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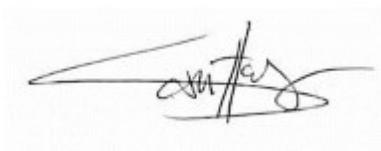
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View from NST City

Welcome to this month's NST News!

There are just a couple of days left until the New Year, and with it many exciting developments for our theatre! Read on to find out how you can make history with NST and join the opening campaign for our brand new venue, Nuffield Southampton Theatres City (NST City). I am also delighted to announce the casting for the inaugural production at NST City, the world premiere of Howard Brenton's *The Shadow Factory* in this month's enews, and share some exclusive interviews with the creative team behind *SS Mendi Dancing the Death Drill*. Plus, more of what's on in January 2018, including some of the biggest and best acts on today's comedy circuit.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!





New Year 2018 is upon us and we couldn't be more excited about the year-ahead! A brand new season of exceptional stories, the introduction of film, music and circus and, of course, the opening of our second venue in Southampton city centre, NST City - 2018 is going to be a pivotal year in the history of NST, and you can be a part of it!

As part of our campaign to reach as many people in Southampton as we can with our opening news, we are asking the people of Southampton - that's YOU! - to come together in the same way our city did at a time of great need during the bombing raids of the Battle of Britain to build the Spitfire, as told in *The Shadow Factory* - the inaugural production at NST City - and share the message #SouthamptonCanDolt on social media.

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Casting Announced for the World Premiere of Howard Brenton's *The Shadow Factory*



We are delighted to announce the casting for the inaugural production at NST City, the world premiere of Howard Brenton's *The Shadow Factory*, opening on 7 February 2018. The cast will include Lorna Fitzgerald (Abi Branning, BBC Eastenders), who makes her stage debut. Visit our website to learn more!

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Behind the Scenes: SS Mendi Dancing the Death Drill in Rehearsals



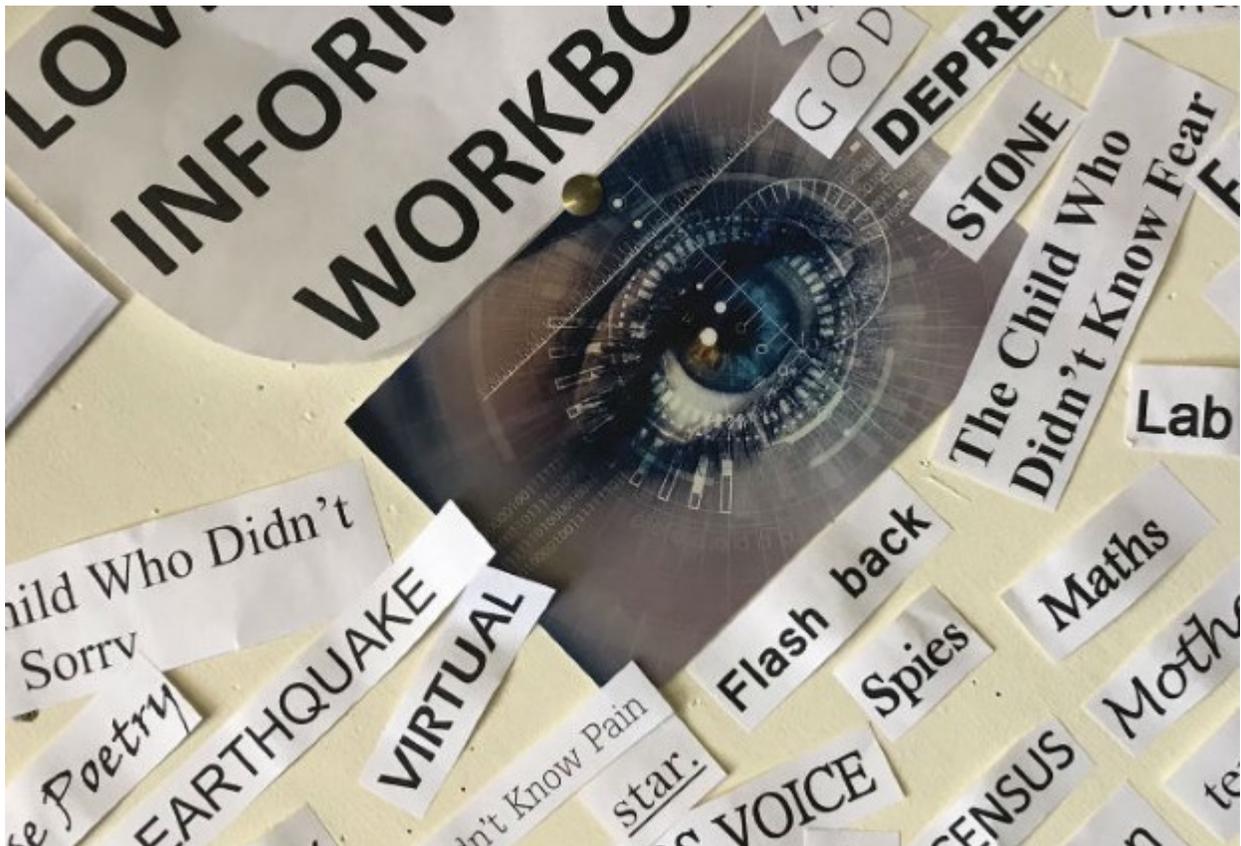


Rehearsals have started for *SS Mendi: Dancing the Death Drill*, coming to NST City on 29 June-14 July 2018. Dubbed the 'Black Titanic', the sinking of SS Mendi was one of the worst maritime disasters in the 20th Southampton waters, yet a startling story of hope and courage emerged.

Don't miss this extraordinary story, brought to life with live music by the critically acclaimed Cape Town-based Isango Ensemble and part of 14-18 NOW, the UK's Arts Programme for the First World War Centenary.

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Love and Information



With less than a month until *Love and Information* opens in NST City Studio, the cast and creatives involved with the show have been powering through the last rehearsals of term to piece together a collection of fantastic work by our Youth Theatre.

Olivia Dodson, NST Youth Theatre Apprentice and Co-director of *Love and Information*, reveals: “The set is being build, costumes sourced and music created. I cannot wait to get the cast into our new building and rehearsal space.”

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Beat the New Year Blues with a Brand New Season of Comedy

Shappi Khorsandi: Mistress and Misfit
27 Jan



'Seriously funny and surprisingly filthy'
The New Statesman

'Makes live comedy thrilling'
London Evening Standard

Shappi Khorsandi presents England's unsung heroine Emma Hamilton. Once just 'Nelson's mistress', Emma moved mountains to haul herself from 'scullery maid' to 'Lady Hamilton'. Yes, she occasionally danced on tables naked to get ahead in life, but who hasn't?

As a fellow naked dancer on tables, Shappi is inspired by Emma, although she never wants hair big enough to house mice in. Don't miss Shappi's brand new sell out show *Mistress and Misfit* at NST Campus for one night only. Featuring her razor sharp wit and devilish charm.

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John Robins: The Darkness of Robins 25 Mar

Double Chortle award-winning comedian John returns reflecting on love, loss and lamenting the fact he can't break up with himself.

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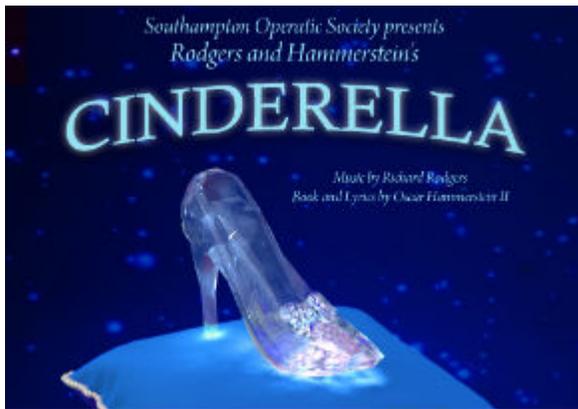


Robin Ince: Pragmatic Insanity 2 Jun

Robin's brand new stand up show is a clash of two cultures: a joyous romp through his favourite artists and strangest scientific ideas.

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Coming Up: Amateur Groups at NST Campus



Cinderella 16 - 20 Jan

Southampton Operatic Society returns to NST Campus with a musical version of Rodgers & Hammerstein's much-loved tale *Cinderella*, with stand out songs *The Prince is Giving a Ball*, *Cinderella's In My Own Little Corner* and the hilarious *Stepsisters' Lament*.

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Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency 30 Jan - 3 Feb

Sup Theatre Company presents a sparkling new comedy about the fundamental interconnectedness of all things involving a mysterious murder, ghosts, pizza, aliens and an impossible sofa, based on the bestselling book by **Douglas Adams**.

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ELSEWHERE...

Nutcracker Trail at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard Until 8 Jan



Visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard before 8 January and come face to face with 12 magnificent nutcracker statues guarding 800-years of navy heritage. These stunning figures represent the dockyard's 12-days of navy Christmas and have been interpreted and painted by leading 3D artists, **Wild in Art**. Pick up a handy Nutcrackers on Parade map from the Visitor Centre and learn more about the inspiration behind these decorative statues. Book online to receive a 20% discount.

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