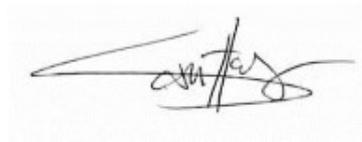


Welcome to this month's NST news!

Welcome to the new readers among you following the opening of our brand new theatre venue in Southampton city centre, NST City, this month, so thank you for signing up to hear all about the goings on behind the scenes at NST. You have joined us at a very exciting time in NST history!

In this issue, we look back on our opening weekend, which featured live music, dance performances, fireworks and more. We also announce the full casting for the second production in the inaugural season at NST City, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and go into the rehearsal room for *Dungeness*. Plus, the party continues back at NST Campus with the brand-new, award-winning musical *Teddy* and **Gecko's** spectacular new creation *The Wedding*.



NST City opens with a bang!



We officially opened our brand new city centre theatre, NST City, on 16 February with a special

event in Guildhall Square featuring live music, a performance created by our resident dance theatre company **ZoieLogic Dance Theatre** and fireworks!

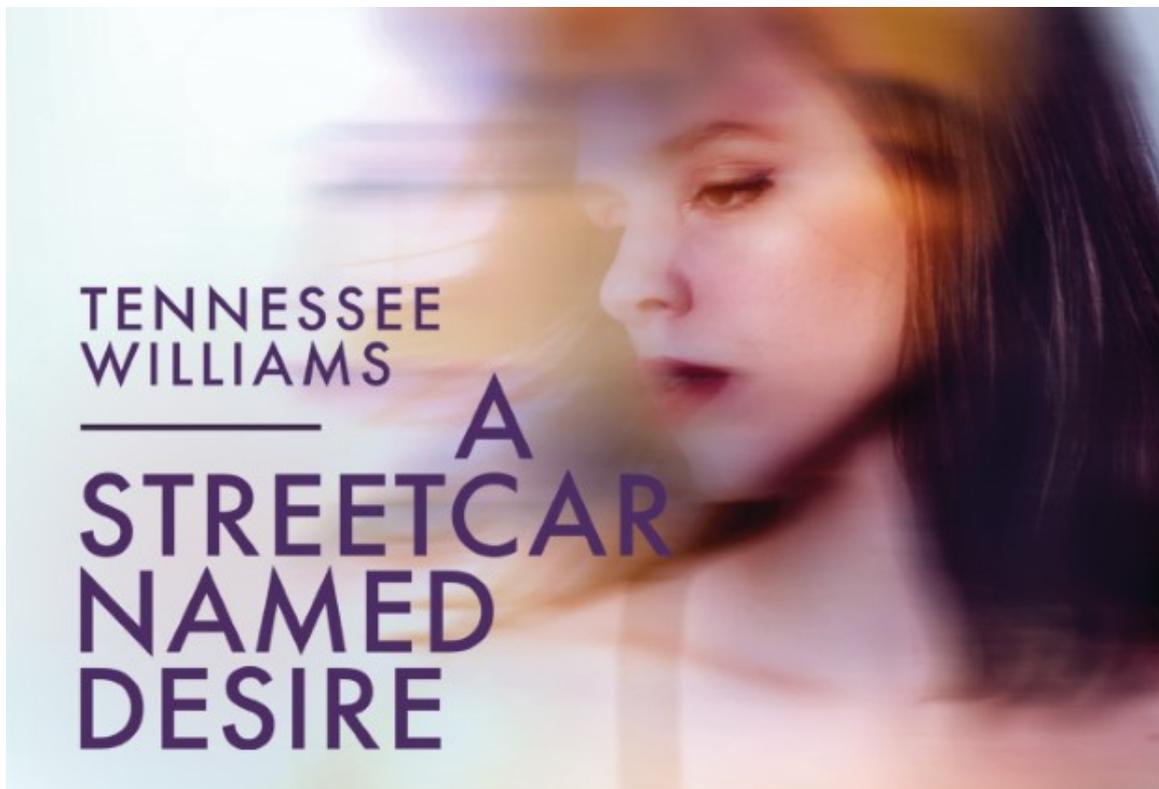
Opening celebrations continued on 17 February, with a full day of free activities, performances, workshops and backstage tours inside NST City. Plus, food and drink provided by our restaurant partner Tyrrells.

More than 8000 people joined us to celebrate! A massive thank you from all of the staff and volunteers here at NST to those of you who came along, contributed and celebrated with us across our opening weekend.

Sam Hodges, Director at NST, said: **"The opening of NST City was a huge success, completely down to the hard work of the entire NST team, who even spent the night before setting up and testing the lighting rigs for the opening dance piece.**

"Zoie Golding's choreography, involving 150 dancers from the community, celebrated Southampton's history as a city of making and manufacturing, which was a poignant way to kick off a new era of cultural ambition for the city. And seeing thousands of excited Sotonians stream towards our open doors was a memory I'll cherish for a long time."

Casting announced for *A Streetcar Named Desire* At NST City 23 Mar-6 Jun



We're delighted to announce the casting for our co-production with Theatr Clywd and English Touring Theatre of **Tennessee Williams'** masterpiece *A Streetcar Named Desire*, opening at NST City on 23-31 March.

Chelsea Walker will direct **Nicole Agada** (Magician/Nurse), **Will Bliss** (Steve), **Dexter Flanders** (Mitch), **Kelly Gough** (Blanche), **Amber James** (Stella), **Patrick Knowles** (Stanley), **Maris Louis** (Eunice) and **Joe Manjón** (Pablo) in this bold new revival of Tennessee Williams' timeless classic exploring what it means to be an outsider in a society where we are all desperate to belong.

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Rehearsals underway for *Dungeness* At NST City 5-7 Apr





Our acclaimed and dynamic NST Youth Theatre has started rehearsals for its next production *Dungeness*, coming to NST City on 5-7 April as part of National Theatre Connections.

Dungeness is an extraordinary piece of new writing about love, commemoration and protest. If you're invisible, does your voice still count? What would stand up and fight for? Will you be heard? And, most importantly, how do you take to the streets and protest if you're not ready to tell the world who you are?

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Back at NST Campus...



Teddy **26 Feb-3 Mar**

Don't miss this brand new, award-winning, fun, punchy and poignant homage to teenage



The Wedding **6-9 Mar**

We are all married, bound by contract. Following their sell-out tour of *Institute*, **Gecko**

rebellion and the birth of a new musical era, featuring some of the biggest hits from the 1950s performed live on stage by **Johnny Valentine and the Broken Hearts**.

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returns with its latest creation, combining movement, imagery and provocative narratives to call these contracts into question.

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Save the date! Art at the Heart Access Forum

28 Mar

We are proud to be hosting the second Art at the Heart Access Forum at NST City on 28 March. We'd love you to join us in NST City's Rehearsal Room from 11am to hear from other organisations in Southampton about how access plays a big part in our local cultural venues.



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Elsewhere...

8 Minutes

At The Point, Eastleigh on 14 Mar

It takes just eight minutes for sunlight to travel 93 million miles to earth. In this unique collaboration with scientists from STFC RAL Space, choreographer Alexander Whitley takes inspiration from solar science research and its stunning imagery to take the audience on a journey through the universe, revealing the drama of the burning ball of plasma that illuminates our planet and exploring the numerous ways in which we relate to our home star.



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Nina Hamnet Queen of Bohemia – One Woman Show **At Southampton City Art Gallery on 31 Mar**

NINA, Queen of Bohemia brings theatre to the Gallery in this exciting one woman show by actor and playwright Vanessa Rosenthal. Who was Nina? How old was she when she painted the gallery's wonderful portrait of Horace Brodsky? Once feted but then overlooked Nina, from her favourite watering hole in the Fitzrovia Tavern, tells all in her own raunchy way. Survivor, tragic figure or life force?



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