

Theatre Royal News from Pauline Wallis

The Theatre Royal re-opened its doors on September 12th and now audiences are flocking to see, not just the fantastic season of shows on offer, but the beautifully restored auditorium, foyer, bars, restaurant and of course the famous portico.

For those of you, who have not yet had the pleasure of seeing the restoration, why not take a look at some of the fantastic shows we have coming during the remainder of 2011 and throughout 2012, then you can enjoy a fabulous show and marvel at the amazing work that has been done.

The Theatre Royal presents over 380 performances to over 300,000 people each year and is the regional home of the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre, Opera North and Rambert Dance Company. Its status and reputation as one of the finest theatres in the UK ensures it is a key date in the touring calendar of some of the world's leading theatre companies; performances include the biggest and brightest West End musicals, thought provoking drama from the world's leading playwrights, contemporary dance from internationally acclaimed choreographers - not to mention the North's favourite pantomime, attracting more than 80,000 people.

It is the Theatre Royal's aim to deliver performances that will inspire, challenge and above all entertain.

Opera North – we are so lucky to have 2 visits from this wonderful company, the first is in November 2011 and then again in March 2012.

- **RUDDIGORE** – Gilbert and Sullivan - 8th and 10th Nov
- **MADAMA BUTTERFLY** – Puccini – 9th and 12th Nov, 6th and 8th March
- **THE QUEEN OF SPADES** – Tchaikovsky – 11th Nov
- **NORMA** – Bellini – 7th and 10th Mar
- **GUILIO CESARE – JULIUS CAESAR IN EGYPT** – Handel – 9th Mar

The Nutcracker - Northern Ballet is back at Newcastle Theatre Royal for the first time in ten years, bringing to life everyone's favourite Christmas story, 15th - 19th Nov.

SLEEPING BEAUTY the Pantomime of your Dreams- it's Panto time from 29th November-21st January. Don't miss out on spectacular sets, stunning costumes, comedy capers and amazing special effects including.....A FLYING CAR!!!!

The King and I – an all time classic starring Ramon Tikaram and Josefina Gabriella. 24th-28th January.

The Sleeping Beauty - Scottish Ballet bringing a little magic to the winter months. 1st-4th Feb.

Peppa Pig – Peppa Pig's Treasure Hunt – Sat 11th and Sun 12th Feb. 10am, 1pm and 4pm both days.

Royal Shakespeare Company – **THE TAMING OF THE SHREW** -23rd Feb-3rd Mar.

I Dreamed A Dream - World Premiere of The Susan Boyle Musical starring Elaine C. Smith and with a special appearance by **SUSAN BOYLE herself!** Don't miss this amazing opportunity. 23rd- 31st Mar 2011.

We also have 2 **HUGE** West End musicals in 2012 – **SISTER ACT** and **OLIVER**. Contact me for more details.

There are fantastic discounts available for groups of 10 or more, so why not get your family and friends together to make your visit really special. If you're worried about parking in Newcastle- take the car to the nearest metro station, park there and travel into town by metro for FREE with your theatre ticket. Thank you to those who have been in touch already – if anyone has any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

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