

TBTL25



A Little Princess, 2023. Photography by The Other Richards

This summer marks 25 years of Theatre by the Lake, and we're making plans to celebrate everything - and everyone - that has made and continues to make our theatre an inspiring creative hub and a space for communities to come together.

We'd love for you to be part of it.

From August 2024 to August 2025 we invite you to join us as we unveil brand new productions, exciting exhibitions and opportunities to get involved.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, SUPPORTERS, FUNDERS, AND OF COURSE YOU, OUR AUDIENCES, FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS. HERE'S TO THE NEXT 25

We will be celebrating throughout our birthday year and we'll unveil much more exciting plans in our next season announcement. It's going to be the most incredible year. Pop on your party hats and get ready for a celebration of Theatre by the Lake at 25!

PLAY A PART

Throughout the year we'll be inviting you to Play a Part in our birthday celebrations with plenty of opportunities to support the theatre and become a part of the next chapter of our story.

CUMBRIA FEST

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This September and October, **CumbriaFest** will see our Studio light up with great stories created in and inspired by our remarkable county. This festival of new writing showcases the local theatre makers that we've supported since establishing our Artist Development Network, Cumbrian Creatives, in 2020.

The festival will kick off with **The Dreamtime Fellrunner** by Julie Carter. Produced in association with Theatre by the Lake, this is a poetic exploration of Julie's fellrunning life. [Learn more on page 20.](#)

Don't miss the world premiere of our brand-new commission, **Steel**. Written by Lee Mattinson and set in and inspired by growing up in Workington, **Steel** tells the story of two lads on a town-wide treasure hunt for a contract that could change everything. See it in the Studio here first, before it heads out on a West Coast community tour. [Learn more on pages 18 and 19.](#)

After opening in our Studio, both shows will then tour to venues across Cumbria and beyond.

We're also presenting a series of one night shows, workshops and social events to bring people together. At our first ever festival of local new work, there will be opportunities for you to inform what the future of artist development at **TBTL** looks like.

If you're a local artist, want to support new writing made in Cumbria, or you simply want to experience great theatre, we look forward to welcoming you to our studio this Autumn.

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[Learn more on pages 18-22.](#)

TBTL TICKET PRICES

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Little Shop of Horrors, 2024. Photography by Pamela Raith

BOOK EARLY FOR THE BEST SEATS AT THE BEST PRICES.

Most **Made by TBTL** shows follow the same pricing and we have ensured that all of our events have tickets available for £12 so that everyone in Cumbria can experience the joy of live theatre.

BAND 1

STARTING AT £39.50

BAND 2

STARTING AT £35

BAND 3

STARTING AT £25

BAND 4

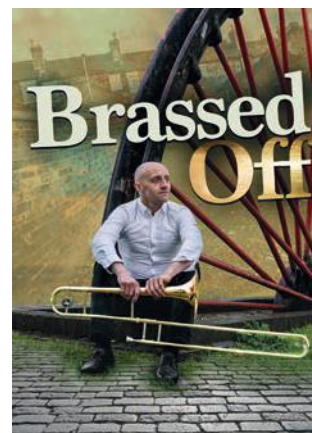
STARTING AT £12

Discounts are available for those aged under 26, students in full time education, access tickets, groups and school bookings. [See pages 29 - 30 for full details.](#) A transaction fee of £1.50 is applicable for bookings made in person or on the phone. There is no fee to book tickets online.

SEE MORE AND SAVE WITH A SEASON SAVER DEAL

THEATRE
by the
LAKE

Our Season Saver shows are:



Brassed Off

28 June - 27 July



**The Hound of the
Baskervilles**

9 Aug - 14 Sep



Romeo and Juliet

12 - 26 October

BOOK ALL 3 SHOWS AND SAVE 10%

Season Saver Deals are only available for Band 1 and Band 2 tickets.

[See page 4 for further information on ticket bands.](#)

Discounts apply automatically when booking tickets for Season Saver shows at the same time. Book your Season Saver Deal online, in person or by phone on **017687 74411**

Become a Best Friend and save even more on your Season Saver - [see page 7 for details.](#)

Season Savers also get the same discount on our Christmas 2024 show **The Jungle Book** if booked at the same time.

JOIN A COMMUNITY OF THEATRE LOVERS



Around the World in 80 Days, 2023. Photography by Chris Payne

Theatre by the Lake was willed into existence by the community in 1999 from a major campaign by theatre lovers across Cumbria and further afield. From our idyllic location on the banks of Derwentwater, we bring the world to Cumbria and Cumbria to the world through the magic of live theatre, opportunities to get involved and providing support for Cumbrian artists to develop their skills.

We believe that theatre has an important part to play in inspiring and enriching the lives of people in our region. By becoming a Member of Theatre by the Lake, you will be helping us to fulfil our mission and sharing your love of theatre with people across Cumbria. In return, you'll get a range of great benefits, bringing you even closer to the theatre.

WE HAVE MEMBERSHIPS FOR EVERYONE

FRIEND £40

- 7 days priority booking*
- No exchange fees
- Hear about our new seasons sooner
- Regular members events
- Access to our exclusive monthly prize draw
- Access to theatre trips to shows across the UK

BENEFACTOR £500

All Best Friend benefits plus:

- Exclusive backstage experiences
- Personalised booking service



One Man, Two Guvnors, 2022.
Photography by Pamela Raith

If you would like to discuss supporting Theatre by the Lake with a larger gift, please contact us at members@theatrebythelake.com

BEST FRIEND £120

All Friend benefits plus:

- 14 days priority booking*
- Member Super Saver Deal: save 20% when booking 3 shows. See details below
- 10% off meals at Lakeside Café Restaurant
- Behind the scenes content

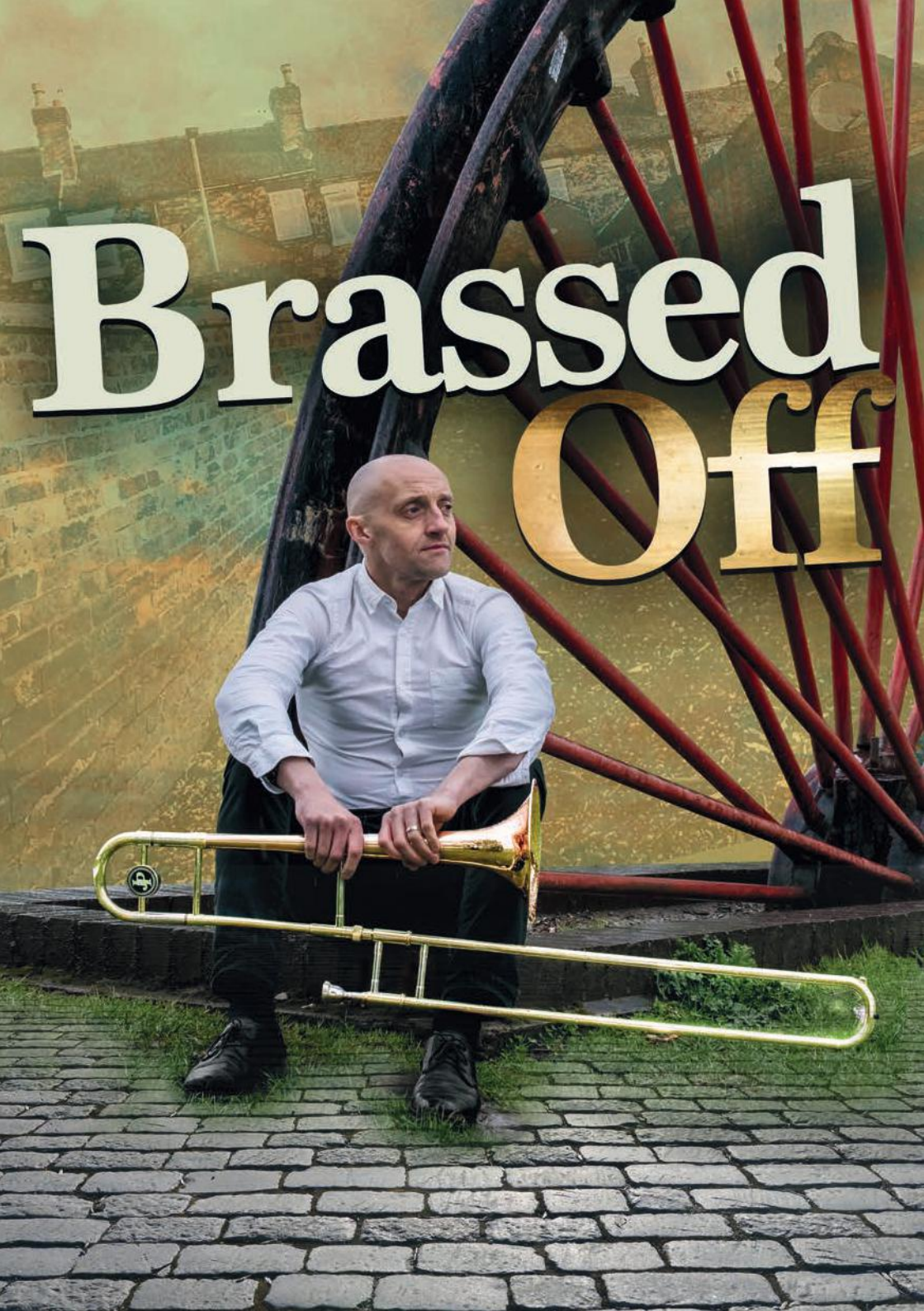
MEMBERS SUPER SAVER DEALS

Best Friends and Benefactors get 20% off their Season Saver deals when booking tickets for 3 shows. Best Friends and Benefactors can also enjoy their Super Saver with a friend, as this special discount applies to two tickets per performance. Memberships last a full year so you can double your discount when you buy from our next brochure.

*Whilst we endeavour to programme 7 and 14 day priority booking periods for all TBTL shows, priority booking may not be available for all productions.

**Excludes preview performances. Subject to availability.

For membership terms and conditions, see theatrebythelake.com/membership.



FRIDAY 28 JUNE - SATURDAY 27 JULY

MADE BY TBTL

THEATRE BY THE LAKE, OCTAGON THEATRE BOLTON
AND STEPHEN JOSEPH THEATRE PRESENT

BRASSED OFF

ADAPTED BY PAUL ALLEN
BASED ON THE SCREENPLAY BY MARK HERMAN
DIRECTED BY LIZ STEVENSON

“Three disasters. Two world wars, one bloody big depression. And every time, the band play on.”

Brass runs in Shane’s family, and in the midst of yet another cost of living crisis he looks back on the last great battle for the local pit and the defiant glory of Grimley Colliery Band.

It’s 1994 and the tight-knit mining community of Grimley, Yorkshire, are fighting to keep their colliery open. Meanwhile, revered band leader, Danny, battles to keep his dispirited band of brass-playing miners together with the dream of qualifying for the National Championships at London’s Albert Hall.

When the uncertainty around the pit’s future becomes too much for the band members, loyalty is tested, pressure mounts and the community begins to break apart. With their whole way of life at stake, can the band find a way to play on?

Based on the smash-hit film, **Brassed Off** is a much-loved modern classic, full of grit, heart and northern humour. This production will feature live music from Penrith Town Band to deliver a soul-stirring theatrical experience.

Age guidance: 13+

Content warning: Contains strong language and reference to suicide.

MAIN HOUSE

- AD** Audio Described Performance
Thursday 18 July, 2pm
- BSL** British Sign Language
Interpreted Performance
Saturday 20 July, 7.30pm
- CAP** Captioned Performance
Saturday 20 July, 7.30pm
- RP** Relaxed Performance
Thursday 11 July, 11am
- PSD** Post Show Discussion
Monday 8 July, 7.30pm

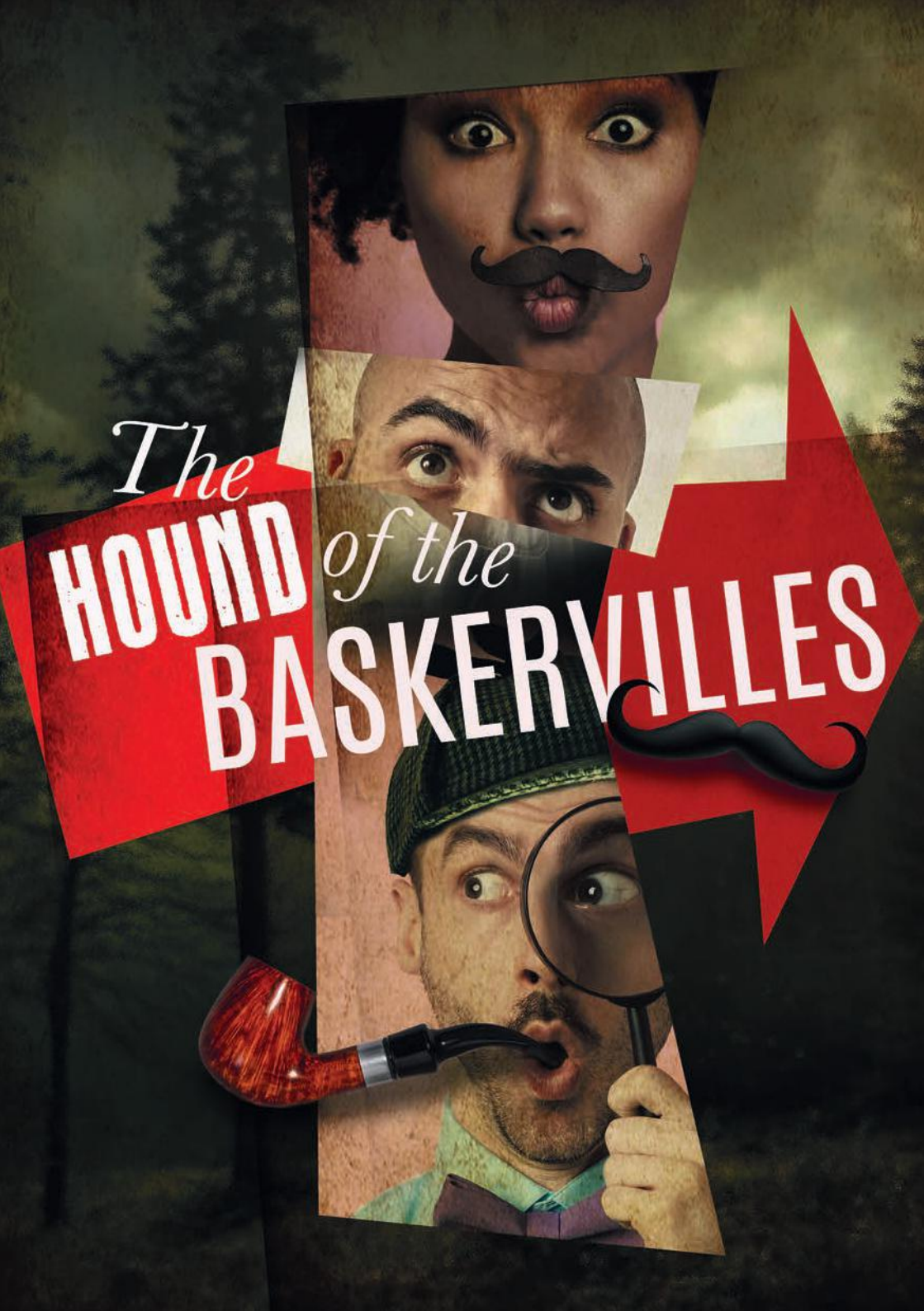
TICKETS

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- Band 2:** Tickets starting at £35
- Band 3:** Tickets starting at £25
- Band 4:** Tickets starting at £12

SAVE WITH A SEASON SAVER DEAL

See more and save with a Season Saver Deal.
[See page 5 for details.](#)

This show is being presented in the round.
See seating plan at the back of this brochure
or contact us for more information.



FRIDAY 9 AUGUST - SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

MADE BY TBTL

THEATRE BY THE LAKE PRESENT

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

BY SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE
ADAPTED BY STEVEN CANNY AND
JOHN NICHOLSON
DIRECTED BY JOHN NICHOLSON

EXTRA WEEK ADDED DUE
TO HIGH DEMAND!

The world's most famous detective gets a hilarious makeover in this spectacularly theatrical comedy.

A terrible murder, a terrifying family curse, a killer on the loose and a gigantic beast on the moor; this sounds like a case for Sherlock Holmes! Can the great detective and his faithful companion Dr Watson unravel the mystery surrounding Sir Charles Baskerville's death and save the life of the last remaining Baskerville, Sir Henry, before it's too late!?

The Hound of the Baskervilles has gripped imaginations since it first appeared in print in 1901. This West End hit adaptation from famed physical comedy theatremakers Peepolykus takes all the familiar elements of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic tale through an exhilarating ride of ridiculously funny performances, witty dialogue and buckets of chaos. Expect the unexpected in this side-splitting Sherlock story.

"Infectiously enjoyable"
The Stage

MAIN HOUSE

- AD** Audio Described Performance
Thursday 29 August, 7.30pm
- BSL** British Sign Language
Interpreted Performance
Saturday 31 August, 7.30pm
- CAP** Captioned Performance
Saturday 31 August, 7.30pm
- RP** Relaxed Performance
Thursday 5 September, 11am
- PSD** Post Show Discussion
Monday 2 September, 7.30pm

TICKETS

- Band 1:** Tickets starting at £39.50
- Band 2:** Tickets starting at £35
- Band 3:** Tickets starting at £25
- Band 4:** Tickets starting at £12

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SATURDAY 12 - SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER

A SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE AND GRAEAE
CO-PRODUCTION IN ASSOCIATION WITH THEATRE BY THE LAKE

ROMEO AND JULIET

BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

**“Love is heavy and light, bright and dark,
hot and cold, sick and healthy, asleep and
awake - it is everything except what it is.”**

Against all odds, a young couple fall in love.

An intense, vibrant love that burns and ignites a powder keg within communities already smouldering with tension. Tragic misunderstandings follow, with deadly consequences. You think you know how this story goes, and who this couple is?

Maybe you do... Maybe you don't.

This beautiful retelling of Shakespeare's eternal love story seamlessly weaves BSL, Captions and Audio Description into the storytelling. Each show is performed in a Relaxed environment by an incredible ensemble of Deaf, disabled and neurodivergent actors.

Join us as we celebrate differences, challenge preconceptions and shine a light on what ultimately brings us together - love.

MAIN HOUSE

All performances are BSL, Captioned, Audio Described and performed in a Relaxed environment

RP Relaxed Performance Thursday 24 October, 11am

TICKETS

Band 1: Tickets starting at £32

Band 2: Tickets starting at £25

Band 3: Tickets starting at £12

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FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024 - SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025

MADE BY TBTL

THEATRE BY THE LAKE BY ARRANGEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S
THEATRE PARTNERSHIP/FIERY ANGEL LIMITED, LONDON PRESENTS

THE JUNGLE BOOK

BY JESSICA SWALE
MUSIC BY JOE STILGOE
BASED ON THE STORIES BY RUDYARD KIPLING
DIRECTED BY KASH ARSHAD

FAMILY
FRIENDLY

A high flying adventure for all the family...

Raised in the Indian jungle, Mowgli the man cub spends his boyhood days running wild with his wolf friends and hunting with the pack.

Mowgli finds himself in great danger when a band of dastardly monkeys deliver him into the lair of the evil tiger, Shere Khan. With the help of his friends, Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther, Mowgli manages to escape the tiger's jaws. Shere Khan will stop at nothing to ensnare Mowgli, and when he tries to turn the wolf pack against the man cub, Mowgli must summon the courage to face his enemy. To triumph, he must first learn the law of the jungle and discover who he truly is.

Based on the adored children's classic by Rudyard Kipling, Theatre by the Lake is excited to present Jessica Swale's acclaimed stage adaptation of **The Jungle Book**. Featuring loveable characters, catchy songs and charming puppetry, this playful tale of adventure, friendship and belonging is the perfect treat for all the family this Christmas.

Age guidance: 6 - 106

MAIN HOUSE

- AD** Audio Described Performance
Saturday 7 December, 2pm
- BSL** British Sign Language
Interpreted Performance
Saturday 14 December, 7.15pm
- CAP** Captioned Performance
Saturday 14 December, 7.15pm
- RP** Relaxed Performance
Thursday 28 November, 11am

TICKETS

- Band 1:** Tickets starting at £39.50
- Band 2:** Tickets starting at £35
- Band 3:** Tickets starting at £25
- Band 4:** Tickets starting at £12

SAVE WITH A SEASON SAVER DEAL

Add **The Jungle Book** to your
Season Saver for 10% discount.
[See page 5 for details.](#)

"Fresh, ambitious and inventive"
The Times



WRONGSEMBLE PRESENT **TINSEL**

Tinsel is the tale of one magical little boy who dreams of being the fairy on top of the Christmas tree! He can sing, dance, and wear a sparkly tiara as well as anyone else can. But to get to the top, he'll have to convince a whole tree of doubting baubles, naughty elves, and a naysaying nutcracker that anyone can shine if they're just given the chance!

From Wrongsemble (A Town Called Christmas) and Gala Durham, this brand new festive production is packed full of original live music, puppetry and raucous storytelling.

**FAMILY
FRIENDLY**

TUESDAY 10 - SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER
STUDIO

Tickets: £12 / £10
Age guidance: 3+



SUMMER MASTERCLASSES FOR AGES 12-18

There's something for everyone this summer with a series of Masterclasses led by a team of incredible experts.

Something from Nothing

Monday 29 July - Friday 2 August 10am - 2pm
Design, Costume and Puppetry for Stage

Take a script and bring it to life with an expert collective of Masterclass Teachers as you work to build costumes, props, staging, and puppets using recycled materials. Performance and sharing on Friday afternoon.

Merely Players

Monday 12 - Friday 16 August 10am - 2pm
Directing, Performance and Movement for Stage

Learn from our Masterclass team about all things performance: how to direct and be directed, how to direct and perform a script, and how to add and choreograph movement for stage. Performance and sharing on Friday afternoon.

Who goes there?

Monday 26 - Friday 30 August 10am - 2pm

Join the Masterclass team to create a brand new piece of outdoor theatre, combining performance

skills with design and creation to make a show to perform out and about in Keswick's beautiful landscapes on Friday afternoon. Be prepared for ALL weathers!

Book:

£125 per week (full week booking only)
To make sure everyone has the very best experience each masterclass has just 15 places available. **Book early to avoid disappointment.**

Should you have a barrier to accessing these masterclasses, please get in touch with our Community Engagement Manager Claire Williams for information on available support at Claire.Williams@theatrebythelake.com

We will be announcing further opportunities for young people throughout our 25th anniversary year. These opportunities will always be shared in our newsletter and on our website. Sign up to our monthly newsletter online at theatrebythelake.com

CUMBRIA FEST



TWO LADS. TWELVE HOURS. ONE MILLION POUNDS.

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THEATRE BY THE LAKE PRESENT

STEEL

BY LEE MATTINSON
DIRECTED BY LIZ STEVENSON

**Two lads. Twelve hours.
One million pounds.**

On the wet West Cumbrian coast, James and Kamran have been mates for more than a decade. At seventeen, the world should be theirs but Workington's a ghost town - an unemployment blackspot where lasses drink Bacardi by the pint and boys don't cry.

When James discovers he is heir to a single mile of the British railway system, the lads are forced on a town-wide treasure hunt where annihilated aunties, Snakebite-drenched drag queens and a zombie Princess Diana lay in wait. But who rightfully owns the mile of steel? Why is Kamran in such a strop? And what really happens in the pub down by the docks?

In a town once rich with coal seams and ore, with community and carnivals, with sea air and ale, James and Kamran are fed up with feeling different - tonight they're painting the town technicolour and asking what it means to be a man in a play about first loves, forging identities and the wild, wild hearts of teenage boys.

This brand new play by Lee Mattinson is produced by Theatre by the Lake and after its premiere in Keswick will tour to The Centre in Maryport, The Beggars Theatre in Millom, Florence Arts Centre in Egremont, and The Carnegie in Workington.

THURSDAY 3 - SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

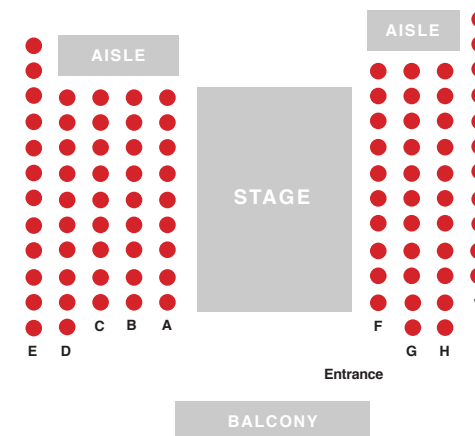
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STUDIO IN TRAVERSE

Tickets: £18 / £12

**Book for every CumbriaFest event
and get 20% off**

Age Guidance: 14+



CUMBRIA FEST



JULIE CARTER IN ASSOCIATION WITH
THEATRE BY THE LAKE

THE DREAMTIME FELLRUNNER

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY JULIE CARTER

Studio

Wednesday 18 - Saturday 21 September

Tickets: £16 / £12

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and get 20% off](#)

Age Guidance: 14+

The Dreamtime Fellrunner is a poetic, fun and moving exploration of Julie's fellrunning life. Presenting fellrunning as a type of land art and spiritual practice, this is an aesthetic performance that allows people to experience the beauty of a wonderful sport, regardless of their degree of familiarity with the fells and running.

Emphasising body-mind-spirit-place connections, **The Dreamtime Fellrunner** encounters themes of feminism, land rights, ageism and ableism, history and literature, while carrying us on a journey through the Lakeland fells.

"As an older female athlete with a congenital spinal disability I have experienced significant barriers, but I have also gained huge emotional, spiritual and physical reward from being a fellrunner. I want to question certain ideas around outdoor sport being masochistic madness for the macho. I want to question why we think that something called Nature is out there - when we ourselves are animal beings and part of an ecosystem.

Above all I want to perform the aesthetic of fellrunning in a way that allows people to feel the incredible beauty of it."

This immersive performance also features a discussion and Q&A following the interval.

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OBSCURA THEATRE PRESENT

SONGS AND STORIES FROM THE ATOMIC TOWN

Studio

Tuesday 29 October, 7.30pm

Tickets: £16 / £12

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and get 20% off](#)

Folk of Cumbria, locals and offcomers... Draw near, for hereby hangs a tale. Join us for a traditional Cumbrian "Merry Neet" with a twist; an evening of strange stories and spectral songs from Obscura Theatre's new folk musical A Shanty for an Atomic Town.

Part-folk gig, part-storytelling event, hear brand new songs and stories inspired by events past, present and future on West Cumbria's nuclear coast.

PMAC PRODUCTIONS AND BIGUPNORTH PRESENT

NANCY'S ORANGE

by Grace Kirby

THE BUTTERFLY COLLECTOR

by Peter Macqueen

Studio

Thursday 31 October, 7.30pm

Tickets: £16 / £12

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Two actor-writers take on big issues in this unique double-bill of one-person plays.

Nancy's Orange

In Nancy's Orange, an NHS driver delivers prescriptions to elderly patients along Hadrian's Wall, discovering lives richly lived in stories of love, loss, sadness and joy, infused with poetry and humour.

The Butterfly Collector

The Butterfly Collector is a man perched on a tower of furniture in his flooded home, having a picnic. Welcome to the future, where butterflies are too few to count, let alone collect, and storms are so frequent they have serial numbers instead of names.



CUMBRIA FEST

Theatre by the Lake present

OPEN SPACE

Studio

Saturday 26 October 7.30pm

Tickets: £7

[Book for every CumbriaFest event and get 20% off](#)

Be the first to experience new performances from local talent as artists present work-in-development

of all types - from spoken word to music and dance to drama. This much-loved Theatre by the Lake event gives you the opportunity to meet and support creative people from Cumbria and be entertained, and perhaps even surprised, by their work.

There will be a selection of performances on offer, each lasting about 15 minutes, and you'll be invited to share your feedback in a relaxed and friendly environment.



Workshop

FORESTELLING

Led and facilitated by Melina Barnett

Outside

Wednesday 18 - Saturday 21 September

Please contact box office for times and ticket prices

Step into Foresttelling - concepts conceived by connectivity, where nature meets boundless creativity.

Engage in holistic practices and artistic exploration. Join us to inspire, create, and connect. Embrace nature's beauty and unleash your creative potential today.

Immerse in an experience reigniting your connection with nature and sparking creativity.



Workshop

AN INTRODUCTION TO PLAYWRITING FOR SEMI-AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WORK

With Lekhani Chirwa

Studio

Monday 28 October, 7pm

Free but booking is required

Age Guidance: 16+

An introduction to playwriting workshop focusing on how to write autobiographical work that is freeing, yet protects you as a writer throughout the process. Learn how to come up with ideas around telling your story authentically and how to separate yourself from the character(s) you create. There is power in telling your truth but it can come at a cost to your wellbeing.

Learn how to dramatise autobiographical work, plot structure for monologue and dialogue, engage an audience and depict multiple nuanced characters on stage.

GET INVOLVED

Open Space 2023. Photography by Steven Barber

CUMBRIAN CREATIVES

We're passionate about local artists and stories. If you're a Cumbrian artist, from any background or level of experience, there's a way to get involved. By signing up to our Cumbrian Creatives network you'll be kept up to date about opportunities to create, collaborate and connect with other artists here at [TBTL](#) and beyond.

Read about our regular offer below, or drop us a line with any questions by emailing our Assistant Producer Claire Dunk at Claire.Dunk@theatrebythelake.com

Mixers and discounted tickets

For our home produced shows we host social events at Theatre by the Lake. Our mixers are a great chance to meet other Cumbrian Creatives and see a show for a discounted price.

Open Space

Our scratch night gives local artists a chance to test and share their work before a friendly and supportive audience. Four 15-minute pieces are shared on the evening, with the chance for feedback and a drink at the bar afterwards.

Tour the Writer

We're working with Paines Plough on a three-year writer development programme to create a local, regional and national network of writers and storytellers, whilst offering support, development and mentoring from the teams at [TBTL](#) and Paines Plough. Learn more about Tour the Writer on Paines Plough's website at painesplough.com/get-involved/tour-the-writer-network/

Open auditions

Every year we invite actors in the Cumbrian Creatives network to attend open auditions with our Artistic Director, Liz Stevenson. These take place both online and at the theatre and are a great way for us to get to know local talent.

Walks and talks

The chance for people to meet different members of our staff team to ask questions, share ideas and get to know each other. And it gives us an excuse to get away from our desks and enjoy our beautiful surroundings!

Sign up to our Cumbrian Creatives network on our website at theatrebythelake.com/get-involved/artist-network/

MUSIC



HERMAN'S HERMITS

Main House

Thursday 19 September, 7.30pm

Tickets: £28.50

Celebrating their 60th Anniversary, Herman's Hermits rank as one of the most successful UK bands ever produced.

Selling over 80 million records, their many hits include I'm Into Something Good, No Milk Today, Silhouettes, There's A Kind of Hush, My Sentimental Friend and Something's Happening.

THE PITMEN POETS

Main House

Tuesday 11 June, 7.30pm

Tickets: £26.50

A night of songs and stories laced with North East humour and humanity, from four legends of the folk music scene.

The Pitmen Poets features ex Lindisfarne singer Billy Mitchell, award winning songwriter Jez Lowe, distinguished singer and instrumentalist Bob Fox who played the Song Man in the West End and world tour production of War Horse, and Tyneside song connoisseur, Benny Graham.

All four members of the group were brought up in the shadow of the colliery with their fathers and grandfathers working long days and nights at the coalface. Not surprisingly, their experiences and memories are represented in their songs, stories, and poetry including The Pitman's Dream, These Coal Town Days and Black Diamonds.



LITERATURE & COMEDY

PAM AYRES

Main House

Tuesday 24 September, 7.30pm

Tickets: £32

"If people are fond of me, I am delighted, and I hope I have given a lot of people a laugh, as that is a great experience - to laugh!"

The Bookseller magazine recently stated that Pam Ayres is the best-selling poet since records began, after Ted Hughes. Pam has been making the nation laugh for almost 50 years. Her performance will include a selection of poems and stories from across her long career, including Pam Ayres on Animals, which was the UK's bestselling poetry book of 2021, and her latest book, Who Are You Calling Vermin?

Recent TV appearances include two series of The Cotswolds for Channel 5, This Morning, Alan Titchmarsh, Countdown and Would I Lie To You?



"Who doesn't feel warm, sentimental, and downright good when they think of Pam Ayres? She's a timeless talent and a glorious people's poet."

Glastonbury Festival 2022



DOM JOLY - THE CONSPIRACY TOUR

Main House

Thursday 26 September, 7.30pm

Tickets: £27.50

"Just because you're paranoid, doesn't mean you're not being followed!"

Dom Joly has been off travelling the globe again. This time, he's been looking into some of the strangest and weirdest conspiracy theories in existence.

Now, he's now set to embark on a rather unique theatre tour, where Dom will be providing a hilarious, fascinating, and slightly anarchic guide to the wacky world of conspiracies.

In the spirit of fairness, Dom will also be inviting a well-known and highly respected conspiracy theorist, Dr Julian Northcote, to take the stage and defend the alternate view.

OUR COMMUNITY



KESWICK MUSIC SOCIETY

SONGS OF SUMMER LOVE

Four Singers and Five Fabulous Musicians

Main House
Wednesday 12 June, 7.30pm
Tickets: £32 - £5

Wild Arts return to Keswick for another magical evening of opera highlights, performed by world-class singers.

Follow our four characters through a riot of Italian opera and hits from the musicals, along with some unusual gems from four centuries of great opera music... wit, passion, comedy, tragedy... as you'd expect, it's all here.

An evening to delight all lovers of musicals and opera... grand and light!

www.wildarts.co.uk
www.keswick-music-society.org.uk

KESWICK CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS

BYE BYE BABY

Main House
Saturday 5 October, 7.30pm
Tickets: £26 - £15

An excellent tribute to the musical phenomenon Jersey Boys and the timeless, iconic music of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons. Enjoy a night to remember with incredible four-part harmonies, roof-raising falsetto and energetic and stylish choreography, all backed by their talented four-piece band.

The show is in its 5th year of touring and has performed at 400 theatres across the UK and abroad. Over 30 of Valli's greatest hits are performed including: Sherry, December '63 (Oh What a Night), Walk Like a Man, Can't Take my Eyes off You, Lets Hang On and many more.

The Tony Award-winning Broadway musical Jersey Boys was launched in 2005 and told the story of the group, followed almost a decade later with the movie adaptation directed by Clint Eastwood.

The feel-good Frankie Valli concert should not be missed.

A Fundraiser for Theatre by the Lake.



All proceeds to Rotary Charities
 and the Alzheimer's Society

KESWICK ROTARY

THE JIVE ACES

Keeping the Show on the Road

Main House
Saturday 2 November, 7.30pm
Tickets: £25 - £14

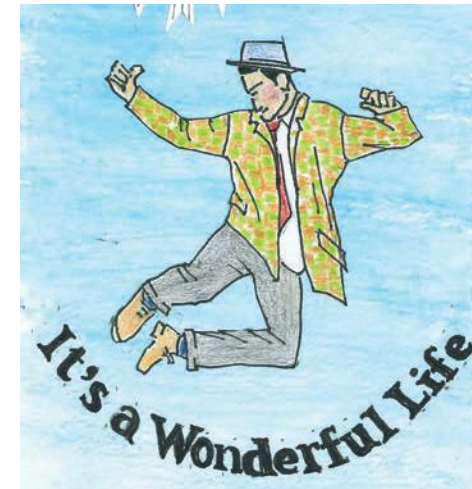


This seven-piece swing band have become renowned worldwide for their high-energy live show and appeared in over 40 countries including the USA. The Jive Aces aim to spread smiles and cheer with their swingin' music from crooning smooth ballads to honking rhythm and blues and classic rock 'n' roll.

Having played for her Majesty the Queen, selling out the Royal Albert Hall, becoming the first band to reach the finals of Britain's Got Talent or just entertaining at one of their 250 live shows a year, they continuously showcase why they are the UK's No. 1 Jive and Swing Band.

When they released a music video of the much loved theme tune 'Bring Me Sunshine' it immediately went viral and to date has over 3.7 million views on YouTube.

A Fundraiser for Theatre by the Lake.



KESWICK THEATRE CLUB

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Studio
Wednesday 27 - Saturday 30 November
Tickets: £16

When a frustrated business man, George Bailey, becomes suicidal, an angel from heaven, Clarence, is sent to him. To his change of heart, she shows him what life would have been without his existence.

We are proud to welcome our local creative communities, from choirs, to musicians, and theatre enthusiasts to young actors treading the boards for the first time.

To find out more about how we work with local groups, email enquiries@theatrebythelake.com

YOUR VISIT



BOX OFFICE

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HOW TO FIND US

Address: **Theatre by the Lake, Lakeside, Keswick, Cumbria CA12 5DJ**

Find us a five-to-ten-minute walk from Keswick town centre.

PARKING

Lakeside Car Park is owned and operated by Cumberland Council and offers pay and display parking (cash and card payments accepted or payment via the MiPermit app). The car park is situated next to the theatre and contains 235 parking bays, 14 disabled spaces and 4 coach bays. Parking after 7pm costs £1.10. The car park is extremely busy, particularly for matinee performances, with visitors to Derwentwater, Hope Park and Keswick town centre as well as the theatre. We advise planning in advance and arriving in plenty of time before performances. Further car parks in Keswick can be found at keswick.org/visitor-information/car-parks



LAKE SIDE

CAFÉ & RESTAURANT

The specially situated Lakeside Café Restaurant is nestled between the lake and the theatre and is the perfect place to enjoy breakfast, lunch, coffee and cake, or something more substantial before the show. A place where menus match the impressive views of Catbells.

View sample menus and reserve a table for dinner at theatrebythelake.com/food or call 017687 81102

ACCESS

For Made by TBTL shows we offer regular Audio Described, British Sign Language Interpreted, Captioned and Relaxed Performances. Please see individual show pages or the diary at the back of this brochure for performance dates and times. An Access Guide is available on request by emailing enquiries@theatrebythelake.com

To book for an Access Performance or to request a copy of this brochure in an alternate format please contact us at:

017687 74411
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theatrebythelake.com/access

TICKETS FOR DEAF AND DISABLED PEOPLE

Tickets for all Made by TBTL shows are £12 for Deaf and disabled customers and their companion, personal assistant or carer.

For shows visiting the theatre Deaf and disabled customers are entitled to one free ticket for their companion, personal assistant or carer.

HEARING ENHANCEMENT



Our Main House front stalls are fitted with an induction loop and we have infra-red headsets available free of charge. Speak to our Box Office team by phone on 017687 74411 or email enquiries@theatrebythelake.com for advice on the best seats to use the induction loop and the infra-red headsets. Please note that the induction loop does not work when the theatre is In the Round. Our Infra-Red Headsets work in Rows G - L.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

Theatre by the Lake has a lift offering flat floor access to all floors and accessible toilets available on every floor. Wheelchair spaces are available in both our Main House and Studio.

To book a wheelchair space please contact our Box Office team by phone on 017687 74411 or email enquiries@theatrebythelake.com

ASSISTANCE DOGS



Assistance Dogs are welcome in all areas of the theatre. Please contact our Box Office team for advice on the best seats to book.

RELAXED PERFORMANCES

For every Made by TBTL show, we offer a specially adapted performance for people who would benefit from a more relaxed environment.

Some alterations are specific to the show, but in general these include quieter sound and calmer lighting, a printed visual story of the show and the doors to the theatre space remaining open so that you can enter and exit at any time. Our Relaxed Performances are popular with people who live with Dementia, sensory communication disorders, autism and learning difficulties, as well as people attending the theatre with babies.

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

We are a Dementia Friendly building and the majority of our staff and volunteers are Dementia Friends. We offer familiarisation tours and access packs on request. Email enquiries@theatrebythelake.com to request these.



AUDIO BROCHURE

For every Theatre by the Lake brochure we also produce a corresponding Audio Brochure available to listen to online. For more information on our audio brochures please email enquiries@theatrebythelake.com



Blonde Bombshells of 1943, 2023.
Photography by Pamela Raith

WAYS TO SAVE



The 39 Steps, 2023. Photography by Tony Bartholomew

TICKETS

For all **Made by TBTL** shows tickets start at just £12. We recommend booking early to get the best seats at the best prices as these may rise as demand for tickets increases.

BAND 1: Tickets starting at £39.50

BAND 2: Tickets starting at £35

BAND 3: Tickets starting at £25

BAND 4: Tickets starting at £12

For shows and events visiting us here at the theatre, ticket prices are unique to each event. Take a look through the show pages in this brochure for full details.

SEASON SAVER DEAL

This season's **Made by TBTL** shows in our Season Saver Deal are: Brassed Off, The Hound of the Baskervilles and Romeo and Juliet.

Book all 3 of these shows and save 10%

MEMBERS SUPER SAVER DEAL

Best Friends and Benefactors get 20% off their Season Saver deals when booking tickets for 3 shows. Best Friends and Benefactors can also enjoy their Super Saver with a friend, as this

special discount applies to two tickets per performance. Memberships last a full year so you can double your discount when you buy from our next brochure.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND STUDENTS

Tickets for any **Made by TBTL** shows are £12 for children under 16 who are accompanied by an adult, people aged under 26 and people who are in full time education.

SCHOOLS

School tickets are £12 per person for all shows, plus get one free teacher ticket for every 10 pupils.

GROUPS

We offer great discounts for groups of 8 or more people. Groups of up to 20 people can book online and the discount will apply automatically. Groups of more than 20 people can book via our dedicated Group Bookings line: **017687 74411** (option 2) or email **groupbookings@theatrebythelake.com**

HOW TO BOOK

Our **Box Office** is open for in person and phone bookings Monday - Saturday from 12noon - 7.30pm (5pm on non-performance days). For any morning performances, the Box Office opens 30 minutes before the event. For any Sunday performances, the Box Office opens 12noon - 4pm. You can book online via our website at any time.

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enquiries@theatrebythelake.com

A transaction fee of £1.50 is applicable for bookings made in person or on the phone, except access bookings. There is no fee to book tickets online.

Gift Vouchers

Treat the theatre lover in your life with a voucher they can redeem against any show at Theatre by the Lake. Gift Vouchers are available to buy at Box Office or over the phone.

Ticket Protection

Tickets booked with Theatre by the Lake are non-refundable. Ticket Protection offers you protection against cancellation resulting from accidents, unexpected illnesses and other unforeseen circumstances.

Just add to your order when booking.

Receiving your tickets

E-Ticket: FREE

By post: £1.50*

Collect from Box Office: £1

*Tickets booked less than 7 days before a performance are not available for postal delivery.

Performance Times

Please arrive in plenty of time for performances as latecomers may not be admitted.

Special Effects

Strobe lighting, smoke or stage effects and the smoking of e-cigarettes may be used in productions. These may not be advertised in advance as they may not be known until the day of the performance. Please speak to our Box Office team by phone on **017687 74411** or email **enquiries@theatrebythelake.com** if you have any concerns.

Content Warnings

Some productions may contain content or themes that some audience members may find upsetting. Wherever possible, these are highlighted on our website.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Discounts

Only one discount per ticket is permitted. Discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. All discounts and offers are subject to availability and may not be applicable to premium seats.

Children

Children aged under 4 will only be permitted to Family Friendly or Relaxed Performances. Booster seats are available on request. Lap Seats or Babe In Arms tickets for babies up to 18 months will not be charged but must be booked. Under 16s must be accompanied at all times. Theatre by the Lake cannot accept responsibility for unaccompanied children.

Data Protection

Theatre by the Lake is committed to protecting your personal information, being transparent about what data we hold and giving you control over how we use it. View our Privacy Policy online at theatrebythelake.com/privacy-policy.

Programme alterations

Every effort is made to avoid alterations to the programme. However, Theatre by the Lake reserves the right to cancel or alter events if this is unavoidable. In this unlikely event, we are committed to contacting all customers in advance wherever possible.

Ticket exchanges and refunds

Theatre by the Lake does not offer refunds unless the event is cancelled. We are happy to exchange tickets up to 48 hours before the event, for another date in the run of the same production. There is a £1.50 fee per ticket for this service. For information on our refunds and exchanges policies please contact the Box Office on **017687 74411**

All requests for exchanges or changes to an order must be made by the individual that booked the tickets. We are unable to process requests by third parties.

DIARY 2024

MAIN HOUSE

JUNE

Tue 11	The Pitmen Poets	7.30pm
Wed 12	Opera Evening	7.30pm
Fri 28	Brassed Off PR	7.30pm
Sat 29	Brassed Off PR	7.30pm

JULY

Mon 1	Brassed Off PR	7.30pm
Tue 2	Brassed Off ON	7.30pm
Wed 3	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Thu 4	Brassed Off	2pm
	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Fri 5	Brassed Off	
Sat 6	Brassed Off	2pm
	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Mon 8	Brassed Off PSD	7.30pm
Tue 9	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Wed 10	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Thu 11	Brassed Off RP	11am
	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Fri 12	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Mon 15	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Tue 16	Brassed Off	2pm
	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Wed 17	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Thu 18	Brassed Off AD	2pm
	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Fri 19	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Sat 20	Brassed Off	2pm
	Brassed Off BSL/CAP	7.30pm
Mon 22	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Tue 23	Brassed Off	2pm
	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Wed 24	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Thu 25	Brassed Off	2pm
	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Fri 26	Brassed Off	7.30pm
Sat 27	Brassed Off	2pm
	Brassed Off	7.30pm

STUDIO

Bi-Topia 7.30pm

MAIN HOUSE

AUGUST

Fri 9	The Hound of the Baskervilles PR	7.30pm
Sat 10	The Hound of the Baskervilles PR	7.30pm
Mon 12	The Hound of the Baskervilles PR	7.30pm
Tue 13	The Hound of the Baskervilles ON	7.30pm
Wed 14	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Thu 15	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Fri 16	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Sat 17	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Mon 19	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Tue 20	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Wed 21	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Thu 22	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Fr 23	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Sat 24	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Mon 26	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Tue 27	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Wed 28	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Thu 29	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles AD	7.30pm
Fri 30	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Sat 31	The Hound of the Baskervilles BSL/CAP	7.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Mon 2	The Hound of the Baskervilles PSD	7.30pm
Tue 3	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Wed 4	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Thu 5	The Hound of the Baskervilles RP	11am
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Fri 6	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Sat 7	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Mon 9	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Tue 10	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Wed 11	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Thu 12	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Fri 13	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm
Sat 14	The Hound of the Baskervilles	2pm
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	7.30pm

Wed 18

Thu 19 Herman's Hermits 7.30pm

Fri 20

Sat 21

Tue 24 Pam Ayres 7.30pm

Thu 26 Dom Joly - The Conspiracy Tour 7.30pm

STUDIO

The Dreamtime Fellrunner **PR** 7.30pm

Foretelling workshop (outdoors)

The Dreamtime Fellrunner **ON** 7.30pm

Foretelling workshop (outdoors)

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Foretelling workshop (outdoors)

KEY	
AD	Audio Described Performance
BSL	British Sign Language Interpreted Performance
CAP	Captioned Performance
ON	Opening Night
PR	Preview
PSD	Post-Show Discussion
RP	Relaxed Performance

ACCESSIBLE PERFORMANCES

AD

Audio Described Performances

Brassed Off: Thursday 18 July, 2pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Thursday 29 August, 7.30pm
The Jungle Book: Saturday 7 December, 2pm
All performances of Romeo and Juliet incorporate Audio Description

BSL

British Sign Language Interpreted Performances

Brassed Off: Saturday 20 July, 7.30pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Saturday 31 August, 7.30pm
The Jungle Book: Saturday 14 December, 7.15pm
All performances of Romeo and Juliet incorporate BSL

CAP

Captioned Performances

Brassed Off: Saturday 20 July, 7.30pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Saturday 31 August, 7.30pm
The Jungle Book: Saturday 14 December, 7.15pm
All performances of Romeo and Juliet incorporate Captions

ON

Opening Night Performances

Brassed Off: Tuesday 2 July, 2pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Tuesday 13 August, 7.30pm
The Dreamtime Fellrunner: Thursday 19 September, 7.30pm
Steel: Tuesday 8 October, 7.30pm
Romeo and Juliet: Tuesday 15 October, 7.30pm
The Jungle Book: Tuesday 19 November, 7.15pm

PR

Preview

Brassed Off: Friday 28 June, 7.30pm,
Brassed Off: Saturday 29 June, 7.30pm
Brassed Off: Monday 1 July 7.30pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Friday 9 August, 7.30pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Saturday 10 August, 7.30pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Monday 12 August, 7.30pm
The Dreamtime Fellrunner: Wednesday 19 September, 7.30pm
Steel: Thursday 3 October, 7.30pm
Steel: Friday 4 October, 7.30pm

PR

Preview (continued)

Steel: Saturday 5 October, 7.30pm
Steel: Monday 7 October, 7.30pm
Romeo and Juliet: Saturday 12 October, 7.30pm
Romeo and Juliet: Monday 14 October, 7.30pm
The Jungle Book: Friday 15 November, 7.15pm
The Jungle Book: Saturday 16 November, 7.15pm
The Jungle Book: Monday 18 November, 7.15pm

PSD

Post-Show Discussion

Brassed Off: Monday 8 July, 7.30pm
The Hound of the Baskervilles: Monday 2 September, 7.30pm
There is a Q&A following the interval of all performances of The Dreamtime Fellrunner

RP

Relaxed Performances

Brassed Off - Thursday 11 July, 11am
The Hound of the Baskervilles - Thursday 5 September, 11am
The Jungle Book - Thursday 28 November, 11am
Romeo and Juliet - Thursday 24 October, 11am
All performances of Romeo and Juliet are performed in a Relaxed environment



Join us today to
savour the flavours of
the Lake District, with
a view to match.

FOOD FOR EVERY MOMENT OF YOUR DAY!

Discover the essence of the Lake District at Lakeside Café & Restaurant. From locally sourced ingredients to artisanal delights, our menu celebrates the best Cumbria has to offer. Whether it's a hearty breakfast before your walk or a pre-show dinner, every dish is crafted with care.

SERVING:

BREAKFAST | BRUNCH | SPECIALITY COFFEE

HOME BAKES | LUNCH | DINNER PRE-THEATRE | TERRACE BAR



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