



## IN THE LOOP!

This newsletter contains some important priority booking and event news as well as the latest Playhouse news, developments and offerings.

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### INDUSTRY UPDATE

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The latest news by the Government is that Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said people in England are "very likely" to be able to return to "pretty much life before Covid" on 19 July.

The final stage was put back by four weeks from 21 June, because of the spread of the Delta variant. The government said more time was needed to vaccinate the adult population and the four weeks delay has allowed that to happen. The remaining restrictions include capacity limits in theatres and cinemas which now look likely to be removed.

So we are continuing with optimism that restrictions shall be lifted on July 19<sup>th</sup> allowing PHASE TWO of the Playhouse re-opening to go ahead. However there are a lot of details yet to be clarified by Ministers and a lot of re-building audience confidence which is why we propose to gradually increase capacity in the auditorium.

We plan to go on-sale with our Summer film programme next week which shall run at 50% capacity of the full house. This shall offer approximately 138 seats for sale which offers much more circulation space in all of the front of house areas and facilities. We aim to make our audiences return as comfortable as possible over the Summer working towards a September full capacity programme.

#### FRONT ROW MEMBERS

For Front Row members who are available during the day, we would like to mark **Phase Two** by offering you the earliest opportunity to come upstairs on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 10am, and enjoy a special preview of the Gallery Summer Open Exhibition with Jo Potts, Playhouse Manager.

This is a non-ticketed event, simply come to the Spiral staircase and your name shall be on the list. It is an opportunity for a catch-up with other Front Row Members, see back inside the auditorium and bar and celebrate the re-opening of the Playhouse.

The film programme shall go on-sale Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10am with a Front Row priority booking period of 24 hours, so please don't miss the opportunity to book your seats first for the films. We shall send you an eblast with the film titles and dates on Tuesday in preparation.



**PHASE TWO** - the next phase of re-opening of the first floor, Playhouse Auditorium and Gallery will commence on Monday July 19<sup>th</sup>

### **The Gallery**

#### **Summer Open Exhibition**

The Gallery shall be open at reduced hours for July and August.

**10am – 2pm Monday to Saturday.**

### **Box Office Counter**

The Box Office has been open online and for telephones sales through-out the lockdown period but now we shall be able to welcome you, in person from the counter. We have a new member of the team, leading on Box Office; Jamie Corbett, who has over twenty years of experience in theatre joins Carrie and Becky.

The Box Office counter shall be open at reduced hours for July and August.

**10am – 2pm Monday to Saturday**

### **Summer July/ August programme**

#### **Film Programme**

We shall be running a reduced film programme on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to start on Thursday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The film titles will go on-sale to the general public next Friday after a priority booking period for Front Row members on Wednesday, followed by Friends on Thursday. The cinema shall run at 50% capacity of the full house. This shall offer approximately 138 seats for sale which offers much more circulation space in all of the front of house areas and facilities.

If you are interested in becoming a Front Row or Friend member please [click here](#).

We hope to see you soon over July and August as we progress towards September and a return to a full capacity programme.

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## PLAYHOUSE GALLERY ONLINE

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Graduate Spotlight Exhibition

**Luke McTaggart**

Landscape Painter

*'A Question of Place'*

*8th June – 12th July*

Luke McTaggart is a Landscape Painter currently studying for his BA in Fine Art at Northumbria University, Newcastle. His work deals with his immediate surroundings of his home town of Amble. Working foremostly in Acrylic he seeks to create work steeped in a sense of place, with deep regard for the seasons, elements and nature's processes. Luke is known for working on location and can be found outside in all weathers.



**Featured Image:**

'Amble Harbour, First Thing'

Acrylic on MDF

20x16 inches

Framed £375

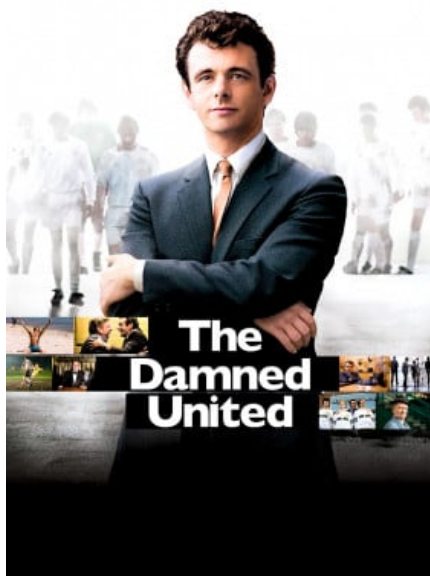
[Click here to browse the gallery online.](#)

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## THIS WEEK'S WATCHLIST

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After the popularity of our earlier watchlists here is another selection of great films currently streaming online on Netflix, Amazon Prime, All4 and BBC iPlayer for you to explore over the next two weeks.



This weeks watchlist features The Damned United.

Based on the book by David Peace, Tom Hooper's acclaimed drama tells the story of football manager Brian Clough's 44-day run at Leeds United Football Club in 1974. Having won the league with Derby County the legendarily outspoken Clough (Michael Sheen) is offered the top job at Leeds, despite hating the club. Leaving his devoted number two Peter Taylor (Timothy Spall) behind Clough heads off. Determined to impose his own style upon former manager Don Revie's tough tackling team, he soon alienates his players and the board...

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

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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.  
Thank you for reading In The Loop.



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