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WHAT'S ON / COMING SOON

PIVA PRESENTS
an Elizabethan Concert
Music from Shakespeare's Plays
Holywell Music Room – Oxford.
Saturday 20th February @ 7:30pm
Tickets: TicketsOxford – 01865 305305
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Martin Burgess (violin), Clare Hayes (violin), Fiona Bonds (viola), William Schofield (cello)
Beethoven String Quartet op.59 no.3
Cherubini String Quartet no.3
Oxford Coffee Concerts — Tickets: Playhouse 01865 305305 / 07518 479062
Holywell Music Room
www.coffeeconcerts.com **Sun 21 Feb, 11.15am**

FALASHA IN THE PAN
Richard Charkin's 1988 resignation: Were the OUP Delegates prejudiced?
www.akme.btinternet.co.uk

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Plan your summer trips & outings in Oxford and Oxfordshire. Free entertainment. Free prize draw.
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MEETINGS & LECTURES

Sat 20th

EXHIBITION TOUR / Common Task with Abake, graphic design studio / 3pm, free, just turn up / Modern Art Oxford, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford

RECORDER PLAYERS MEETING / Society of Recorder Players / 2pm, free / http://srp.org.uk/oxford / 07779 255147 / Asian Cultural Centre, Manzil Way

PLAY FACILITY CONSULTATION / Barton residents are invited to discuss the plans. / 11am-4pm / 323990 / Barton Neighbourhood Centre, Underhill Circus

EARLY YEARS OF THE PITT RIVERS MUSEUM / Introduction to Lieutenant-General Pitt Rivers and his collection / 2.30pm / Pitt Rivers Museum

Sun 21st

ETHNOGRAPHIC FILM SCREENING / Prof R. Werbner screens his latest films: "Encountering Eloyi" & "Holy Hustlers" / 11am, free / Pitt Rivers Museum

NOT-FOR-PROFIT BIKE CLINIC / Repair bicycles together / 10am-1pm, donations+parts / 01865 512860 / Wolvercote Primary School, First Turn

A WAY WITH WORDS / Finding words to express our faith and deepest feelings. With Julia Golding. / 8pm / Christ Church Cathedral, St Aldate's

BICYCLE RIDE / Ride into scenic Oxfordshire countryside / Oxford City CTC / 9.30am from Campus Stores, Broad Street, free / www.oxonctc.org.uk

Mon 22nd

ROSE HILL READ/SWAP LIBRARY / Take new books away, bring books you've finished. / 2-4.30pm, free / Rose Hill Community Centre, The Oval

THAMES VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION / Getting together to stop climate change / 7pm, free / tvca.ox4.org / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes St

WORDS OF PEACE / Short film of Prem Pal Rawat / wordsofpeace.net / 6pm, free / 01865 311718 / East Oxford Community Centre, Princes Street

LUNCHTIME LECTURE / The Use of Human Tissue in Drug Discovery Research: Dr Bob Coleman / 1pm, free / vero.org.uk / 07796 581915 / Mansfield College

ANTONY & CLEOPATRA / Auditions and crew hire for summer show. / 7.30pm / oxfordtheatreguild.com / Headington Community Centre, Gladstone Road

THINK WEEK OXFORD / Atheism / secularism / humanism / scepticism + Interfaith/Interthought Dialogue / 8pm / thinkweek.co.uk / Lincoln College

CORRESPONDENCE: HEARING/VISION / Mark Rowan-Hull, Chris and Roger Redgate / 5.30pm, free / wolfson.ox.ac.uk / Wolfson College, Linton Rd

CINEMA to Thu 25th

Odeon George Street (0871 2244 007)

ASTRO BOY [PG] — Fri - Sun: 12.15pm
Robot child superhero battles aliens!

AVATAR 3D [12A] — Fri & Sat: 11.45am, 3.15, 7.00, 10.40pm; Sun: 12.30, 4.00, 7.45pm; Mon: 4.00pm; Tue - Thu: 4.00, 7.45pm
James Cameron's latest and greatest blockbuster.

AVATAR 2D [12A] — Mon: 7.45pm
What results if you put *Aliens, The Matrix* and *Dances With Wolves* in a box and shake it.

INVICTUS [12A] — daily: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm
The story behind the Springboks' 1995 Rugby World Cup bid.

PERCY JACKSON & THE LIGHTNING THIEF [PG] — Fri-Sun: 12.45, 3.30, 6.30pm; Mon: 1.45, 4.30pm; Tue-Thu: 3.30, 6.30pm
Teenager discovers he's the son of Poseidon. *Subtitled: Fri 6.30, Sun 12.45, Thu 3.30pm*

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG [U] — Fri - Sun: 11.15, 1.30, 3.45pm; Mon - Thu: 1.30, 3.45pm
Cursed prince mistakes debutante for royalty.

SENIOR SCREEN: THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS [15] — Wed: 10.45am
If George Clooney's looks could kill...

SHERLOCK HOLMES [12A] — Fri & Sat: 10.45pm
Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law star in latest adaptation.

A SINGLE MAN [12A] — daily: 2.00, 5.00, 8.00pm
Gay professor contemplates life in 60s California without his long-term partner.

UP IN THE AIR [15] — Fri - Sun, Tue - Thu: 9.00pm
High-flying frequent flier is brought back down to earth. *Subtitled: Tue 9.00pm*

VALENTINE'S DAY [12A] — Fri & Sat: 1.15, 4.15, 7.30, 10.30pm; Sun - Thu: 2.15, 5.15, 8.15pm
Expect Love Actually in Los Angeles.

THE WOLFMAN [15] — Fri & Sat: 6.00, 8.45, 11.15pm; Sun - Thu: 6.00, 8.45pm
Remake of 1941 horror, with Benicio del Toro.

ODEON+CULTURE: MAYERLING — Mon: 7.00pm
The downfall of Crown Prince Rudolf. Performed by the Royal Ballet.

Odeon Magdalen Street (0871 2244 007)

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR: AN EDUCATION [12A] — Tue: 8.30pm
Girl in Sixties London sidelines studies for suitor.

THE LOVELY BONES [12A] — daily: 2.00, 5.15, 8.15pm
Murdered girl watches over her family and killer from heaven.

THE WOLFMAN [15] — Fri - Sun: 1.30, 3.45pm; Mon - Thu: 3.45pm
Remake of 1941 horror, with Benicio del Toro.

YOUTH IN REVOLT [15] — Fri - Mon, Wed & Thu: 6.15, 8.45pm; Tue: 6.15pm
Angsty adolescent adopts alias.

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)

ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL [U] — Fri - Mon: 10.15am, 12.20, 3.00pm; Tue - Thu: 12.20, 3.00pm
Little furry singers contend with school, stardom and lady chipmunks.

ASTRO BOY [PG] — Fri - Sun: 10.00am, 12.10pm; Mon: 10.00am
Robot child superhero battles aliens!

AVATAR 3D [12A] — Fri & Sat, Wed: 12.30, 4.00, 7.30, 11.00pm; Sun - Tue, Thu: 12.30, 4.00, 7.30pm
The highest-grossing film of all time.

BATTLE FOR TERRA 3D [PG] — Fri - Mon: 10.10am
Budget animated Avatar-a-like.

INVICTUS [12A] — daily: 3.10, 6.20, 9.15pm
The story behind the Springboks' 1995 Rugby World Cup bid.

IT'S COMPLICATED [15] — Mon - Thu: 12.10pm
Divorcée has an affair with her ex-husband.

KIDS AM: FANTASTIC MR FOX [PG] — Fri - Mon: 10.30am
Roald Dahl story animated for the big screen.

THE LOVELY BONES [12A] — daily: 12.40, 3.40, 6.45, 9.45pm
Murdered girl watches her family and killer from heaven. *Over 18s: Sun/Tue 6.45pm*

MY NAME IS KHAN [12A] — daily: 9.00pm
Following a Muslim/Hindu family after 9/11. *Subtitled: Tue 9.00pm*

PERCY JACKSON & THE LIGHTNING THIEF [PG] — daily: 11.40am, 2.30, 5.15, 8.00pm
Teenager discovers he's the son of Poseidon.

THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG [U] — *Subtitled: Sun 1.50pm*; Fri - Mon: 10.40, 11.20am, 1.00, 1.50, 4.20, 6.40pm; Tue - Thu: 1.00, 1.50, 4.20, 6.40pm
Cursed prince mistakes debutante for royalty.

SHERLOCK HOLMES [12A] — Fri & Sat, Wed: 5.20, 11.20pm; Sun - Tue, Thu: 5.20pm
Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law star in latest adaptation.

SOLOMON KANE [15] — Fri & Sat, Wed: 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.10pm; Sun - Tue, Thu: 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm
Swordsman suspends retirement to fight evil.

VALENTINE'S DAY [12A] — Fri & Sat: 11.50am, 2.40, 5.40, 8.45, 11.50pm; Sun - Thu: 11.50am, 2.40, 5.40, 8.45pm
Expect Love Actually in Los Angeles.

THE WOLFMAN [15] — Fri & Sat: 11.30am, 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 8.15, 9.30pm, midnight; Sun - Thu: 11.30am, 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 8.15, 9.30pm
Remake of 1941 horror.

YOUTH IN REVOLT [15] — Fri & Sat, Wed: 10.50pm
Angsty adolescent adopts alias.

Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 704 2062)

BIG SCREAM: THE LAST STATION [15] — Wed: 11.30am
Conflict over Tolstoy's copyrights. *Exclusive screening for parents with babies under one.*

KIDS' CLUB: THE SECRET OF NIMH [U] — Sat: 1.30pm
Mouse needs the help of super-intelligent rats to save her family. Activites beforehand at 12.45pm. *Adults must be accompanied by a child; children under 8 must bring an adult!*

THE LAST STATION [15] — daily: 2.00, 4.20, 6.30, 8.50pm
The battle for control over the works of Tolstoy.

MUGABE AND THE WHITE AFRICAN [12A] — Fri: 6.30pm
White farmer in Zimbabwe takes legal action to keep his land.

A SINGLE MAN [12A] — Fri: 2.00, 4.15, 9.00pm; Sat: 4.15, 6.30, 9.00pm; Sun: 11.30am, 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 9.00pm; Mon - Thu: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 9.00pm
Gay professor contemplates life in 60s California without his long-term partner.

Ultimate Picture Palace (01865 245288)

THE ROAD [15] — Fri, Tue, Wed: 9.15pm; Sat: 9.30pm; Sun: 6.30pm; Mon: 8.45pm; Thu: 7.00pm
Father and son cross post-apocalyptic America.

A SERIOUS MAN [15] — Sat: 4.30pm; Mon: 6.30pm; Wed: 2.30pm; Thu: 9.00pm
Coen brothers. Morality doesn't pay off for professor.

UP IN THE AIR [15] — Fri & Sat, Tue & Wed: 7.00pm; Sun: 8.30pm
High-flying frequent flier is brought back down to earth.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE [PG] — Fri, Sun: 4.30pm; Sat: 2.30pm
Adaptation of Maurice Sendak's children's book.

Café Tarifa (01865 256091)

GOODFELLAS [18] — Sun: 8.00pm
Free screening of 1990s retro mafia classic.

GIGS & COMEDY

Sat 20th

IMPROVISED COMEDY SKETCH SHOW / Based on audience suggestions / Oxford Comedy Deathmatch / 7.30pm, £2 / Folly Bridge Inn, Abingdon Road

MUSIC NIGHT TYLER MASSEY AND VO FLETCHER / 9.30pm / 01869 340338 / thefoxinnmiddlebarton.co.uk / The Fox Inn, Enstone Road, Middle Barton

4 MORE FACES / Rock and pop classics from the 50s to the present day / 9pm, free / 07779 516634 / The Jack Russell, 21 Salford Road, Marston

FUZZY LOGIC, AGE OF MISRULE, REBECCA NEALL, WE ARE UGLY BUT WE HAVE THE MUSIC / Benefit gig for Sobell House & Make A Wish Foundation / The Port Mahon, 82 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AW; Tel: 01865 790970

PAPPY'S / World record attempt: 200 sketches in one hour / 8pm, £12/£10 / thenorthwall.com / 01865 319450 / North Wall Arts Centre, South Parade

TELESCOPES / Full live band / 8.30pm, £5 / wegottickets.com/event/72390 / 01865 244761 / The Cellar, Frewin Court, off Cornmarket St.

DRIVE DUO/CUCKOO'S NEST / 01865 247761 / The Red Lion, Old Marston

PIG ROAST & LIVE MUSIC / With Stan the Man. For Haiti Earthquake Appeal. / 7.30pm, £10 adult/£5 child / The Pine Lodge Village Hall, Little Milton

THE LONG INSIDERS / Plus guests / 8pm, £5 adv / Jericho Tavern, Walton St

DERRIN NAUENDORF / Acousticblues / 7.30pm, £9 / The Bullingdon, Cowley Rd

BIGELF, PRIESTESS / US prog-rock / 7pm, £10 / O2 Academy, Cowley Road

PURPLE HEIDI LIVE / 4-piece covers all your favourite songs / 9pm, free / 01367 710302 / The Horse & Jockey, Stanford in-the-Vale

EVOLUTION / Classic rock covers band playing their 100th gig! / 9pm, £3 / 07843 375975 / Fat Lil's, 64a Corn Street, Witney OX28 6BS

Sun 21st

OPEN MIC NIGHT / Come and have a go if you think you're good enough / 8.30, free / oldbookbinders.co.uk / The Old Bookbinder's Arms, Victor Street

PETER & THE WULF & FRIENDS / Relaxed open folk session; bring instruments and friends! / 6.30pm, free / The Isis Farmhouse, Iffley Lock

OPEN MIC & ELECTRIC JAM / Delicious Music / 7.30pm, £3/£2 students/£1 musicians / The Port Mahon, 82 St Clements, Oxford

TREVOR WILLIAMS, THE BARRACKS BAND, LES CLOCHARDS / 5pm, free / Malmaison, 3 Oxford Castle, New Road, Oxford

REGGAE REGGAE SUNDAY / Reggae, dub, dubstep & ska / 9pm-2am, free / The Purple Turtle, Frewin Court (off Cornmarket Street), Oxford

Mon 22nd

JEFF, MATTY & FRIENDS / A great jam session of melodic jazz / 9pm, free / 01865 762372 / Ampleforth Arms, 53 Collinwood Road, Risinghurst, Oxford

THE OXFORD IMPS / 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' style comedy / 8pm, £3.50 / www.oxfordimps.com / 07985 922753 / The Wheatsheaf, 120 High Street

KING 'B' / The Famous Monday Blues / 9pm, £7 / famousmondayblues.co.uk / The Bullingdon Arms, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UE; Tel: 01865 244516

ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC / 9pm, free / 07973 875049 / The Somerset, Marston Rd

EUROPE, DIAMOND HEAD / Sweden's biggest hard rock band / 7pm, £17 / O2 Academy, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UE; Box Office: 0844 477 2000

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THEATRE to Sat 27th

New Theatre (0844 8471585)

PASION DE BUENA VISTA — Fri 19th: 7.30pm
Top Cuban singers, dancers, and an eight piece live band. *£19.50-£25.50*

NODDY IN TOYLAND — Sat 20th: 1pm, 3.30pm
Noddy & Tessie Bear's sing-a-long, dance-a-long party! *£13.50/£11.50*

THE RAT PACK - LIVE FROM LAS VEGAS! — Mon 22nd-Thu 25th: 7.30pm; Fri 26th: 5pm, 8.30pm; Sat 27th: 4pm, 8pm
Take a trip back in time to the days of Sinatra, Davis Jr. & Martin. *£19.50-£29.50*

Oxford Playhouse (01865 305305)

THE UTTERLY INVENTIVE WORLD OF ROALD DAHL — Fri 19th: 5pm
David Wood discusses Roald Dahl and turning his stories into plays. *£5*

THE INVENTION OF LOVE — Fri 19th: 8pm; Sat 20th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
Stoppard's exploration of A.E. Housman. *£9/£11/£14*

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE — Mon 22nd, Wed 24th: 7.30pm; Tue 23rd: 7.30pm; Thu 25th, Sat 27th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm; Fri 26th: 8pm
Simon Reade's adaptation of the Jane Austen novel. Post-show talk Tue. *£15-£26.50*

OFS Studio (0844 847 2360)

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH — Fri 19th & Sat 20th: 2.30 & 7.30pm
When a giant peach grows in his garden, James can't help but explore it... *£8/£6*

YAWN — Tue 23rd - Fri 26th: 7.30pm; Sat 27th: 2.30 & 7.30pm
Edward Fish is a great talker; tonight he has to entertain Rachel. Ages 12+. *£9/£7*

Burton Taylor Studio (01865 305305)

THE PHILANTHROPIST — Fri 19th & Sat 20th: 7.30pm
Oxford dons squabble against a backdrop of political murder and anarchy. *£5/£4*

THE APHORIST — Fri 19th & Sat 20th: 9.30pm
Desperate, lonely man in doomed quest for love and self-confidence. *£5/£4*

IMPERIUM — Tue 23rd - Sat 27th: 7.30pm
The Oxford Imps improvise an entirely new world each night. *£5/£4*

THE OXFORD REVUE — Tue 23rd - Sat 27th: 9.30pm
Head off to Brighton for a 1920s romp at the seaside. *£5/£4*

College Theatres/Auditoria

CRAVE - *St Hugh's* — Fri 19th: 7.30pm
Sharp dialogue, bold drama and black humour by the controversial Sarah Kane. *£5*

VINEGAR TOM - *Wadham* — Fri 19th & Sat 20th: 7.30pm. *£6/£5*
Caryl Churchill's feminist work explores why so many women were falsely burnt, drowned and hung in witch trials in Britain, and why discrimination still occurs today.

PLATFORM - *Keble* — Tue 23rd - Fri 26th: 7.30pm; Sat 27th: 2:30, 8pm
Contemporary collaborations, classical-inspired choreographies, hip-hop, jazz and esoteric dance theatre, all choreographed and performed by students. *£7.50/£5.50*

THREE SISTERS - *Hertford* — Tue 23rd - Sat 27th: 7.30pm
Chekhov drama in promenade, set in 1950s America. *£7/£5.50 (Fri & Sat: £10/£5)*

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS - *Pembroke* — Wed 24th - Fri 26th: 7.30pm; Sat 27th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
In a dark little florist, in a dark little alley, a muse is born... *£8 (£7 student)*

North Wall Arts Centre (01865 319450)

THE BURMA PLAY — Fri 19th: 7pm
Pre-launch for Oxford Human Rights Film festival. *Free, open to all*

PAPPY'S — Sat 20th: 8pm
World record attempt: 200 sketches in one hour *£12/£10*

Oxford School, Glanville Rd (792209)

PERPETUAL MOTION — Fri 26th: 6pm; Sat 27th: 2.30pm
A platform of performances from Oxford Youth Theatre groups. *£3*

The Theatre, Headington (759138)

WILD DOG BY TAVAZIVA DANCE CO. — Sat 20th: 8pm
Tavaziva Dance returns with seven high-octane dancers. *£8 / £6 concs / £4 u18*

Chinnor Village Hall (07983 666314)

AMELIE'S BOUTIQUE — Tue 23rd - Sat 27th: 7.30pm
A story woven between the lives of customers and a rural boutique's own family. *£7-£9*

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Closing Date : Sunday, 28th February

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SEASONED PERFORMERS SOUGHT by regular Oxford vintage variety night. Do you have a short, attention-grabbing, performance-ready piece (art, circus, theatre, dance, music, burlesque, etc.)? Are you a professional or very good amateur performer with a myspace/youtube/dvd or local show where we can see what you do? Please send details: t4eg@users.dailyinfo.co.uk

THEATRE REVIEW

James and the Giant Peach

OFS Studio: Fri 19th Feb & Sat 20th Feb: 2.30 & 7.30pm, £8 (£6)

The Roald Dahl classic about a boy, a peach and a bunch of critters in search of adventure does not immediately sound like an easy story to adapt for the theatre. The giant peach spends a good deal of time at sea, being towed through the air by seagulls; many of the main characters are giant bugs – it wouldn't be my first choice out of Dahl's multitude of children's stories to re-work for the stage, but David Wood has done it and, as always, done it brilliantly.

The story opened in New York with a tourist guide taking her group to see a house in Central Park, which was made from a giant peach stone. James stepped out of the house and took over the story from there, telling the audience about his parents' tragic death at the horns of a bad-tempered rhino (Dahl did seem to have a macabre fondness for orphaning children in his books); his time spent with his two aunts (who were supposedly acting *in loco parentis* but in true pantomime style were wicked to the core); the mysterious stranger who gifted James a bag of wriggling green lights with the promise that they were magic; the peach that grew to the size of a small planet and the wonderful bunch of animal friends who were waiting for James inside it.

The set design worked perfectly, making the most of the limited space at the OFS. The giant peach took centre stage and was easily turned around to reveal the inside of the stone where James' new friends – the grasshopper, ladybird, worm, centipede and spider were all waiting for him. All the creatures were a joy to watch in their colourful costumes and they all had great comic timing, but the woeful worm and the giddy grasshopper were my particular favourites.

An unforeseen treat was the music – I didn't realise there would be songs in the show, but quite a few little ditties had been written for the occasion and they worked really well. It was slightly surprising to see a very obvious girl playing the role of James, but the children in the audience did not seem to notice, they were having a great time and one tiny little girl close to me kept shouting out "this is really funny, Daddy", and it was – well worth seeing.

Judith Davies, 17/02/10

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