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MINEHEAD



Spring 2015
January – April 2015

*Bringing to the people of West Somerset
a wide variety of quality film and performing arts.
For the community, by the community.*



The theatre is run by the M.A.T.A. (Minehead Amateur Theatrical Association) Regal Theatre Company, a group of volunteers devoted to maintaining and developing live theatre in the centre of Minehead. Everyone who regularly works in the theatre is a volunteer, and MATA gratefully acknowledges the invaluable contribution they make. Without them, the theatre could not operate. The company is limited by guarantee (Company no. 3149984) and is a registered charity (No. 1052714)

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Monday 20th April
Friday 13th March

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Box Office: 01643 706430

www.regaltheatre.co.uk

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21st – 23rd May	FALSE PROFITS – Waterfront Theatre Company
Friday 29th and Saturday 30th May	MUSICAL PERFORMANCE by Dreams Productions

THE REGAL THEATRE

The Regal Theatre offers a mixed programme of good quality professional and community entertainment. A bar is available at all performances, open during intervals and half an hour before the start of a performance. Children are very welcome at the theatre. Under tens should be accompanied by an adult and supervised when on the balcony.



The theatre auditorium is at first floor level but all public areas are fully accessible. The new lift carries people to all floors of the building and there are user friendly toilets for those with special mobility needs. There are a number of spaces in the auditorium for wheelchair users and their companions; these need to be booked in advance to ensure availability.

A hearing loop is installed in the auditorium and will be in use for nearly all shows. The box office will soon have a hearing loop to assist people with hearing difficulties.

There is a strict 'No Smoking' policy in operation throughout the theatre and on the balcony at all times.

HOW TO FIND US

The Regal Theatre is located in The Avenue, the main street that runs through Minehead. The entrance is between the Co-op and Iceland and opposite the Methodist Church.

There is a public car park to the rear of the theatre with designated parking for people with disabilities. You will find the car park entrance beside the Co-op. Parking is free after 6pm. It is possible to pick up and put down at the front of the theatre, although the spaces are often taken.

There is a taxi rank in The Parade and a telephone box immediately outside the theatre.

Buses arrive in Minehead regularly from Taunton, Bridgwater and West Somerset villages. Please consult the local bus companies or the Tourist Information Centre (01643 702624) for information.



10-16 The Avenue
Minehead
Somerset
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Saturday 3rd – Saturday 10th January 2015 at 7.30pm
Matinées Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, and Saturday 10th January at 2.30pm
No performance on Wednesday 7th January
TICKETS: Adults £9.00, Friends £8.50, ES40's/Students £5.00
PLEASE NOTE: ALL Tickets on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th are £5.00

Minehead Panto People

ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES

by Alan P. Frayn

An Arabian Nights Tale as a wonderful pantomime full of slapstick, magical effects and an Arabian themed U V scene.

Ali Baba is the poor woodcutter and the hero of the story which also includes beautiful Princess Jasmine from Cairo, Asbad the King and leader of the forty thieves, whose memorable words to open the treasure cave are "Open Sesame". Other entertaining characters are the scoundrels - Bashim and Grabbit, Fatima Fandango - the loveable Dame and former belly dancer with her house boy Mustapha Screwloose. The traditional Immortals are represented by the good spirit Caterina, from feline descent, and the evil spirit Alsatia, from canine descent.



Directed by Kris McNeill, and produced by Alison Welsh. Choreography by Hannah Thompson and Manda Clarke. Musical Director Dean Bradwell.

Friday 16th January at 8.00pm

TICKETS: Adults £8.00, Friends £7.50, Children £4.00

The Deane Big Band present

GLENN MILLER AND FRANK SINATRA COME TO TOWN

The Deane Big Band return to the Regal with a show specialising in the music of Frank Sinatra and Glenn Miller - played live by a 17 piece big band- featuring the fabulous vocals of Chris Franks. In this special performance, the Deane Big Band will be playing many of the hits made famous by Glenn Miller and Frank Sinatra. Maybe with just a bit of Count Basie for good measure too!



'Come fly with me', 'Little brown jug', 'Let Me Fly You To The Moon', 'New York, New York' and 'In The Mood' – all your favourites and more!

Should you call 'Pennsylvania 6500'?... No ...call the Regal Box Office 01643 706430 and buy your tickets!

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Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

The Regal Film Society

THE GREAT BEAUTY

Dir Paolo Sorrentino Italy 2013 141 mins

In the style of the Italian masters Fellini and Antonioni, The Great Beauty is a love letter to Rome in which 65 year-old writer Gep Gambardella reflects on his life in the dazzling high society of Rome after the death of a woman he loved.

Subtitled.



Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Members £3.00, Non-members £5.00
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The Regal Film Society

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Sunday 8th February
TICKETS: £7.50 includes a programme. Under 13 years come in free!
Doors open 1pm. First performance 2pm.



West Group Young Farmers Club present

WEST GROUP YFC PANTOMIME FINALS 2015

Don't miss out on an afternoon full of entertainment from the Young Farmers Clubs in your local area competing against each other for their annual theatre performances. The members are aged between 10-26 years old and you will be guaranteed an afternoon full of laughter.

Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm
Tickets: Adults £12.00, Friends £11.50, ES40's/Students £6.00

Patchwork Theatre Company

THE THREE MUSKETEERS

Country boy D'Artagnan is desperate to join the King's elite band of bodyguards and become a Musketeer. Despite his fiery temper, and frankly ridiculous horse, he impresses the guards enough to join them in their bid to outwit the scheming Cardinal and seductive, spying Milady and so save the King. Huzzah! Romance and conflict, croissants and cheese await them on their mission, but could a deadly secret be the death of them all?

Inspired by Monty Python's The Holy Grail and the absurdities of their own lives, Patchwork Theatre have taken Dumas' swashbuckling classic apart and stuck it back together again using absurdist humour, physical comedy and a healthy dollop of moustache twiddling. Featuring swordfights, dance moves and a cornet, this exciting adaptation is sure to be 'One for All'.



Feb
13

Friday 13th February at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Adults £16.00, Friends £15.50, ES40's/Students £8.00

RWE Promotions present

THE SWINGING BLUE JEANS

The Swinging Blue Jeans stormed the charts worldwide in 1963 with "Hippy Hippy Shake", going all the way to number one in many countries.

Making a welcome return to the Regal, the group have become synonymous with having a good time and still work up a party atmosphere that will have everybody dancing or tapping their feet.

The show stars Alan Lovell (lead vocals/lead guitar), Pete Oakman (bass/vocals) Jeff Bannister (keyboards/vocals) and Graham Hollingworth (drums).

Other major hits included "Good Golly Miss Molly", "You're No Good", "It's Too Late Now" and "Don't Make Me Over".



Feb
17

Tuesday 17th February at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

The Regal Film Society

MR TURNER

(To be confirmed)

Dir Mike Leigh UK 2014 150 mins

Timothy Spall won Best Actor at Cannes for his portrayal of the great and highly eccentric British painter J M W Turner who was both celebrated and reviled by the public and by royalty, living incognito with a seaside landlady until his death in 1851.



Feb
20-21

Friday 20th & Saturday 21st February at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Adults £5.50, Friends of the Regal £5.00, Students & ES40's £3.50

Oasis Theatre and Dreams Performing Arts present

THE SNOW QUEEN

Written by Fred Owen, based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen

The story of a girl who searches for her friend Kai who has been bewitched and imprisoned by the Snow Queen in her ice palace. To escape the enchantress, Gerda has help from all different creatures, some amusing crows and also Grandma Autumn and Grandma Summer.



Together with seasoned actors from the local community, enjoy the many lovely songs and beautiful dance numbers. A show not to be missed.

Friday 27th February at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Adults £16.00, Friends of the Regal £15.50, Students & ES40's £8.00

Oh What A Night!

THE NEW JERSEY BOYS

If you are a fan of the acclaimed West End show and have seen the Clint Eastwood film The Jersey Boys, this is your chance to join in this celebration of the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Featuring all the hits from one of the most successful bands of all time, this is an unmissable evening of entertainment. Early booking is recommended for this sell out show.



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Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm
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Mar
05-07

Thursday 5th – Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Adults £6.50, Friends £6.00, ES40's/Students £3.50

Minehead Youth Theatre

A FÊTE WORSE THAN DEATH

By Richard James



"Welcome to Thornton Village Fête!"

Excitement builds as Thornton Village Fête is underway and lots of questions are being asked: Will the fête be a success? Will the historical re-enactment go as badly as last year? And most importantly, who has the biggest Marrow!?



Actor Ray Martin is the special guest, playing on his fame as TV's Inspector Brady. Little does he know that ambition, infidelity and marrow envy will lead to murder, and he'll be left to solve it - without a script!

Senior MYT members and some faces you have seen in the last year at the Regal have put together this comedy murder mystery which promises to leave you giggling and asking that all-time favourite question: whodunit?

In the interval, have a go at the tombola and other fête activities with all proceeds going towards the Regal Theatre's refurbishment!

Friday 13th March at 7.30pm
TICKETS: All at £15. Under 18s and full time
students 18–21: £2.00

Minehead and West Somerset Arts Society
THE CARDUCCI QUARTET



The Carducci Quartet is recognised as one of today's most successful string quartets and we are delighted to welcome them for their third visit to Minehead.

Performing over ninety concerts worldwide each year the quartet also run their own recording label Carducci Classics; an annual festival in Highnam, Gloucester; and in September, will curate their first Carducci Festival in Castagneto-Carducci.

Beethoven: Quartet in B flat Major Op.18 no 6
 Shostakovich: Quartet no 10 in A flat major Op.118
 Elgar: String Quartet in E minor Op.83

Mar
13

Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

The Regal Film Society

OF HORSES AND MEN

Dir Benedikt Erlingsson
 Iceland/Ger 2013 81 mins



Iceland's Oscar submission is a darkly funny, inventive and very distinctive film set in a quirky horse-riding community in the stunning landscape of rural Iceland and reflects on the age-old relationship between man and horse.

Subtitled.

Mar
17

Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Adults £9.00, Friends £8.50, ES40's/Children/Students £4.00

Somerset Opera present

PATIENCE or Bunthorne's Bride

By Gilbert & Sullivan



Patience was the sixth G & S collaboration and opened in April 1881 at the Opera Comique, moving in October to D'Oyly Carte's new theatre, the Savoy, the first theatre in the world to be lit entirely by electric lights.

Patience satirizes the "aesthetic craze" of the 1870s and '80s, when the output of poets, composers, and artists was prolific — but, some argued, empty and self-indulgent. This artistic movement was so popular, and easy to ridicule as a meaningless fad, that it made Patience a big hit.

In front of Castle Bunthorne, a group of "lovesick maidens" are all in love with the aesthetic poet Bunthorne ("Twenty lovesick maidens we"). Lady Jane, the oldest and plainest of the ladies, informs them that Bunthorne, far from returning their affections, has his heart set on the simple milkmaid Patience.



Thursday 26th – Saturday 28th March
TICKETS: Adults £8.00, Friends £7.50, ES40's/Students £3.50

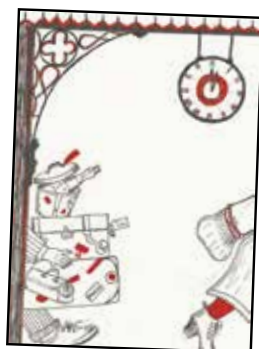
Barnstormers

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT

By Giles Havergal

Henry Pulling, a retired bank manager, meets his septuagenarian Aunt Augusta for the first time in over fifty years at his mother's funeral. In this cleverly staged and witty adaptation of Graham Greene's novel she persuades Henry to abandon suburban Southwood and a lifetime of caution to travel in her world, first to Brighton then Paris, Istanbul and Paraguay to meet the exotic and nefarious world of his aunt's past and his future.

Packed with timeless classics, rockabilly, gospel, country, folk, and rock 'n' roll, all interwoven with Joe's effervescent delivery and humorous reminiscences, this sensational show is a musical journey not to be missed.



Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm

TICKETS: Members £3.00, Non-members £5.00
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Thursday 2nd April at 7.30pm

TICKETS: Adults £18.00, Friends £17.50, ES40's/Students £10.00

Mozart's

DIE ENTFÜHRUNG AUS DEM SERAIL

(The Abduction from the Seraglio)

Pop-up Opera Company

Pop-up Opera return to the Regal Theatre with Die Entführung, Mozart's comedy about two young men, Belmonte and Pedrillo, attempting to rescue their lovers Konstanze and Blonde from an Ottoman harem. All kinds of high jinks and mishaps occur as they don disguises, make merry with the servants and sing an ode to Bacchus god of wine, in an attempt to save their beloveds. The music contains some of Mozart's most spectacular and virtuoso arias, and is richly embroidered with his interpretation of Turkish music.

An opulent and highly entertaining treat.

Pop-Up Opera is an innovative touring opera company showcasing exciting new operatic talent (professional opera singers in the first stage of promising careers). Their aim is to make opera enjoyable, broadening its appeal making it fun, fresh and intimate.

The opera is sung in the original language with captions in English. They paraphrase the words to keep the audience abreast of the story.



Tuesday 14th April at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Members £2.50, Guests £4.50
OPEN TO MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

The Regal Film Society

BOYHOOD

Dir Richard Linklater USA 2014 165 mins

Shot over a period of 12 years with the same cast, Boyhood is a groundbreaking film about growing up, as seen through the eyes of a boy as he becomes a man. It has been hailed not only as Linklater's crowning achievement but one of the great films of the decade. Stars Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette.



Friday 17th April at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Adults £16.00, Friends £15.50, ES40's/Students £8.00

All Electric Productions present

THE FAB BEATLES

Formed in 1991 The Fab Beatles are one of the most sought-after Beatles tribute bands in the world today, with concerts performed all over the UK, Europe, Middle East and the Americas.

The show starts with early "Hamburg" material and goes through all the singles and album tracks to "Let It Be" & the "break-up", with a repertoire that is second to none!

The band pride itself on professionalism and attention to detail and is the closest you will ever hear to the originals. They use only authentic instruments and costume and can now boast to have the very drum-kit Ringo used on The Beatles 1964 American tour!



Monday 20th April at 7.30pm
TICKETS: Adults £18.00, Friends £17.50, Students and ES40s £12.00

THE FUREYS



A legendary Irish band, the Fureys are responsible for some of the most stirring music ever to capture the public imagination. Their folk / middle of the road based songs and music have received standing ovations in some of the biggest concert halls around the world and have played to presidents, popes and prime ministers.

Along with all their hits 'I Will Love You', 'Sweet 16', 'The Green Fields Of France', 'The Old Man', 'Red Rose Café', 'Clare To Here', 'Her Father Didn't Like

Me Anyway', 'Leaving Nancy', 'Steal Away', they will also be including songs from their new album 'The Times They Are A Changing'.

A Fureys concert is always a night to remember.

(www.thefureys.com)

Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm
NO ADMISSION CHARGE – collection for expenses

ELECTION HUSTINGS

Arranged by Christians Together in Minehead

Candidates for the General Election for the Bridgwater and West Somerset Constituency will be invited to speak and answer questions at this open meeting. After initial presentations, questions will be put, including ones based on any submitted by members of the audience on arrival. The Chairman for the evening will be Paul Rushforth, Headteacher of Minehead Middle School.

FRIENDS OF THE REGAL

The Regal Theatre is a hugely successful community project. Many people show their support by becoming a FRIEND OF THE REGAL. The annual subscription entitles a Friend to receive regular newsletters about activities, discounts on most tickets when booking in advance (usually 50p) and the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting the local community theatre! The subscription is £5.00 per adult which includes children living at the same address.

The Regal greatly appreciates the enormous support it receives from the community and from the Friends. If you are not already a member, can we ask you to consider becoming a Friend of the Regal? To do this you need only ask one of the theatre staff for an application form or call into the box office. Requests can be made by sending an email to the Regal Theatre from the web-site: www.regaltheatre.co.uk

Membership of the Friends of the Regal DOES NOT include membership of the Film Society!

TO KEEP IN TOUCH with events, auditions, opportunities and news you can:

- Become a Friend of the Regal and receive a Regal brochure through your letter box, together with a newsletter.
- Visit the Regal website (regaltheatre.co.uk) to see what is on and book your tickets.
- Send us an email from the website to sign up for our regular Regal E-News.
- 'Like' our page on Facebook to receive day to day news of what is happening and auditions.

VOLUNTEERING

The Regal Theatre is entirely run by volunteers and we value all that they do. They help with Front of House duties, building sets and keeping the theatre functioning and in good decorative order, box office duties, packing and distributing the brochure and more technical jobs in the sound and lighting departments. To volunteer at the Regal, go into the box office and speak to the box office volunteers, or contact the Regal through their web-site.

If you would like to appear on the stage, or to work backstage, with one of the MATA companies, go to the Regal Website, go to the OUR MEMBER COMPANIES tab and contact the companies directly.

TICKETS

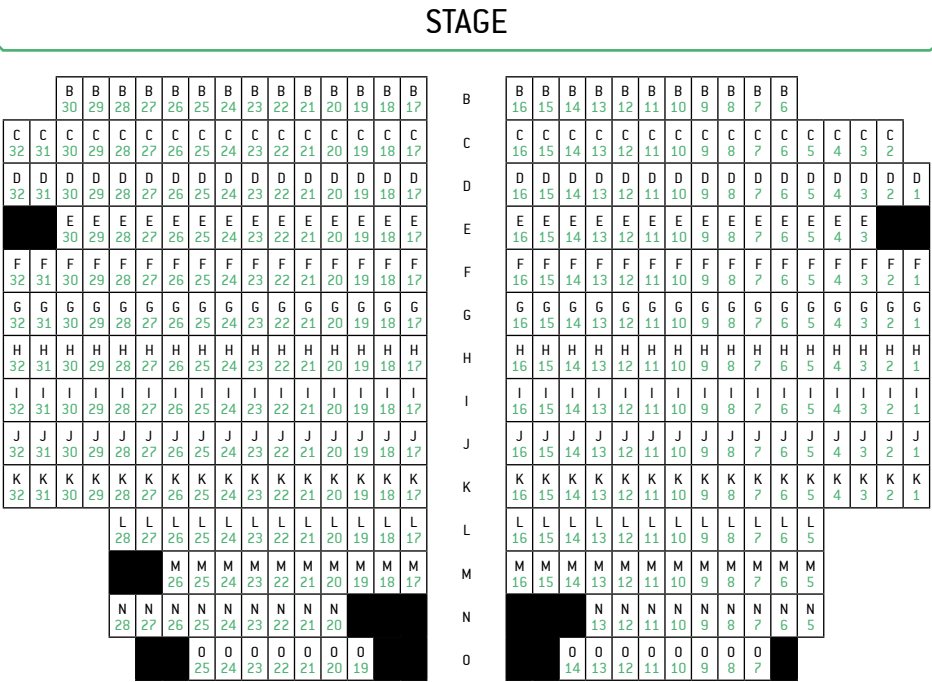
Tickets and information are available from the theatre between 10am and 3pm Monday to Friday. The box office opens on Saturdays from 10am-3pm on performance days and from 10am -12.30pm on non-performance days.

Tickets can also be bought with a credit or debit card by telephoning when the box office is open on **01643 706430**. A transaction fee is charged whenever a credit card is used in payment. We can send tickets to you at an extra cost of £1 to cover postage or hold them for you in the theatre for collection. Unpaid tickets cannot be reserved.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.regaltheatre.co.uk for which there is a charge of £1 per transaction and £1 for postage if that option is chosen. We regret that tickets once purchased are non-refundable.

GROUPS - For every 10 tickets booked the 11th is free, subject to availability.

SEATING PLAN



REGAL FILM SOCIETY

The Regal Theatre is home to the Regal Film Society, now celebrating its 20th season. It is the largest film society in the South West and the second largest in Britain, with nearly 400 members. Recently released films from the UK and around the world are screened every month on one of the largest screens in the area, measuring 40ft x 20ft.

With the progress of digital technology 35mm film is being phased out. To enable them to continue showing current releases the Film Society intend to purchase a digital cinema package costing more than £12,000 and are actively raising funds to purchase this new equipment.

There will be a full programme of films this coming season, showing DVDs on the current digital projector with Blu-ray high definition capability for the first few months until the new equipment has been purchased and installed.

The cost of Film Society membership is £16.50 (individual) £27 (couple) and £11 (concessions) and tickets on the night cost £2.50 for members and £4.50 for non members.

For more details about the Film Society please ring Victoria on 01643 831343.
Membership of the Film Society DOES NOT include membership of the Friends of the Regal!

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