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

Theatre Royal Plymouth have a staggering thirteen productions for 2023 going on general sale TODAY!

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* is one of the great shows available from today, as well as two fabulous dance productions, and classics including *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* and *That'll Be The Day*.

Take a look at the new productions today to be among the first to book for the best prices and availability!

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

### [\*\*\*Dada Masilo's The Sacrifice, The Lyric, 28 February – 01 March 2023 \(12+\)\*\*\*](#)

South Africa's award-winning Dada Masilo wowed critics and audiences with her stunning re-imagining of Giselle in 2019. Now back by popular demand, Masilo and her company of incredible dancers return with the UK premiere of *The Sacrifice*.

Featuring live music on stage, *The Sacrifice* is inspired by Igor Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, combining the European heritage of this monumental piece of music with the uniquely rhythmic and expressive movements of 'Tswana', the traditional dance of Botswana. Rooted in story-telling and healing ritual, Masilo and her dancers deliver an exhilarating performance that will transport you through a journey of emotions.

### [\*\*\*The Carpenters Story, The Lyric, 02 April 2023\*\*\*](#)

A musical journey through the glittering career of pop's most famous brother and sister duo.

This highly acclaimed production continues to captivate audiences across the UK with its spectacular celebration of the classic songbook that made The Carpenters a legend in the world of popular music, selling over 100 million albums and singles.



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This brand new show for 2022 once again features the outstanding vocal talents of Claire Furley, with Musical Director Phil Aldridge leading *The Carpenters Story* band as they re-create Richard Carpenter's original orchestral arrangements.

Featuring all of the Carpenters hit songs including *Close To You*, *Top of the World*, *We've Only Just Begun*, *Rainy Days & Mondays*, *Goodbye to Love* and many more!

**[Cake: The Marie Antoinette PLAYlist, The Drum, 04 – 08 April 2023](#)**

*Cake* combines rap and RnB with 18th century France to retell a story that sparked a revolution. When Marie Antoinette married King Louis, her reputation was already tarnished by gossip. But when she is implicated in a crime to defraud the crown jewellers of a diamond necklace, it is not just her reputation at stake, but the monarchy and France itself.

This brand-new musical, come gig, come ballet is from some of the most exciting figures in modern British Theatre. Including Olivier Winner's Drew McOnie (*In the Heights* & *Jesus Christ Superstar*) and Morgan Lloyd Malcolm (*Emilia – The Globe*)

*Cake* was originally commissioned by Paul Taylor-Mills (*Heathers* & *In the Heights*) and promises to re-define our expectations of what a musical can be.

**[Dinosaur World Live, The Lyric, 09 – 11 April 2023 \(3+\)](#)**

Dare to experience the dangers and delights of *Dinosaur World Live* in this roarsome interactive show for all the family.

Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a pre-historic world of astonishing (and remarkably life-like) dinosaurs. Meet a host of impressive creatures, including every child's favourite flesh-eating giant, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Microraptor and Segnosaurus!

A special meet and greet after the show offers all our brave explorers the chance to make a new dinosaur friend.

Don't miss this entertaining and mind-expanding jurassic adventure, live on stage.

**[Johannes Radebe: Freedom Unleashed, The Lyric, 14 May 2023](#)**

Following his sell-out debut tour in 2022, TV dancing sensation and international champion Johannes Radebe is hosting a party like no other in this electrifying brand-new production for 2023.

*Freedom Unleashed* sees the 'Irresistible' Johannes joined by a diverse, world-class cast of talented dancers and singers in this melting pot of South African rhythms and huge party anthems – with a touch of ballroom magic thrown in to make this a pulsating and jubilant celebration of culture, passion, and freedom.

Leave your inhibitions at the door and get ready to dance to your own tune in this super-charged “must-see show”.

**[Message In A Bottle, The Lyric, 18 – 20 May 2023](#)**

The peaceful village of Bebko is alive with joyous celebrations. Suddenly, under attack, everything changes forever. Three siblings, Leto, Mati and Tana, must embark on perilous journeys in order to survive.

*Message In A Bottle* is a spectacular new dance-theatre show from triple-Olivier Award nominee, Kate Prince, inspired by and set to the iconic hits of 17-time Grammy Award-winning artist Sting, including Every Breath You Take, Roxanne, Walking On The Moon and more. With a mix of exhilarating dance styles, high-energy footwork and breath-taking athleticism, *Message In A Bottle* tells a unifying and uplifting story of humanity and hope.

*Message In A Bottle* is the latest masterpiece from the ground-breaking creator behind West End hits *Some Like it Hip Hop*, *Into the Hoods*, *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* (choreography) and *SYLVIA* (Old Vic), and features the astonishing talents of dance storytelling powerhouse, ZooNation: The Kate Prince Company.

**[That'll Be The Day, The Lyric, 21 May 2023](#)**

Following the huge success of the 35th Anniversary Tour, *That'll Be The Day* is back on the road with another incredible show packed full of world class performances from Trevor and the highly talented cast.



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Let the UK's leading Rock 'n' Roll show take you on a journey through the years, as together you celebrate the golden age of Rock 'n' Roll and Pop from the 50s right the way through to the 80s.

Combining hilarious comedy sketches and impersonations with brilliant vocals and superb musicianship, *That'll Be The Day* really is in a league of its own. It's no wonder this show has been touring for so many years and it just gets better and better. Join Trevor and the exceptional cast for the ultimate feel good experience that will have you singing and dancing, and leave you wanting just a little bit more.

If you only see one theatre show this year, make it this one.

**[Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story, The Lyric, 30 May – 03 June 2023 \(12+\)](#)**

This sensational multi award-winning West End show first opened in 1989 and has been thrilling audiences around the world ever since. Now it triumphantly returns to Plymouth as part of its 2023 UK Tour.

Forget feel good, *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* is FEEL GREAT! Experience the drama, passion and excitement as a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians tell Buddy Holly's story, from his Texas rockabilly beginnings to international stardom and his legendary final performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, before his tragic death at the age of just 22.

Featuring two terrific hours of the greatest songs ever written, including *That'll Be The Day, Oh Boy, Shout, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace, Johnny B. Goode, Raining In My Heart, Everyday, Rave On* and many many more, this show is just Peggy Sue—perb!

Book now for the most successful Rock & Roll Musical of all time!

**[Charlie and The Chocolate Factory: The Musical, The Lyric, 07 – 18 June 2023 \(7+\)](#)**

Roald Dahl's *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory: The Musical* the devilishly delicious tale of young golden ticket winner Charlie Bucket and the mysterious confectionary wizard Willy Wonka, is coming to Plymouth! Embarking on its first ever UK & Ireland Tour this dazzling new production of the successful West End and

Broadway musical will take you to a world of pure imagination.

When Charlie wins a golden ticket to the weird and wonderful Wonka Chocolate Factory, it's a chance of a lifetime to feast on the sweets they've always dreamed of. But beyond the gates astonishment awaits, as down the sugary corridors and amongst the incredible and edible delights, the five lucky winners discover not everything is as sweet as it seems. Featuring memorable songs from the iconic 1970s film as well as a host of new numbers, this sensational musical is choc-full of fantastical treats to dazzle your senses.

Don't miss out, grab your GOLDEN Ticket!

**[The Beekeeper of Aleppo, The Lyric, 20 – 24 June 2023](#)**

*'I was scared of the bees at first, but now, they make me feel alive. They are like a society in complete harmony with itself. Not like people at all, but maybe what people have the potential to be'*

Nuri is a beekeeper; his wife, Afra, an artist. They live a simple life, rich in family and friends, in the beautiful Syrian city of Aleppo – until the unthinkable happens. When all they care for is destroyed by war, they are forced to escape. On their terrifying journey, they must face the pain of their own unbearable loss alongside incredible danger. Above all, they must journey to find each other again. This compassionate and beautiful play is a story of connection – between friends, families and strangers.

Winner of the Aspen Words Award, Runner up for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and one of The Times top three bestselling books of 2020, Christy Leftieri's best-selling novel has its world premiere in a brand new adaptation by Nesrin Alrefaai, and Matthew Spangler who adapted the hit West End and now Broadway stage version of *The Kite Runner*. The production will be directed by Olivier Award winning Miranda Cromwell (*Death of a Salesman* – Young Vic, Piccadilly Theatre and opening on Broadway in September).

**[The Bodyguard, The Lyric, 26 June – 01 July 2023](#)**

The international, award-winning smash-hit musical *The Bodyguard* is back!

Former Secret Service agent turned bodyguard, Frank Farmer, is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker. Each expects to be in charge – what they don't expect is to fall in love.

A 'BRILLIANT!' (The Times), breathtakingly romantic thriller, *The Bodyguard* features a whole host of irresistible classics including *Queen of the Night*, *So Emotional*, *One Moment in Time*, *Saving All My Love*, *Run to You*, *I Have Nothing*, *Greatest Love Of All*, *Million Dollar Bill*, *I Wanna Dance With Somebody* and one of the greatest hit songs of all time – *I Will Always Love You*.

**[Demon Dentist, The Lyric, 05 – 08 July 2023 \(5+\)](#)**

Book your appointment with fun!

Strange things are happening in Alfie's town! Children are leaving their teeth for the tooth fairy and waking up to find odd things under their pillow! Alfie and his friend Gabz are determined to get to the bottom of the mystery – but no-one could have dreamed what they'll discover, when they come face to face with the demon dentist herself in this amazing children's adventure!

Don't miss this terrific tale from the West End producers of David Walliams' *Gangsta Granny* and *Billionaire Boy*, which were both nominated for an Olivier Award! It promises to be the funniest and most thrilling show yet!

**[The Spongebob Musical, The Lyric, 30 August – 02 September 2023](#)**

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea and became the hottest star on Broadway? Why, it's SpongeBob and now he's getting ready to entertain and delight audiences all over the UK, in this brilliant, bright, hilarious and brand-new musical production.

Prepare to plunge into this stunning all-singing, all-dancing, dynamic stage show as SpongeBob and his friends in Bikini Bottom face the total destruction of their undersea world. Chaos erupts. Lives hang in the balance. And just when all hope seems lost, a most unexpected hero rises up. The power of optimism really can save the world! With wave after wave of original songs by the world's most iconic rock and pop artists, including Yolanda Adams, Steven Tyler and Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Sara Bareilles, Jonathan Coulton, Alex Ebert of Edward Sharpe & The Magnetic Zeros, The



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Flaming Lips, Lady A, Cyndi Lauper, John Legend, Panic! At the Disco, Plain White T's, They Might Be Giants, T.I. and David Bowie, Tom Kenny & Andy Paley.

An exciting new production featuring irresistible characters, magical choreography and dazzling costumes; this deep-sea pearl of a show is really set to make a splash with audiences young and old as the must-see musical of 2023. The future is bright, the future is bold, the future is *The Spongebob Musical*.

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