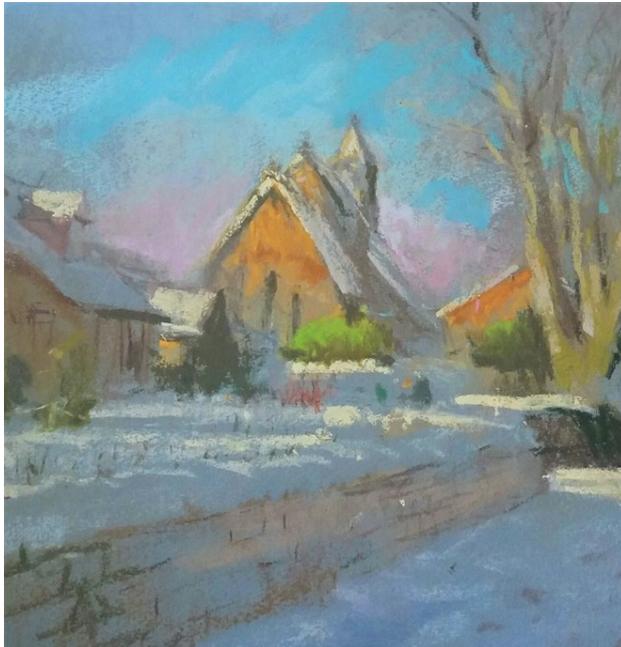
We are delighted to announce that we have been able to secure vital new crisis funding which will help us through the closure period and confidently plan to re-open our doors when it is safe for us to do so. The Playhouse is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, and is the proud recipient of the BFI Film Audience Network Covid-19 Resilience Fund, with thanks to the BFI Film Audience Network, awarding funds from the National Lottery.

A huge thank you to Northumberland County Council, our valued and regular supporters including Playhouse Front Row, Friends and everyone who has donated or transferred tickets to new performance dates. We really appreciate your support.

THE PLAYHOUSE GALLERY ONLINE



The Playhouse Gallery is committed to supporting artists throughout the region. As a response to Covid-19 at the end of March the Playhouse Gallery was able to move it's exhibition programme online, work could now be browsed through the website and on the 1st April we launched the Playhouse Gallery's own facebook page to help support our network of artists.



Our current exhibition is with the prestigious North of England Art Club and consists of a collection of miniature 20 x 20 originals as part of our affordable art collection.

The exhibition runs until 29th June and you could grab yourself a miniature original masterpiece for just £60 each.

Click [here](#) to view the gallery online.

OUR RECENT SURVEY - THANK YOU

94%

of respondents say they are
missing attending
live events at the moment

A huge thank you to all those who took part in our recent customer survey. We have had over 800 responses helping us to inform our own planning and there have been over 137,000 responses nationally by more than 300 cultural organisations helping to produce a national picture. Part 2 is scheduled to take place later this week.

Click [here](#) for the National Picture.

CARRY ON DREAMING



Hattie Jacques was one of a series of six actors painted by artist Viv Dykes and was originally on loan to the Playhouse and installed in the auditorium as part of the exhibition 'Carry on Dreaming'. However, 5 of the 6 portraits were sold when the Playhouse closed for redevelopment.

Author and actor Chris Foote Wood, Victoria Wood's brother, purchased the portrait of Hattie Jacques and although coming across the small problem of where to put the giant 4ft by 6ft portrait in his small terraced house the portrait has now found what will hopefully be its forever home.

"I was delighted to be given the chance to display my six 'Comedy Great' paintings in the Auditorium of the Alnwick Playhouse back in 2012, and thrilled at the response and feedback I received. People would tell me that they fitted their surroundings beautifully and made everyone smile, which was lovely to hear, and as Alnwick is the place where I was born it made me very proud to be able to contribute to the town in some small way by loaning the paintings to the Playhouse for everyone to see". *Viv Dykes, Artist.*

You can now view Eric, Tommy, Norman and Kenneth at The Capitol Theatre, Horsham where they are on long-term display thanks to actor Jack Lane. Hattie is privately owned. Sid is still waiting patiently for his forever home, currently residing in Viv's bedroom, often giving her sleepless nights!

For any enquiries about Sid, please get in touch by visiting [the riversides studio](https://www.theriversidestudio.co.uk) or email viv@theriversidestudio.co.uk

JONNY TULL - OUR FILM PROGRAMME CONSULTANT



Hi everyone, I'm Jonny and I work with the Playhouse team on film programme. I'm based in the north east and work with venues around the country on [programming and audience development projects](#). Before I became a consultant I used to lead on programming and marketing at the Tyneside Cinema, Newcastle upon Tyne, where I worked for 22 years. It has been fantastic to see so many full houses for the films we screened before we had to shut up shop for a short while. Whilst cinemas are closed I thought it might be nice to share some of the films available right now online that I've been enjoying with you here.

Click [here](#) to view this weeks Watchlist.

I hope that you enjoy them too, and we'll see you at the Playhouse again soon!

SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE ON TOUR



Unfortunately Shakespeare's Globe on Tour cannot be with us at the Playhouse this summer as planned, but you can still stay connected.

Access Shakespeare's Globe digitally. Stream a selection of performances for FREE over on their YouTube channel, explore fascinating stories, blogs and articles, listen to podcasts, take a virtual tour or even attend events online via Zoom.

Their final YouTube Premiere, A Mid Summer Night's Dream is available on YouTube [here](#) until Sunday 28th June.

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