

## Welcome to this month's NST News

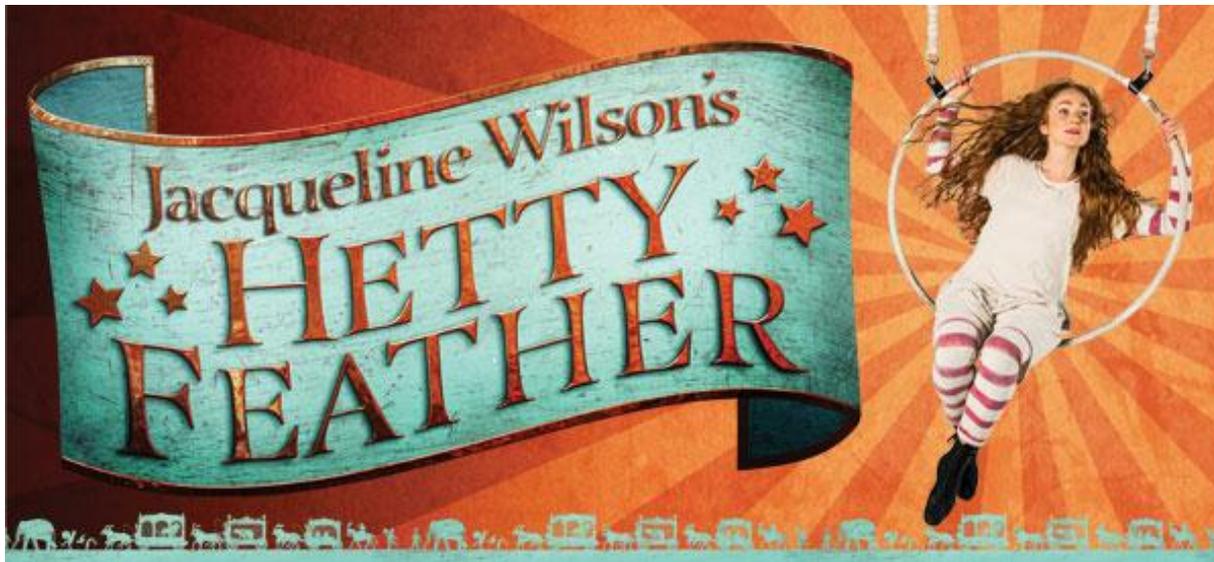
The sun is out but at NST we are busy getting ready for the autumn when we welcome the West End hit and Olivier nominated *Hetty Feather* as our family show this Christmas. We also have more news about NST City and our shows for this month, the fabulous fun *Miss Meena and the Masala Queens*, new studio writing piece *And Here I Am* and for under 5's the beautiful *Ssh...Bang!*



Sam Hodges  
Director

**Hetty Feather: 21 November 2017 - 7 January 2018**

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Direct from a West End sell out run, Jacqueline Wilson's *Hetty Feather* is coming to NST this Christmas! Be excited and delighted by this unmissable adventure story featuring beautiful storytelling, spectacular, daring circus skills, original songs and live music.



“AN UTTERLY MAGNIFICENT SHOW”

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Evening Standard



**“INGENIOUS. HETTY FEATHER GIVES MATILDA A RUN FOR ITS MONEY”**

Daily Telegraph



**“AMUSING, GRIPPING, SPECTACULAR”**

The Times



**“SPELL-BINDING”**

Daily Mail



**“IMMENSELY ENTERTAINING.**

**THIS IS STONKING GOOD THEATRE IN ITS PUREST FORM”**

Daily Express



**“SPECTACULARLY DELIVERS”**

Independent

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## Studio 144 Update: Walking the Grid



Earlier this month, some of the team visited NST City, the transformation is really exciting. The main auditorium looks enormous, we stood on the stage, then headed up to the top balcony and onto the grid system high above the auditorium. This was a little daunting for some members of the team! However our Head of Production, Andrew Quick, felt right at home.

[Find out more](#)

Miss Meena and the Masala Queens: 6 - 10 June

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*Miss Meena and the Masala Queens*, a fabulous fun new play about Asian drag queens, will be coming to NST next month. The perfect night out during the week of the General Election, *Miss Meena and the Masala Queens* features dazzling saris and Bollywood lip-sync dance numbers, with a heartwarming story at its core.

Take a look behind the scenes as Actor Harvey Dhadda transforms himself from Asian male to stunning drag queen Preetho.

Watch the video:

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And Here I Am: 30 June - 1 July

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*And Here I Am* is a brand new theatrical production, presented in our studio

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theatre, created by the team behind the critically acclaimed 2016 tour of *Queens of Syria*.

Based on Ahmed Tobasi's personal coming of age story, *And Here I Am* is an epic voyage of identity and self-discovery combining fact and fantasy, tragedy and comedy.

This deeply personal and political tale transports audiences to the heart of the hardships, struggles and contradictions of a young Palestinian man growing up under occupation and his pursuit for the true meaning of freedom.

**Age recommendation: 14+**

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**Shh...Bang!: 12 June**

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*Two characters set out on a journey through a world filled with Boings, Whooshes, Tick-Tocks and Cacophony! Their journey is punctuated by silence, and as they are wrapped up in stillness, they learn to listen to that silence.*

The research and development for the show was in collaboration with Great Ormond Street Hospital and the Institute of Acoustics and Vibrations at Southampton University.

*Shh...Bang!* is a delicate dance theatre performance suitable for children age 3+

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## Development Update: College Chambers

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We are thrilled to announce [College Chambers Barristers](#) as the new sponsor of our Green Room Business Club.

They will be supporting our programme of special events and workshops for local companies. If you'd like to find out more, please email [claire.alderton@nstheatres.co.uk](mailto:claire.alderton@nstheatres.co.uk)

## The Pajama Game: 21 - 24 June

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Presented by Southampton Operatic Society

*The Pajama Game* is a romantic comedy with a touching story, spectacular dance sequences, a parade of interesting characters and an exuberant score.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with JOSEF WEINBERGER LTD on behalf of MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL of NEW YORK.

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Elsewhere...

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Worthing Theatres

*Tipping Point*, winner of the Total Theatre & Jacksons Lane Circus Award at Edinburgh Festival 2016 will be at Worthing Theatres on 28 - 29 July.

Don't miss this exhilarating show!

*"A terrific show"*  
The Guardian

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