

## UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

25 February – 1 March  
**THE TEMPEST**

Last Sunday of Every Month  
**THE COMEDY STORE**

2 March  
**PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA**

8 March  
**BOLLYWOOD SPARKLES**

9 March  
**KIT & THE WIDOW**

12 & 13 March  
Kingston Music and Arts Service  
**JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Saturday 15 March  
**SURREY SCHOOLS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

Sunday 16 March  
Kingston Music and Arts Service  
**GALA 2008**

27 March – 5 April  
**BLACKBIRD**

6 April  
**AN AUDIENCE WITH RABBI LIONEL BLUE**

9 – 13 April  
**THE RAGGED CHILD**

15 – 19 April  
**GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE**

22 – 26 April  
**ROMEO & JULIET**

Tickets £5–£29  
0871 230 1552

[www.rosetheatrekingston.org](http://www.rosetheatrekingston.org)

## FRIENDS OFFERS

Don't forget that Friends of the Rose Theatre, Kingston receive a wide variety of discounts from Kingston businesses. Here are some new offers from our Corporate Sponsors.

### Champagne Spectacular at Frère Jacques

Buy top price tickets for performances at the Rose Theatre and receive a complimentary glass of wine each for a table of up to three people at **Frère Jacques**. Tables of four or more receive a bottle of Champagne, tables of eight or more receive two bottles of Champagne.

Valid from 4.30–6.30pm on same day as performance. Please pick up a voucher from the box office to redeem this offer.

[www.frerejacques.co.uk](http://www.frerejacques.co.uk)  
020 8546 1332

### 10% Discount at Carter Bells Solicitors

To supplement its corporate sponsorship of the Rose Theatre **Carter Bells Solicitors** is pleased to announce a 10% discount on its fees to Rose Friends

Currently, local retailers and restaurants grant a range of discounts to Friends, but this marks the first time a professional services company has made a similar offer.

John Field, Chief Executive of Carter Bells said: "We are delighted to offer further support to the Rose. We are next door to the theatre and it's been very exciting seeing all the preparations for the opening. Our offer of a discount to Friends underlines the

importance of the network that the theatre has built up in its own support and emphasises our continuing commitment."

On first contact with Carter Bells, Friends will need to show their membership cards to qualify for the discount. The discount is available on fees, but excludes disbursements and VAT.

Carter Bells LLP  
Kings' Stone House  
12 High Street  
Kingston upon Thames  
KT1 1HD

### Free Initial Consultation at Holland Hahn & Wills

**Holland Hahn & Wills** are Chartered Financial Planners, established in 1990 and based in Hampton Wick specializing in fee-only wealth management and pension advice.

Chris Hirsch, Managing Partner of Holland Hahn & Wills said: "We are delighted to be corporate sponsors of the Rose and are proud to play our part in making the theatre the cultural heart of Kingston. We look forward to seeing our many friends at the theatre over the coming year."

Holland Hahn & Wills is delighted to offer Friends of the Theatre a free initial consultation.

To find out more please visit  
2 High Street  
Hampton Wick  
Kingston upon Thames  
KT1 4DB  
[www.hhw-uk.com](http://www.hhw-uk.com)  
020 8943 9229

### The Gift of Chocolate from Bentalls

A special gift awaits you in Bentalls Food department on the lower ground floor. Simply bring in this promotion to collect your complimentary Duc d'o praline filled milk & white chocolate mini love hearts.

Offer available whilst stocks lasts.  
One gift per person per letter.

### Riverside Vegetaria Restaurant

offers 20% off the total food bill for Rose Theatre Friends. Pre and Post-Theatre set menu is also available.

[www.rsveg.plus.com](http://www.rsveg.plus.com)  
Tel: 020 8546 7992

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**ROSE THEATRE**  
Kingston

MARCH 2008

## YOU DID IT!

"Boy, it looks and feels good..."  
*The Times*

**Congratulations!!** By the time you read this, the Rose Theatre will have celebrated its first month of operation. The theatre opened with *Uncle Vanya*, directed by Sir Peter Hall, on Wednesday 16 January and won rave reviews for both the theatre and the production. Without our Friends and supporters, this would not have happened.

Each Friend and supporter should feel immense pride at this achievement. In addition to the invaluable support they have provided, many Friends have also signed up to volunteer at the theatre. From distributing leaflets and posters, to becoming Ushers, our Friends have truly become the beating heart of the Rose theatre.

We still need to secure the future of the theatre by filling the auditorium and encouraging more people to join as Friends and supporters.



Photo by Chris Pearsall

We hope that you will continue your outstanding work and help us spread the word about Kingston's new theatre – you have succeeded in making it happen so far!

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, STEPHEN UNWIN



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Sir Peter Hall and Stephen Unwin

After 5 years of championing and overseeing the completion of the Rose Theatre, Sir Peter Hall will become Director Emeritus of the Rose from April 2008.

Stephen Unwin, Founder and outgoing Chief Executive of English Touring Theatre, becomes our new Artistic Director from April 2008. He will work closely with Peter to programme and fundraise for the theatre.

Peter Hall said "For the last five years my single aim has been to see the Rose Theatre completed and open. This is finally a reality and is therefore an appropriate moment for me to pass the Director's baton.

Stephen Unwin's appointment as Artistic Director is a wonderful development in the Rose's story and I am delighted he has accepted the post. The enormous success of English Touring Theatre over the last fifteen years is a tribute to his artistic integrity and dynamic approach to running a highly respected arts organisation. He brings an exceptional range of experience to the Rose which will benefit the whole project enormously."

Stephen Unwin's career in theatre spans over 30 years and began at the Almeida Theatre on an Arts Council Director's Bursary. He then went on to become Associate Director of the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh, and Resident Director at the National Theatre Studio. In 1993, Stephen founded English Touring Theatre for whom he has directed almost thirty productions of new and classical work, both on national tour and in London. He has also written several books on drama and has taught in universities and drama schools nationally and internationally.