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# The Albany Spring Season 2020

The Albany Spring 2020 season is now on sale. The programme spans music, theatre, spoken word, family shows and more at our three venues - the Albany and Deptford Lounge in Deptford and, Canada Water Theatre in Southwark.

A 3 for 2 ticket offer applies across the Albany season, meaning audiences can enjoy more of the programme for less. [See the Albany website for full terms and conditions.](#)

Full season listings for the Albany Spring 2020 season of shows and events follow below.

## Spoken Word

**Thursday 27 February, 8pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £10 / £8 concs. Ages 15+.**

Andy Craven-Griffiths presents

### **Joygernaut**

*Joygernaut* incorporates eighteen months of research into the psychology, sociology and biology of kindness, along with stories of kindness gathered from across the country.

This unique spoken word play uses physical theatre, comedy and even origami to explore how individual acts of kindness and cruelty can gain momentum over time, offering an alternative outlook on the pursuit of happiness.

An open mic session will take place before this show from 6.45pm. Led by poet Tyrone Lewis.

**Wednesday 4 & Thursday 5 March, 8pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £14 / £10 concs. Ages 14+.**

Cecilia Knapp presents

### **Losing the Night**

Liam and Mitch haven't seen each other since they lost Dylan. During a shift with nothing to do but wash glasses, they start to dig deep into the past to try to get to the truth. *Losing the Night* explores the mental health crisis in the UK through the eyes of two young people experiencing it on the front line.

Join Cecilia before the shows for a creative writing workshop and have the chance to perform what you create as a curtain raiser. Visit the Albany website for more information.

**Thursday 23 April, 8pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £10 / £8 concs. Ages 14+.**

### **Earwax**

Earwax is a space for womxn artists to experiment and make noise. Join us for an amazing line-up of young artists including writers, musicians, sound artists and DJs.

Featuring some of our favourite regulars alongside fresh talent and work from Earwax newcomers. Line-up to be announced, see the Albany website for details.

An open mic session will take place before this show from 6.45pm. Led by poet Tyrone Lewis.

**Thursday 21 May, 8pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £14 / £10 concs. Ages 12+.**

**Relaxed. BSL Interpreted. Open Captioned.**

In the Works presents

### **Within Sight**

*Within Sight* follows a young woman out on a run after she's just heard she did not make the Paralympics team. She contemplates what the future holds in a society so hostile towards the disabled, now that she's failed to fulfil its expectations.

Written and performed by Ellen Renton, *Within Sight* dismantles ableism, inspiration porn, and the myth of the Paralympics.

An open mic session will take place before this show from 6.45pm. Led by poet Tyrone Lewis.

**Thursday 11 & Friday 12 June, 8pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £18 / £8 concs. Ages 15+.**

Alex Roberts presents

### **No Place Like Home**

On the dancefloor of a gay bar in the city, Connor meets Rob. One is a newcomer, the other has been on the scene far too long. But in here their differences don't matter. Do they?

Fusing spoken word, music and video projection, *No Place Like Home* is a solo performance about violence and LGBTQ+ nightlife, asking; are bars and clubs still the place all queers can call home?

An open mic session will take place before the 12 June show from 6.45pm. Led by poet Tyrone Lewis.

## **Family Shows & Events**

**Sunday 2 February, 1pm & 3pm. At the Albany. £7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 3+.**

Skewbald Theatre presents

### **Mimi and the Mountain Dragon**

Each year high up in the snowy mountains, the villagers of Dorta make a noisy ruckus to keep the fearsome Mountain Dragon away. But this year is different.

One cold winter morning Mimi discovers something extraordinary... a baby dragon asleep in the woodshed! Will Mimi be brave enough to reach the top of the mountain and take the baby dragon back home?

Based on the book by Michael Morpurgo.

**School performances:** Wednesday 12 – Friday 14 February, 10.30am & 1pm. Tickets £7 (group offer: book 10 or more tickets and get every 11<sup>th</sup> ticket free).

**Public performances:** Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 February, 11am & 2pm. £12 / £8 concs. / £34 family ticket.

**At the Albany. Ages 5+.**

Fuel presents

### **The Little Prince**

**In association with English Touring Theatre.**

Broken down in the Sahara Desert, desperate to repair her fighter jet, a pilot meets an extraordinary Little Prince. As he recounts his adventures, the pilot re-discovers the power of belief, the importance of doing what we can to protect our natural world, and the true meaning of friendship.

In Inua Ellams' magical retelling of the much loved story by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, the Little Prince descends from an African race in a parallel galaxy, travelling across time and space seeking help to bring peace to his warring planet.

By Inua Ellams.

Directed by Femi Elufowoju, jr.

Co-commissioned by the Albany.

**Friday 28 February, 1.30pm. At Canada Water Theatre. Pay-What-You-Decide. All Ages. Relaxed.**

City Of London Sinfonia presents

### **Comfortable Classical: The Maple Tree - a work in progress**

*The Maple Tree* invites anyone and everyone, from young children to older adults, to experience orchestral music.

In this short, relaxed concert, join City of London Sinfonia musicians on a journey into the woods and enjoy music inspired by soaring birds, great trees, buzzing bees and the warmth of the fireside.

**Friday 21 February, 11am & 2pm. At Canada Water Theatre. Pay-What-You-Decide. Ages 3+.**

### **Drag Queen Story Time**

*Drag Queen Story Time* is a fun, inclusive, storytelling session for children. Fairy tales will be brought to life by local Drag Queens, featuring conventional fairy tales as well as feminist fairy tales and gender fluid novels aimed at young children.

DQST events aim to provide a safe environment in which children, teachers and parents can encounter LGBTQ+ representation in a fun and engaging way.

This event is part of LGBT+ History Month.

**Friday 21 & Saturday 22 February, 1pm & 3pm. At the Albany. £7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 4+.**

**Relaxed performance on 22 February, 1pm.**

The Knotted Project & Hawk Dance Theatre present

### **Outside the Igloo**

From the makers of the *Chit Chat Chalk Show*, join us for an interactive, icy adventure for young explorers. Sit amongst the set and performers to help three penguins on their amazing wintery journey. When three penguin friends put down their screens and step out of their igloo for the first time, they embark on an adventure of discovery and magic, following cracks in the ice, scaling enormous mountains and swimming in freezing lakes.

**At Canada Water Theatre: Saturday 16 May, 1pm & 3pm**

**At the Albany: Sunday 8 March, 1pm & 3pm**

**£7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 5+.**

Get Lost And Found presents

### **Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers**

All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing! Only The Ancient Guild of Tale Tenders can save the stories - and they need your help.

*Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers* is an interactive theatrical experience for the whole family. A thrilling story told through performance, games and creative play that explores Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The BFG* and *The Twits*.

**Sunday 29 March, 2pm & 6pm. At the Albany. £5 / £2 Lewisham Homes Residents. All Ages.**

The Albany and Lewisham Homes present

## THE LEGENDARY

Local young people from Love2Dance bring you a brand new hip-hop dance theatre show. *THE LEGENDARY* is a breath-taking combination of physical theatre and original beats, twisted into a story about overcoming the odds.

**Tuesday 14 April, 1pm & 3pm. At the Albany. £7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 4+.**

Half Moon and Z-Arts present

### Dust

When Little Titch arrives at her new home it's not what she expected. It is cold and unwelcoming - until she meets Nelly, a flamboyant and loveable hoarder, and together they discover that friendship can heal hidden wounds.

Written by award winning children's author Laura Dockrill, with music by Hugo White of The Maccabees, *Dust* uses poetic language to explore a heartfelt story about love, loss, identity and memory.

**Wednesday 15 April, 1pm & 3pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 6+.**

### Comedy Club 4 Kids

*Comedy Club 4 Kids* gets the best comedians from the UK and world circuit to do what they do best for an audience of children and their families... without the rude bits! It's just like a normal comedy club, but with a higher than usual chance of heckles like "why is that your face?"

*"The perfect way to entertain the whole family."* Three Weeks

**At the Albany:** Sunday 26 April, 1pm & 3pm

**At Canada Water Theatre:** Saturday 9 May, 1pm & 3pm

**£7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 3+.**

Lyngo Theatre presents

### Puss in Boots

With a host of puppets, a working windmill and an avalanche of fruit and nuts, this classic furry tale is the cat's whiskers! Join us to find out how one sure-footed feline fools both the King and the Ogre to take his master all the way to the top.

**At Deptford Lounge:** Tuesday 28 April, 12pm & 2pm

**At Canada Water Theatre:** Saturday 23 May, 12pm & 2pm

**£7 / £24 family ticket. Under 5s. Relaxed and BSL Interpreted.**

The Herd presents

### Slime

Being a slug is hard. Everyone thinks you're disgusting. Slug and Caterpillar are starving, and the only leaf left in the garden is out of reach. Slug thinks they should work together, but Caterpillar has other ideas.

Enter the undergrowth to squish and squelch your way through this hilarious show, told with a handful of words and lots of slime!

**Sunday 17 May, 3pm. At the Albany. Pay-What-You-Decide. Ages 7+. Relaxed.**

Apples And Snakes and the Albany present

### Plot 17

A hip-hop garden party for families. Join Kenny Baraka AKA the Green Man and DJ Conrad Kira as they work to save the environment one track at a time. Come along and watch the show, plant some seeds, make your own musical instrument and find out about how you can save the planet.

This event takes place in the Albany garden.

Schools performance available, see the Albany website for details. Commissioned by Apples and Snakes with support from Team London Bridge and the Albany.

**Friday 29 May, 1pm & 3pm. At the Albany. £7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 3+.**

Golden Toad Theatre Company presents

### **Errol's Garden**

Errol is a young boy living in the inner city who longs for his own garden. This interactive children's musical is centred around exploring community, imagination and a passion for plants. Filled with catchy songs, humour and imagination, Errol's Garden encourages children to use their ideas to make a positive impact on their local community.

Based on the book by Gillian Hibbs.

**Saturday 30 May, 1pm & 3pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £7 / £24 family ticket. Ages 3+.**

Tutti Frutti presents

### **Sweet Dreams**

Leave the ordinary behind and step into a place of wonder; snuggle down in a place of still, silent, sleepy slumber, a place just for you. If you can't sleep, won't sleep or love sleep there is something in this show for you. With sublime music and beautiful design, tutti frutti invites you to their new show exploring the wonders and benefits of sleep.

## **Theatre & Performance**

**Tuesday 25 February & Tuesday 28 April, 8pm. At the Albany. Pay-What-You-Decide. Ages 18+.**

Tricity Vogue and Rude Grrl present

### **Cabaret Playroom**

*Cabaret Playroom* has been hosted by the Albany since September 2014. Since then a veritable who's who of artists have brought their experiments and works-in-progress to the intimate studio space, to take the audience on a journey that's often as much of a surprise to the performers themselves.

Each show is unique and features a selection of short performances from a wide range of artists, genres and styles, hosted by Tricity Vogue. Line-up to be announced, see the Albany website for details.

**Saturday 29 February, 7pm. At the Albany. FREE. Ages 16+. BSL Interpreted.**

Spread the Word and Troy Fairclough present

### **Black Gay Ink Sharing**

Black Gay Ink is a creative writing development scheme for emerging Black gay writers based in London, delivered by T. Fairclough run in association with Spread the Word.

This showcase event will highlight and promote the work of participants.

Black Gay Ink aims to provide a safe space where Black gay men can meet, share and express their stories and experiences through writing. It is open to emerging writers based in London, writing across different genres.

**Tuesday 10 March, 1pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £8 / £6 concs. Ages 14+. Relaxed.**

Chloe Bezer presents

### **Women and Other Exhibits**

With live music and story-telling, talented cellist/singer-songwriter, Chloe Bezer, weaves new tales from old threads, inspired by museum exhibits. Life in a glass case looks a lot less chaotic, but it probably doesn't

tell the whole story. At a time when it feels like our options are shrinking, this show asks: why do we have to keep looking backwards?

**Friday 20 March, 7.30pm & Saturday 21 March, 2pm & 7.30pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £14 / £10 concs. Ages 13+.**

**Relaxed. Audio Described. Open Captioned. BSL Interpreted.**

Fingersmiths in co-production with Sheffield Theatres & in partnership With New Wolsey Theatre present

## **My Mother Said I Never Should**

**By Charlotte Keatley**

*'You are always your Mother's child, my Mother used to say'*

A moving and funny exploration of the lives of four generations of women in one family. Shifting back and forth in time, we see their loves, expectations and choices play out against huge social change from 1900 - 1980s.

Featuring a cast of hearing and d/Deaf actors, this production's visual, physical storytelling captures the rich breadth of communication styles that have always been used by the d/Deaf community.

**Saturday 21 March, 12pm – 4pm. At Deptford Lounge. FREE. All Ages.**

Deptford Lounge and the Albany present

## **Deptford Live!**

Deptford Live! is your chance to take centre stage, share a skill, meet other local creative people and have a free, fun, family friendly day out!

We're handing Deptford Lounge over to local people to share their talents with each other. Whether you choose to sign up for a slot or just come along to watch and join in, this is your chance to be part of our creative community.

### **Perform or Share a Skill**

Anyone can sign up for a performance or workshop slot – from a craft or creative writing workshop leader to a band on the brink of world stardom – the only requirement is that it's a creative activity that the public of all ages can enjoy! You can sign up in advance or on the day and slots are for a minimum of 15 minutes. Go to [www.thealbany.org.uk/projects/deptford-live-callout](http://www.thealbany.org.uk/projects/deptford-live-callout) to find out more about how to sign up.

**Friday 17 & Saturday 18 April, 7.30pm. At Canada Water Theatre. £14 / £10 concs. Ages 14+.**  
**BSL Interpreted.**

Vital Xposure presents

## **Medicine's Monsterous Daughters**

**Two plays by Julie McNamara and Omikemi**

Two powerful plays, inspired by real life events, are woven together across time to expose unpalatable truths about the treatment of people deemed 'different' or 'damaged' and asks how much of our humanity do we lose in search of the cure?

Together, these plays tell some of the untold stories behind medicine's 'magical' gains.

Supported by ARC Stockton.

**Friday 24 April, 4pm. At the Albany. Pay-What-You-Decide. Ages 14+.**

Frisky presents

## **Pirates Chopped My Willy Off: A-Work-in-Progress**

An exuberant, confessional and hilarious piece told by rising experimental North/South comedy duo: Camille Dawson and Serena Ramsey.

*Pirates Chopped My Willy Off* delves into the hidden moments of adolescence; the sleepovers, rituals, naïve misconceptions, outrageous games and experimentations with our identities. Combining heavily stylised comedy, physical theatre, live music featuring original songs and verbatim, we aim to bring authentic childhood experiences to light. This is a community inspired show, featuring real stories from across the UK.

**Friday 22 May, 7pm. At the Albany. Pay-What-You-Decide. Ages 16+.**

Adam Kammerling presents

### **Goldfish: A-Work-in-Progress**

Building on the book of the same name, to be released by Outspoken Press in 2020, Adam Kammerling presents a dance, poetry and theatre show exploring Judaism, trauma and heavy metal.

In 1938, two children fled the Nazis. 80 years later a poet went on a journey through European history with heavy metal on the playlist. This is the story of that journey, of the escape, and of the fragility and dumb luck of existing. With a trio of dancers, a poet and a three-piece noise band, *Goldfish* celebrates the visceral and amplified realms we access with dance and live music.

**Thursday 28 May, 7.30pm. At the Albany. Pay-What-You-Decide. Ages 14+.**

Frisky presents

### **Frisky and their Freaky Friendz**

Join FRISKY to celebrate the outrageous, playful and experimental. A night of theatre, live art, poetry, comedy and film that seeks to push boundaries and kick up dust surrounding conventional performance. Unleash your FREAKY side.

## **Gigs**

### **New music at the Albany & Canada Water Theatre**

**Friday 14 February, 7.30pm (doors). At Canada Water Theatre. £10 / £8 concs.**

#### **Nihilism**

A 5-piece made up of sax, violin, keys, drums and bass, Nihilism's influences range from jazz, hip-hop and funk to soul and grime. Their acclaimed debut EP *EXPOSITION* brims with funk, energy and unapologetic rawness.

**Thursday 12 March, 7.30pm (doors). At Canada Water Theatre. £10 / £8 concs.**

#### **Levitation**

Levitation presents its latest ensemble, Bronze Choir, headed by an explosive line-up of four guitarists. Created in the spirit of unity, combining the imaginations, influences and powers of these musicians, a suite of music will be created for this moment. Prepare yourselves for a joyful noise.

Led by Axel Kaner-Lidstrom of Where Pathways Meet, Cykada and Levitation Orchestra.

**Wednesday 18 March, 7.30pm (doors). At Canada Water Theatre. £10 / £8 concs.**

#### **AGAMA**

AGAMA is a vocalist, composer and producer. Her unique sound is soulful, jazzy and psychedelic with touches of electronic and classical music. AGAMA will be accompanied by her seven piece band, showcasing material from her EP *Safe in Noise*.

**Wednesday 29 April & Wednesday 27 May 7.30pm (doors). At the Albany. From £10.**

## Steam Down Vision

Born and bred in Deptford the Collective comes home to the Albany for a new series in 2020. Join the award-winning collective and some very special guest stars for unique evenings incorporating new arrangements of their work alongside the collective's much-loved immersive melting pot of future soul melodies, west African rhythms, spiritual jazz and UK bass music.

**Friday 15 May, 7.30pm (doors) & Saturday 16 May, 6.30pm (doors). At the Albany. From £12, festival pass available. Ages 16+.**

## ARRAY

### Immersive. Music. Festival.

ARRAY is an entirely new festival experience that plunges you into a universe of music, colour and movement. The line-up includes Hejira, Kamikaze Space Programme, Dan Samsa, Dave Okumu, and Atau Tanaka and features new music and remixes specifically created for full sound immersion.

For two nights only! Full line-up to be announced on the Albany website.

## Get Involved

**Last Friday of the month, February – May. At the Albany. FREE. All Ages.**

### PG Singers

A choir for parents and guardians. A fun opportunity for PG's to socialise and sing within a warm and friendly environment, to express themselves and have a laugh!

This is a chance to get involved in something unique and eventually look forward to a few performances down the line. Participants have no obligation to be able to sing or read music. It is all very casual, but there will be a learning element to this if participants wish to harness vocal and music skills.

Our first session will be a taster night with wine and nibbles! There will also be a chance to recommend any of your favourite songs to learn as a group, along with any solo parts.

**Friday 22 May, 11am. At the Albany. FREE. All Ages (baby and child friendly).**

Sabrina Mahfouz presents

### Smashing It: Working Class Artists Making It Happen

Arts funding in the UK is available for all artists, whatever their background. But many working-class artists feel excluded by the application process. This two-hour workshop with Sabrina Mahfouz aims to help working class artists working in any artform to get their idea for a project application-ready, demystifying the process and discussing your plans. It helps if you have an idea in mind, but it's not a prerequisite for attendance.

This workshop is part of a larger project to celebrate working-class artists working today, and acknowledge both their massive contribution to the arts, and the unique hurdles they face in the arts industry.

**Wednesday 4 March, 7pm. At the Albany. FREE. Ages 12+.**

### Pizza and Pitches

Have you ever wanted to have your say on a future Albany events? Now's your chance at the Pizza and Pitches Party. We'll invite people with great ideas for projects to make a short pitch for your support. You pick and vote for your favourite and then we'll all eat free pizza together.

We are a community-orientated arts organisation, so are putting our money where our mouth is and committing £1,000 to whichever project is voted for by YOU at our FREE *Pitches and Pizza Party*. Come along and have your say!



Got a great idea for us? Go to [www.thealbany.org.uk/projects/pizza-and-pitches-fund](http://www.thealbany.org.uk/projects/pizza-and-pitches-fund) to find out more about how to apply. Please note that you do not need to be a 'professional' artist to pitch for this opportunity, but you can be.

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Booking and information: [www.thealbany.org.uk](http://www.thealbany.org.uk) | 020 8692 4446.  
The Albany, Douglas Way, Deptford, London, SE8 4AG.  
Canada Water Theatre, 21 Surrey Quays Road, SE16 7AR.  
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#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

- We want everyone to be able to access all of our events. If you want to book for a standing event and have access requirements which mean you cannot stand, please call the box office to inform us on 020 8692 4446.
- Please notify the Albany of any access needs when booking so we can facilitate you having a great experience.
- A Family Ticket consists of 2 adult and 2 children's tickets or 1 adult and 3 children's tickets.
- **Many of our gigs are dynamically priced:** we will set the price based on demand. Book early for the best rate. We release tickets for these events gradually. If they appear as sold out, please contact the box office or check back in a few hours.
- The Albany is an arts centre based in the heart of Deptford with a history embedded in the local community, and driven by the cultural diversity and creative mix of South East London. The venue has a 500 capacity main house, as well as two smaller studio spaces, many resident companies housed in offices throughout the building, a café and a large garden.
- On behalf of Lewisham Council, the Albany manages and programmes the Deptford Lounge, a cultural and community hub, which includes a library, galleries, and a range of community facilities shared with Tidemill School.
- On behalf of Southwark Council, the Albany manages and programmes the Canada Water Culture Space comprising a 150-seat theatre and six education and meeting spaces in Canada Water Library.
- The Albany is an Arts Council NPO and a registered charity and any income they make is reinvested back into the work they do. Visit [www.thealbany.org.uk](http://www.thealbany.org.uk) to find out more.

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