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Theatre Royal Plymouth celebrates its community work in series of events this July to mark 40th year

Theatre Royal Plymouth is celebrating its work with children, young people and community groups this July, with a series of events on The Lyric stage, to mark the organisation's 40th year.

The TRP Community Celebration Week will run from Tuesday 5 – Saturday 9 July.

Across the week, the theatre's main stage The Lyric will be filled with young people and community groups performing end of year pieces, as well as the much-celebrated Playhouse Festival, featuring local primary schools, and a night celebrating one of our longest running programmes, Our Space. The celebration week will run as follows:

Adults Sharing – Tuesday 5 July at 4pm

TRP's adult community groups share their work from the summer term. Featuring People's Company, PC Voices, Elder Tree and Funky Llama groups.

Playhouse – Thursday 7 July at 5pm

Each year the Theatre Royal Plymouth holds a Playhouse Festival which provides primary schools across Plymouth the opportunity to perform at TRP. This performance will see Blackawton Primary School take to the stage with *Big Small Lost Found Things* by Miriam Battye followed by Sir Robert Jefferies performing *Wake Up* by Jenna Drury.

Playhouse is a national partnership project between Theatre Royal Plymouth, The Rep (Birmingham), York Theatre Royal, Theatre Lolo, Polka Theatre & Bristol Old Vic.

An Evening with Our Space – Thursday 7 July at 7pm

Artists from across the Our Space programme will be presenting a variety of creative sharings followed by a panel discussion and a drinks reception.

Playhouse – Friday 8 July at 5pm

On Friday evening, the Playhouse Festival continues with Boringdon Primary School taking to the stage with *Wake Up* by Jenna Drury followed by Prince Rock Primary School performing *Dreaming by Day* by Tanika Gupta.

Young Company Sharing – Saturday 9 July at 11am

The Young Company's 5–11-year-olds share their work from the summer term. Featuring YC Acting 5-7, YC Acting 8-11, YC Dance 8-12, Dare to Dazzle and an extract from the YC Playhouse show *Cross Words*.

Young Company Hubs Sharing – Saturday 9 July at 3pm

Young Company groups from across the city take over The Lyric to share their work. Featuring Young Company groups from All Saints Academy Plymouth, Marine Academy Plymouth, Torbridge High, Lipson Academy and Saltash.net.

Young Company Sharing – Saturday 9 July at 6pm

The Young Company's 11–25-year-olds share their work. Featuring YC Acting 11-13, YC Acting 13-15, YC Acting 15-18, YC Acting 18-25, YC Create and YC Airborne.

Jane Pawson, Head of Learning at Theatre Royal Plymouth, said: *"The opportunity to perform on The Lyric stage means so much to so many people. We're delighted to be able to offer an opportunity for people that engage in our projects here at TRP to share their work with each other and their friends and family. Across the week, 32 groups will take to the stage and share a snapshot of their experiences here with us."*

Funky Llama participant George said: *"I'm so excited to perform on The Lyric, it's going to be amazing!"*

Zach is part of Young Company Hubs, one of the groups performing. He said: *"For me, this is such a big achievement, to follow shows like Les Misérables, which is one of my all-time favourites. To be given the chance to perform on that stage is really, really exciting."*

Our Space member Berni said: *"It's going to be a proud moment and a dream come true to perform my own work that came from a really dark place and prove that anyone can do it."*

Booking will be available from [Theatre Royal Plymouth's website](#) soon. Tickets will be free for all events, except Playhouse on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 July.

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Theatre Royal Plymouth (TRP) is a registered charity providing art, education and community engagement in Plymouth and across the region. It engages and inspires with the aim of touching lives. Theatre Royal Plymouth presents a year-round programme of world class productions on all scales as the South West's principal centre for performing arts.



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.



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