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Spring Season 2012 | Warwick



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welcome

to Spring at **The Bridge**

The Bridge House Theatre was opened by Dame Judi Dench in 2000, and since then it has grown into one of the area's most popular venues.

A mid-scale venue of 304 seats - its beautiful interior of wood and brick create an attractive and intimate space for music and drama

Our audiences enjoy a wide-ranging repertoire of professional productions, presented alongside local community events and stunning performances from Warwick School's Drama and Music students.

www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk

We recently launched our brand new website, making booking tickets an easier and more enjoyable experience!

Together with our friends at Auburn Creative - we have designed our site to keep you updated with the latest news of what is happening at The Bridge House and give you further insight into who we are and what we do.

You will also notice that you are now able to create an online account with us - making it even easier and quicker to book tickets for your favourite shows!

Key to venues: **BHT** Bridge House Theatre | **GNH** Guy Nelson Hall



Box Office

The Bridge House Box Office also acts as a ticket agency for many local promoters such as Leamington Music, Warwick Words Literature Festival and Warwick Folk Festival. If you are arranging a ticketed event you may wish to make use of our friendly, experienced box office staff and recently refurbished online booking system. The cost of the service is commission based, making it affordable, even for smaller companies. We do all the hard work so you don't have to!

facebook

Find The Bridge House on Facebook to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes. Be the first to receive exclusive deals and advance notice of when new events go on sale.

Also, if you 'like' us each month, to show our gratitude, you will automatically be entered into a prize draw to win tickets to one of our performances.

twitter

Become part of the 'Twitteratti', follow us at **@BHTWarwick** and let us know what you think of our shows!

Review shows during the interval (but be sure to switch your phone off during the performance!) and tell us what you would like to see at the Bridge House in the future.

If you ever wondered what it was like to work at the BHT follow our Theatre Intern on **@BHTIntern**.

Hire Us

The Bridge House Theatre and the Guy Nelson Hall are available to hire by local organisations.

Whatever the nature of your event - we are able to provide you with a suitable space and support it with a full catering service and technical support.

So if you are looking for a friendly, adaptable venue contact the Performing Arts Centre Manager, David Guilding on **01926 776438**.



'The Garden' Tour | Ruth Moody

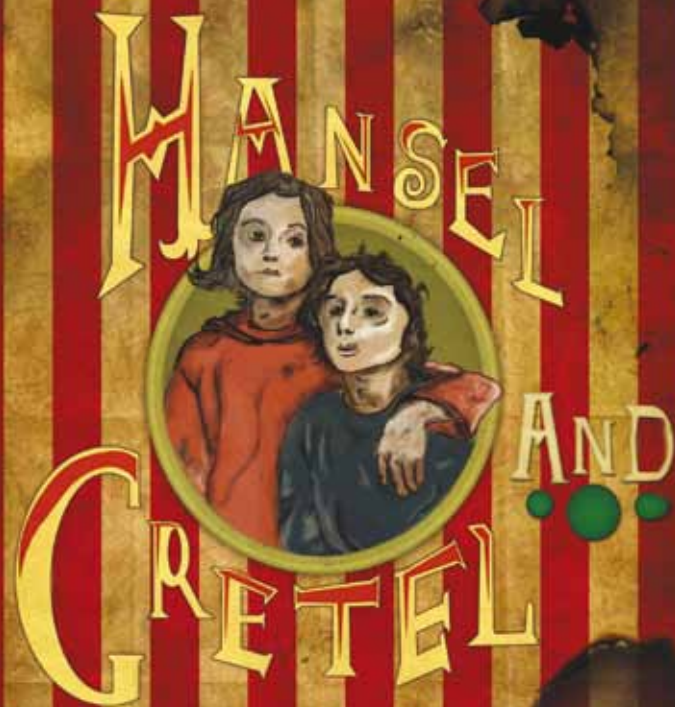
FRIDAY 13 JANUARY | 7.30PM
£12/£10 CONCS | BHT

Ruth Moody is a Juno Award winning songwriter from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Founding member of the internationally renowned, Billboard-charting trio **The Wailin' Jennys** she has performed in sold-out venues around the world and made numerous critically-acclaimed albums.

With her latest release - *The Garden* - Ruth emerges as an artist of exceptional depth and grace in her own right. Critics have lauded her ethereal vocals, impressive multi-instrumentalism (she plays guitar, banjo, accordion, piano, and bodhrán), and her talent as a songwriter. Writing with a maturity and wisdom that belies her age, her songs are timeless, universal, and exceptionally well-crafted, all sung with an intimacy and honesty that is unmistakably her own.

Catch Ruth at The Bridge House before she continues on to the South Bank Centre and The Birmingham Symphony Hall.



Hansel & Gretel | Opera Warwick

FRIDAY 20 & SATURDAY 21 JANUARY | 7PM
£14/£12 CONCS / £9 STUDENTS | BHT

Roll up, roll up! The circus has come to town!!
But all is not child's play in Hansel and Gretel...

Living in poverty, Roma Gypsies Hansel and Gretel are confined to the outskirts of the community. As they play in their concrete jungle, their mother sends them into the city in a desperate attempt to forage for food. Their father returns home with news that the circus has arrived, accompanied with rumours of a certain evil ringmaster, known to lure in hungry children with smells of frying food. As clowns, acrobats, magicians and lion tamers take to the stage, the dark reality of what goes on behind the scenes is revealed.

Opera Warwick brings this magical fairytale up to date in this brand new translation of Humperdinck's masterpiece written in collaboration with Kit Hesketh-Harvey.

Featuring local school children, this visually stunning, tuneful and approachable opera is suitable for fearless children and adults alike. Come to the greatest show on earth, but only if you dare... www.operawarwick.com

Family Concerts

SUNDAYS AT 11:30AM | BHT

TICKETS: for January and March concerts £2.50 children, £6 adults, all unreserved. For 12th February, numbered tickets in stalls children £3, adults £7.50, unreserved in gallery: children £2.50, adults £6.



MUSIC IN THE ROUND

January 15th

Dance Around The World | Lawson Piano Trio

From Ballroom to Barn Dance, be whisked round the world; enjoy some great tunes by Haydn, Grainger, Grieg, Stravinsky, plus gypsy music. Best for 7-11 year olds.

February 12th

The Chimpanzees Of Happytown Ensemble 360 and Polly Ives (Narrator)

Inspired by Giles Andreae's book, with music by Paul Rissmann. Ensemble 360's concerts have sold out for the last 3 years, so book up now! Best for 2-7 year olds.

March 18th

Reeds Galore! | Calefax Wind Quintet

Starting with some home-made single slide saxophones, have fun exploring the world of reed instruments with five brilliant musicians who are born comedians. Best for 7-11 year olds.



Afternoon Concerts

**SUNDAYS AT 3PM | BHT
PRECEDED BY TALK AT 2:10PM**

TICKETS: £15.50 stalls reserved, £12 gallery unreserved, £1 students and school children. Pre-concert talks free.

January 15th

Lawson Piano Trio

Fenella Humphreys *violin*

Rebecca Knight *cello*

Annabelle Lawson *piano*

Mozart Piano Trio in G K564

Debussy Piano Trio

David Knotts

The Long Way Home

Brahms Piano Trio in B Op 8

February 5th

Doric String Quartet

Alex Redington and

Jonathan Stone *violins*

Simon Tandree *viola*

John Myerscough *cello*

Haydn Quartet in D Op 20

No 4

Chausson Quartet in C minor

Op 35

Schubert Quartet in D minor

Death and the Maiden D810

February 12th

Ensemble 360

Benjamin Nabarro and

Claudia Ajmon Marsan

violins, Judith Busbridge

viola, Gemma Rosefield *cello*,

Laurene Durantel *double bass*

Schubert Quintet in C D956

Janacek Quartet No 2

Intimate Letters

February 26th

Ludwig String Trio

Peter Cropper *violin*

James Boyd *viola*

Paul Watkins *cello*

Beethoven Serenade in D Op 8

Hindemith String Trio No 1

Op 34

Mozart

Divertimento in E flat K563

March 18th

Calefax Reed Quintet

Oliver Boekhoorn *oboe*

Ivar Berix *clarinet*

Raaf Hekkema *saxophone*

Jelte Althuis *bass clarinet*

Alban Wesly *bassoon*

Rossi arr Hekkema Toccatas

Debussy arr Hekkema

Estampas

Shostakovich arr Wesly

Preludes and Fugues Nos 4, 7

and 15 Op 87

Bach arr Hekkema

Goldberg Variations



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Tenth Warwick Season of Music in the Round
promoted by Leamington Music www.leamingtonmusic.org



Warwick School Music

FRIDAY 27 & SATURDAY 28 JANUARY | 7.30PM | £10/£7 CONCS | BHT

Jazz At The Bridge

Warwick School's Jazz Lab, Big Band and Little Big Band will set the Bridge alight for two nights of roaring jazz. Book early to avoid disappointment!

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY | 7.30PM | FREE - PLEASE BOOK THROUGH BOX OFFICE | BHT

Chamber Orchestra

Come and support some of Warwick School's finest young musicians in an evening of solos and small ensembles

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY | 7.30PM | FREE - PLEASE BOOK THROUGH BOX OFFICE | BHT

Senior School String Concert

Sublime string music from string musicians of Warwick School, featuring Chapel Strings, String Orchestra and soloists.

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH | 7.30PM | FREE - PLEASE BOOK THROUGH BOX OFFICE | BHT

Junior School String Concert

More sublime music from Warwick School's younger string musicians.

FRIDAY 16 MARCH | 7.30PM | £3 | GNH

Charity Concert

An opportunity to hear our Platinum Award winning bands: Foundation Wind Orchestra, Jazz Lab and Little Big Band before they play at the Royal Academy of Music in London. A night of exceptional music making - not to be missed.





Warwick School

- Independent boys' school (7-18 years)
- Scholarships and bursaries available
- Excellent academic results:
86% A*-B grades at A level, 94% A*-B grades at GCSE (2011)

Open Morning

Saturday 14 January 2012

Junior and Senior Schools 10.00 - 12.00 noon

Junior School at Work

Thursday 10 May 2012 1.45 - 3.15pm

For details and a prospectus please contact:
Mrs Norton, Admissions Registrar T 01926 776400
E enquiries@warwickschool.org www.warwickschool.org

Warwick School is part of the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation, together with King's High School and Warwick Preparatory School, providing high quality education for boys and girls aged 3-18.



Piaf | The Songs

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY | 7.30PM
£15/£14 CONCS/£10 UNDER 21'S | BHT

Eve Loiseau sings the songs of Edith Piaf with Fiona Barrow, violin & Edward Jay, accordion.

Edith Piaf has become synonymous with French Cabaret of the 1940s & 50s and remains France's most popular singer. Piaf's life was the stuff of legend, from her dramatic rise from Paris street urchin to star of international renown. Her life, however, was anything but 'La vie en rose'. Towards the end of her life, ravaged by pain and injury, Piaf turned to drugs to find comfort and solace, never able to believe that she was indeed loved by countless thousands of fans the world over.

As the 50th anniversary of Piaf's death approaches, this powerful celebration comes from a company whose credentials include Kneehigh Theatre and Canteve Vocale.

'A heart rending show, emulating not only the style but the spirit of this tragic singer's life'

Cheltenham Art Gallery & Museum

www.piaf-the-songs.co.uk



Merry Wives Of Windsor Oddsocks

MONDAY 20 - FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY | 7.30PM
£16/£13/£10 STUDENTS | BHT

There's a right raucous rumbustious romp going on in jolly old Windsor town and no mistake!

Hold on to your 1950 style hats, as two merry wives give that lovable "naughty knight"; that most famous of Shakespearean characters, fun loving Falstaff, a shock he'll never forget, in return for his unwanted amorous attentions.

We are delighted to welcome back Oddsocks to the Bridge House. They never fail to create heart-warming, humorous, vibrant and feel-good theatre performances. Laughter, surprises and fun for all the family guaranteed!

'Great night out theatre'
The Times Educational Supplement

'The Bard would be proud' Jersey Post

'The Good Ship Oddsocks' Northern Echo





Baby Boomers | Scratch Built Productions & Proteus Theatre

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY | 7PM

£10.50/£8.50 CONCS / £6 CHILDREN & STUDENTS | BHT

A stunning piece of physical theatre, Baby Boomers substitutes language for balloons, and blends mask, puppetry and extreme balloon modelling to tell stories of love, loss and regret.

What do you do after a tragic event if you can get over it but your partner just can't? Where can you go, what can you do? Acclaimed director, John Wright co-founder of Trestle and Told by an Idiot tells the heart warming story of a young couple from their first meeting and follows them through the life they make together. But a tragic loss is set to change their lives forever and force them to make a choice.

'The moment the young girl finally meets her older self is chokingly poignant. What seems like a saddening comparison between someone in the prime of their youth with their older, less able self turns into a celebration of life and all that is possible for anyone of any age. The enduring power of being young at heart is then fully revealed through the final concluding image - one of the greatest balloon sculptures you'll ever see' ★★★★★

The Scotsman

proteus
the changing shape of theatre

Scratch Built



Americana | Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra

SATURDAY 3 MARCH | 7.30PM
£12/£5 CONCS | GNH

Britten An American Overture
Barber Concerto for Violin
Copland Fanfare for a Festive Occasion
Dvorak American Suite in A Major
Copland Four Dance Episodes from Rodeo

Ruth Palmer, Violin
Guy Woolfenden, Conductor

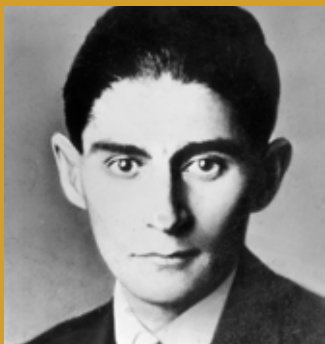
Benjamin Britten and Dvorak pay tribute to the USA in the exciting American celebration.

We welcome back this much loved violinist Ruth Palmer, to perform Samuel Barber's haunting and witty Concerto for Violin.

'the continuing growth and support for fine orchestras such as the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra is of paramount importance to the culture of this country...'

Peter Donohoe
International concert pianist and WSO Patron.

www.wso.org.uk



The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter

**WEDNESDAY 1 - FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY | 7PM
£2\£1 | WARWICK SCHOOL DRAMA STUDIO**

In Meg and Petey's seedy English boarding house, breakfast consists of cornflakes, fried bread and tea. Stanley, their only boarder, is having his birthday. But their peaceful, if mundane, existence is threatened by the arrival of two mysterious strangers. Who are they looking for? After a few glasses of whiskey and a game of blindman's buff, Stanley's birthday party turns into something both sinister and disorienting.

AS Monologues & AS Unit 2

MONDAY 19 - FRIDAY 23 MARCH | FREE | BHT

For the AS monologues each member of the AS Drama set perform a two minute monologue in front of an examiner.

In a double bill of AS Unit 2 productions, students perform:

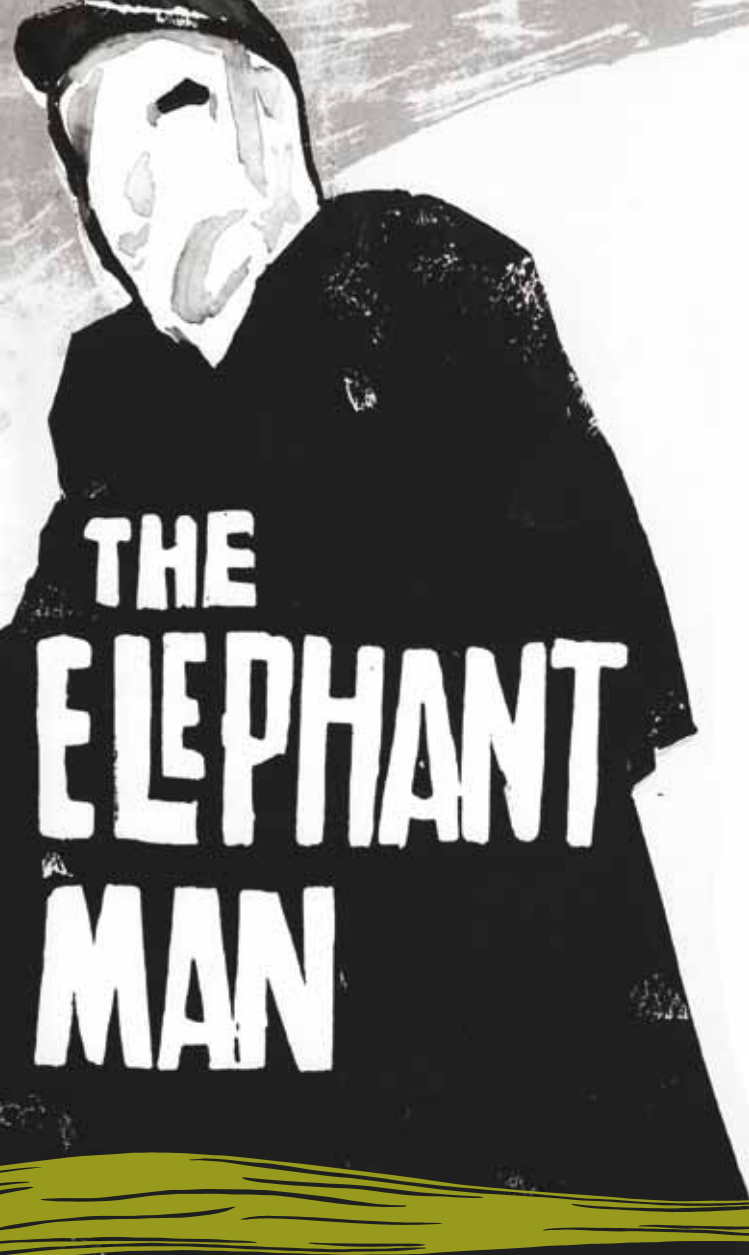
100 Neil Monaghan, Diene Petterle and Christopher Heimann

Imagine that you must choose one single memory from your life- everything else will be erased forever. That choosing this memory is your only way of passing through to eternity. That you have one hour to choose - choose now.

The Trial

Franz Kafka, adapted by Stephen Berkoff

Someone must be, without question, lying about Joseph K., for without having done anything wrong he was arrested one fine morning. With this sentence Franz Kafka opens *The Trial*, a fictional account of an individual's unfortunate encounter with an irrational legal system. Although Joseph K. believes the legal system to be fair, predictable and rational, his encounters with that system show it to be arbitrary and unfathomable.



THE ELEPHANT MAN

A new play telling the true story
of the life of Joseph Merrick

Elephant Man Warwick School Drama

**WEDNESDAY 7 - 9 MARCH
7PM | £6/£4 CONCS | BHT**

From his birth and upbringing in Leicester through employment as a “freak show” attraction to his final years as an unlikely cause celebre in London, Joseph Merrick, the so-called Elephant Man, was one of the nineteenth century’s most remarkable figures.

This witty new play, by Adrian Jarvis, looks at his life, presenting a Joseph Merrick who was not a simple victim, but a far more complex character, one who speaks as much to our own times as he did to his contemporaries. Funny, moving and vibrantly theatrical, this is a production that will put an exciting new slant on a familiar story.



Alice... Foundations Youth Theatre

TUESDAY 27 & WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH
7PM | £2 | BHT

Previews of Foundations Youth Theatre's original adaptation from the classic Lewis Carroll story.

Foundations Youth Theatre are delighted to be heading to Canada for a 10 day tour of Schools in the Toronto region. Their version of Alice... offers a refreshing take on a well-loved story performed in a physical style with an ensemble of 22 - all of whom have contributed to the devising process. These preview shows provide a chance to see the work prior to the tour.

Coming up in our Summer Season...

**MAY 2012 | WARWICK SCHOOL DRAMA PRESENTS
BUGSY MALONE!**

Join Blousey and Buggy at Fat Sam's speakeasy for a sing and a dance and some splurge! Voted #19 on a list of the 100 greatest musicals by Channel 4 viewers... Come see why it should be #1!

AUGUST 2012 | WARWICK FOLK FESTIVAL

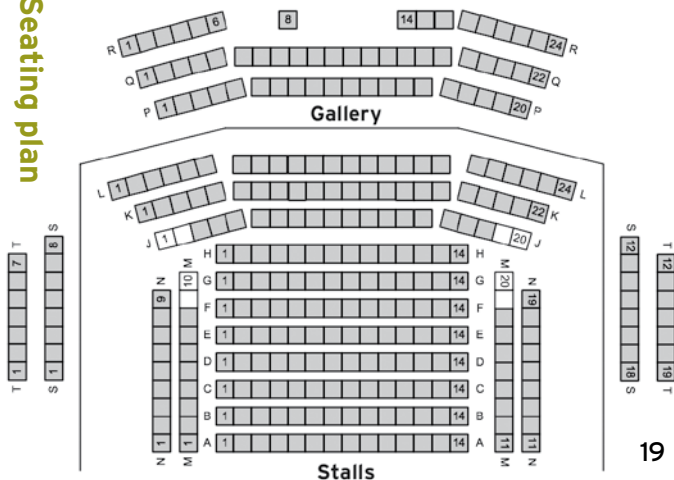
Early bird tickets on sale from December 2011!

Keep a close eye on www.warwickfolkfestival.co.uk or the www.bridgehousetheatre.co.uk for the latest news and fantastic early deals!

Spring Season 2012 | Events Diary

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Fri 13th Jan	Ruth Moody	BHT
Sun 15th Jan	Lawson Piano Trio - Dance Around The World	BHT
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Fri 20th Jan	Opera Warwick - Hansel & Gretel	BHT
Sat 21st Jan	Opera Warwick - Hansel & Gretel	BHT
Fri 27th Jan	WS Music - Jazz At The Bridge	BHT
Sat 28th Jan	WS Music - Jazz At The Bridge	BHT
Wed 1st Feb	WS Drama - The Birthday Party	Studio
Thurs 2nd Feb	WS Drama - The Birthday Party	Studio
Fri 3rd Feb	WS Drama - The Birthday party	Studio
Fri 3rd Feb	WS Music - Chamber Concert	BHT
Sun 5th Feb	Doric String Quartet	BHT
Mon 6th Feb	WS Music - Senior String Concert	BHT
Sun 12th Feb	The Chimpanzees of Happytown - Ensemble 360	BHT
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Sat 18th Feb	Piaf - the Songs	BHT
Mon 20th Feb	Oddsocks - Merry Wives Of Windsor	BHT
Tues 21st Feb	Oddsocks - Merry Wives Of Windsor	BHT
Wed 22nd Feb	Oddsocks - Merry Wives Of Windsor	BHT
Thurs 23rd Feb	Oddsocks - Merry Wives Of Windsor	BHT
Fri 24th Feb	Oddsocks - Merry Wives Of Windsor	BHT
Sat 25th Feb	Scratch Built - Baby Boomers	BHT
Sun 26th Feb	Ludwig String Trio	BHT
Sat 3rd March	Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra - Americana	GNH
Wed 7th March	WS Drama - Elephant Man	BHT
Wed 7th March	WS Music - Junior School String Concert	GNH
Thurs 8th March	WS Drama - Elephant Man	BHT
Fri 9th March	WS Drama - Elephant Man	BHT
Fri 16th March	WS Music - Charity Concert	GNH
Sun 18th March	Calefax Wind Quintet - Reeds Galore!	BHT
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Seating plan



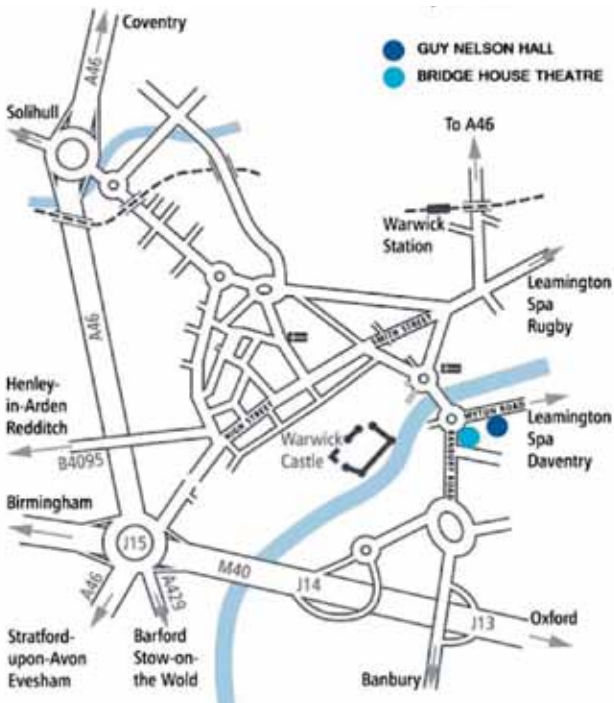
Getting Here

The Warwick School site is on Myton Road. Car parking is available for theatre patrons adjacent to the Bridge House Theatre and Guy Nelson Hall.

Public Transport:

Local buses from Warwick and Leamington Spa pass the site and stop on Myton Road, adjacent to the theatre.

Leamington Spa railway station is a short taxi ride from the theatre. For information about train services, please phone National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950.



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