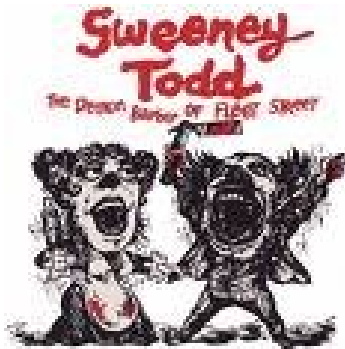


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Newsletter

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Sweeney Todd

Rehearsals are firmly underway for our next offering, Sweeney Todd, and tickets are selling fast following the recent box office smash hit film starring Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Alan Rickman, Timothy Spall and Sacha Baron Cohen. This black comedy concerns the homicidal career of Sweeney, falsely imprisoned by a Judge who covets his wife. Cheated of his revenge against the Judge, Sweeney - with the aid of his razor - exacts a far more terrible revenge cheerfully helped by Mrs. Lovett who is delighted to give new life to her flavourless meat pies!

With a cast comprising some great local talent, including Richard Lloyd (Sweeney Todd), Marie Carter (Mrs Lovett), Bruce Sturrock (Pirelli), Kara Bayer (Johanna), Caroline Bright (Beggar Woman), Luke Bayer (Tobias), Ben Tomlinson (Anthony), Simon Monte (Judge Turpin) and Adam Folkard (Beadle), backed by a production team of Royston Bayfield (Director) and Tom Kyle (Musical Director), Sweeney Todd is set to be a fantastic performance not to be missed.

Tickets are already on sale and, as usual with Stampede shows, you need to catch them before they sell out!!

Book now at boxoffice@stampedetheatre.co.uk, on 0113 2029524, or call into Dance Attitude, 2 High Street, Yeadon.

Latest News

Rent

Stampede Theatre Company is proud to announce that we have obtained the rights to perform the massive Broadway hit musical, Rent.



Rent, Jonathan Larson's exuberant East Village rock version of Puccini's opera La Bohème, won Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical and Best Score of a Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Larson's stirring and life-affirming score captures the heart and spirit of a generation of struggling artists, addicts, and impoverished young people living in the shadow of AIDS, battling the coming wave of gentrification. A time capsule of a world where hope crawls out of dark despair, these Bohemians find the salvation of love within each other and prove there can be a better world where art thrives, and everything good is free.

On 7th September 2008 in the Nederlander Theatre, New York, Rent closed after 5,124 performances, making it the seventh longest running show in Broadway history.

This fantastic musical will be performed at Yeadon Town Hall in February 2010 with a production team of Andy Lunn – Director, Dave Collins – Musical Director, Donna Woodman – Choreographer.

Auditions for Rent are expected to take place early – mid 2009. To register an interest in auditioning, please contact our secretary at lisa@stampedetheatre.co.uk or by telephone on 07947 535536.



Audition dates

As we announced in our last newsletter, West Side Story is being performed from 8th – 11th July 2009.

Auditions for principals and ensemble will be held at Yeadon Town Hall on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th January 2009.

To register your interest in auditioning and to obtain audition parts, please contact our secretary at lisa@stampedetheatre.co.uk or by telephone on 07947 535536.

Help required!

As Sweeney Todd gets ever nearer, we once again put the call out to anyone who thinks they might be able to lend a hand in whatever capacity they can. In particular, we are looking for Front of House staff to assist on show nights. It requires no expertise, and you will be shown the ropes by our 'regular staff' and Front of House manager, Gerry Wittington.

If you feel that you would like to be involved in **Stampede Theatre Company** off-stage, and can make yourself available during show week, please contact us at info@stampedetheatre.co.uk or contact us on 0113 2029524.

Show reviews

Do you want to see what people really think about our shows?

The Wharfedale and Airedale Observer review each show, and publish this in their weekly newspaper and on their website.



To read the review of our last production of Back To The 80's, follow this link http://www.wharfedaleobserver.co.uk/news/2427981_a_rocking_back_to_the_80s/.

You can view the reviews of our previous productions on our Facebook fan page.

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You can keep up to date with **Stampede Theatre Company** in a number of ways, but our latest offering is a fan page on Facebook. Follow this link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Stampede-Theatre-Company/38726502256?ref=ts> and add the page to your favourites. Here you can read official reviews of our previous shows and find out what's coming up in the future. Go and check it out today, and tell all your friends and family to do the same!

4th Annual Ball - 2009

Stampede's 4th annual ball & awards night is to take place on Saturday 5th September 2009.

We have brought it forward as it has become apparent that several of you were unable to attend this year's event due to being away at university, etc.

Although it is only at the planning stage at this time, we thought it would be useful for you to have the date in your diary in plenty of time. Several local venues are being looked into at the moment, and we will announce further details once they are finalised.

The ball is expected to be of the usual format and dress code, but please feel free to contact our Social Crew on julie@stampedetheatre.co.uk if you have any suggestions or ideas which you think may make the night even better than it usually is!

Rehearsal refreshments

We are searching for volunteers to attend rehearsals for half an hour or so to provide refreshments for the cast & crew. Tea & coffee will be provided by the company, and all the facilities are available at our rehearsal venues. Please contact Julie at julie@stampedetheatre.co.uk or on 07921 997148 if you can assist us in any way.

NODA Summer School 2009

The NODA Summer School for 2009 runs from 1st – 8th August, at Loughborough University. Bursaries are available to assist with the cost of the course. Visit www.noda.org.uk for more details or contact your Regional Representative, Leslie Appleyard, at leslieappleyard@nodane.org.uk or on 01943 877347.