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WHAT'S ON / COMING SOON

Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre
Saturday 29th Oct. 10am-3pm
the All Formats COMPUTER FAIR
See local press or website
Click www.afm96.co.uk
Subsequent fair: Saturday 26th Nov.

Oxford Flamenco Academy presents
FLAMENCO FIESTA
with guest artists
7.30pm, Saturday 12th November 2005
The Theatre at Headington
Tickets: £12 (£10). Box Office (01865) 759138
Reservations: www.headington.org
Details: 07904 260636

Saturday 29 October 8pm - Sheldonian Theatre
Oxford Philomusica
Walton Violin Concerto
Elgar Enigma Variations
Thomas Bowes violin, Vernon Handley conductor
Tickets 01865 305305

RUSSIAN PARISH BAZAAR
SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
10.00am-2.30pm
WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH HALL, NEW INN HALL ST.

Holywell Music Room — Oxford Coffee Concerts — *Sun Oct. 30th, 11.15am*
Jana Nováková (violin)
Vaclac Vonácek (bassoon)
Petr Novák (piano)
With music by Beethoven & Karel Janovicky
Tickets: Playhouse 01865 305305 / 07976 740024
www.coffeeconcerts.com

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GIG CANCELLED

SKELETON CREW: CANCELLED at Modern Art Oxford, Sunday 30th October.

CINEMA
Until Fri Nov 4th

Phoenix Picture House (512526)

FUTURE SHORTS SCREENING Fri: 11.30pm
Future Shorts returns to Oxford for another cracking installment.

KIDS CLUB: ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES Sat: Fun 12.45pm, film 1.30pm
The Addams family 2.

INNOCENCE [15] Sat: 3.45, 8.50, 11.30pm, Mon, Wed, Thu: 3.45pm, Fri, Sun, Tue: 3.45, 8.50pm
Surreal and menacing events in an unusual girls' school.

THE BIG SCREAM: OLIVER TWIST [PG] Wed: 11.30am
Screening for parents of kids under 1 year.

PERFORMANCE [18] Fri: 11.30pm
70s gangster film set in East London.

2ND OXDOX PICTURE NIGHT Thu: Time TBC (Please call for info)
Student made short films.

OLIVER TWIST [PG] Fri-Sun, 1.00, 6.15pm, Mon: 1.00, 6.15, 8.45pm, Tue, Thu: 1.00, 6.15pm, Wed: 6.15, 8.45pm
Roman Polanski interprets Dickens.

BROKEN FLOWERS [15] Fri, Sun-Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.00pm, Sat: 4.15, 6.45, 9.00pm
Bill Murray is searching for his son.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE WOLF [15] Sat: 11.30pm
A mysterious beast roams 18th Century France.

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

THE CONSEQUENCES OF LOVE [15] Sat: 4.30, 11.30pm, Mon: 10.30pm, Fri: 11.30pm, Sun: 3.30, 10.30pm
Italian drama about a mystery man who runs into trouble when he falls in love.

ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW [15] Sun, Mon: 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, Tue-Thu: 9.30pm
Lonely salesman meets eccentric artist in hit comedy drama.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE [U] Fri, Sat: 7.00pm, Sun, Mon: 6.00pm, Tue-Thu: 4.30pm
Slimline Jane Austen with Keira Knightley & Brenda Blethyn. see review

WOMAN OF THE DUNES [18] Tue-Thu: 7.00pm
Erotic classic about an entymologist trapped in a sandpit with an alluring peasant woman.

Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244007)

WALLACE & GROMIT IN THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT [U] Mon-Thu: 2.05, 4.25, 6.45, 9.00pm, Fri-Sun: 11.40am also
Smashing!

BROKEN FLOWERS [15] Fri-Wed: 2.40, 5.15, 8.10pm, Thu: 2.40, 5.15pm
Billy Murray is searching for his son.

THE BROTHERS GRIMM [12A] Thu: 8.15pm
Classic fairytales.

Odeon George Street (0871 2244 007)

SENIOR SCREEN: WAR OF THE WORLDS Wed: 10.45am
Aliens chase Tom Cruise (wheelchair access).

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE [U] Fri-Mon, Thu: 2.30, 5.25, 8.20pm, Tue, Wed: 2.30, 8.40pm
Diet Jane Austen.

NANNY MCPHEE [U] Daily: 1.10, 3.35, 6.00, 8.30pm, Subtitled: Sun: 3.35, Tue, 6.00, Wed 8.30pm
Child chastisement in Edwardian style.

WALLACE & GROMIT IN THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT [U] daily: 12.40, 3.05, 5.30, 8.00pm
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SKY HIGH [PG] daily: 1.20pm
Superhero high school.

CORPSE BRIDE [PG] Fri-Sun: 12.20, 2.35, 4.45, 6.45, 8.50pm, Mon-Thu: 2.35, 4.45, 6.45, 8.50pm
Marriage? Over my dead body.

SAW II [18] daily: 3.45, 6.05, 8.50pm
Not one to watch with your granny.

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO [PG} daily: 2.15, 5.10, 8.10pm
Antonio and Kathrine come out of retirement.

Ozone Multiplex (0870 444 3030)

CORPSE BRIDE [PG] Fri-Mon: 11.15am, 2.00, 4.45, 6.30, 8.15pm, Tue-Thu: 2.00, 4.45, 6.30, 8.15pm
Marital animation from Tim Burton.

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE [U] Fri-Mon: 11.45am, 2.30, 5.30pm, Tue-Thu: 2.30, 5.30pm
Rosamund Stephen and Judi Dench star in new adaptation.

KINKY BOOTS [12A] daily: 6.45, 9.10pm
A group of drag queens revitalise the trade of a Northern shoe factory.

SKY HIGH [PG] Fri-Mon: 12.15, 2.15, 4.30pm, Tue-Thu: 2.15, 4.30pm
Life is incredibly tough for superhero kids.

THE LORD OF WAR [15] daily: 7.00, 9.30pm
Nicholas Cage is anti-heroic in arms trade satire.

SERENITY [15] daily: 8.45pm
Starwars prequel as it should have been made.

OLIVER TWIST [PG] daily: 1.30pm, 4.15pm
You gotta pick a pocket or two boys (but don't sing this time).

WALLACE & GROMIT IN THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT [U] Fri-Mon: 11.30am, 12.30, 1.45, 2.45, 4.00, 5.00, 6.15, 7.15, 8.30pm, Tue-Thu: 1.45, 2.45, 4.00, 5.00, 6.15, 7.15, 8.30pm
Smashing!

INTO THE BLUE [15] daily: 9.20pm
Jessica Alba and Ashley Scott in bikinis.

NANNY MCPHEE [U] Fri-Mon: 11.00am, 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.00pm, Tue-Thu: 1.15, 3.30, 5.45, 8.00pm
Emma Thompson in Mary Poppins-esque apade

SAW II [18] Fri-Mon: 12.45, 3.00, 5.15, 7.30, 9.40pm, Tue-Thu: 3.00, 5.15, 7.30, 9.40pm
Horribly horrific horror.

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO [PG] Fri-Mon: 12.00, 3.15, 6.00, 9.00pm, Tue-Thu: 3.15, 6.00, 9.00pm
Antonio and Katherine swashbuckle once again.

THEATRE
Until Sat Nov 5th

Oxford Playhouse (305305)

MASQUERADE Fri 28th: 8pm, Sat 29th: 2.30, 7.30pm
Intrigue & misunderstanding (in Lithuanian with surtitles). £13-£22

TOP DOGS Mon Oct 31st - Tue Nov 1st: 7.30pm
Sharp, knowing satirical comedy about the world of business. £9-£17

Burton Taylor Theatre (305305)

THE MAIDS Fri 28th - Sat 29th: 7.30pm
Two maids, one mistress. Or should that be 'One maid, two mistresses'? A hall of mirrors. £5/4

THE YALTA GAME Fri 28th - Sat 29th: 9.30pm
Première - inspired by Chekhov. Two married holidaymakers lose themselves in the Yalta Game. £5/4

COUNTING THE WAYS Tue 1st - Sat 5th Nov: 9.30pm
Edward Albee's crisp and wistful comedy. £5.00/£4.00 conc.

GAGARIN WAY Tue 1st - Sat 5th Nov: 7.30pm
Gregory Burke's searing tale of a blood-soaked human heist gone wrong. £5.00/£4.00 conc.

New Theatre, Oxford (0870 6063500)

Rossini: THE BARBER OF SEVILLE Fri 28th: 7.15pm
Welsh National Opera (revival). Feather-light prequel to Mozart's *Figaro*. £10-49

Verdi: DON CARLOS Sat 29th: 5.30pm
Welsh National Opera (new production). Fearfully ambitious staging. £20-56

JAMIE CULLUM Sun 30th Oct: 7.00pm
Jazz singer, songwriter, and pianist.

JOAN RIVERS Tue 1st Nov: 8.00pm
America's First Lady of Comedy presents her new show "Before The Doctor Pulls The Plug".

PAUL CARRACK Mon 31st Oct: 8.00pm
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THE LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN Thu 3rd Nov: 7.30pm
Are you local?

Pegasus Theatre (722851)

SLUGS Thu 3rd - Fri 4th Nov: 8pm
Evil slithers out from the shrubbery. £8, £5.50 concs (£3 under-18s)

Headington Sch. Theatre (01865 759138)

AFTER CHECKHOV Fri: 7.30pm, £15, (£12 concs)
The playwright's widow remembers her life with Chekhov and the play they created together.

ATOMICITY Fri: 7.30pm, £12, £10 concs
A trawl through the very fabric of the Universe.

WHAT?! Fri: £8 7.30pm
Rapid-fire sketch show

Old Fire Station Theatre (297170)

THE INSECT PLAY Fri, Sat, Tue-Thu: 7.30pm
Where fantasy and reality collide head-on with walking, talking bugs. £8.50 (£6.50)

O'Reilly Theatre, Keble College (272727)

TRUTH OR DARE Tue 1st - Sat 5th Nov: 7.30pm
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Sat 29th

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CREATING A VISUAL ESSAY /£45 / 10am- 4.45pm / Modern Art Oxford. 30 Pembroke Street. Tel: 722733

ISSUES OF LIFE AND DEATH / Abortion; Genetics; Euthanasia / 10-5pm, £5(£2) / St Andrew's Church. Linton Road. Tel: 311212

Sun 30th

AUTUMN OPEN DAY / Guided walks, plants and book stalls. 2-4pm / Admission free. / Boundary Brook Nature Park. nr Larkrise School, off Iffley Road

WINE TASTING (BLIND) / 3 reds & 3 whites. Oxford University Students only. / Oxford University Wine Circle / 5pm, £7.50 / www.ouwc.co.uk / Arts Rm, Trinity College

Mon 31st

BUDDHIST MEDITATION CLASS / 343767 / 8pm / www.samatha.org/oxford / Iffley Church Hall

THE SCIENCE OF SNIPPING / Dr Ian Moore / 8pm £7 / Margaret Thatcher Centre. Somerville

WITNEY PHOTO GROUP / 7.15pm / Witney Corn Exchange. Oxon; Tel: 01933 709444

SWEDISH CONVERSATION GROUP / 6.30pm / swedish@mintypoppet.com / G&Ds, St Aldates

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GIGS

Sat 29th

ALL STARS / Mish Mash, Addis Ababa, Roots Lounge, beatroot, Cornerstone, OX4 D&D, African Beats / 8pm-1am / £3 / East Oxford Community Centre. Princes Street; Tel: 792168

AUDIOSCOPE 2005 / For Shelter / 3.30pm-11pm, £10 / The Zodiac. 190 Cowley Road; Tel: 420042

Sun 30th

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT / 7pm till 12.30 / www.beardmuseum.com / Purple Turtle. Frewin Court

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Mon 31st

JAZZ @ QUOD / Mellow Bossa Nova & Jazz Sets / Quod Bar / 6.30-8.30pm - Free / www.quod.co.uk/pages/Oxford.html / Quod Bar. High Street

THE FREE BEER SHOW / / Doors 8pm, show 9pm, bar & music till 1am / www.freebeershow.co.uk / The Cellar. Frewin Court, off Cornmarket; Tel: 01865 244761

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THEATRE REVIEW

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By Mikhail Lermontov
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Oxford Playhouse until Sat 29th October

It might appear at first sight that a performance of a nineteenth century Russian story in Lithuanian might be something of a challenge. Do not be put off! This is one of the best evening's entertainments to grace the Oxford Playhouse in a long time.

The story in question, Masquerade, is by Mikhail Lermontov (1814-41) whose 'Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk' may be familiar through the opera by Shostakovich. This tale is equally macabre. Through a series of bizarre misunderstandings, a husband becomes so jealous of his innocent wife that he murders her. We shall not reveal the means here, but suffice it to say that we suspect ice-cream sales at the Playhouse this week may have been sadly affected.

A synopsis and surtitles are provided, so following the plot is no more challenging than with an opera in a language one does not understand. The plot, however, is secondary to the remarkable performance by The Small State Theatre of Vilnius, a company founded 'in the days of the birth of Lithuania as an independent State to keep creative hope alive in the months of Soviet occupation'. They give the impression they could keep creative hope alive just about anywhere. The audience was by turns rocking with laughter, gasping with surprise and moved to tears. The bizarre humour of the first act brings us to an extraordinarily poignant ending.

To quote once more from the programme notes: '[The company] has been creating its exceptional status by returning to theatre what has been considered obsolete – seemingly old things, concepts and feelings – and by creating an exceptional atmosphere of the feast'. Some of the 'old things' which make up this performance are song and dance, dramatic techniques akin to the Classical Greek chorus and the Shakespearian fool – and a marvellous capacity for illusion. Afterwards my companion was remarking on how well the drowning scene had been done, when I realised that it had not even occurred to me that the Isis had not been diverted across the front of the Playhouse stage for the evening.

If you have any spare time at all, do try to catch one of the three remaining performances. The experience will be with you for some time.

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