

# THEATRE WEEK

## THURS, JULY 25

**The Learned Ladies**, by Moliere. The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon. Management: Royal Shakespeare Company. Cast includes: Roger Allam, Caroline Blakiston, Niamh Cusack, Robert Demegor, Alison Fiske, Jane Gurnett, Sebastian Harcombe, John Quayle. Director: Steven Pimlott. Designer: Sue Blane. Songs: Jason Carr. Press: Helen Cross, 01789 412622.

**Two Boys in a Bed on a Cold Winter's Night**, by James Edwin Parker. Arts to September 7. Management: Guy Chapman and Paul Spyker. Director: Julian Woolford. Designer: Tim Shortall. Lighting: Nick Richings. Press: Sebastian Warrack, 0171-242 1882.

**Hell (and Other Tales)**, by Steven Berkoff. Mermaid to July 27. Management: Steven Berkoff and the Mermaid Theatre. Cast: George Dillon. Press: Akbar Shamji, 0171-236 1919.

**Kolonists**, by Steven Dykes. Man in the Moon, King's Road, SW3 to August 3. Management: M.A. Days. Director: Nesta Jones. Press: Ben Chamberlain, 0181-333 0270.

**The Dock Brief: Edwin**, by John Mortimer. The Room, Orange Tree, Richmond to August 10. Cast: Alistair Cameron, Jeffrey Perry, Tilly Tremainye. Director: Natasha Betteridge. Press: Fiona Sturgeon, 0181-940 0141.

**The Yellow Wallpaper**, by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, adapted by Judith Roberts. New End, Hampstead to August 11. Management: Other Ranks Theatre Company. Cast: Patricia Boyer, Tobias Burns. Director: Judith Roberts. Designer: Nigel Hook. Lighting: David Kavanagh. Costumes: Tim Heywood. Sound: Steve Barnes. Musical director: Conor Linehan. Press: Rowland Jobson, 0181-761 0342.

**Dr Yn**, music by Adrian Cuff, libretto by Johanna Platt, based on the novel by Russell Thordike. St Mary the Virgin Church, Ashford, Kent to July 27. Management: Kent Opera. Cast includes: Daryl Brown. Director: Patrick Young. Music director: Richard Laing. Designer: Clare Young. Lighting: Stephen Wentworth. Pianist: Robin Hall.

**The Hunchback of Notre Dame**, book by Gary Sullivan, music by John Trent Wallace, adapted from the novel by Victor Hugo. Queen's, Hornchurch to July 27, then Mermaid. Management: The Essex Group. Cast: Steve Atkinson, Jane Bowen, Sue Cawley, Peter Gallagher, Vic Gray, Katie Gill, Andy Hall, James Hearn, Barry Hester, Kevin Heuston, Melissa Jacques, Paul Nihill, Gary Sullivan, Jason Summerfield, Arthur Tear, Clare Vidler, Michelle Williamson. Director and designer: Gary Sullivan. Costumes: Steve and Sandy Atkinson. Sound: Matthew Jarvis. Musical director: John Trent Wallace. Press: Russell Cambridge, 01245 360349.

**Robin Hood - the Legend**, by Caroline Clegg, music by Carola Darwin.

Dunham Massey Hall and Park, Altrincham to August 4. Management: Feelgood Theatre Productions. Cast: Guy Warburton, Jill Greenacre, Andrew Tomlinson, Jan Linnick, Mark Prentise, Kate Lineham, Peter Clifford, Peter Foster, Charles Bartholomew, James Masters, Nigel Shaay, Jill Kemp, Trevor Smith, Robin Humphreys, Carol Alexander. Director: Caroline Clegg.

**Henry V**, by William Shakespeare. Great Hall, Monmouth Castle to July 27. Management: Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) in association with Went Young Peoples Theatre.

## FRIDAY, JULY 26

**Paint Your Wagon**, by Alan Jay Lerner and Fred F. Foy. Open Air, Regent's Park. Management: New Shakespeare Company. Cast includes: Tony Selby, Claire Carrie, Chook Sibtain, Liz Izen, Ellen O'Grady. Director: Ian Talbot. Designer: Paul Farnsworth. Choreographer: Lisa Kent. Lighting: Jason Taylor. Sound: Simon Whitehorn. Musical director: Catherine Jayes. Press: Sheila Benjamin, 0171 935 5756.

**Lysistrata**, by Aristophanes, adapted by Peter McGarry. Lewes Castle to July 27, then Queen's Park, Brighton, August 2 to 4. Management: Reaction Theatre Company. Cast: Margaret Jackson, Amanda O'Neill, Kirstie Mackinn, Una Nicholson, Sihab Salim, Daniel Price, Simon Gamewell. Musicians: Nyall Thompson, Tamsin Yeld, Jenny Martin, Hannah Burchell, Penny

Wood. Director: Nell Mansel. Producer: Robin Manuell.

**Unity**. Hackney Empire to July 27. Management: Heartbeat Theatre.

## MON, JULY 29

**Hamlet**, by William Shakespeare. Rose Theatre, Newman Rooms, Oxford to August 24, then tour. Management: Oxford Stage Company. Cast includes: Ian Pepperell, William Russell, Colin George, Sheila Allen, Emma Cunliffe, Daniel Isaacs, Paul McCleary, Christopher Chambers, Timothy Clarke, Matthew Cullum, Andrew Maud, John Sackville. Directors: John Retallack, Karl James. Designer: Matthew Wright. Lighting: Ben Ormerod. Press: Shereden Mathews, 01865 245781.

**Tom Jones**, by Henry Fielding, adapted by John Doyle, music by George Stiles, lyrics by Paul Leigh. Theatre Royal, York to August 17. Cast includes: Jeremy Harrison, Mike Afford, Rebecca Wright, Elizabeth Marsh, Simon Walter, Emma Kershaw, Thomas Frere, Heather Phoenix, Peter Maz. Director: John Doyle. Designer: Jessica Tywhitt. Lighting: Peter Highton. Musical director: Kate Edgar. Press: Michelle Wright, 01904 658162.

**Persuasion**, by Jane Austen, adapted by Stephanie Young. Chelsea Centre, World's End Place, SW10 to August 3. Management: ReCreation Theatre Company. Cast includes: Adrian Preater, Emma Powell. Director: Andrea Montgomery. Press: Communique

(Marie Clements), 0171 700 5346.

**Romeo and Juliet**, by William Shakespeare. Magdalen College School, Oxford to August 31. Management: Creation Theatre Company. Cast: Ronan MacGabhann, Joy Renz, Dawson Peters, Adam Redmayne, Martin Entwistle, Jacqueline Drew, Nina Bowden, David Parrish, Brunel James, Elizabeth Rose, Chris Vance. Harpists: Joy Smith, Alice Trentham. Director: Sebastian Doggart. Designers: Jens Cole, Sebastian Doggart. Costumes: Trelawnie Mead. Fight director: Mike Bower. Assistant director: Rosie Hunter. Musical director: Susie Pratley. Press: Adam Stephens, 01865 279784.

**The Man Who Came to Dinner**, by George S Kaufman and Moss Hart. Gulbenkian, Canterbury to August 3. Management: The Old Stagers. Cast includes: Richard Ritchie, Patrick Twigg. Director: Sue Tilling.

## TUES, JULY 30

**When We Are Married**, by JB Priestley. Festival, Chichester to August 17. Cast: Dawn French, Leo McKern, Dora Bryan, Shirley Anne Field, Alison Steadman, Annette Badland, Elizabeth Chadwick, Paul Copley, Gillian Kearney, Chris Larkin, Roger Lloyd Pack, Paul Rider, Gary Waldhorn. Director: Jude Kelly. Designer: Robert Jones. Lighting: Hugh Vanstone. Sound: Tom Lishman. Press: Peter Thompson Associates, 0171 436 5991; Tracey Shaw, 01243 784437.

**Thin Ice**, written and performed by Alan Ford. Old Red Lion, St John Street, EC1 to August 17. Management: AngerWrite Productions. Press: Peter Dawson, 0171-586 7115.

**Last Collection**. Wimbledon Studio, The Broadway, SW19 to August 17. Management: BTG Experimental Theatre Group. Director: Ed Cottrell. Press: Jonathan Kennedy, 0181-542 6141.

**Frankenstein**, by Mary Shelley. Canal Cafe, Delamere Terrace, W2 to August 11. Management: Gothica Theatre Company.

**The Apotheosis of Love**, dance performance by Mayuri Boonham. Turtle Key Arts Centre, Farm Lane, SW6, one performance only.

**Godspell**, music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, conceived by John Michael Tebelak. Gaiety, Douglas to August 10. Management: Garth Harrison for Stage Further Productions Ltd. Cast: Elaine Barnett, Laura O'Day, Simon Duffill, Selly Cooper, Byron McGuinness, Sarah Jones, Paul Matthias, Carl Hughes, Mark Allan. Director: Brian Howard. Designer: David Benson. Choreography: Nicole Fitzpatrick. Sponsor: Manx Airlines. Press: David Nott, 01624 620046.

## WED, JULY 31

**Murder in the Cathedral**, by TS Eliot. Almeida to August 10. Management: Art Inter Odeon. Press: Holly Morris (Mark Borkowski PR), 0171 482 4000.

# PRODUCTION NEWS

■ **Alan Howard** is to play the title role in Ranjit Bolt's new translation of the Oedipus Plays, Oedipus the King and Oedipus at Colonus, by Sophocles, which Peter Hall is directing at the Olivier, opening on September 17. Others in the 20-strong cast include Suzanne Bertish, Pip Donaghy, Jenny Galloway and Greg Hicks.

■ **The major Paris success, Art**, by Yasmina Reza, opens at Wyndham's on October 15, presented by David Pugh Ltd and Sean Connerly. The three roles are played by Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott, with Matthew Warchus directing. The translation is by Christopher Hampton.

■ **First production** of the autumn season at the Donmar Warehouse is Stewart Parker's 1987 play Pentecost, presented as a co-production with Rough Magic Theatre Company and directed by Lynne Parker. It has just finished a successful run in Dublin and opens on September 5.

■ **Greenwich Theatre** is presenting the British premiere of another Wendy Wasserstein play, The Heidi Chronicles, on August 22.

■ **Blood Brothers** is now booking at the Phoenix until January 4, featuring new cast members Keith Burns, Paul Crosby and Debbie Paul, with Siobhan McCarthy continuing as Mrs Johnston. The new members have all been in the touring production.

■ **Last here in 1990**, the Georgian State Dance Company returns for another tour, beginning at the Swan, High Wycombe on September 12. It is under the management of Mervyn Conn.

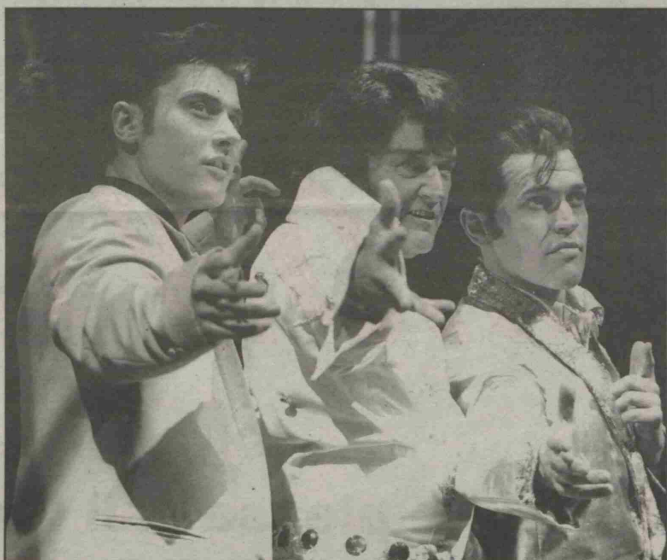
■ **Elvis the Musical** is continuing its run at the Prince of Wales until September 28. It stars PJ Proby and Tim Whitnall.

■ **British Youth Opera** celebrates its tenth anniversary with seasons at Wimbledon Theatre (September 3 to 7) and the Festival Theatre, Edinburgh (September 10 to 14). The productions are The Magic Flute, conducted by Peter Robinson and directed by Stuart Maunder, and Albert Herring, conducted by Timothy Dean and directed by Jamie Hayes.

■ **Dave Willetts**, supported by Lisa Hull and Emma Kershaw and accompanied by a 40-piece orchestra, is giving an open-air concert at Coombe Country Park, Coventry on July 28.

■ **Peter Dean leads the cast** of The Firm's Night Out, which OK Theatre Company is presenting at the Heathcote, Grove Green Road, E11 until July 26. In support are Raymond Cross, Peter Eldridge, Joan Hodges, Gordon Kenney, Peter Ledger, Jackie Neglia, Tony Phillips, John Polendine, Martha Ross and Kerryman White.

■ **The Empty Theatre**, a show



A big hunk o' Elvis - Alexander Bar, PJ Proby and Tim Whitnall in Elvis the Musical, which continues its run at the Prince of Wales until September 28

devised and directed by Ruth Allen, is being presented this week at the Concert Artists Association, Bedford Street, WC2. In the company are Mary Morland, Bettina Raymond, Michael Garland, Jules Mannheim, Max Latimer, Mary Buddell, Bruce Douglas, Elizabeth Winton and Ronnie James.

■ **Barrie Stacey** is presenting Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the

Ashcroft, Croydon for five days from July 30, with Sara-Jane Strachan, Virginia Graham, Dominic McCleshey, Christopher Marlowe, Amanda Burdett, Simon Bashford, Sophie Urquhart, Lucille Barclay and Bruce Mann in the cast. Adrian Juckes' choreography is re-created by Simon Bashford.

■ **The third International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival** is being presented at

the Opera House, Buxton from August 4 to 18. Former members of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company are taking part, as well as amateur companies, including two from Seattle and Brussels.

■ **Issy van Randwyck**, Trevor Michael Georges and Martin Lowe are appearing in Another Mimed Bag at the Jermyn Street Theatre, SW1 on July 28.



Albert Finney takes up one of the three roles in Art by Yasmina Reza, opening at Wyndham's in October

# TOUR NEWS/FESTIVALS

■ **Stockton Riverside International Festival** - July 24 to August 4. Companies and artists include: Theatre Titanick, Circus of Horrors, Benchours, 3D Specs, Neighbourhood Watch, Legs on the Wall, Tretaux du Coeur Volant, Biuro Podrozy, the Bowlers, Elliot, Los Payosos, Mendigos, Krasny Vostoka, the Flying Dutchmen, Skate Naked, Arkhangelsk Theatre Company, Integrated Performing Arts Guild (Philippines), Ramon Kervink, Plasticsien Volants, Felix Dexter, Ardal O'Hanlon, Noel James,

Fred Macaulay, Bill Bailey, Donna McPhail, Mandy Knight, Kevin Day, Noel Britten, Mark Thomas, Scott Capurro, Rich Hall, Jah Wobble and Invaders of the Heart, Fun-De-Mental, Tracy Nelson Band, Di Nayer Kapelye, Kips Bay, Sonora La Calle, Canned Heat, Lost Music of Coltrania, Shoopgenifly, Pichi Valdes y su Banda, La Cucina, Rock, Salt and Nails, Edward II, the Hoales, TIP, Sally Nyolo Band, Big Jig, Voice of the North, Akwaaba People, Mick Shoulder Band, Caravansari, the Blowpipes, Smalltown Heroes,

Scandalous Bachelors, Sinister Footwear, the Prophets.

■ **Charles Wells Cambridge Folk Festival** - July 26 to 28. Venues: Cherry Hinton Hall Grounds. Bands and artists include: Ray Davies, Saw Doctors, Billy Bragg, Alison Krauss and Union Station, Penguin Cafe Orchestra, Oysterband, Rankin Family, Altan, Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham, Luka Bloom, Waterston Carthy, Townes Van Zandt, Eileen Ivers, Peter Rowan and Jerry Douglas, Eliza Carthy, Larry Garner Band, Sinead Lohan, Anders Osborne,

John Kirkpatrick Band, Chris Smither, Barry Dransfield, the Occasionals, Rock, Salt and Nails, Loyko, Kings of Calicut, the Chipotatas, Joe Louis Walker and the Bosstalkers, Holmes Brothers.

■ **Jazz on the Waterfront** - Hull, July 30 to August 4. Venues include: Quality Royal Hotel, Princes Quay, Marina Boatshed, Dee Street Club. Artists and bands include: Lee Konitz Trio, Jean Toussaint, Guy Barker International Quintet, Alex Welsh Reunion Band, Alan Price and the Electric Blues

Company, Banda Vouu, Dudu Pukwana's Zila, Kora Colours, Spike Robinson and Alan Barnes, Randy Johnston and Adrian Ingram, Gary Williams, Hi-Life Brass Band, Dave Donohoe New Orleans Band.

■ **Brecon Jazz** - August 9 to 11. Venues: Market Hall, Christ College Memorial Theatre, Guildhall, Castle Hotel, Lambert and Butler Bandstand, Prince of Wales Marquee. Bands and artists include: Van Morrison, Joshua Redman Quintet, Mingus Big Band, Charles Brown, Joe Henderson Double

Rainbow Quartet, Illinois Jacquet Big Band, George Melly, Tom Harrell Sextet, Jessica Williams, Phil Woods, Cedar Walton Trio, Gordon Beck, Betty Carter, Stan Sulzman Quartet, Scott Hamilton/Warren Vache Quintet.

■ **Paul Motian's Electric Bebop Band**, Chico Hamilton's Euphoria, Jerry Gonzalez and the Fort Apache Band, Mike Harries' Crazy Doctors, Zila, Triok Gurtu's Crazy Saints, Tommy Smith, Buckley Pizzarella, John Bunch, Dave Green, Gary Crosby's Nu-Troop, Harry Allen Quartet