

Terry Lightfoot and his band
19th January

Whitley Bay Playhouse

Terry Lightfoot first performed his band in 1955. Tonight they will perform the music of Louis Armstrong

£11 Full Price, £10 Ease Card, £9 Concs

Tel: 0191 252 3505 or visit www.whitleybayplayhouse.co.uk

Linsey Carr Academy of Dance present Rhythm of Life
20th January

Whitley Bay Playhouse

A spectacular presentation of ballet, tap, modern, acrobatic and song and dance. Come along, tap your feet, sing the songs and support the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

£6.50

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Funny Money
26 January

Whitley Bay Playhouse

Ray Cooney's brilliant farce stars John Altman (Eastenders), Robert Duncan (Drop the Dead Donkey), Peter Blake (Dear John), David Callister and Terry Sullivan. With hilarious innuendo and cruelly funny turns of fate, the play has recently been made into a Hollywood film starring Chevy Chase.

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Record Breakers Weekend
27 - 28 January
Blue Reef Aquarium

Visit Blue Reef this weekend to discover the amazing feats our marine neighbours achieve. Follow the fishy trail to find out the record breakers of the ocean from the largest species of octopus to the world's deadliest fish

Tel: 0191 258 1031

Cloud Nine Theatre Company present Kat Among the Pidgeons
29 January - 3 February
Saville Exchange

Singing Star Imelda Pidgeon is dead, her less successful and deeply envious sisters gather for the will. But to inherit her loot they must obey certain bizarre conditions.

£6 full, £4.50 concs

Tel: 0191 252 3505 or visit www.whitleybayplayhouse.co.uk

Real Diamond
3rd February

Whitley Bay Playhouse

Neil Diamond was the boyhood of Canadian born vocalist John Hylton. The show is a celebration of Neil Diamond's music and will include America and Sweet Caroline.

£15 full, £13 concs, £81 party of 6.

The Shakespeare Schools Festival

6th February

Whitley Bay Playhouse

Showcasing local talent and bringing Shakespeare to life. 4 local schools stage 4 different plays allowing the audience to experience the full range of Shakespeare's output from high tragedy to comedy. £7.50 adult, £5.50 concs, school bookings of 20+ £5.50 adult, £4.50 under 18

Marty Wilde & the Wildcats

8 February

Whitley Bay Playhouse

One of the greatest names of 60s rock n roll presents a stunning evening of memories from his own vaults

£15 full, £14 concs, £87 party of 6

Lunchtime Recitals at Saville Exchange

9 February

Saville Exchange

Young Lions of the Keyboard - Robert Scamardella on the piano. Robert studied at the Guildhall School of Music and will perform works by Haydn, Chopin, Liszt and Ravel.

£5 full, £4 season ticket

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Masters of the Musical

9 February

Whitley Bay Playhouse

A joyous celebration of the best of Broadway and the West End and rightly one of the most popular touring shows in the UK. Featuring songs from Miss Saigon, Mamma Mia, Mary Poppins and many more.

£13 full, £12 Ease card, £11 concs, £69 party of 6, £42 family of 4, £31.50 family of 3

Tel: 0191 252 3505 or visit www.whitleybayplayhouse.co.uk

Talent present Return to the Forbidden Planet

14- 17 February

Whitley Bay Playhouse

The winner of the 1990 Olivier Award for Best Musicals bursts with red hot hits from the 50s and 60s including, Good Vibrations, Monster Mash, Teenager in Love and Great Balls of Fire.

£8 full, £ 6 under 16s/seniors, 10% discount for bookings of 10+ tickets

Tel: 0191 252 3505 or visit www.whitleybayplayhouse.co.uk

Jazz at Saville Exchange

16 February

Andy Cooper's Euro Top Eight. Long time Kenny Ball reedman Andy Cooper leads a band of eight jazzmen featuring great swinging music.

£10 full, £9 concs, £5 students

Tel: 0191 252 3505 or visit www.whitleybayplayhouse.co.uk

Dave Benson Phillips Get Up and Go Show

19 February

Whitley Bay Playhouse

A live show based on the popular children's video starring the well known children's entertainer and TV presenter Dave Benson Phillips and his cute furry fiend Big Bear. It is the perfect show for under 7s and the grown ups will love it too!

£11 all tickets, £32 family of 4, £24 family of 3

Open Clasp Theatre Company present Tonic
20 February
Shiremoor Centre

It is the World Cup and four women are determined to get away from it all but an uninvited guest and a suitcase full of money throw their plans into disarray. For over 16s only.

£6.50 full, £5 concs

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Open Clasp Theatre Company present Tonic
21 February

CVS Centre, Whitley Bay

It is the World Cup and four women are determined to get away from it all but an uninvited guest and a suitcase full of money throw their plans into disarray. For over 16s only.

£6.50 full, £5 concs

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Open Clasp Theatre Company present tonic
22 February White Swan Centre, Killingworth

It is the World Cup and four women are determined to get away from it all but an uninvited guest and a suitcase full of money throw their plans into disarray. For over 16s only.

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Open Clasp Theatre Company present Tonic
23 February

Saville Exchange

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24 February

Buddle Arts Centre

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Tynemouth Amateur Operatic Society present Titanic

26 February - 3 March

Whitley Bay Playhouse

Rich and poor, young and old, they came from the four corners of the earth to board the Titanic The show features powerful chorus numbers.

£10.50 full, £9 seniors, £34 family of 4



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Park Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE26 1EJ

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www.visitnorthtyneside.com

Buddle Arts Centre

Station Road, Wallsend

0191 200 7132

EVENTS

Jazz at the Exchange offering on 12 January at 8pm,
PHIL MASON's NEW ORLEANS ALL STARS plus guest **CHRISTINE TYRELL**. Billed as Europe's most popular New Orleans trad band and making their Saville Exchange debut, they are led by the fiery cornet of Phil Mason and feature blues and gospel singer Christine Tyrell. This hard-driving band were formed in 1992 from members of Max Collie's Rhythm Aces, and haven't looked back since. Tickets £10 (£9 concs, £5 students) from the box office 0191 252 3505. Check the website for details of what else Jazz at the Exchange has coming up in 2007.

Weblink: www.jazzexchange.co.uk

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Weblink: www.homestead.com/tynemouthpriorytheatre/index.html

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Weblink: www.jazzexchange.co.uk

EXHIBITIONS

The current **GLOBE GALLERY** exhibition is "Full Volume" by **VIRGINIA BODMAN**, showing at both gallery venues - Globe Hub in North Shields and Globe City in Newcastle. Bodman's paintings are based on a rich mixture of interests that include her family, the landscape of her childhood and the great houses of the past. Her paintings create dialogues between the natural world and the domestic interior; memory and presence, and desire and reality. The paintings, which often take several years to complete, make reference to an eclectic range of visual sources that include heraldry, elaborate and arcane furnishings and carry-home objects from the natural world. In her paintings, ideas and images from different times and spaces elide, form alliances and come powerfully to fruition. The exhibition continues until 21 January, admission free - open Wed-Sat 11.30am-5pm, closed 21 Dec-10 Jan. For more info contact the gallery on 0191 222 1666.

Weblink: www.globegallery.org

The current installation in **THE BRIDGE** in Tynemouth Station - one of the most unusual and artistically challenging visual arts spaces in the region - is **KERI TOWNSEND's** "Thought Journey", an intricate, meticulous response to the engineering and architecture of the space. Made from 22 miles of steel wire and 4,500 nails, the complex geometry of the work links roof-girders, walls and floor through three inverted cone-like shapes that trace an intimate conversation with the station's architecture and the journeys people take. One of the artist's inspirations for the piece is her feeling that in the 20 seconds or so it takes to walk across the bridge between the two platforms, a small thought can turn into something large, or a confused set of thoughts can become resolved and clarified. The artist is continuing to put the finishing touches to the piece, so if you visit the station you might well come across her working in The Bridge. "Thought Journey" (funded by North Tyneside Arts and Arts Council England) remains *in situ* until January - admission free, viewable 24 hours a day.

The Opus Gallery in Newcastle (opposite the Theatre Royal stage door) has an exhibition of work by North Tyneside-based artist **PAUL HARVEY**, showing until 15 January. Harvey is a contemporary figurative artist working within the pro-painting Stuckist movement - he has exhibited widely, most recently in London and Paris, and as a tutor at TyneMet College his work has been seen regularly at AdHoc Gallery as part of the annual student and tutor College exhibitions. His inspirations are pre-Renaissance paintings and Pop Art. Contact the gallery for details of opening times on 0191 260 3399 or e-mail enquiries@opus-art.com

Weblink: www.opus-art.com

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Until 7 Jan - "Making a Mark", Northern Print (0191 261 7000)
Until 13 Jan – Virginia Bodman "Full Volume", Globe Hub (0191 259 2614) & Globe
City (0191 222 1666)

Back to the **BUDDLE ARTS CENTRE**, and a sneak preview of what 2007 has in store. The programme kicks off on 17 January with the first AdHoc Gallery exhibition of the year, "Journeymen" by North Tyneside artists Nick Banks and Brian Ord, continuing until 24 February. And there's a strong folk/roots music programme lined up, including Kate Campbell & Will Kimborough (17 March), Clive Carroll (30 March), Heidi Talbot, Boo Hewerdine & Tola Custy (4 April) and Tony McManus (20 April) - presented by Priory Promotions, all start at 8pm - more details from the box office 0191 200 7026.

The Buddle Arts Centre will be closed over Christmas and New Year (22 Dec-1 Jan inclusive). The centre will also be in effect closed during the first week of January, but you will be able to contact us by phone and e-mail, and call in by appointment. From 8 January, things will be back to normal, but opening times will be changing slightly - details in the next issue.

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