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## **SEVEN New Shows On Sale at Theatre Royal Plymouth**

Theatre Royal Plymouth have seven amazing new productions for 2022 and beyond going on general sale TODAY!

From brand new dance productions to musical tours and family favourites including *Shrek the Musical*, there really is something for everyone!

Explore their new productions today to be among the first to book for the best prices and availability!

[Tickets are available now on the TRP website](#)

[\*Every Word Was Once An Animal, The Drum, 14 – 27 July 2022\*](#)

A co-production by Perpodium, Theatre Royal Plymouth, Kunstencentrum Vooruit and Richard Jordan Productions

Directed by Alexander Devriendt

The show starts when a person comes on stage, walks casually to the microphone, adjusts it and starts talking. The person who is going to do all of this is good at opening scenes. Everyone would have liked to play that part but fate has appointed just one of us. It's not easy to open a show. It's a big responsibility, because if the first lines are well done, if they land well, then it's magic. If you open the show, you set the tone of the whole show. And that's really, yeah... The beginning can't go on forever. The rest of the show has to happen, and no, we can't spoil it. But trust us, we're telling you stories.

In *Every Word Was Once An Animal*, Ontroerend Goed dances on the thin line between truth and another truth. Forget what you just read. Just remember that half a truth is often a great lie.

**[The Legend Of White Bear Lake, The Drum, 13 – 14 August 2022](#)**

British Youth Music Theatre

Book, Music & Lyrics by Caroline Wigmore & Jen Green

BYMT's new production of The Legend of White Bear Lake is a haunting musical inspired by a Native American tale from Minnesota.

Two teenagers from rival tribes fall in love and must fight to keep their relationship a secret, rowing to the middle of the lake each night to meet each other. The legend of the white bear is passed down to each generation and warns that the two tribes must not mix or a giant bear will wake from his slumber and attack the tribes. When the secret relationship is discovered, a battle breaks out. One night when the lake is frozen over, the bear appears and viciously attacks the young lovers. The tribes must decide if they can come together to defeat the mysterious white bear.

Dark and atmospheric, The Legend of White Bear Lake features an ethereal score, breath-taking movement to bring the legend to life.

**[Angry Salmon, The Drum, 20 – 21 August](#)**

British Youth Music Theatre

Music and Musical Director – Jordan Clarke

Director – Ali James

Choreographer – Jocelyn Prah

Inspired by true stories, this funny and imaginative new musical is 'The Little Mermaid' meets 'Family Guy', bubbling with humour, filled with big characters, adventurous songs, inventive jumping between land and sea and with an important message behind about taking care of our planet. It reveals the story of salmon that are escaping from salmon farms in their masses. Ill-fit for life back in the wild, they are unable to find food, unable to migrate efficiently, and unable to care for their fellow salmon. And the salmon are angry.

In a big, cartoonish underwater world, the show follows the inhabitants of a thriving fish-farm, and the Di-Carprio's – a family of salmon, who dream of life 'upstream'. Leo (the eldest daughter), sick of life stuck inside the tanks, galvanizes the clan of salmon, and initiates a mass escape through a crack in the borders. Suddenly, they find themselves in the deep blue sea, with one aim: find their fellow salmon.

Brought to life by showstopper director Ali James and Cameron Mackintosh Resident Composer Jordan Clarke.

**[Bugsy Malone, The Lyric, 18 – 22 October 2022](#)**

The Lyric Hammersmith Theatre production

A MODERN MUSICAL CLASSIC

Play by Alan Parker, Words and Music by Paul Williams

Prohibition era, New York. A city full of mobsters, showgirls and dreamers. Rival gangster bosses Fat Sam and Dandy Dan are at loggerheads. The custard pies are flying and Dandy Dan's gang has gotten the upper hand since obtaining the new-fangled "splurge" gun. Now, Fat Sam and his bumbling buffoons are in real trouble!

Enter Bugsy Malone, a penniless one-time boxer and all-round nice guy. All Bugsy really wants to do is spend time with his new love, Blousey, but will he be able to resist seductive songstress Tallulah and stay out of trouble long enough to help Fat Sam to defend his business...?

**[Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty, The Lyric, 12 – 19 November 2022](#)**

Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty reawakens in 2022, celebrating 10 years since its premiere at Sadler's Wells, when it became the fastest selling production in the company's history.

Now established as a firm favourite in the New Adventures repertoire, the award-winning Sleeping Beauty has enchanted international audiences throughout the UK and across the globe.

Enter a wondrous world of magical fairies and vampires, where the timeless tale of



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good vs evil is turned upside-down, creating a supernatural love story that even the passage of time itself cannot hinder. Will Princess Aurora ever find her true love again?

With an unforgettable score, sumptuous sets and costumes, evocative lighting and masterly storytelling, the beloved fairy tale is brought to life by the uniquely talented New Adventures company. Get ready to be transported in time from the halcyon days of the late Edwardian era through to the modern day in this dazzling gothic romance.

### [Sister Act, The Lyric, 05 – 10 December 2022](#)

Brace yourselves sisters – the habit is coming to Plymouth!

Don't miss this eagerly anticipated brand-new production of the Broadway and UK smash hit musical *Sister Act* direct from London.

All your prayers have been answered with a stunning cast including West End sensation and *Hairspray* star Lizzie Bea and *Emmerdale* and *Waitress* legend Sandra Marvin as Deloris, everyone's favourite nun on the run!

Disco diva Deloris' life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Placed under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she shouldn't be found – a convent! Encouraged to help the struggling choir, she helps her fellow sisters find their true voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.

Featuring original music by Tony® and 8-time Oscar® award-winner Alan Menken (*Disney's Aladdin*, *Enchanted*) and songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco, this heavenly musical is joyous and uplifting in equal measures. A musical sent from above, *Sister Act* is the brilliant, must-see show which raises the spirits and warms the soul time after time.

### [Shrek the Musical, The Lyric, 21 – 29 July 2023](#)

Join our unlikely hero Shrek and his noble steed Donkey as they embark on a big, bright, musical adventure.

Based on the Oscar winning DreamWorks film, the Broadway and West End hit *Shrek the Musical* is a fun filled and hilarious musical comedy with a cast of vibrant characters and a 'shrek-tacular' score.



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Featuring the beloved Princess Fiona, the evil Lord Farquaad, a host of magical fairy-tale characters and fabulous songs including the smash hit 'I'm a believer, Shrek the Musical is a 'musical extravaganza for big kids and little kids alike'.

Come join the adventure as Shrek and Donkey endeavour to complete their quest, finding unexpected friendships and surprising romance along the way.

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Theatre Royal Plymouth works with partners to understand the challenges people face accessing the arts, especially vulnerable and disadvantaged people. It creates pathways that are genuinely accessible to those who might otherwise never get to engage with the arts. They collaborate to co-create and co-author work that represents the community, creating the space needed for people to tell their story in their own way.

Theatre Royal Plymouth is the UK's largest regional producing theatre. With a focus on embracing the vitality of new talent and supporting emerging and established artists. It collaborates with a range of partners to provide dynamic cultural leadership for the city of Plymouth.