



## 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.

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### INDUSTRY UPDATE

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Christmas greetings one and all.

The festive season is upon us and Northumberland remains in Tier Three, very high alert, with a large portion of the country now joining us!

This year could be the most disappointing year in the history of Theatre and in such dark times humour can offer great relief. The best tongue-in-cheek theatrical reference circulating at present is from Theatre Royal, Newcastle;

**2020, It's Behind You!**  
**Oh No it isn't..... Oh Yes It Is!**

That sums it up, we all hope the pandemic will be behind us as we move into 2021 but there is going to be a lot of Oh No it isn't..... Oh Yes It Is! before we finally get there.

**From all the Playhouse team we wish you all a Merry (covid-safe) Christmas.**



If your e-Christmas card is not animated [click here](#)

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## REWIND ONE YEAR AGO

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A year ago at the Playhouse you would have found the building development team working around the clock over the Christmas and New Year with Playhouse and NCC staff to finish off the building in preparation for the grand re-opening in January 2020. It was a herculean effort by all partners which has almost been forgotten due to the global pandemic of 2020.

As we come to the end of the year, it is fitting to reflect on the huge achievement of the Playhouse Development and it is a pleasure to revisit with two wonderful articles, not shared before, about the importance of one specific area; the Playhouse signage.

Alnwick Playhouse is the first venue in England to use the inclusive symbols, including dementia-friendly toilet signs. The Playhouse Trust recognised that older theatre-goers and people living with dementia are an important part of our audience and because of this, we were keen to incorporate dementia-friendly signage into the Playhouse renovation. This inclusive signage is going to become very relevant when plans to update the DDA to incorporate conditions of the mind. When the new measures come into play, the Playhouse shall be ahead of the game.

To read more about the partners who made this possible and see some wonderful pictures of the interior of the building to remind you of how wonderful it is and shall be when we return, please click the links below:

<https://pictosign.co.uk/project/alnwick-playhouse/>

<https://www.inclusivesymbols.com/blog/alnwick-playhouse>

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## LET'S GET DIGITAL

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Thank you to everyone who recently took part in our Digital Survey. We are pleased to hear many of you are trying digital events for the first time and are staying up to date with all the latest Playhouse news using our website and social media platforms. Your feedback is important to us and helpful in our planning for future initiatives, starting with January's Digital Film Programme.

If you wish to take part in the survey there is still time. Click [here](#) to take part.

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## FESTIVE FILMS

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After the popularity of our earlier watchlists from our film programmer Jonny (pictured left), here is another selection of great films currently streaming online on Netflix, Amazon Prime, All4 and BBC iPlayer for you to explore over the festivities.



This weeks watchlist features Nativity! Seasonal fare for all the family, Nativity! is a classic British comedy. Martin Freeman is Paul, a failed actor who teaches at a Coventry primary school. Paul hates the holidays after being dumped by his girlfriend Jennifer at Christmas so she could head off to become a Hollywood producer. When his headteacher assigns him the task of fixing the school's run of terrible panto productions, he is mortified. However, things go from bad to worse when he is caught in a lie with a rival drama teacher at a local upper-class school, and Paul must find a way to bring Jennifer to his school to film their panto AND create a good show....

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

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## PLAYHOUSE GALLERY ONLINE

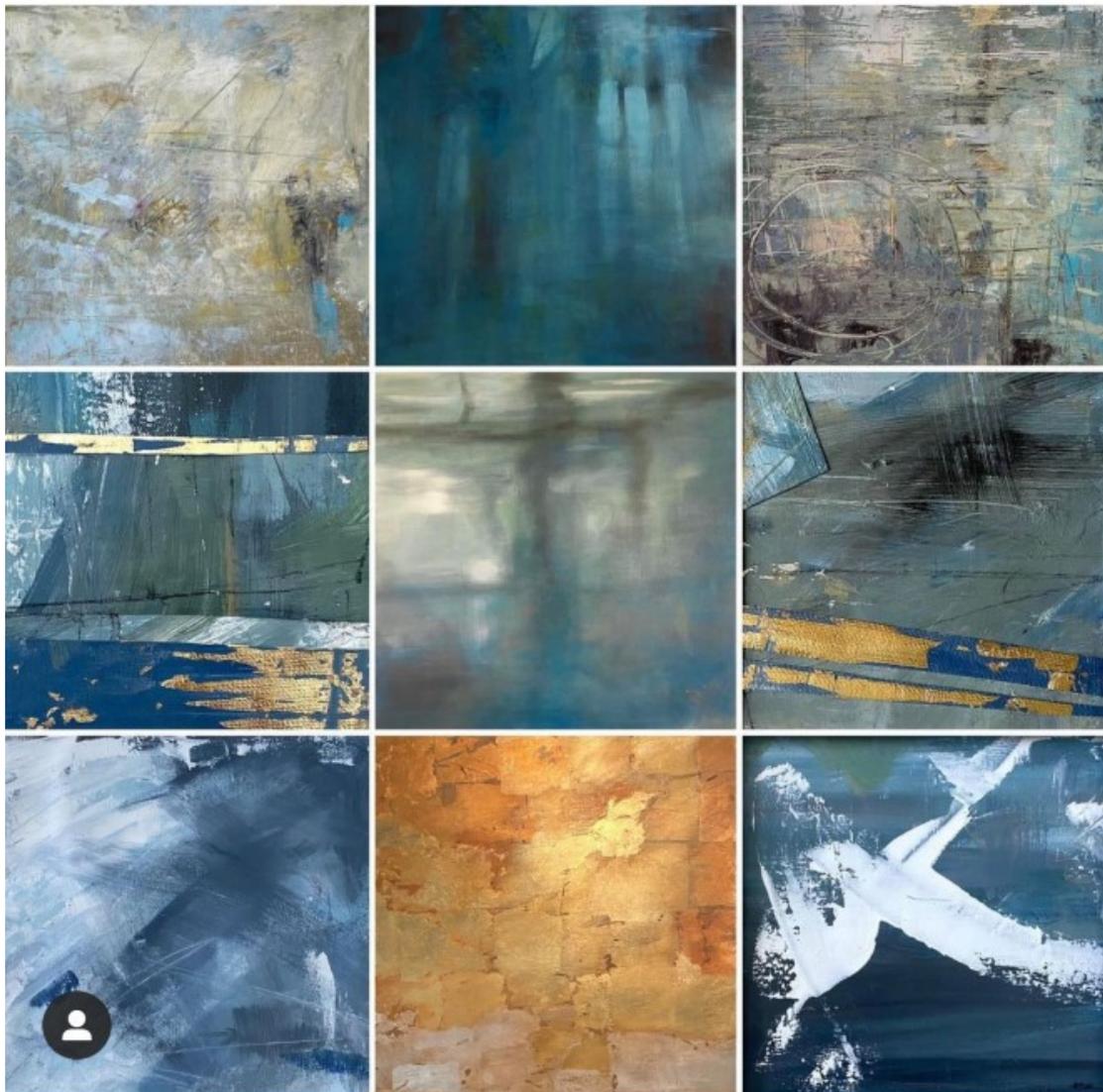
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### Nicola Stevenson - Landscape Painter

5th December - 18th January

Nicola Stevenson is a contemporary landscape painter originally from Ireland and now based here in Northumberland. She has been developing her practice over the past few years, exploring new mediums and ways of working and progressing her 'plein air' pieces on a much larger scale.

The main focus of her work over the past year has been about immersing herself in her surroundings, surf and underwater painting.



You can view the exhibition online [here](#).

Find out more about Nicola's work at [www.nicolastevensonart.co.uk](http://www.nicolastevensonart.co.uk) and [@nicolastevensonart](https://www.instagram.com/nicolastevensonart)

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## THANK YOU

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Our thanks to everyone for their continued messages of support. Your continued support for the Playhouse during this crisis is greatly appreciated.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you for reading In The Loop.



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