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theatre

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Progress Theatre

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6-9 September 2017

12th Annual WriteFest

Our 12th festival of new writing; 6 short plays in one evening, chosen by competition.

A Little Nibble by John R. Goodman

Pen by Ian Petrie

The Last Bus by Alison Hill

If It Be Now by Marie French

Buried by Matthew Beswick

Fairy Tails by Debra Evitts

12-21 October 2017

Hamlet

By William Shakespeare

Shakespeare's most famous play is given a new twist on the Progress stage. Hamlet mourns the loss of her royal father whilst her uncle seizes the throne and takes her newly-widowed mother as his Queen. An encounter with her father's ghost drives Hamlet to the edge of madness. Should she suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune? Or take arms against a sea of troubles?

13-18 November 2017

Buddy Cop 2

Written by Paul Thureen and Hannah Bos

Developed by Oliver Butler

When a flood destroys the police station, the local cops set up shop in the nearby community centre, in this early 80s comedic action/mystery of holiday nostalgia and athletic rigour.

This amateur production of "Buddy Cop 2" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.

12-16 December 2017

The Picture of Dorian Gray

adapted by Ali and Liz Carroll from the novel by Oscar Wilde

Progress Youth Theatre bring Oscar Wilde's famous novel to the stage with this new adaptation.

Dorian is a good-natured young man until he discovers the power of his own exceptional beauty. But up in his attic, hidden behind a curtain, his portrait tells a different story.

18-27 January 2018

Maskerade

By Terry Pratchett. Adapted by Stephen Briggs.

A ghost stalks the dark corridors of the Ankh-Morpork Opera House, leaving strange letters for the management and... killing people. Witches investigate, and are soon involved in all kinds of skulduggery and mayhem. Quirky characters and witty one-liners: a treat for Discworld fans and Pratchett newbies alike.

This amateur production of "Maskerade" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD

19-24 February 2018

A Clockwork Orange

By Anthony Burgess

Alex and his vicious teenage gang revel in horrific violence, mugging and gang rape. When a drug-fuelled night of fun ends in tragedy, Alex is finally busted and banged up. He is given a choice - be brainwashed into good citizenship and set free, or face a lifetime inside.

This amateur production of "A Clockwork Orange" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.

19-24 March 2018

Mother Courage and Her Children

By Bertholt Brecht. Translated by Tony Kushner.

Epic drama set during the Thirty Years War. Mother Courage runs a business that serves all sides. But at a terrible cost.

We join forces with our Youth Theatre to create a cast and a story that spans the ages.

This amateur production of "Mother Courage and Her Children" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD

16-21 April 2018

Little Gem

By Elaine Murphy

Kay's husband, Gem, has suffered a recent stroke. Lorraine has had an emotional breakdown in work and has been encouraged to seek therapy. Amber, who abuses alcohol and cocaine, has recently started dating the wayward Paul. Through a series of ups and downs, they are brought closer together.

Presented by arrangement with Nick Hern Books

16-19 May 2018

Progress Premieres

Progress brings more new writing to the stage with two new one-act plays in one evening:

Sh!t

by Liz Carroll

Recovery Position

by Anthony Travis

Both plays deal with mental health: what is real and what is in the protagonist's head?

11-16 June 2018

Happy Jack

By John Godber

A funny and touching play about Jack and Liz, a couple inspired by John Godber's own grandparents. Weaving through 60 years of marriage, they introduce us to the characters they have known in their Yorkshire village and take us through love, sadness, anger, joy and conflict, from courtship to retirement.

This amateur production of "Happy Jack" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD.

3-7 July 2018

Poetry of War

Progress Youth Theatre present

An evening of performance poetry to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Published and devised poems are interwoven with a narrative following the lives of five generations of a family facing war through the ages since the outbreak of "The war to end all wars".

11-21 July 2018

Much Ado About Nothing

By William Shakespeare

Reading Open Air

Enjoy the great outdoors and this great Shakespearean comedy - but with a touch of darkness. This will be our 22nd annual Reading Open Air production - a wonderful summer tradition!

See readingopenair.com for more information.