

THE  
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Studio Theatre

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OCTOBER 2019 - JUNE 2020

# WELCOME

Tip Top Productions is a community theatre company based in the heart of Chester City Centre. Established in 1989 and having presented around 200 productions since then, Tip Top have kept theatre very much alive in Chester even when a professional theatre didn't exist.

From pantos, musicals and comedies to classic dramas and new writing, Tip Top boasts a programme that has something for everyone. Our audiences keep coming back and I am very proud of our standards and reputation for delivering such a high quality of theatre in Chester.

But coming to see a show isn't the only thing we have to offer. As a volunteer run community space, our dedicated members are an essential part of the day to day operation of our theatre. Our doors are always open for people to get involved both on and off stage. The experience can be extremely rewarding and we welcome new members with open arms. We firmly believe that at the heart of every town or city is a community theatre and at the heart of every theatre is a community making it happen.

Follow us on social media or check out our website to be kept up to date with our latest productions and ways in which you can become a part of the Tip Top team. We hope you enjoy our season and very much look forward to welcoming you.

*Brian Fray*

Brian Fray  
Chairman



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Tip Top Musicals Ltd trading as Tip Top Productions and The Forum Studio Theatre is a limited charity registered in England and Wales.

Company Registration Number 09870347 & Charity Number 1165991

# THE BEST OF TIMES



## Celebrating 30 years of Tip Top Productions

'The Best of Times' is a musical reflection of some of the highlights from our numerous musical productions since 'Showtime' our first production in 1989. Performed by many Tip Top soloists and including many songs that will invite the audience to sing along, join us for a night of Tip Top musical nostalgia.

DATES 24/10/19 - 26/10/19

TIMES 19:30 plus 14:30 Saturday matinee

Tickets From £7

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# SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS



"Mirror Mirror on the wall"  
Tip Top's Panto is the best of them all.

Join Snow White and her seven little friends in this story of magical twists, fun, and adventure. This laugh a minute production of the timeless tale is guaranteed great fun for all the family. There's surprises in store for you at every performance plus, of course, the old jokes...and maybe a new one here and there!

Tickets From £7 during previews, and  
from £11 for all other performances.

Further discounts for groups of 10+.

Special term-time schools' performances also on  
sale



# PANTO PERFORMANCES

Friday 29/11/2019 7.00pm

Saturday 30/11/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Sunday 01/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Wednesday 04/12/2019 7.00pm

Friday 06/12/2019 7.00pm

Saturday 07/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Sunday 08/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Wednesday 11/12/2019 7.00pm

Friday 13/12/2019 7.00pm

Saturday 14/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Sunday 15/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Wednesday 18/12/2019 7.00pm

Friday 20/12/2019 7.00pm

Saturday 21/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Sunday 22/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Monday 23/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Tuesday 24/12/2019 12 Noon & 4.00pm

Thursday 26/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Friday 27/12/2019 1.00pm & 7.00pm

Saturday 28/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Sunday 29/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Monday 30/12/2019 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Thursday 02/01/2020 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Friday 03/01/2020 1.00pm & 7.00pm

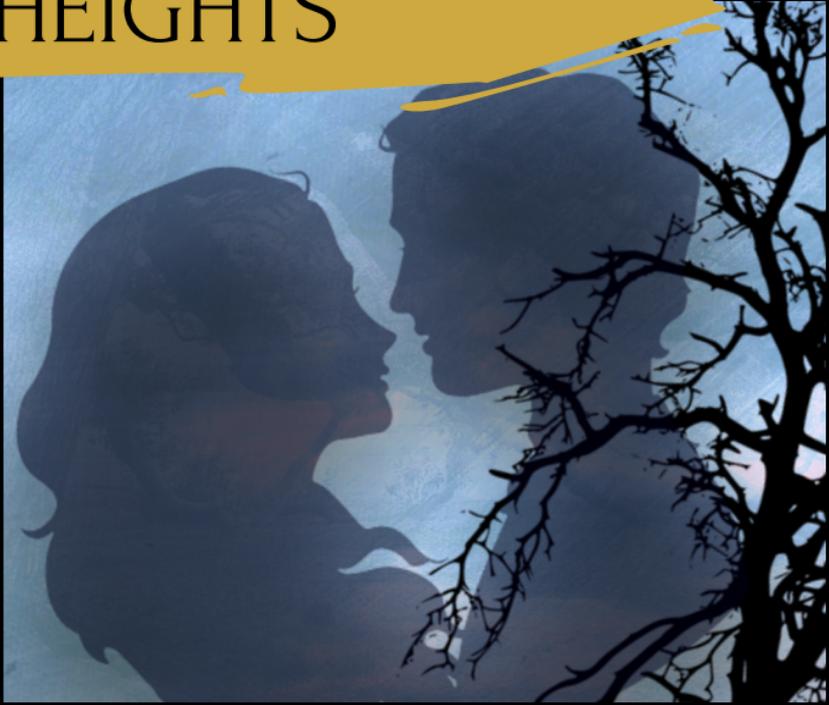
Saturday 04/01/2020 1.00pm & 5.00pm

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# WUTHERING HEIGHTS



## Emily Brontë's Classic

It was a brave man who would cross the Devon moorlands in darkness. The saga of two Yorkshire families in the remote Pennine Hills, and the doomed relationship of Heathcliff and Cathy Earnshaw is brilliantly brought to life in Jane Thornton's new stage adaptation of Emily Brontë's classic novel.

DATES 29/01/20 - 01/02/20

TIMES 19:30 plus 14:30 Saturday matinee

Tickets From £7

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Wuthering Heights, by Jane Thornton. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Limited



# 3 LITTLE PIGS



## February half-term fun!

From the team that brought you Roald Dahl's 'The Witches', 'The Twits' and 'The Boy Who Fell into a Book', Tip Top is proud to present this classic tale as you've never seen it before. Follow our Piggy friends as they discover what it takes to out-wit the wicked wolf and learn the value of being different and playing to your strengths. Recommended for ages 5 up to young teenagers and their families.

17/02/20 2pm

20/02/20 11am & 2pm

18/02/20 2pm

21/02/20 2pm & 5pm

19/02/20 11am & 2pm

22/02/20 2pm & 5pm

Tickets From £11

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# CHESHIRE CATS



## Theatr Clwyd

Comedy by Gail Young. Grown women, aching feet and heaving bosoms! Follow the "Cheshire Cats" team as they aim to speedwalk their way to fundraising success in the London Moonwalk. A girls' weekend away with a difference - trainers and decorated bras are in, high heels and designer labels out. But a last-minute substitute to the team doesn't seem to meet the physical criteria!

Supporting Nightingale House Hospice.

DATES 04/03/20 - 07/03/20

TIMES 19:45 plus 14:45 Saturday matinee

Tickets From £10

01352 344101

[theatrclwyd.co.uk](http://theatrclwyd.co.uk)

This amateur production of 'Cheshire Cats' is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd, a Concord Theatrical Company



# THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



"A trivial comedy for  
serious people"

The Importance of Being Earnest is not only Oscar Wilde's masterpiece but it is also one of the finest comedies ever written. A delicious soufflé of high comedy, unforgettable characters and razor-sharp wit masking a radical, irreverent satire exposing the myths of society. Featuring Simon Phillips as Lady Bracknell.

DATES 31/03/20 - 04/04/20

TIMES 19:30 plus 14:30 Saturday matinee

Tickets From £7

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This amateur production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd, a Concord Theatrical Company



BOOM BANG-A-BANG



## Bucks-fizz, Bang Bang, Euro95

For partners Lee and Michael, Eurovision means party night! But this year (1995) Michael isn't there and Lee must deal with it on his own. Some friends decamp to other parties and some just camp at Lee's party. And, do they know how to do camp! A blisteringly funny and heartbreakingly sad roller coaster of emotions by the author of Beautiful Thing, Gimme Gimme Gimme and Coronation Street, Jonathan Harvey.

DATES 22/04/20 - 25/04/20

TIMES 19:30 plus 14:30 Saturday matinee

Tickets From £7

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# JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT



## Theatr Clwyd

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat tells the story of Joseph and his “coat of many colours” with an unforgettable soundtrack including Any Dream Will Do, Go Go Go Joseph, and the iconic Close Every Door.

DATES 19/05/20 - 23/05/20

TIMES 19:30 plus 14:30 Saturday matinee

Tickets From £14

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[theatrclwyd.co.uk](http://theatrclwyd.co.uk)

An amateur production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group



# KEEPING UP APPEARANCES



## "Lady of the house speaking"

A staged adaptation of Roy Clarke's classic sit-com following the overbearing and snobbish social climber Hyacinth Bucket ("It's pronounced 'Bouquet'"). A production that will delight both fans of the show and those who have never seen an episode!

DATES 23/06/20 - 27/06/20

TIMES 19:30 plus 14:30 Saturday matinee

Tickets From £7

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An amateur production licensed by arrangement with The Agency, 24 Pottery Lane, Holland Park, London, W11 4LZ



# VISITING COMPANIES

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL  
THEATRETRAIN AT CHRISTMAS

Aged 13 - 18 pupils from  
Theatretrain's schools in  
Chester, Wrexham and  
Mold will perform a  
celebration of the  
musical events of 2019.  
A welcome to the start of  
the festive season.  
09/12/19 - 10/12/19 7pm.  
£10

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## DANCING IN THE WINGS



Suitcase Theatre presents  
a new piece based upon  
the writer's own struggles  
with infertility, stillbirth and  
miscarriage, Dancing in the  
Wings is an evocative,  
thought-provoking and  
beautiful play aiming to  
raise awareness of baby  
loss.

20/03/20 - 21/03/20  
7.45pm. £15

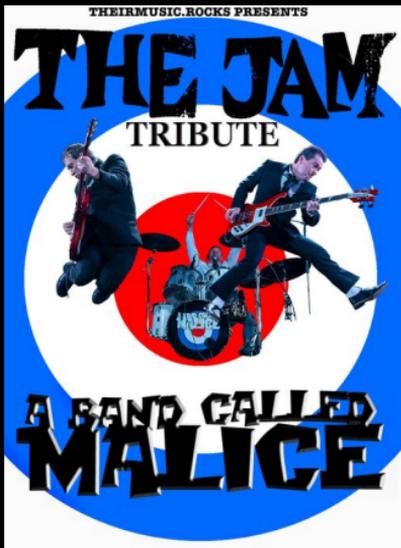
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# VISITING COMPANIES

JAN 25th 2020 7.30pm

THE HOUGHTON  
WEAVERS

JUNE 5th 2020 7.30pm



JUNE 6th 2020 8pm

More visiting companies will be announced throughout the season.

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Or book in person at the the box office at  
The Forum Studio Theatre, or Chester  
and Wrexham tourist information centres

The Forum Studio Theatre  
Hamilton Place  
Chester  
CH1 2BH

Please arrive promptly as latecomers may not be  
admitted until a suitable break in the performance.

We are an inclusive and accessible theatre. Please  
contact the box office with your specific access  
requirements. Discounts and free carers seats  
available.

Exchanges can be made up to 48 hours before a  
performance for another performance of the same  
event. Refunds will only be issued in the event that  
a performance is cancelled.



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DISCOUNTS ON OPEN MIC  
NIGHTS, FILM CLUB,  
WORKSHOPS AND MORE.

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NEWSLETTER

PERFORMER : £30 PER ANNUM  
SUPPORTER £15 PER ANNUM

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