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#LittleLyric

Little Lyric Spring Season family shows from January to April 2022

The **Little Lyric Spring Season 2022** features the very best shows for the littlest theatre lovers at the **Lyric Hammersmith Theatre** from both new and returning family theatre companies. Expect fresh takes on the classic stories and exciting original work. The season runs from **08 January to 09 April 2022**. Tickets are on sale today at www.lyric.co.uk

Kate Baiden, Producer at Lyric Hammersmith Theatre, said: *"We are so happy to be back with a full Little Lyric programme for Spring 2022. Giving children and families across West London access to diverse, beautiful storytelling of the highest quality is a cornerstone of our work here at the Lyric and we're delighted to be staging much-loved and exciting new stories from the UK's leading children's theatre companies. In addition to a variety of one-day shows throughout the coming months, we're pleased to be presenting Jabala & The Jinn as our Easter 2022 Studio Show from our Young Lyric Partner Turtle Key Arts and offering a BSL, an Audio Described and a Relaxed Performance of this special production. There is something to satisfy all young interests and we're looking forward to filling our Studio with puppets, music, thoughtfulness and fun."*

The Story Game

Presented by Andrew Barnett Jones
Saturday 08 January 2022, 11am & 1pm
For ages 6+

Andrew Barnett Jones is going to tell you a story but he has no idea what it is. With your help, he'll be playing The Story Game, creating a hysterically funny, wildly creative story from a handful of words, a roll of the dice and his own rollercoaster imagination. Once you've seen him in action, you'll be inspired to use his simple, practical methods to play the game yourself and make up your own madcap stories.

Andrew Barnett Jones has made up stories for top TV shows including *The Amazing World of Gumball*, *Mr Bean: The Animated Series*, *Dick'n'Dom's Diddy Movies* and *Diddy TV*, *Dennis the Menace and Gnasher*, *Shaun the Sheep*, *The 4 O'Clock Club* and *The Slammer*. He has been awarded the Children's Choice Award for Funniest Voice and the Crick Crack Club's Grand Liar's Trophy.

Dustbin Doris

Presented by Rhubarb Theatre

Saturday 15 January 2022, 11am & 1pm

For ages 5+

It's bin collection day and our two heroic waste collectors Max and Ola are racing to make up lost time. But what's this? A dustbin that refuses to release its contents! What could be attached? It's Doris, the dotty old lady who lives in the park. A struggle ensues as she clings onto her possessions. But every bin has a silver liner. So, when the pair of refuse loaders realise that 'one man's trash is another woman's treasure', an amazing trove of wondrous tales recycle their way out of the rubbish.

Rhubarb Theatre are known for their imaginative styles of storytelling. Prepare for joy and sadness, laughter and tears & surprises. Dustbin Doris is 'waste-deep' in theatrical play, puppetry, mask, dance, song and lots of laughter.

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Presented by Theatre of Widdershins

Saturday 22 January 2022, 11am & 1pm

For ages 3+

Elvis Schumacher, cobbler and craftsman, has worked all his life creating the most beautiful footwear. But now he's hit hard times. Everyone's buying boring shoes from the evil businessman Bunyan Sole-less. Time is running out for Elvis. With one piece of leather left and Bunyan's factory growing, can anyone help him?

Inspired by the exquisite Ladybird Book, Theatre of Widdershins brings you another classic fable using magical puppets, intricate design, original music and the simplest of dialogue.

Butterflies

Presented by Tangled Feet and Half Moon Theatre

Saturday 05 February 2022, 11am & 1pm

For ages 3-8

Three friends embark on an exciting adventure to chase their butterflies away. They cross new seas to uncharted lands, on a journey filled with discovery. The only trouble is they're all a bit worried about it! During their voyage the group ride the waves, walk high bridges, skirt deep caves and climb to the sky, before reaching dry land, braver than ever before.

Created in response to young children's experience of anxiety, *Butterflies* is an uplifting tale of friendship, courage and facing your fears, told using innovative staging, breathtaking physicality, touching humour and an original musical score.

The show toured to great acclaim in 2018 and now features an updated storyline exploring how COVID has affected the anxiety levels and resilience of children.

Butterflies is a co-production between award-winning theatre ensemble Tangled Feet and Half Moon.

Plundered

Presented by Really Big Pants Theatre
Saturday 12 February 2022, 11am & 1pm
For ages 5+

Whilst searching for hidden treasure, a famously selfish pirate captain has left a once beautiful tropical island littered with rubbish and its inhabitants struggling to survive. It's up to Maggie and Roy to save it. The trouble is, they're REALLY not friends. Teleported from their school trip at a maritime museum into the centre of a swashbuckling adventure in the Amazon, will they learn to work together, win the race to find the legendary gold – and restore the place to its natural glory?

Can you help defeat this dastardly litterbug pirate? Come dressed as a fearsome member of his crew if ye dare!

Robin's Winter Adventure

Presented by Pied Piper Theatre Company
Monday 14 - Saturday 19 February 2022, 11am & 1pm
For ages 4+

A young boy's incredible journey with a feathered friend. But will facing his fears turn out to be the greatest adventure of all? This is an uplifting tale of change, bravery and friendship told with puppetry, poetry, music and magical design, for ages 4+ and their families. Join Pied Piper Theatre Company for a new play celebrating 30 years of outstanding children's theatre.

Little Red Riding Hood

Presented by Lyngo
Saturday 26 February 2022, 11am & 1pm
For ages 3-8

A wolf in granny's clothing knows all about what fun dressing-up can be and in Little Red Riding Hood our magical wardrobe opens its doors to a fantastic display of gorgeous garments as we take you down the path into the snowy wild wood where you'll hear catchy songs on the wind and spot hilarious puppets between the trees. We're sure you'll say what a great show we've got - all the better to thrill you with!

Messy

Presented by Zoo Co
Saturday 05 March 2022, 11am & 1pm
For ages 3+

Meet Daisy. She's got a messy brain and a messy bedroom. No matter what she does, "The Mess" just seems to follow her about! When Daisy is chosen to look after Mr Twiggy, the class hamster, Daisy (and the rest of her class) worry she might lose him. So she's very glad when best friend Beth decides to stay over to lend a hand. In fact, Beth, Daisy and Mr Twiggy are going to have the best weekend ever! But things don't quite go to plan. Can Daisy use the adventures of "The Mess" to find Mr Twiggy and prove everyone wrong?

Zoo Co present this magical and visual story complete with original music, puppets, tap dancing and even a trip to the moon.

Performed by a Deaf and hearing cast with Sign Supported English, Messy has been created in partnership with ADHD Foundation and all performances are Relaxed Performances, which means if you need to stand up, sit down, wriggle around, leave or come back in, that's absolutely fine! There aren't any loud noises and the lights will stay on in the theatre.

Pebble On The Beach

Presented by M6 in association with The North Wall

Saturday 12 March 2022, 11am & 1pm

For ages 3+

Welcome to Sandyway Bay! Everyone's welcome on Al's beach. He rents deckchairs, sells beach toys and generally keeps things ship shape. Samantha has decided to have a day at the seaside. She is shy, reserved and cautious. Pebble is Samantha's best friend.

When Al lets curiosity get the better of him, Pebble goes missing. But in looking for her much-loved friend, Samantha comes out of her shell and discovers the freedom to be herself.

Featuring a lively mix of dancing, singing and puppetry, *Pebble on the Beach* will magically transport you to a day at the seaside - a beach hut filled with treasures, sandcastles, seagulls and the waves lapping on the shore – to tell a heart-warming tale that helps us all feel safe in the world and know that we matter.

Oldilocks and the Three Bears

Presented by Garlic Theatre

Saturday 19 March 2022, 11am & 1pm

For ages 3-7

One winter, Oldilocks finds a teddy bear in the park and remembers a delicious bowl of porridge she tasted years ago in the woods. Something else happened but she can't quite remember what... so she sets off for the forest. Will she find the bears' house and what will happen then? A wonderfully funny and warm-hearted celebration of the classic story starring a naughty old lady who looks very familiar and three funny bears who love their breakfast. Garlic Theatre hold their young audience spellbound with lovingly crafted puppets, music and some steaming bowls of porridge.

The Hug

Presented by Long Nose Puppets

Saturday 26 March 2022, 11am & 1pm

For ages 2-8

Long Nose Puppets' brand-new show is based on the heart-warming and funny book 'The Hug' by Eoin McLaughlin and Polly Dunbar. A tale of hope, empathy and acceptance, it stars a hedgehog and a tortoise both in search of a restorative hug.

Facing many rejections along the way, they meet a rather scary badger, an obsessive squirrel who knows A LOT about nuts, a fabulous fox and an owl who is trying hard to be wise.

Set to Tom Gray's beautiful and witty music, the audience are invited on a journey full of fun, laughter and love, and a very special hug from our puppets.

Jabala & The Jinn

Presented by Turtle Key Arts and AIK Productions

Saturday 02 – Saturday 09 April 2022, 11am & 1pm (excluding 3 April)

For ages 5 – 12

Jabala & The Jinn tells the story of schoolgirl Jabala. A few months have passed since Jabala's mum died and her dad is struggling. One morning, she hears a voice speaking to her in Arabic – but there's no one there. Could it be her mum? Has she imagined it?

With the help of a new refugee boy at school – a Shakespeare enthusiast called Munir – Jabala summons the Jinn. But this is no ordinary Jinn and nothing like the ones she's heard about in her grandma's stories. Jabala is in for a big surprise! As the day of Eid approaches, events take a drastic turn and Jabala is forced to make some difficult decisions. Will things come together in time for the celebration?

Using physical theatre, original music and vivid design, this new play by award winning writer Asif Khan is a funny and endearing story for the whole family.

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Thursday 07 April, 11 am – Relaxed performance

Friday 08 April, 11 am – BSL performance

Friday 08 April, 1 pm - Audio described performance

For ages 5 – 12

Running time: 50 mins