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Leeds Combined Arts Summer Newsletter 2018

Dear All,

Welcome to the '**LCA Summer Newsletter**' covering June, July and the beginning of August. Thanks to all of those who have renewed their membership, and if you haven't done this yet you can still renew by sending a cheque made payable to 'Leeds Combined Arts' at Leeds Combined Arts, HEART Centre, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN.

We would also like to thank everyone for returning their GDPR forms promptly, and would like to re-assure all members that their details are kept safe and that LCA would never pass any information onto any third parties.

The main focus of this newsletter is of course the '**Headingley Music Festival**' which this year is even longer and we have more bands, artists, workshops than ever before, so we hope you can find something within the programme to attend. The festival will run from the **5th to the 17th June**. We will be taking our annual short summer break between the **7th August and 5th September** after which we will return with a full programme for the Autumn. We hope you all have a lovely Summer!.



Disclaimer: Leeds Combined Arts reserves the right to alter, cancel or amend an event when circumstances arise beyond their control. However if an event has to be cancelled or changed this will always be advertised on the web-site. Participation in any event included in this Newsletter is undertaken at the individual's own risk.

Theatre Visits, June-July 2018

Important Notice. We would very much appreciate it if before sending a cheque you could check the amount, as most plays have **different prices**, and also ensure you have signed the cheque before sending to us. Also please ensure you pay in good time. We can only get good prices for the theatre trips if people in advance. We may not always have time to send out additional e-mails about theatre trips. The deadline for all payment for discounted rates is **a minimum of one week in advance** which means if you are sending a cheque it needs to be with us at least 10 days before the performance in order to clear in time. A list of all our trips is also available on www.leedscombinedarts.org.uk/theatrevisits. Thanks!

As we move towards the end of the theatrical season for this year, here is the list for the forthcoming productions over June and July. Included are Playhouses closes for refurbishment at the end of June. We have also been fortunate to receive half price tickets for 'Berlin to Broadway' at the Leeds City Varieties, and we hope many of you will take advantage of this offer as we know this is definitely a show that will sell out so please book early to avoid disappointment as there is limited ticket availability.

Any further 'extra' theatre trips over the summer period will be sent out by e-mail, and also appear on the LCA web-site

Theatre Visits

Thursday 14 June 7.45 p.m. 'Talking Heads'. (Susan, Doris and Irene), West Yorkshire Playhouse (CT)

Six of **Alan Bennett's** iconic monologues are presented at the Playhouse in a celebration of one of Leeds' best-loved playwrights. *Graham, Peggy & Muriel* and *Susan, Doris & Irene* are standalone events; audiences can enjoy one or both, and in any order. An iconic collection of witty, poignant and insightful reflections, *Talking Heads* is the uplifting and heart-warming finale to the current season on our Courtyard stage. **Bed Among the Lentils, A Cream Cracker Under the Settee, A Lady of Letters.** Susan is a vicar's wife who doesn't necessarily believe in God, Doris lives alone, fiercely determined to maintain her independence and Irene loves nothing more than to pen a perfectly crafted letter. All tickets **£10.50.**



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Tuesday 19 June 7.30 p.m. 'Searching for the Heart of Leeds'. (Quarry Theatre).

In a collision of music, movement, and the words of over 200 Leeds residents, two lost Loiners search for the one thing that makes Leeds. The Playhouse's very own Community Company, made up of 60 talented individuals onstage and off, will perform real stories gathered from our brilliant city and share their take on where to find the heart of Leeds. *Searching for the Heart of Leeds* is choreographed by the internationally renowned Phoenix Dance Theatre, features a live community band and hosts community groups from across the city. From the award-winning director **Alexander Ferris** and written by BAFTA-nominated **Mark Catley**. All tickets **£10.50.**



Thursday 21 June 7.30 p.m. City Varieties, Leeds.

Step into the glamorous world of cabaret for a celebration of one of the greatest musical theatre composers of the 20th Century, Kurt Weill. From the smoky cafes of 1920's Berlin to the Broadway stages of the 1940's, this exhilarating tour of highlights from the Weill songbook includes show-stopping hits 'Mack the Knife', 'September Song', and a host of other numbers made famous by artists ranging from Sinatra to Bowie, from Streisand to Simone. Weill's music will be brought to life by a fabulous ensemble of singers drawn from the award winning Chorus of Opera North and directed by Giles Havergal. Together they'll bring you a cabaret of delights in the atmospheric surrounding of Leeds' beautiful Victorian Music Hall the City Varieties. **All tickets £15.00!** Usual price **£30 +£1.00** booking fee. (All seats are in the front to mid stalls). Book early for this to avoid disappointment!



Saturday 23 June 7.45 p.m. 'Talking Heads' Graham Peggy and Muriel, West Yorkshire Playhouse (CT). A Chip in the Sugar, A Woman of No Importance, Soldiering On, Graham enjoys a safe and uncomplicated life with his dear mother, Peggy is rudely displaced by a mysterious illness and Muriel is dealing with her wayward son. All tickets **£10.50.**

**Monday 23 July 7.30 p.m.**

Building on the phenomenal decade long success of The Agatha Christie company, comes a new thrilling chapter from **Edgar Wallace** 'the king of the detective thriller'. When Inspector Tanner is called in to investigate a ruthless murder at Mark's Priory, the grand ancestral home of the Lebanon family, he quickly discovers that nothing is quite as it seems. As Tanner moves closer to the heart of the mystery he uncovers a shocking and closely guarded secret. The star cast includes **Gray O'Brien** known for his roles in Peak Practice, Casualty and as Tony Gordon in Coronation Street. **Rula Lenska**, one of Britain's best-loved actresses who has starred in iconic shows including Dr. Who, One foot in the Grave and EastEnders; **Denis Lill** from long-running drama The Royal and Only Fools and Horses and also including **Charlie Clements, Philip Lowrie, April Pearson, Ben Nealon and Glenn Carter.** All tickets **£16.50** (in the front stalls) Usual price **£33.00.**



Poetry & Literature Evenings, June-August 2018

Wednesday 20th June 8.00 p.m. Leeds Combined Arts Poetry Evening, Weetwood Room, HEART, Headingley LS6 3HN. With Poet George Compton. Leeds Combined Arts has always been keen to support new, young and emerging talent, and this evening we welcome Poet George Compton. George is a young poet and spoken word performer who spent his formative years in Devon. He's been writing all his life, but has only just fallen into the world of poetry; having been inspired by writers and musicians alike. His writing covers a broad range of topics, from the fantastical and supernatural to environmental and social injustice, as well as the odd selfish piece about vegetables.

Taking part in the UniSlam poetry event in January led to the opportunity to compete in the USA at the College Union's Poetry Slam Invitational; following months of coaching for these competitions, George honed his writing and grew closer to finding the unique style which still evades him... A recent winner of the **Headingley Lit Fest Pitch'n'Pen** event, George is attempting to edit a collection for publication, some of which you will hear tonight. **Please note the slightly later start time.**
Entrance £3.50/£3.00 members and concessions.

Wednesday 18th July 7.30 p.m. Leeds Combined Arts Poetry Evening, HEART, Headingley LS6 3HN.

To finish off the season for this year we'll have a complete open mic evening on a 'Summer theme'. All Welcome to read throughout the evening. Entrance £3.50/£3.00 including refreshments.

Workshops.

Fridays 1.45 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. 'Swing Dance Workshops', Meanwood Institute & Main Event on Saturday evening

16th June 6.45 p.m.

We are continuing up to the **15th June** with our current programme of Swing Dance Workshops with Emma Sutton leading up to the Headingley Music Festival. Most of the workshops take place at Meanwood Institute on Friday afternoons 1.45 – 3.15 p.m. however the final workshop will be at the HEART Centre, in Headingley on **Saturday 16th June 6.45 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** before the main event **'The Nicki Allan Quartet'** who will be playing from **8.00 p.m.** in the main Shire Oak Hall at HEART as part of the Headingley Music Festival. The workshop will be free for all those attending the main event at 8.00 p.m. See below under 'Music Events' for more details on the Nicki Allan Quartet. We hope you can join in!

Saturday 16th June 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. 'Entering the Heart of Song' with Kyla Dante, HEART, Bennett Road, Headingley. Please see below under 'Music Events' for this very special 'one off' workshop with Kyla Dante.



'LCA Book Group'



LCA Book Reading Group

The book group meets bi-weekly at 3.00 – 5.00 p.m. at Meanwood Institute and are currently reading 'A Himalayan Summer' by Louise Brown. There will be 'An Afternoon of Tea & Tales' on Monday 13th August at **3.15 p.m.** where members and guests are invited to bring along a short story, essay, poem or just tell and improvised tale. Afternoon tea will be provided which is included in the cost. Entrance will be **£3.50, £3.00 members.**



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Tuesday 5th June 8.00 p.m. 'Traditional Irish Music Evening' Cafe Lento, North Lane LS6 3HW.
Hosted by the Irish Arts Foundation join Des Hurley and many other local musicians for an evening of traditional Irish Music at Cafe Lento. **£PWYF (Pay What You Feel).**

Thursday 7th June 7.45 pm. 'Music Quiz', Assembly Bar & Kitchen (HEART Cafe) HEART, Headingley.

Join us for the annual music quiz in the HEART cafe will be with Emma Sutton and Paul Dixon and which also include 'Beat the Intro'. Several great prizes will be up for grabs!. Quiz sheets £1.00.

Saturday 9th June 8.00 p.m. 'The David Broad Trio', New Headingley Club, 56 St. Michael's Road, Headingley LS6 3BG.

The David Broad Trio play all kinds of traditional American music: swing, blues, gospel, ragtime, sometimes even a bit of country. They've played pubs, clubs, parties, weddings and funerals up and down the country and can be counted on to get lindy hoppers hopping and jivers jiving. Influences range from Louis Armstrong and Billie Holiday to Blind Blake and Robert Johnson and feature members who have played in bands such as TC and the Swing Cats, Hailbails, the Lodger and the Lovesick Cowboys. Entrance **£8/£6.50** members & concessions (Pay on the door). Or to reserve in advance please Tel: 07708 230 333.

Tuesday 12 June 8.00 p.m. Folley and Lost Loui. Assembly Bar and Kitchen, HEART Cafe, HEART, Headingley.

Neil and Emma are the duo known as 'Folly'. They cover songs in a style which blends folk arrangements and soulful singing. Oh and harmonies, a big love for harmonies. Lost Loui - for your delight and delectation, this four-piece acoustic band - Clare on vocals, guitar and hot flat-picking, Neil on vocals, guitar and expensive plectrums, Peter on double bass and inaccurate stage announcements and Ian on mandolin and jokes - will be playing Americana, folk and bluegrass. Marvel as they subtly change the mood from toe-tapping to moody and back to toe-tapping in the blink of an eye! Donations on the door - suggested £3 - £5 (no one turned away for lack of funds).

Music Events

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Wednesday 13th June, Music, Dance & Storytelling from Denmark, HEART Centre, Bennett Road, Headingley, Leeds. Ring Dancing Workshop at 7.00 p.m. Music & Storytelling at 8.00 p.m.

Niss Stricker is a Danish harpist, composer and storyteller. His work strives to unite narrative story and traditional music of Scandinavia. He has recorded four solo albums where different musical traditions merge to form the sound track of the modern global village. Alongside playing the Celtic harp, Niss has also studied the Indian sitar and Hindustani classical music. His music draws on inspirations in the modal music of the ragas and the old narrative tradition of the Scandinavian ballad. His coming album "Soria Moria" (2018) is a musical journey where stories are shared as the sun sets on the horizon and the weary travellers meet around the fire in the caravansary of humanity. Back to Leeds by popular request, harpers and storytellers Niss Stricker from Denmark and France Ellul from the U.K. South Buckinghamshire. Niss Stricker journeys from the land of the Little Mermaid to meet up again with fellow storyteller France Ellul for an evening full of songs, music and tales from the Celtic and Scandinavian lands. Expect a convivial and humorous evening, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous and back again." This event will be preceded by an optional 'Danish Ring Dance Workshop' with Dance Tutor Emma Sutton at 7.00 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. which is Free for all those attending the main event. Entrance **£7.00/£5.50 concessions & LCA members.**

Friday 15th June 7.30 p.m. 'Collaborative Sound' with 'Sing the World Choir' Holy Trinity Community Hall, Memorial Drive, Meanwood LS6 4LF.

An exciting evening of songs collected around the world by Collaborative Sound and Sing the World Choir. Including an Orixia suite from Candoble combined with percussion from the **Ancient Infinity Orchestra**. Promised to be a night of elation!. Entrance **£5.00/£3.50** (members and concessions). Refreshments available.

Saturday 16th June 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. HEART Centre, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN.

It is our ancestral right to sing, the breath in our bodies is the only permission we need. I invite you to join us in this safe space that will allow our souls to sing from a primal and intuitive place that resides in us all. We will go through gentle voice exercises encouraging the voice to open up. We will use different chants and songs from around the world to experience a whole range of expression through the voice. We will explore vocal toning, improvisation, silence, harmony and dissonance. We will enjoy circle singing together and be supportive witnesses to each other in our new community of singers. **£8.00/£6.00** - concessions and LCA Members. (Pay on the door).

Saturday 16th June, The Nicki Allan Quartet with Pre- Swing Dance Workshop, HEART, Bennett Road, Headingley. (Workshop at 6.45 p.m., Nicki Allan Quartet at 8.00 p.m.)

Nicki Allan is an award winning jazz vocalist, pianist Session musician and educator. She is the lead vocalist with The Manhattan Sound Big Band, a solo Jazz piano vocalist and has toured around the world. A solo jazz piano vocalist, a recording artists and session singer and voice coach, workshop and choir leader, musical director and Organist. Nicki has toured all around the world and has always been an ambassador for young talent and encourages others to believe in themselves in pursuit of their own personal musical journey. For all those attending the main performance at 8.00 p.m. there will also be a free Swing Dance workshop with Dance Tutor Emma Sutton at 6.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 5th July 7.30 p.m. 'Celebrating the Musical Crossover between Ireland, Galicia & Asturias. Headingley Enterprise & Arts Centre, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN.

Anxo Lorenzo is an internationally acclaimed musician who plays the gaita, the traditional Galician bagpipe: from Moana, a small village on the Atlantic coast of Galicia. Lorenzo has played at several festivals including Piping Live! The William Kennedy Piping Festival and Feile Lorrans in Northern Ireland. Piper and whistle player Anxo Lorenzo is one of Galicia's most inspired fusioners, Mixing and matching his vibrant native traditions with everything from electronic to **flamenco**, he's flanked by an equally high-octane band with fiddle, bouzouki, guitar, ukulele and keyboards. **Entry £PWYF** (Pay What You Feel).

Mind Body Spirit Workshops March – May 2018
(All take place at The HEART Centre, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN)

Wednesday 27th June, 'Talk on Why People Get ill' with Natasha Mwitta, HEART, Headingley LS6 3HN.

The question, expressed in the title of this presentation, is probably close to everyone's heart...-and lungs,...and kidneys,...and feet..The speaker, while not being a 'bona fide' medical practitioner will, nevertheless, endeavour to combine the relevant current knowledge of evolutionary biology, modern psychology and pharmacology in explaining the nature of pain, the role of the body's Immune system, and the importance of still-controversial psychosomatic effects in the inception, development, diagnosis and treatment of illness. In addition, - and if so desired by the audience - the speaker will share her own remedial strategies in alleviation of toothache, cold sores and osteoporosis; the latter, being founded on engineering principles, might have an added appeal to Yorkshire folk!. Entrance £3.50/£3.00 members & concessions including refreshments.

Mind Body Spirit Evenings will return in September.



'Walks' March – May 2018

The Otley Walking Festival takes place from June 23 to 1 July. We have included the joint walk with LCA/LYHA and 'Otley Walking Festival' which takes place on 24th June, along with a few other walks from the Festival and anyone is welcome to join. For a full programme of Otley Walking Festival events please visit www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk

Joint Walk with Otley Walking Festival, Sunday 24th June 11.30 a.m. Otley.

Join Carol for a circular walk from Otley bus station, going to Clifton just north of the River Wharfe. It will be a version of a walk known as Kell Beck Walk, around 5 miles. Please meet at 11.30 a.m. in Otley Bus Station. For further information contact Carol on 07708 230 333 or carol@leedscombinedarts.org.uk

Tuesday 26th June Nidderdale Greenway, Harrogate to Ripley Castle. 9.50 a.m. Otley Bus Station.

Meet Ray Moss at Otley Bus Station **Stand 5** for the **X52** bus to Dragon Road Car Park. The walk will start at 10.35 a.m. This will be a gentle walk along an old railway line with great views!. 5 miles. We will take the bus back to Otley. Grid Reference: SE306558.

Friday 29th June 2.00 p.m. 'Afternoon Tea Stroll', Meet at the Yew Tree Inn Car Park, Newall Carr Road, Otley LS21 2AU (OWF).

Meet Andy FitzGerald at the Yew Tree Inn carp park for a 2.00 p.m. departure for a gentle stroll through fields and paths to Cockpit Tea rooms. Approximately 4 miles, easy, circular.

Sunday 22 July Rob. 12 noon. 'Another Apperley Bridge Walk', Calverley.

The walk on Sunday 22nd July 2018 will be a 6 - 7 mile circular starting in Apperley Bridge, walking down the River Aire towards Rodley and back via the Leeds Liverpool Canal, with a short tour round the beautiful Calverley Woods at the end. The last bit can be optional for anyone needing to get away early. Public transport users should take the train scheduled to leave Leeds station at 11.41, arriving at Apperley Bridge railway station (Shipley/Bradford Forster Square line) at 11.52. The walk will start at the railway station at 12 noon, meeting up with car drivers there. The station has a large car park. On returning to Apperley Bridge between 3 and 4pm refreshments are available at the Stansfield Arms or the George and Dragon. Trains return to Leeds hourly at 26 minutes past the hour. Please bring plenty of drinking water, and a picnic lunch. Poems, songs etc on the theme of "High Summer" – let's risk it! Contact for further information: Rob Baker 0113 216 4492.

Saturday 4th August Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Walk.

Join us for a trip and walk around Yorkshire Sculpture Park for a short walk with Richard and a look at the current exhibition - Ai reinterpreted the 12 bronze heads representing the traditional Chinese zodiac that once adorned the famed fountain-clock of the Yuanming Yuan, the imperial summer palace retreat in Beijing. Ransacked in 1860 during the Second Opium War by the British and French, only seven of the original heads have been returned to China – the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, horse, monkey, and boar. The locations of the other five – dragon, snake, goat, rooster, and dog are still unknown. Central to Ai's reimagined zodiac is the metamorphosis provoked by expulsion, migration, and deliberate change of location undergone by people and objects alike. West Yorkshire sculpture park is close to Wakefield and very accessible by bus from Leeds. Bus service 110 runs every 10 minutes from the main Leeds bus station to Wakefield and from there regular services to the park and back. Entry to the park is free but there is a charge for parking (hefty), so meet Richard at 10.30 am at Leeds bus station (**by Greggs**). In the park feel free to amble and enjoy by yourself or with other members. We will meet for a picnic at about 1-30 (please bring your own pate foie and champagne), and please bring something to read on the subject of stillness and perhaps solitude. No steep hills and the park is wheel chair accessible. Lots of loos and an excellent cafe!. For more info' call Richard on 07443844463 or e mail rhowson51@gmail.com.