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WHAT'S ON/COMING SOON

Museum of the History of Science, Broad Street

Talk & Chalk

Public Lectures on the History of Cosmology

Thursday 16 June, 7pm: *Prof David Hughes, 'The Age of the Universe, the Stars and the Earth'*

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MODERN ART OXFORD — OXFORD 2015 REIMAGINING visions

Thursday 16th June

The Oxford Times: Panel Discussion. Where is Oxford going in the next ten years? Councillors including Alex Hollingsworth, John Goddard and Craig Simmons. Chair: Derek Holmes. Booking essential. £5/ £3 concessions 6.30pm

Friday 17th June

Artist In Conversation. Oxford artist Ted Dewan, discusses Cyclemas, and the ability of large-scale ceremonial public art to facilitate urban renaissance. 1-1.45pm

Artists And New Development. Artpoint and Oxford City Council host a discussion between planners and developers on the benefits of involving artists in new building and landscape developments. An event supported by Arts Council of England as part of Architecture Week. 6.00 – 7.30pm

All events listed above are taking place at Modern Art Oxford and are free to attend (unless otherwise specified). Details are correct at the time of going to press. For more details please call the Gallery on 01865 722733

Modern Art Oxford, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford OX1 1BP
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Sat 18th June 7.30pm - Sheldonian Theatre

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Literary Readings by Seamus Heaney

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FRIDAY 17TH JUNE: OXFORD LIEDERABEND SERIES. 'To Julia' - English works for voice, piano and string quartet including Quilter's song cycle 'To Julia' and the Elgar Piano Quintet. 8pm. Jacqueline du Pre Music Building, St Hilda's College. Tickets £11/£9, students £5. On door or 01865 305305 / www.oxfordlieder.co.uk

24TH ANNUAL JAMES JOYCE EVENING. Bloomsday celebration. Irish music, song and readings. Thursday 16th June. Port Mahon, St Clements. 7.45pm. Admission £5/£3. Information 07802 415667

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THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY (PG) Thu: 7.00pm
Life, the Universe & Everything (with added romance).

THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (12) Fri: 11.30pm
Original 1975 version of the star-studded comedy debauchfest

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN (15) Fri: 8.00pm
Orlando Bloom as blacksmith defending crusades-era Jerusalem.

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

STAR WARS EPISODE 3: REVENGE OF THE SITH [12A]
Thu: 1.00, 1.30, 4.00, 4.30, 7.00, 8.15pm
Very many lightsabre fights. Fri: 1.45, 4.45, 7.45pm

ROBOTS [U] Thu: 12 noon
Children's animation from the makers of "The Ice Age"

VALIANT [U] Thu: 12 noon
Animated WWII pigeon caper with Ewan McGregor.

SIN CITY [18] Thu: 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30pm
Fri: 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30pm
Robert Rodriguez directs Frank Miller's pulp material with customary exuberance

MR AND MRS SMITH [15] Thu: 1.45, 2.30, 4.45, 6.00, 7.45, 8.45pm, Fri: 2.15, 2.45, 5.15, 5.30, 8.15, 8.45pm
Dry-humour in action / marital drama from Doug Liman (The Bourne Identity).

BATMAN BEGINS [12A]
Thu: 2.00, 5.00, 8.00pm, Fri: 2.00, 5.00, 8.00pm
Watch Christopher Nolan wash away Joel Schumacher's camp histrionics.

MILLIONS (12A) Fri: 12.00 noon
Heartwarming tale of felony & monetary union

WE DON'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE[15]
Fri: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 9.00pm
An indiscretion between two close friends tears down their respective marriages.

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THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN'S APOCALYPSE [15]
Are you local? Thu: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45pm

BATMAN BEGINS [12A]
Thu: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm, Fri: 2.15, 5.15, 8.15pm
Watch Christopher Nolan wash away Joel Schumacher's camp histrionics.

THE PACIFIER Fri: 2.00, 6.30pm
21st Century Kindergarten Cop with Vin Diesel as Arnie.

THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMAN'S APOCALYPSE [15]
Are you local? Fri:4.15, 8.30pm

Phoenix Picture House (512526)

SIN CITY [18] Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30pm,
Robert Rodriguez directs Frank Miller's pulp material with his customary exuberance.

Australian Film Festival: BRUCE AND ME Thu: 1.30pm
Preview of new Australian film.

ACHUCA [15]
2 boys observe political coup in their native Chile. Thu: 1.00, 6.15pm

THE CONSEQUENCES OF LOVE [15] Thu: 4.00, 8.45pm
A tale of love, gangsters and sacrifice.

PALINDROMES [15] Fri: 4.15, 11.30pm
Surreal study of abortion-related morality from the director of 'Happiness'

BOMBON EL PERRO (15) Fri: 2.15, 4.30, 6.45, 9.00, 11.30pm
New dog changes unemployed mechanic's life.

FRENCH CINEMA: THE BRIDESMAID (15) Fri: 1.45, 8.30pm,
Ruth Rendell's murder mystery in French setting

PRIVATE (15) Fri: 6.30pm
Israeli troops occupy Muslim family's home in suspenseful drama

Ozone Multiplex (0870 444 3030)

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY (PG)
Life, the Universe & Everything (with added romance). Thu: 3.40, 8.00pm

THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN'S APOCALYPSE [15]
Are you local? Thu: 3.20, 5.20, 7.30, 9.30pm

THE PACIFIER [PG] Thu: 1.40, 6.00pm
Vin Diesel looks after some children.

STAR WARS EPISODE 3: REVENGE OF THE SITH [12A]
Will Anakin jump into Mt Doom? Thu: 1.20, 2.40, 4.10, 5.30, 7.00, 8.30pm

SIN CITY [18] Thu: 1.00, 3.50, 6.30, 9.10pm
Robert Rodriguez directs Frank Miller's pulp material with customary flair.

MYSTERIOUS SKIN [18] Thu: 7.10, 9.20pm
Two teenagers unlock the secrets of their past.

Advance Screening: BATMAN BEGINS [12A] Thu: 3.10, 6.10, 9.00pm
Watch Christopher Nolan wash away Joel Schumacher's camp histrionics.

MILLIONS (12A) Thu: 2.50, 5.00pm
Heartwarming tale of felony & monetary union.

MR AND MRS SMITH [15] Thu: 1.10, 2.30, 4.30, 5.40, 7.40, 8.50pm
They're married, assassins, and in counselling.

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THEATRE
Until Sat 18th June

Burton Taylor Theatre (305305)

DOM Tue 14th - Sat 18th: 9.30pm
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Oxford Playhouse (305305)

UNCLE VANYA Tue 14th - Sat 18th: 7.30pm
Maly Drama Theatre of St Petersburg present Chekhov in Russian with surtitles. £15-£24.50

Pegasus Theatre (722851)

SUMMER AND SMOKE Wed 15th - Sat 18th
Thu, Fri, Wed: 7.30pm, Sat: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
Oxford School of Drama present classic drama by Tennessee Williams. £5.50/£3.50 concs/£3 groups etc.

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Fri 24th - Thu 30th June

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THEATRE REVIEW

Uncle Vanya
Oxford Playhouse
14-18 June 2005 7.30pm

This production of Chekhov's Uncle Vanya is brought to the stage by the award-winning Maly Drama Theatre (founded in Leningrad in 1944) and their director Lev Dodin. The performance is in Russian with surtitles, so it's probably about as close to the original as an English audience could hope for.

The themes in the play of love, loss and the pointlessness of life are prominent here as they are in many of Chekhov's plays, but this one somehow seems more potent in its tragedy. The play begins with the return of Professor Serebryakov and his second wife, Elena, from the city to their country estate. The Professor inherited the estate after the death of his first wife (Vanya's sister), and has since been living off the income of the estate. Vanya, his mother and niece, Sonya, have worked tirelessly to keep the estate running and produce enough money to keep the academic professor and his new wife in riches.

The tragedy in the play is Uncle Vanya's realisation that the Professor, once a respected arts writer, is actually clueless about his academic subject and has been draining all the family's financial resources without even earning them any credence through his writing. This brings into question the value of all their years of work to support him. Vanya starts to see his life as something that has just slipped away meaninglessly, and blames the professor for what might have been.

The play explores loss; the Professor mourns his youth, Sonya mourns her unrequited love for Doctor Astrov, Uncle Vanya mourns his unrequited love for Elena alongside his meaningless life; whilst Elena is just bored. As Vanya dreams about the life he never had – increasingly turning to the dream rather than the reality - life becomes increasingly painful. Meanwhile, Sonya turns to religion to give her hope and comfort to compensate for the sadness of her everyday life. The chasm between what is and what might have been pushes Vanya to the brink of madness.

The story serves as an assault on the idle upper classes in czarist Russia, portraying the social divide through the contrast between the lazy professor and his 'bored' new wife, and the hardworking family of his previous wife. There are humorous moments, many provided by Doctor Astrov (played by the charismatic Petr Semak), whose visits to the house become more and more frequent as his passion for the beautiful Elena grows. Particularly enjoyable is his drunken singing, which serves as a break from the tragedy. Uncle Vanya, played by Sergey Kurychev, also has his moments. Upon the discovery of the Astrov and Elena kissing, he is rooted to the spot in shock and hides his face behind the bunch of flowers he has brought for her. This subtlety is a feature of the performance – the setting, the atmosphere and the graceful movement of the actors around the stage provides a powerful background to the action without the need for showy scenery or over-acting.

The tempo of the play really picks up in the second half, where tragedy is predominant. After events come to a head, things look pretty bleak; but the audience is treated to a potent monologue from Sonya, probably the most able of all the characters to accept the daily grind of life through her strength of hope and faith in the afterlife. This at least provides a glimmer of light for the audience to take away with them.

This is a strong, deeply affecting performance, with exceptional acting - catch it while you can.

Chloe Anderson, 15.6.2005

GIGS

Thu 16th

SKYLARKIN' SOUNDSYSTEM / Reggae, Soul, Latin, Funk & Jazz Grooves; DJ Aidan Larkin + guests / Thursdays, 8:30-11pm, Free / dalton@tommyknees.com / www.thebrickworks.com/tommyknees.aps.com / The Brickworks, 182 Cowley Rd; Tel: 245999

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TOUNSI / North African vocals meets western rhythms / 8.30pm / Free / Exeter Hall Pub, 1 Oxford Rd (corner of Cowley & Marsh Rds.); Tel: 01865 776431

WALKING CONCERT + GUESTS / Includes free entry to after show Sabotage rock club. / "The Club That Cannot Be Named" / £8 adv, 14+, Doors 7pm / Downstairs @ the Zodiac. 190 Cowley Road; Tel: 420042

Fri 17th

HELP, SHE CAN'T SWIM + CASSETTE FOR CASSETTE + GO! TEAM! GO! / Vacuous Pop presents / 7.30pm / £5 / www.vacuouspop.com / The Wheatsheaf, 129, High St

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MEETINGS AND LECTURES

Thu 16th

THE PRE-RAPHAELITES / Gallery Talk by Dr Jon Whiteley, Senior Asst. Keeper, Western Art / 5.30 - 6.15pm / free, voluntary contributions welcome / Ashmolean Museum. Beaumont Street.

CYCLING FOR HEALTH / Cycle ride with health professionals around the hospitals / Oxford Bike Week / 6.30 - 8pm. Free / www.oxfordbikeweek.org.uk / Outside the Examination Schools Office, Broad St.

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STAGELIGHTS / New members always welcome. / Grove Theatre Group / 8-10pm / www.stagelightsgroup.org / Old Mill Hall, Grove

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PROF. CHRISTINA LEONARD: "BRAINPRINTS: A BIOLOGICAL APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING AND LEARNING DISABILITY" / Anomalous development: dyslexia and schizophrenia / Wayrflete Lectures 2005 / 5pm - Free Admission / Magdalen College

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WHITHER CHINA? / Speaker: Sir Richard Evans, Former UK Ambassador in Beijing / St Giles Church / 12.30 pm. Admission Free / secretary@st-giles-church.org / www.st-giles-church.org / St Giles Church. St Giles

OARC WEEKLY OPEN MEETING / Come and be part of shaping the project, consensus decision making. Room 1, upstairs / Oxford Action Resource Centre / 7pm-9pm FREE / oarc@riseup.net / East Oxford Community Centre. Princes Street; Tel: 792168

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Fri 17th

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THEATRE REVIEW

As You Like It
Creation Theatre Company, Headington Hill Park
June 3rd - 9th August, 8pm

June again, and Oxford's outdoor theatre is once again bursting into bloom. The question is, which of the many al fresco Shakespeare productions is the one to see? Creation Theatre make a strong case that it should be theirs. So they should, of course, this being their tenth anniversary season.

The enclosure in the woods in Headington Hill Park has an acting area stretching back about 40 yards into the trees – not only an excellent acting space but also an ideal set for the Forest of Arden. It also has the advantage over most college gardens of being (relatively) quiet and secluded, while still easy to get to from the town centre or from Headington. The facilities (including toilets, bar, blankets and hot food) are very satisfactory and there is a distinct festival atmosphere. I would, however, recommend hiring a Creation Theatre cushion (50p) as without one the outdoor seating can get a bit wearing.

Typically of Creation, the staging is spare but fairly spectacular, with rapid costume changes, a few pyrotechnics, and many musical interludes. The original songs have been replaced with agreeably silly song and dance routines of the cosy, jazzy variety. These are performed with such carefree, deliberate amateurishness that they become a highlight – as, presumably the originals were in their day – rather than, as so often, the embarrassing bit that no one really understands. The play is not pitched emphatically in any particular period – rather in a timeless holiday-hued dreamworld that is fairly appropriate for this gentle romantic comedy.

Rosalind is one of the less irritating of Shakespeare's heroines, and Kirsty Dillon plays her with enthusiasm and a touch of vulnerability, carrying off the gender ambiguity unfussily. Amy Stacy creates an enchanting Celia, and Annabelle Dowler is an entertainingly vitriolic Phebe. Seamus Allen played the Fool with energy and panache: every word was exploited with attention. Meanwhile, Tom Peters and Justin Webb at times threatened to steal the show as various background characters. Orlando (Christopher Redmond) made the best of one of the classic straight-man roles in Shakespeare – managing not to overdo it.

In the past, Creation performances have occasionally been a bit over the top. Now they are much more together and have a lighter, more confident touch, beginning to establish themselves as a truly great theatre company. This production should be one of the highlights of Oxford's summer.

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