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house theatre announces its support to five brilliant contemporary theatre productions to tour to more than 30 arts venues in south-east and east England this autumn



Kaleidoscope

presented by Filskit Theatre
from 25 September 2021

Bobby & Amy

presented by Emma Blackman Productions
touring from 02 November 2021

Catch of the Day

presented by Red Fox Theatre
touring from 01 October 2021

Desert Island Flicks

presented by Spiltmilk Dance
touring from 09 November 2021

2065: The Multi-Sensory Movie

presented by Frozen Light
online, on-demand

Gavin Stride, director of Farnham Maltings which delivers the house initiative, said *“After the challenges of the past 18 months, it feels particularly special to be creating opportunities for companies and artists to reconnect with audiences across the south east. From immersive experiences for babies, pre-schoolers, young people with PMLD and their carers, to playful dance theatre and award-winning new writing, this season of work has a feel-good flavour. We have worked hard to find extraordinary performances that offer audiences a ‘good night out’ (and in one instance a ‘good night in’ from the comfort of their own homes). We are proud that our region works collaboratively to enable artists to tell stories and that there will be reason, once again, for communities to gather in arts centres and theatres to share stories.”*

house was established in 2012 as a venue network initiative to improve the range, quality and scale of theatre presented across the south east and east of England. Ten years on, that ambition is stronger than ever.

South-east England in particular has the highest concentration of small, medium and large towns of any region in the UK*. Although proximity to London influences many aspects of life, the region doesn't have a city championing its wider geographical community. With Covid-19 increasing the perception of local, and with the demise of the high street and a focus on place-making within almost all Local Authorities, house theatre continues its mission to work closely with venues in its network to support their towns and communities to celebrate their local identity and to experience high-quality cultural activity.

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SHOWS ON TOUR AUTUMN 2021

Filskit Theatre Company presents

Kaleidoscope



'The young audience watch completely transfixed' [Children's Theatre Reviews](#)

Kaleidoscope is a theatre piece for babies aged 6 - 18 months, inspired by research into how a baby's sense of sight develops and how they instinctively begin to categorise colour.

Touring from 25 September with the following dates supported by house:

Tuesday 05 October 2021	BEDFORD The Place
Wednesday 06 October 2021	BISHOP'S STORTFORD South Mill Arts
Tuesday 12 October 2021	CAMBERLEY Theatre
Monday 18 October 2021	BORDON Phoenix Arts
Tuesday 19 October 2021	GRAVESEND The Woodville
Friday 22 October 2021	READING South Street Arts
Sunday 24 October – Monday 25 October 2021	BURY ST EDMUNDS Theatre Royal
Sunday 14 November 2021	GILLINGHAM GlassBox Theatre
Friday 19 November 2021	FARNHAM Maltings



For the full tour schedule, please visit www.filskittheatre.com

More information on the [house website](#)

Production photos by Zoe Manders

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Red Fox Theatre presents

Catch of the Day



Ireland, 1966. Queen Elizabeth. Some nuns. One weird fish. *Catch of the Day* is a 'side-splittingly funny' (*The Irish Post* *****) mash-up of live music, comedy and theatre that retells an unbelievable true story.

Bring your mates, your mammy, grab a pint, and get ready for one craic-ing night out.

Megan Jenkins of Red Fox Theatre said, 'Red Fox Theatre are honoured to be presenting *Catch of the Day* alongside an organisation as respected and prestigious as house. We can't thank them enough for their constant support, encouragement and enthusiasm.'

Touring from 01 October 2021 with the following dates presented by house:

Friday 01 October 2021	PETERSFIELD: Bedales, Olivier Theatre
Saturday 02 October 2021	OXFORD: Arts at the Old Fire Station
Wednesday 06 October 2021	CHIPPING NORTON: The Theatre
Thursday 07 October 2021	FARNHAM: Maltings
Friday 08 October 2021	BORDON: The Cube
Saturday 09 October 2021	NEW MILTON: Ashcroft Arts Centre
Wednesday 13 October 2021	NORWICH: Garage
Thursday 14 October 2021	WELLS NEXT THE SEA: The Maltings
Friday 15 October 2021	MAIDENHEAD: Norden Farm
Saturday 16 October 2021	GRAVESEND: St Andrew's Arts Centre
Wednesday 20 October 2021	CRAWLEY: The Hawth
Thursday 21 October 2021	GILLINGHAM: GlassBox Theatre
Friday 22 October 2021 – Saturday 23 October 2021	CANTERBURY: The Gulbenkian
Thursday 28 October 2021	ISLE OF WIGHT: Ventnor Exchange
Saturday 30 October 2021	WORTHING: Theatres



For the full tour schedule, please visit www.redfoxtheatre.co.uk

More information on the [house website](#)

Production photos by Jack McGuire

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Emma Blackman Productions presents

Bobby & Amy

an award-winning dark comedy about foot-and-mouth disease by double Fringe First Award winner, Emily Jenkins.



It's the late nineties. Take That, Tamagotchis and Pog Swaps. When 13-year-old Bobby and Amy meet, cows dot across the fields and the sun always shines. But when the cows begin to burn, their sleepy Cotswold home is changed forever. Top Pick of the Edinburgh Fringe 2018 by *The Stage*, *The Times* and *WhatsOnStage*.

Producer Emma Blackman said, 'We're delighted to be partnering with house theatre, and are extremely excited to be touring *Bobby & Amy* to wonderful venues and their audiences. 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the outbreak

of foot-and-mouth disease. Although densely populated, more than 80% of the south-east region is classified as rural. We look forward to sharing this award-winning coming-of-age story celebrating British agriculture, small rural communities and the huge amount they contribute to the UK and the wider world.'

Touring from 02 November 2021 with the following dates presented by house:

Tuesday 02 November 2021 – Wednesday 03 November 2021	OXFORD: The North Wall
Thursday 04 November 2021	READING: South Street Arts
Friday 05 November 2021	BORDON: Phoenix Arts
Saturday 06 November 2021	GILLINGHAM: Glassbox Theatre
Tuesday 09 November 2021	BEDFORD: Quarry Theatre
Wednesday 10 November 2021	NORWICH: The Garage
Thursday 11 November 2021	LOWESTOFT: The Seagull
Friday 12 November 2021	LONDON: artsdepot
Saturday 13 November 2021	HARLOW: Playhouse
Tuesday 16 November 2021	ISLE OF WIGHT: Ventnor Exchange
Thursday 18 November 2021	TONBRIDGE: E.M. Forster Theatre
Friday 19 November 2021	FOLKESTONE: Quarterhouse
Saturday 20 November 2021	FARNHAM: Maltings
Tuesday 23 November 2021	GRAVESEND: The Woodville
Wednesday 24 November 2021	COLCHESTER: Arts Centre
Friday 26 November 2021	WELLS NEXT THE SEA: The Maltings



For the full tour schedule, visit www.bobbyandamy.co.uk

More information on the [house website](#)

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Spiltmilk Dance presents

Desert Island Flicks



Two leading ladies, one mashed-up movie marathon!

A blockbuster, adventure and romcom rolled into one, *Desert Island Flicks* sees two leading ladies reimagine, remake and spoof the most memorable movie moments of all time, taking on all the lead roles, stunts, and special effects!

Sarah Boulter of Spiltmilk Dance says, 'After more than a year away from the joyful buzz of live theatre we are beyond excited to be working with house theatre to bring our show to brand new audiences across the south east. We promise a host of timeless characters, thrilling plot twists and lots and lots of popcorn!'

Touring from 09 November 2021 with the following dates presented by house:

Tuesday 09 November 2021	READING: South Street Arts
Wednesday 10 November 2021	ISLE OF WIGHT: Ventnor Exchange
Thursday 11 November 2021	EASTLEIGH: The Point
Wednesday 24 November 2021	BORDON: Phoenix Arts
Thursday 25 November 2021	WEYMOUTH: The Bay Theatre
Friday 26 November 2021	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD: Old Town Hall Arts Centre



For the full tour schedule, please visit: www.spiltmilkdance.co.uk

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Frozen Light present

2065: The Multi-Sensory Movie



Frozen Light premiere their first digital production *2065: The Multi-Sensory Movie*, an innovative and engaging digital experience designed to bring theatre to the homes of those with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD). The movie will be accompanied by a box of sensory props, allowing audiences to explore the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures of the world of 2065 while watching the film.

2065: The Multi-Sensory Movie, which was filmed in person after its tour was postponed due to Covid-19, follows a group of rebels living in a country run by an oppressive regime. The rebels exist in the shadows, keeping music alive in their hidden Nest with the belief that one day things will change, if they just keep imagining. Audiences will be directed by Frozen Light's 'archivist-rebel in residence' who will signal when to use the 'Rebel Pack' of props to explore certain sensory moments throughout the film.

Tickets for the film and sensory boxes by post are available from:

BRIGHTON: Dome
OXFORD: Arts at the Old Firestation
with more to be confirmed

FROZEN LIGHT

For the full tour schedule, please visit: www.frozenlighttheatre.com

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about house theatre

house supports arts venues by improving the range, quality and scale of theatre presented across South East and East England and exists to build the audience for contemporary theatre across the region. It does this by supporting venues and artists to develop audiences and by helping to create a long-term infrastructure for touring. house is delivered by Farnham Maltings, and supported by Arts Council England. www.housetheatre.org.uk

Previous season highlights include

Square Go by Kieran Hurley and Gary McNair (presented with Francesca Moody Productions)

Duckie by Le Gateau Chocolat (presented with The Sick of the Fringe)

Evening with an Immigrant by Inua Ellams (presented with Fuel)

Jess and Joe Forever by Zoe Cooper (presented with the Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond)

Backstage in Biscuitland by Touretteshero (supported by Unlimited, Graeae and BAC)

Harrogate by Evening Standard award-winning Al Smith (presented with High Tide)

OFFIES Award-winner *JOAN* by Lucy J Skilbeck (presented with Milk Presents)

Farnham Maltings also delivers caravan and tour-finder.org, and produces Akin Theatre, Bert & Nasi, Bucket Club, Little Bulb and Victoria Melody.

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