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In its 10th anniversary year, house theatre announces its support for two brilliant contemporary theatre productions to tour to 17 arts venues in south-east and east England during summer 2022



A Midsummer Night's Dream

presented by Scoot Theatre
touring from 16 July 2022

Catch That Beast!

presented by Bucket Club
touring from 26 July 2022

house theatre will present 2 new productions in its summer 2022 touring season aimed at taking theatre to new audiences and performance spaces. The two shows will take place in outdoor settings in towns throughout the south east and will aim to introduce younger and family audiences to Shakespearean and contemporary adventure theatre.

A Midsummer Night's Dream by Scoot Theatre will tour their fun, family-friendly 60-minute adaptation of Shakespeare to Cricket clubs around the South East, working in collaboration with local venues.

Catch That Beast! by Bucket Club, is a new family-friendly show made for outdoor spaces with original live music, offbeat humour and inventive puppetry taking you on an adventure to capture mythical beasts.

Gavin Stride, director of Farnham Maltings which delivers the house initiative, said,

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“house strives to bring the best new theatre from some of the country’s best companies to new audiences across the South East. Through these 2 fantastic productions we have challenged venues to explore taking performance to new places in their towns to better interact with audiences who wouldn’t normally consider attending theatre in the usual spaces.

This has already helped venue programmers start new conversations with sport clubs and public authorities who haven’t previously seen their space as a venue for theatre. We hope these shows in new spaces will attract new and returning audiences and make them hungry to see what else is happening in their local venue throughout the rest of the year.”

house at 10

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. It did that by convening a network of more than 170 venues in the region and as house celebrates its 10th anniversary, the ambition and network are stronger than ever. So far, more than 112 productions have toured through house reaching a combined audience of over 86,000. In addition, house has provided training and networking events, continuing online through lockdowns, as well as opportunities for aspiring artists and young people looking for employment in the arts.

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 to support their towns and communities to celebrate their local identity and to experience high-quality cultural activity.

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Notes to Editors

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SHOWS ON TOUR SUMMER 2022

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Scout Theatre and house present

A Midsummer Night's Dream



'I Loved It' [The Telegraph](#)

"The course of true love never did run smooth..."

Hermia loves Lysander. Lysander loves Hermia. But Demetrius loves Hermia. And Helena loves Demetrius. They all run away into the woods where the mischievous fairy Puck has plenty of tricks in store for them! Meanwhile, the local cricket team is getting together to rehearse a play...

Join Scout for their outdoor, sixty-minute, family-friendly production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Touring cricket clubs in the South East, six actor-musicians present one of Shakespeare's favourite comedies, with a Scout 'spin'. Get ready for confusion, chaos and costume changes! Expect music, magic, and cricket bat sword fights!

About Scout Theatre

Scout Theatre bring exciting, family-friendly theatre to unexpected spaces. They are an intentionally broad church in terms of output, proudly offering a variety of work. They have an outward-looking, community-based focus and are passionate about engaging new audiences.

Touring from 16 July 2022, presented by house:

Sat 16 July	DORKING at Plays in the Park (via Dorking Halls)
Sunday 17 July	NEWPORT (ISLE OF WIGHT) at Newclose County Cricket Ground (via Quay Arts)
Wednesday 20 July	BICESTER at Bicester & North Oxford Cricket Club (via The Mill Arts Centre)
Saturday 23 July	HENLEY at Henley Rugby Club (via Kenton Theatre)
Sunday 24 July	BURY ST EDMUNDS at Bury St Edmunds Cricket Ground (via Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds)
Thursday 28 July	FARNHAM at Farnham Cricket Club (via Farnham Maltings)
Friday 29 July	WALTON-ON-THAMES at Walton-on-Thames Cricket Club (via The Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre)
Sunday 31 July	BORDON at Headley Cricket Club (via Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre)



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

More information on the [house website](#)

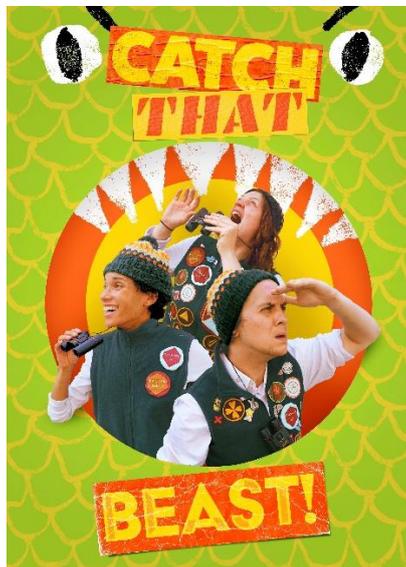
Production photos by Toby Lockerbie

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Bucket Club and house present
Catch That Beast!



The Royal Society of Beastologists are a group with one mission: to track down mythical beasts. They can't wait to come to your town, meet their new members and capture the Horrid Beast of your town. They've heard it's been causing all sorts of nuisance.

But Jessy, the youngest Beastologist, has her doubts about beast hunting. What if beasts don't want to be found? When Jessy is left behind at camp, an encounter with the Beast could help her transform the ways of the Beastologists for good...

Catch That Beast! is a magical, deliciously silly show about how we interact with wild things and how the youngest among us might bring about change. Full of humour, live music, inventive puppetry and audience participation. Made for young audiences of 5-11.

About Bucket Club

Bucket Club make adventurous theatre for audiences of all ages. Their work is playful, experimental and collaborative, placing its audience at its core. It's often very funny, it's usually very beautiful and it always involves live music and sound design.

Touring from 26 July 2022, presented by house:

Tue 26 – Wed 27 July	VENTNOR at Ventnor Fringe (via Ventnor Exchange)
Friday 29 July	HENLEY ON THAMES at Mill Meadow (via Kenton Theatre)
Saturday 30 July	MAIDENHEAD at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts
Sun 31 July – Mon 1 August	BEDFORD at The Place Bedford
Tue 2 & Thu 4 August	DISS at The Corn Hall
Fri 5 – Sat 6 August	GREENWICH at Greenwich Theatre
Sunday 7 August	WALTON ON THAMES at The Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre
Wednesday 10 August	GRAVESEND Fort Gardens (via the Woodville Theatre)
Thursday 11 August	CAMBERLEY Theatre In The Park (via Camberley Theatre)



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

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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

Here's What She Said To Me by Oladipo Agboluaje (presented with Utopia Theatre)

The Beautiful Game (presented with Next Door Dance)

Catch of the Day (presented with Red Fox Theatre)

Bobby & Amy by Emily Jenkins (presented with Emma Blackman Productions)

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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