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## NEW SEASON OF LITTLE LYRIC SHOWS AND FAMILY EVENTS FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2021 AT THE LYRIC HAMMERSMITH THEATRE

The Lyric Hammersmith Theatre today announces the new **Little Lyric** programme of events from **August to December 2021** bringing a magical mix of both new and cherished shows for children and families.

The new season begins with **Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*** in the Main House which showcases and celebrates the late author's most loved characters (17 to 28 August).

This summer will also see the welcome return of **Lyric Fest**, a free, outdoor family festival held in Lyric Square with **Hammersmith BID** (20 and 21 August) as a key part of the BID's Summer Festival 2021.

In the Studio, the festive classic **Raymond Briggs' *Father Christmas*** will return in a special 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary production (24 November to 24 December). Ahead of this, the Studio will also host a variety of children's entertainment from leading children's production companies in the autumn including **Zoom, Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers and The Princess and The Pea** (various dates October and November).

Ticketed events go on sale today and can be booked at [www.lyric.co.uk](http://www.lyric.co.uk)

### ***The Very Hungry Caterpillar***

Presented by Lyric Hammersmith Theatre and MEI Theatrical

Tuesday 17 to Saturday 28 August

All ages

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, by author/illustrator Eric Carle has delighted generations of readers since it was first published in 1969 selling more than 43 million copies worldwide.

Eric's well-known books captivated readers with his iconic colourful hand-painted tissue paper collage illustrations and distinctively simple stories, introducing generations of children to a bigger, brighter world – and to their first experience of reading itself.

The timeless classic has made its way off the page and onto the stage and showcases and celebrates the most loved characters of the late Eric Carle.

Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, the critically acclaimed production of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show* features a menagerie of 75 lovable puppets, faithfully adapting four of Eric Carle's stories, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, *10 Little Rubber Ducks*, *The Very Lonely Firefly* and of course, the star of the show *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* which celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2019.

### **Lyric Fest**

Presented by Lyric Hammersmith Theatre and Hammersmith BID

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 August

All ages

The Lyric Hammersmith Theatre celebrates its reopening this summer with the return of the much-loved Lyric Fest in partnership with Hammersmith BID. The free, fun-packed, outdoor summer festival in Lyric Square will feature live music, theatre, dance, family activities and more. The programme of entertainment will include music, drinks and a BBQ on the Friday evening and a day of family events on the Saturday. Full schedule to be announced. Lyric Fest will be a key part of the BID's Summer Festival 2021, which includes a summer of live sport on the Big Screen, picnics, recitals and film screenings.

### **Zoom!**

Presented by Pied Piper Theatre

Tuesday 26 to Saturday 30 October, 11am & 1pm

Age 3-8 years

*Molly knows everything about space. All the planets and their moons; even the number of Saturn's rings. EVERYTHING! Molly is definitely, absolutely going to be an astronaut when she grows up. But when, one wintry night, Molly meets a visitor from outer space she realises she still has a lot to learn about looking after our very own planet, Earth.*

*Zoom!* is a new play for children aged 3-8 years with music, songs and puppetry. A gentle introduction for young children into ways they can help to protect their environment.

### **The Tales of Robin Hood**

Presented by Angel Heart and Rattlebox

Saturday 23 October, 11am and 1pm

Age 4+

*Join England's Greatest Outlaw as he and his Merry Friends take on the dastardly Sheriff of Nottingham! Be swept along in the adventure as dynamic puppetry and colourful acting bring these much-loved tales to life. With comedy, derring-do and even interactive archery, The Tales of Robin Hood is a quiver-full of fun for both young and old alike.*

**Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers**

Presented by Get Lost & Found  
Saturday 06 November, 11am and 1pm  
Age 6-10 years

*All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but from children's minds too! Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of Tale Tenders can save the stories - and they need your help!*

Especially made for ages 6 and up, *Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers* develops both creative and literacy skills through performance, games and creative play whilst exploring Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories.

**The Princess and The Pea**

Presented by Tutti Frutti  
Saturday 13 November, 11am and 1pm  
Age 3+

*Set in the Museum of Forgotten Things, three musical curators tell the amazing tale of the museum's artefacts including the mystery of a little green pea and how it got there. This one hour of fun is packed with humour and memorable songs, including a romp through every type of princess you can imagine, with hilarious costumes to match.*

**Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas**

A Lyric Hammersmith Theatre and Pins and Needles Production  
Wednesday 24 November to Friday 24 December  
Age Under 6

*Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas* has become a must-see Christmas show and returns for its 10th anniversary production. The Lyric family favourite, co-produced with the Oliver Award nominated Pins & Needles Productions, is a great introductory theatre experience for young children and bursts into life with live music, playful puppets and a magical set.

*Join Santa as he awakes from a dream of sun, sea and sand only to find it is the busiest day of the year: Christmas Eve. Watch as he prepares for his Christmas deliveries, feeds his reindeer and finally takes flight into the snowy night.*

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## Main House

Lyric Hammersmith Theatre and MEI Theatrical presents  
***The Very Hungry Caterpillar***  
Dates: Tuesday 17 to Saturday 28 August  
Performance Schedule: Monday to Saturday at 11am and 1pm  
Ages: All  
Duration: 50 mins

## Lyric Square

Lyric Hammersmith Theatre and Hammersmith BID present  
**Lyric Fest**  
Dates: Friday 20 and Saturday 21 August  
Ages: All  
Further details and events to be announced

## Studio

Pied Piper Theatre presents  
***Zoom!***  
Dates: Tuesday 26 to Saturday 30 October  
Performance schedule: 11am & 1pm  
Age: 3-8 years  
Duration: 50 mins

Angel Heart and Rattlebox present  
***The Tales of Robin Hood***  
Dates: Saturday 23 October  
Performance schedule: 11am and 1pm  
Age: 4+  
Duration: 60 mins

Get Lost & Found

***Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers***

Dates: Saturday 06 November

Performance schedule: 11am and 1pm

Age: 6-10 years

Duration: 60 mins

Tutti Frutti presents

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Lyric Hammersmith Theatre and Pins and Needles Productions presents

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Dates: Wednesday 24 November to Friday 24 December 2021

Age: Under 6

Duration: 60 mins

Performance schedule:

Wednesday 24 November, 11.30am, 1pm

Thursday 25 November, 11.30am, 1pm

Friday 26 November, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm

Saturday 27 November, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm

Sunday 28 November, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm

Tuesday 30 November, 11am, 1pm

Wednesday 01 December, 9.30am, 1pm

Thursday 02 December, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1pm

Friday 03 December, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1pm

Saturday 04 December 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 4.30pm

Sunday 05 December 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm

Monday 06 December, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1pm

Tuesday 07 December, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1pm

Wednesday 08 December 9.45am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm

Thursday 09 December, 9.45am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm

Friday 10 December, 9.45am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm

Saturday 11 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm

Sunday 12 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm

Monday 13 December, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm

Tuesday 14 December, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm

Wednesday 15 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm

Thursday 16 December, 9.45am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm, 4.30pm

Friday 17 December, 9.45am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm

Saturday 18 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm

Sunday 19 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm

Monday 20 December, 9.30am, 11am, 2pm

Tuesday 21 December, 9.30am, 11am, 2pm

Wednesday 22 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm

Thursday 23 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm

Friday 24 December, 9.30am, 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm