

OCTOBER 2023

Upcoming Events

Sat 7th October - **Allelujah (12A) - Screen at the Phoenix**

Sat 14th October - **Phoenix Singers Charity Concert for Dementia Matters**

Sat 21st October - **The Eight Mountains (12A) - Screen at the Phoenix**

Sat 28th October - **Performathon for Children in Need**

Sat 11th November - **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A) - Screen at the Phoenix**

Sat 18th - Sat 25th November - **The Phoenix Theatre Company - Crazy Horses**

Sat 2nd December - **NT Live (play details not yet available) - Screen at the Phoenix**

Thurs 7th - Sat 9th December - **Phoenix Singers Xmas Concert**

Fri 15th December - **Phoenix Theatre Xmas Party**

Sat 3rd February 2024 - **Peter Gill's Comedy Songbook**

Subscription Renewals

A reminder from Pat Fitzpatrick, our membership secretary, that subs are due for renewal as from 1st September unless you joined on or after 1st March. Please complete the online renewal form:

<http://www.phoenix-theatre.org.uk/member-area/membership-forms/>

Planning Application

Our application to replace the noticeboard at the entrance to the car park with a digital sign has been submitted to Herefordshire Council. The application was initially rejected mainly on the grounds that digital signs are not permitted in conservation areas. However, given that Ross Town Council have installed a digital sign next to the Market House, we are in the process of making an appeal.

Graham Russell (Newsletter Editor)

Production Co-ordinator's Column

The Phoenix Youth Theatre

The Youth Theatre sessions restarted for the autumn term on 16th September. They meet every Saturday morning in term time and are run by our facilitator from the Courtyard Theatre in Hereford, Kate Ross. There are three sessions each Saturday, Phoenix Kids, ages 4-7 years, from 9.30 to 10.15 am., (£41/term) and two groups of Phoenix Juniors, ages 8-14 years, from 10.30 am. to 12 noon and 12 noon to 1.30 pm. (£45/term).

Kate directed a **Youth Theatre Summer Production** in July 2023. It was an adapted script of **Alice in Wonderland**. The show achieved 79% seat occupancy. Congratulations to Kate, her cast and crew.

NODA

We were nominated for the 2022 NODA awards with 'Relative Values' for Best Drama, 'Fantastic M. Fox' for Best Youth Production, 3 Singers concerts for Best Musical Concert, and 'The Weekend' for Best Programme. 'A Hundred Years of Song' won the award for Best Musical Concert. Congratulations to everyone for continuing to bring productions of a high standard to the Phoenix .

Screen at the Phoenix

A near sell out audience for "A Man Called Otto" welcomed the start of cinema's autumn programme on 2nd September followed by "What's Love got to do with it?" a fortnight later. The remaining programme for 2023 includes "Allelujah" on 7th October, "The Eight Mountains" on 21st October and "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" on 11th November.

Members Social Evenings

The committee are planning a series of Member's Evenings in 2023. The most recent was held on 13th September when Brian Jackson directed a one act play which he had written, entitled 'The Coat', as a rehearsed reading. The cast comprised Bob Houghton, Penny Field, and Lauren Crouch. An excellent evening. Congratulations to Brian and all involved.

Keith James

Keith James performed 'The Songs of Leonard Cohen' to only four less than a full house on 22nd September. Keith will be returning for another show in April 2024. *(Photo by Ian Godsave)*



The Invisible Man

Ben Mowbray and Our Star Theatre Company were sold out on both nights for their performance of ‘**The Invisible Man**’ by **H. G. Wells**, adapted for the stage by Derek Webb, on 28th and 29th September.



The cast: Sophie Watkins, Eleanor Catherine Smart & Daniel Davis (*Photo by Graham Russell*)

Peter Gill

The Phoenix was full (except for one seat) for his show entitled “**The Jerry Lee Lewis Story**” on 28th July.
(*Photo by Ian Godsave*)



Peter Gill was again very popular with Ross audiences and was sold out for his show 'A Tribute to Rock and Pop's Piano Legends' on Saturday 30th September. Peter has booked Saturday 3rd February 2024 for his next show entitled "Peter Gill's Comedy Songbook". Tickets are on sale.



The Phoenix Theatre Singers
Presents
A Charity Concert for
Ross Memory Cafe

DEMENTIA MATTERS
HEREfordshire



Saturday 14th October
7.30pm (Doors open 7pm)
TICKETS £10

BOX OFFICE at
ROSSITER BOOKS
9.30am - 5.00pm (01989) 564464

ONLINE:
www.phoenix-theatre.org.uk

Charity Concert

The Phoenix Theatre Singers are to perform a concert in aid of the **Dementia** charity on **Saturday 14th October at 7.30pm.**



A PERFORMATHON
for Children in Need

at The Phoenix Theatre
Saturday 28th October
9am - 9pm

DO YOU HAVE A TALENT?
THEN WE REALLY NEED YOU!

Book one of our performance slots and help us raise vital funds for Children in Need 2023!

15 or 30 minute slots available

To book your slot please contact
wbrigg@btinternet.com

ALL DONATIONS WELCOME

Then be sure to invite all your friends and family to support you and Pudsey!

JUST WANT TO WATCH?

Feel free to pop in and support us anytime between 9am-9pm, no fixed entry fee but **All Donations Welcome**

Refreshments available throughout the day with the **Theatre Bar** opening at 6pm

Make sure to get your **Raffle Tickets** to be in with a chance of winning one of our **Fabulous Hampers!**

Please come along and witness an array of local talent including the **Phoenix Theatre Singers.**

TOGETHER WE CAN RAISE THE ROOF FOR PUDSEY!

The Phoenix Theatre Singers Performathon

The Performathon in aid of Children in Need will take place on **Saturday 28th October from 9 am to 9pm.** There will be no gala concert this year.

THE Phoenix
THEATRE
Presents

Crazy Horses
A Comedy
by Mark Norman
Featuring
The Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Saturday 18th November - Saturday 25th November
7:30pm (doors open at 7pm)
Tickets £12 (£10 on Monday 20th November)
Licensed Bar

A Phoenix Theatre Amateur production
The Phoenix Theatre
St. Mary's Street
Ross-on-Wye
HR9 5HT
Registered charity No. 508668

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Crazy Horses

Our November production will be a comedy about the four horsemen of the apocalypse, entitled 'Crazy Horses' by Mark Norman. Maurice Thompson is directing. There is a large cast comprising John Spencer, Jenny Spencer, Tony Hearn, Jacky Bedford, Steve Doidge, Graham Isle, Nathan Cole, George Dixon, Bob Houghton, Renee Field, Phil Field, and Stephanie Piggott.

Performances run from **Saturday 18th to Saturday 25th November**, excluding the Sunday. Rehearsals started on Monday 4th September and will mainly be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The Phoenix Theatre Singers Xmas Concert

The concert will run from **Thursday 7th To Saturday 9th December.**

Phoenix Theatre Xmas Party

The party will be held at the theatre on **Friday 15th December at 7.30pm.**

Suzanne Hill



Allelujah (12A)

Saturday 7th October at 7.30pm

When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community.

The film is based on a play by Alan Bennett.

The cast features David Bradley, Judi Dench and Jennifer Saunders.



The Eight Mountains (12A)

Saturday 21st October at 7.30pm

An epic journey of friendship and self-discovery set in the breathtaking Italian Alps, The Eight Mountains follows over four decades the profound, complex relationship between Pietro and Bruno.

The cast includes Lupo Barbiero, Alessandro Borghi and Luca Marinelli.



The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A)

Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm

When Harold learns his friend Queenie is dying, he is moved to act. He leaves home, walking to the post box to send her a letter, until he realises a letter is not enough. In that moment Harold decides to keep walking, all the way to her hospice.

The cast features Jim Broadbent, Earl Cave and Penelope Wilton.