

"From the start it has been theatre's business to entertain people."

Bertolt Brecht

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Hello!

We cannot wait to welcome you back to Pitlochry Festival Theatre for our 2023 Summer Season. It promises to be full of laughter, drama and excitement made with a fantastic ensemble of talented artists.

This year we kick off with *Gypsy*, one of the greatest musicals of all time. And we have lots more dazzling musical joy to delight throughout the year, including a brand-new musical in our Studio called *Forever Home* and a programme of homegrown and visiting musical concerts throughout the summer.

We are also going to fill our stages with award winning classics. A Streetcar Named Desire and Brief Encounter are powerful and moving productions where you will get the opportunity to spend time with some of the world's most iconic characters.

We continue our commitment to produce brave new Scottish works as well. In each of our spaces we will make new plays for you to enjoy. First up, a new version of *The Secret Garden* in our Amphitheatre, followed by *The Great Replacement* in our recently opened Studio, and *Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape* in our Auditorium to end the season. You'll also have another chance to catch *The Maggie Wall* and *Sherlock Holmes-A Lesson in Lipstick, Ketchup and Blood*. They were so successful last year that we are reviving and touring them this year!



"How pretty the sky is! I ought to go there on a rocket that never comes down."

> Blanche, A Streetcar Named Desire Tenessee Williams

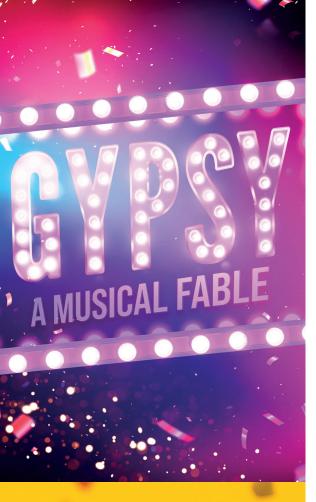
Pitlochry Festival Theatre is at its best when its full of people and life and activity. As well as joining us for a production there are so many other ways to get involved. We have lots of activities for people of all ages to explore their own creativity. For instance, this summer you can celebrate the holidays by joining us for early years and primary Festival Theatre Make and Play sessions. All the information can be found on our website or you can come in and talk to our Box Office team. If you're an artist (of any sort!) there are various programmes, schemes and projects for you to work with us all year round too. Our next Artist Open Day is on the 25th of March. We hope to see you there!

Elizabeth Newman

Artistic Director

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19 May - 30 September 2pm & 8pm

Gypsy is one of the greatest and most dazzling of all musicals. Based on the tantalising memoir of famous striptease artist Gypsy Rose Lee, it tells the story of ambitious showbiz mother Rose, who travels across America with her daughters, Baby June and Louise, in search of success with their homemade vaudeville act.

When Baby June leaves the act to elope, Rose vows to make introverted Louise into a star, and will do almost anything to see her daughter break into the big time.

Prepare to fall in love again with iconic songs, including *Some People*, *Let Me Entertain You*, and the show-stopping *Everything's Coming Up Roses*.

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Music by Jule Styne

Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim

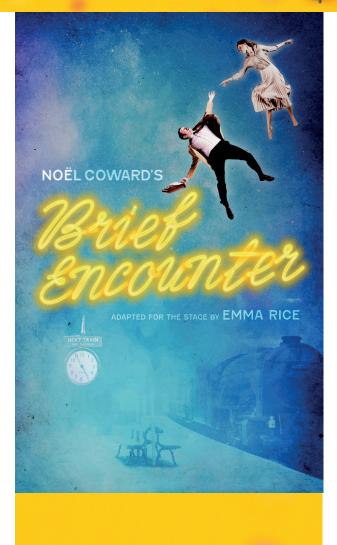
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The Memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee

Original production by

David Merrick & Leland Hayward

Entire production originated and choreographed by Jerome Robbins



16 June - 29 September 2pm & 8pm

Respectable housewife Laura and idealistic doctor Alec meet by chance at a railway station. Although they are both already married, they continue to meet every Thursday in the station café. Their friendship soon develops into something more emotionally fulfilling than either expected, and they wrestle with the potential havoc their deepening relationship would have on their lives and the lives of those they love.

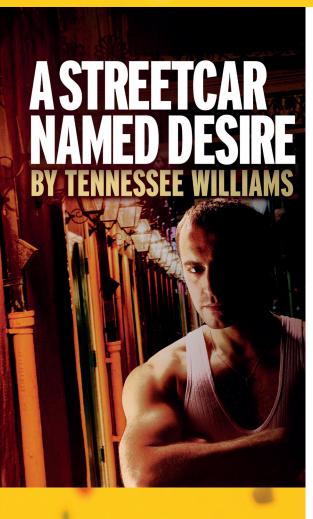
As they come to realise that their love is impossible, they must deal with the torment that comes from a love doomed never to find fulfilment.

Get ready to be transported to another time, another place by this delightful and joyful adaptation of a true classic romance.

Original music composed by **Stu Barker**

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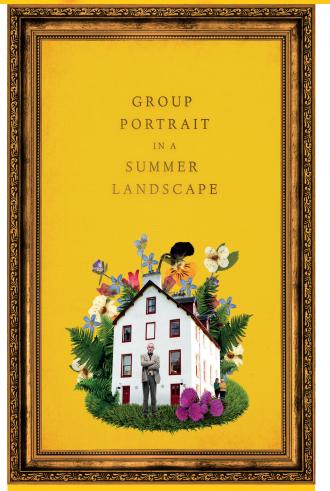
2 June - 30 September 2pm & 8pm

A Streetcar Named Desire is one of the most critically acclaimed and extraordinary plays of the twentieth century. Ready yourselves for a sizzling night out.

After losing her family home and prosperous life, former southern belle Blanche Dubois moves into the shabby apartment of her younger sister Stella and her husband Stanley Kowalski in a poor neighbourhood in New Orleans.

Blanche and Stanley take an immediate dislike to one another. The conflict between them heats up as Blanche attempts to convince her sister to leave her abusive husband. Tensions mount with tragic consequences for Blanche.

Presented by special arrangement with The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.



25 August - 28 September 2pm & 8pm

Written by **Peter Arnott**

This intense and riveting story is set in a Perthshire country house during the Scottish Independence referendum of 2014. It revolves around retired academic and political heavyweight George Rennie and his fractured family and former students, coming together for a dramatic reckoning. There are secrets to be exposed.

The play is an exploration of a way of life which is coming to its end, a family struggling to connect in the wake of political pain, grief and the beginnings and ends of great love affairs.

Expect a bold, funny and deeply thoughtful play about family and the forces that shaped the country we live in today.

A co-production with The Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh.



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Festival Circle £150 annually

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- Save 15% on 4 tickets per show
- Save 10% on all Café purchases
- 50% off Tours

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Summer Diary

May

Fri	19	Gypsy	8pm
Sat	20	Gypsy	8pm
Tue	23	Greatest Musicals	8pm
Wed	24	Gypsy	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Thu	25	West End Musical Extravaganza	8pm
Sat	27	Gypsy	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm

June

Fri	2	A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Sat	3	A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Tue	6	A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Wed	17	A Streetcar Named Desire	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Thu	8	Gypsy	8pm
Fri	9	The Maggie Wall	7.30pm
Sat	10	The Maggie Wall	7.30pm
Wed	114	The Maggie Wall	7.30pm
Thu	15	The Maggie Wall	7.30pm
Fri	16	Brief Encounter	8pm
Sat	17	Brief Encounter	8pm

June (cont.)

Sun	18	West End Musical Extravaganza	2pm
Tue	20	The Maggie Wall	7.30pm
Wed	l 21	The Maggie Wall	2.30pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Thu	22	Brief Encounter	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Fri	23	Gypsy	8pm
Sat	24	Gypsy	2pm
		Greatest Musicals	8pm
Tue	27	A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Wed	l 28	The Maggie Wall	2.30pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Thu	29	Gypsy	2pm
		West End Musical Extravaganza	8pm
Fri	30	Brief Encounter	8pm

July

Sat	1	Brief Encounter	2pm
		Greatest Musicals	8pm
Sun	2	80s Live!	8pm
Mon	3	A Play, A Pie & A Pint	1pm

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July (cont.)

Tue	4	A Play, A Pie & A Pin	t 1pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Wed	15	A Play, A Pie & A Pin	t 1pm
Thu	6	A Play, A Pie & A Pin	t 1pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Fri	7	A Play, A Pie & A Pin	t 1pm
		The Secret Garden	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Sat	8	A Play, A Pie & A Pin	t 1pm
		The Secret Garden	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Tue	11	Brief Encounter	8pm
Wed	112	The Secret Garden	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Thu	13	Gypsy	2pm
		Greatest Musicals	8pm
Fri	14	A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Sat	15	The Secret Garden	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Sun	16	West End Musical Extravaganza	8pm
Tue	18	Gypsy	8pm
Wed	19	The Secret Garden	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm

July (cont.)

Thu	20	A Streetcar Named Desire	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Fri	21	Brief Encounter	8pm
Sat	22	The Secret Garden	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Tue	25	Greatest Musicals	8pm
Wed	126	The Secret Garden	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Thu	27	Brief Encounter	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Fri	28	Gypsy	8pm
Sat	29	The Secret Garden	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Sun	30	Thank You for the Music	8pm

August

Tue	1	West End Musical Extravaganza	8pm
Wed	12	The Secret Garden	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Thu	3	A Streetcar Named Desire	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Fri	4	Brief Encounter	8pm

August (cont.)

Sat 5 The Secret Garden 2pm

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		Gypsy	8pm
Tue	8	Gypsy	8pm
Wed	9	Gypsy	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Thu	10	Brief Encounter	2pm
		Greatest Musicals	8pm
Fri	11	A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Sat	12	The Secret Garden	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Sun	13	West End Musical Extravaganza	2pm
Tue	15	A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Wed	16	A Streetcar Named Desire	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Thu	17	Brief Encounter	8pm
Fri	18	To the Bone	7.30pm
Sat	19	The Secret Garden	2pm
		To the Bone	7.30pm
Wed	23	To the Bone	7.30pm
Thu	24	To the Bone	7.30pm
Fri	25	Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	8pm
Sat	26	Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	8pm

August (cont.)

Tue	29	Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	8pm
Wed	30	Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Thu	31	To the Bone	2.30pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm

September

Fri	1	Sherlock Holmes	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Sat	2	Gypsy	2pm
		Greatest Musicals	8pm
Sun	3	Phil Cunningham & Aly Bain	8pm
Tue	5	Gypsy	8pm
Wed	6	To the Bone	2.30pm
		Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	8pm
Thu	7	Gypsy	2pm
		West End Musical Extravaganza	8pm
Fri	8	Sherlock Holmes	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Sat	9	Sherlock Holmes	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm

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September (cont.)

Mon	11	A Play, A Pie & A Pint	1pm
Tue	12	A Play, A Pie & A Pint	1pm
		Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	8pm
Wed	13	A Play, A Pie & A Pint	1pm
		Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm
Thu	14	A Play, A Pie & A Pint	1pm
		Gypsy	2pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Fri	15	A Play, A Pie & A Pint	1pm
		Sherlock Holmes	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Sat	16	A Play, A Pie & A Pint	1pm
		Sherlock Holmes	2pm
		Brief Encounter	2pm 🧧
		To the Bone	7.30pm
Sun	17	Greatest Musicals	2pm
Tue	19	Gypsy	8pm
Wed	20	Gypsy	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
Thu	21	Sherlock Holmes	2pm
		Brief Encounter	2pm
		West End Musical Extravaganza	8pm

Fri	22	Sherlock Holmes	2pm
		To the Bone	2.30pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Sat	23	A Streetcar Named Desire	2pm
		Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	8pm
Tue	26	Gypsy	8pm
Wed	27	Gypsy	2pm
		Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	8pm
Thu	28	Group Portrait in a Summer Landscape	2pm
		Brief Encounter	8pm
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		To the Bone	7.30pm
		A Streetcar Named Desire	8pm
Sat	30	A Streetcar Named Desire	2pm
		Gypsy	8pm

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Savings are automatically applied at checkout when you book online.

You can also ring our friendly Box Office team for personalised assistance with booking shows.

Studio



9 - 28 June 2pm & 7.30pm

A welcome return of this enthralling new play from Martin McCormick, inspired by a monument near Dunning called 'The Maggie Wall', the site of a mysterious grave to a woman tried and executed in the 17th century for witchcraft. It's a collection of stones about 20 feet high, bearing the words in white lettering – 'Maggie Wall burnt here 1657 as a witch'.

The Maggie Wall explores the vulnerability of women and injustices suffered by them, as well as reminding us of a chapter of history in which predominately women were accused, tried and killed as suspected witches.

A co-production with Aberdeen Arts Centre.



*Advisory warning - we recommend this play for those aged 12 and over due to strong language and references to violence.





Fi and her daughter Lu have never seen eye to eye, but Lu's ovaries are Fi's last remaining hope of a grandchild. When avowedly single Lu presents some 'interesting' choices of sperm donor, Fi knows she should probably keep her mouth shut. She has always been openminded and definitely not racist...but is it too much to ask to have a grandchild that vaguely resembles you.

When a DNA test reveals some surprising results, Fi needs a new game plan.

The Great Replacement is a darkly comedic romp through intergenerational politics and the absurdities and peculiarities of race.

Co-presented with Macrobert Arts Centre and A Play, A Pie and A Pint. Macrobert Arts Centre







18 August - 29 September 2pm & 7.30pm

Set in a secluded, rural cottage, *To the Bone* explores isolation and ownership, loss and longing, as Beth confronts her past and fights for her future.

To the Bone cuts to the marrow of memory and lays bare the powerful grip of place in a dynamic twist of love, grief, and betrayal.

An intense, incisive drama about haunting, healing, and what we call home.

11-16 September 1pm



Growing up is never simple but for Caitlin, there are extra complications: Caitlin was in care, then adopted, now her birth family want her in their lives. Things are spiralling out of control.....

Caitlin and her Mum have been called into the Head Teacher's office. But she's done nothing wrong. Mr Marr's breath does stink, she was doing him a favour, everyone vapes and they can't prove she was anywhere near the fire alarm!

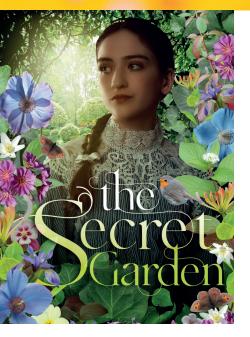
An uplifting and inspiring musical play, about identity, family and finding your way home.



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Amphitheatre

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Written by **Frances Hodgson Burnett**Adapted by **Elizabeth Newman**

7 July - 19 August 2pm

When orphaned Mary Lennox comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire Moors, she finds it full of secrets. The mansion has nearly one hundred rooms, and at night, she hears the sound of crying down one of the long corridors, eventually tracking it down to her cousin Colin who has spent his entire life in bed, unable to walk.

One day Mary finds a key that leads her to a garden held locked for years and completely overgrown. Mary and her friend Dickon bring the garden back to life and the flourishing garden brings joy back to the house and those living in it.

Elizabeth Newman's new adaption of one of the most delightful and enduring classics of children's literature is set in the theatre's beautiful amphitheatre and celebrates the power of transformation and healing through nature.

1 - 22 September 2pm

Back by popular demand, Pitlochry Festival Theatre presents this bold adaptation of the 1887 story *A Study in Scarlet* by Arthur Conan-Doyle, marking the first appearance of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson, the most famous detective duo in literature.

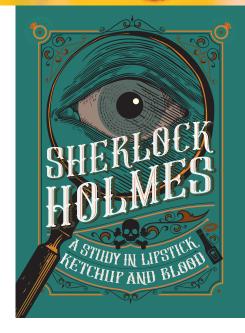
In a blasted world, two survivors – a doctor and an actor – pass the time by staging their favourite story salvaged from the flames. When tensions arise around casting, more than dead bodies start to surface...

Audiences will be enthralled by this riveting play brought to life in the Amphitheatre, nestled in the Explorers Garden within the shadow of Ben-Y-Vrackie.

A co-production with OVO.



*Advisory warning – we recommend this play for those aged 10 and over due to strong language.



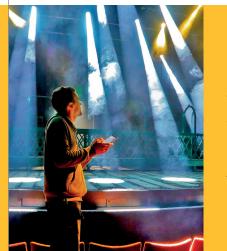
Written by **Arthur Conan Doyle**Adapted by **Lesley Hart**

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Concerts





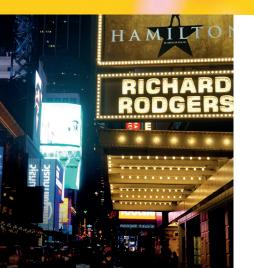












Greatest Musicals of All Time

23 May - 17 September 2pm & 8pm

Join us for a celebration of some of the greatest songs from shows we all know and love, taking you on a magical journey through unforgettable musicals.

In the comfort of our auditorium, travel the world through song and let us transport you to the glitz and glamour of Broadway and the West End. Think Rodgers and Hammerstein, Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim, John Kander and Fred Ebb, Jerry Herman...



West End Musical Extravaganza

25 May - 21 September 8pm

Encore, encore! Take your seats for another helping of smash hits from the musical theatre stages of London's famous West End

If you love Oklahoma, West Side Story, Evita and My Fair Lady, you're in for a treat. Our talented performers will whisk you away to that magical world of the musical, where understudies get their big break, just waking up is an excuse for a song, and everything always works out in the end!



80s Live!

2 July 8pm

You've made it through the wilderness, somehow, you've made it through and now we're never gonna give you up!

Get ready as we bring you the biggest 80s party show to tour the UK - 80s Live! We will be heading down the Atlanta Highway, so bring your jukebox money and get ready to litterbug.

The show includes hits Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, Edge of Heaven, Tainted Love, Love Shack, Living on a Prayer, The Final Countdown, Don't You Want Me Baby, Relax, Never Gonna Give You Up, It's Raining Men, Rio and the list goes on.

This is 80s Live!

Thank You for the Music!

30 July 8pm

Calling all Dancing Queens: this is your night to say, Thank You for the Music!

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other. The hugely popular show, now in its 20th year, with a brand-new show for 2023. combines the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes and dazzling performances by an all-star cast.

loin us for the party of the year as we bring you all the hits, including Waterloo, Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia, and many many more!

Thank You for the Music! For without a song or a dance, what are we?

Aly Bain & **Phil Cunningham**

3 September 8pm

Together Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham have established themselves as the epitome of excellence in the world of traditional music.

With their musical magic and quick-witted humour they will pull your emotional strings one moment and have you falling off the seat with laughter the next.



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