BOTTER SIDE UP THEATRE PRESENTS

THESTIVAL 2026

THREE DAYS OF COMEDY, MUSIC, AND DRAMA



29/30/31 OCTOBER

@ LANTERN THEATRE

NODA



ABOUT BUTTER SIDE UP

We're here to create a welcoming space for anyone who loves theatre and wants to tell a story that's uniquely their own. Whether you're here for the laughs, the impact, or just the butter, we're glad to have you with us!

Our vision is to be an inclusive theatre company where all voices shine!








We're a theatre company that believes life's better with a bit of laughter, a touch of cheekiness, and a whole lot of heart.

Whether you're a seasoned performer or someone who's been singing show tunes in the shower, we've got a spot just for you.

ABOUT THESTIVAL

Three Nights. Countless Stories. One Halloween Weekend.

This Halloween weekend, you'll discover bold new theatre at Thestival 2026 as Butter Side Up Theatre Company returns to The Lantern Theatre with its biggest festival yet.

Across three unique evenings, Thestival celebrates original storytelling through four one act plays alongside Stage Presence, our showcase of monologues, duologues, scenes, across drama, comedy and music. Each night offers a completely different programme, making every visit a new theatrical experience.

Whether you're with us for one evening, two, or experience the whole festival, Thestival is your chance to discover exciting new writing, fresh perspectives and unforgettable live performances

PRODUCTION TEAM



Georgi Tunstall
Executive Producer



Georgia Deith
Thursday Producer



Anthony Garbett
Friday Producer



Michael Hudson
Saturday Producer

DIRECTORS



Amy
Longbottom



Becky
Cleary-Holland



Charlie
Lloyd



Daniel
O'Key



Jamie
Wainwright



Nathan
Learmonth



Rob
Eagle



Sophie
Knowles

THE CAST



Alison
Brelsford



Alison
Mitchell



Andrew
Wilkinson



Antigone
Wright



Avery
Briddon



Christy
Fitzsimons



Connor
Varley



Daniel
Higgins

THE CAST



David Barton



Ellie Madeira



Emily Capp



Hannah Wade



John Ashmore



Joshua Lambon



Kyle Baker



Lauren McCormick



Liam Jewison



Michael Winrow



Rob Place



Ruby Richardson



Sean Sullivan



Sinead Parker



Tara Kulbatski



Tom Turner

ACROSS THE POND

Director - Rob Eagle
Producer - Georgia Deith
Stage Manager - Sinead Parker
Sound - Daniel Higgins
Lighting - Charlie Billingsley

Jedis by Brian Petti

After a bank robbery goes disastrously wrong, a father and son are left to decide what happens next. Exploring pride and insecurity, both hapless thieves use movie-style outlaw mythology to legitimise what 'being a man is'.

Father - Connor Varley
Son - Avery Briddon

Happy Birthday Dear Maggie by Rick Butts

While travelling for work on her birthday as her husband undergoes major surgery, Maggie unexpectedly finds herself sharing a hotel room with Aldrin, a clown preparing for a corporate performance. An unlikely encounter unfolds with humour, warmth and heart.

Aldrin - Michael Winrow
Maggie - Alison Mitchell

ACROSS THE POND

Directed by Amy Longbottom
Daniel O'Key & Jamie Wainwright
Choreography by Ellie Madeira

Judas	Becky Cleary-Holland, Ellie Madeira, Ruby Richardson
Morning Brown	Avery Briddon, Christy Fitzsimons, Michael Winrow
Rachel Getting Married	Christy Fitzsimons, David Barton, Hannah Wade, John Ashmore, Joshua Lambon
Animal Spirits	Avery Briddon, Becky Cleary-Holland, Georgi Tunstall
Creep	Ellie Madeira
All of Us Strangers	Christy Fitzsimons, David Barton
SNL - Gilly	Alison Brelsford, Anthony Garbett, Becky Cleary-Holland, Hannah Wade, Sean Sullivan, Tom Turner
Think About Things	Antigone Wright, Avery Briddon, Ruby Richardson
SNL - Lawrence Welk	Becky Cleary-Holland, Connor Varley, Georgi Tunstall, Hannah Wade, Rob Place, Sophie Knowles
Love is a Beautiful Thing	Avery Briddon, Ruby Richardson
I am Travelling Alone	Becky Cleary-Holland, David Barton, Hannah Wade, John Ashmore, Rob Place
Gay Marriage Legalised	Christy Fitzsimons, Daniel O'Key, Lauren McCormick
Spooky Mormon Hell Dream	Antigone Wright, Avery Briddon, Becky Cleary-Holland, Connor Varley, Ellie Madeira, Emily Capp, Georgi Tunstall, Hannah Wade, John Ashmore, Michael Hudson, Michael Winrow, Ruby Richardson

ECHO CHAMBER

Writer and Director - Becky Cleary-Holland
Producer - Anthony Garbett
Stage Manager - Alex Wood
Sound - Chris Marshall-Unitt
Lighting - Charlie Billingsley
Stage Hands - Rob Eagle, Lauren McCormick & Daniel Higgins

Sarah lives with her partner Daniel, creator of ECHO, an advanced AI home system designed to regulate emotions and maintain stability. But as ECHO becomes increasingly embedded in her everyday life, the line between care and control begins to blur.

Sarah - Hannah Wade
Daniel - Daniel O'Key
Echo - Ellie Madeira
Tom - Rob Place
Ollie - Michael Hudson
Chloe - Emily Capp
Kate - Georgia Deith
Laurence - Liam Jewison
Anna - Sinead Parker

DYSTOPIA & DECEPTION

Directed by Amy Longbottom
Daniel O'Key & Jamie Wainwright
Piano by Jack Wheatley
Choreography by Michael Hudson & Georgi Tunstall

SNL - Millionaire	Andrew Wilkinson, Tom Turner
Easy Street	Becky Cleary-Holland, Georgia Deith, Michael Hudson
The Climb	Daniel Higgins, John Ashmore
Welcome to the Internet	Avery Briddon, Christy Fitzsimons, Connor Varley, Michael Winrow, Rob Place
Poor Unfortunate Souls	Antigone Wright, Emily Capp
It's All About Getting	Andrew Wilkinson, Avery Briddon, Daniel O'Key, Sean Sullivan
The Funny Guy	Christy Fitzsimons, Rob Place
Mother Knows Best	Georgia Deith
It Can't Be True	Antigone Wright, Avery Briddon, Becky Cleary-Holland, Connor Varley, Ellie Madeira, Emily Capp, Georgia Deith, Georgi Tunstall, Hannah Wade, John Ashmore, Michael Hudson, Ruby Richardson, Tara Kulbatski
Remain Indoors	Alison Brelsford, Andrew Wilkinson, Connor Varley, Rob Place
Be Prepared	Avery Briddon, Ellie Madeira, John Ashmore, Michael Winrow
Four Yorkshire Women	Alison Brelsford, Becky Cleary-Holland, Georgi Tunstall, Sophie Knowles
Nobody Needs to Know	Tara Kulbatski
Children of Earth	Becky Cleary-Holland, Connor Varley, Daniel Higgins, John Ashmore, Rob Place

A STRANGE CASE FOR LIVING

Writer and Director- Sophie Knowles
Producer - Michael Hudson
Stage Manager - Rob Eagle
Sound - Emily Butterworth
Lighting - Nathan Learmonth
Stage Hand - Ellie Madeira
Music - Mathew Lee Knowles

A fresh retelling of The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, told through a queer lens, exploring identity, grief, repression and transformation. Watch as we embrace the words of Henry Jekyll and Edward Hyde, two halves of the soul of Dr Jekyll; fractured via a chemical concoction that the doctor dubbed as HJ7.

Henry Jekyll - Connor Varley
Edward Hyde - Christy Fitzsimons
Gabriel Utterson - Kyle Baker
Lisa Carew/Lucy - Georgia Deith
Mrs Beaconsfield/Mother Beatrice - Alison Brelsford
Dr Lanyon/Mr Beaconsfield - Rob Place
Sir Danvers/Bradshaw - Jamie Wainwright
Richard Enfield/Poole - Michael Winrow
Cuthbert Hadleigh - Daniel Higgins
Theodore Savage - Tom Turner

HORROR

Directed by Amy Longbottom
Daniel O'Key & Jamie Wainwright
Choreography by Ellie Madeira

Dead Set	Becky Cleary-Holland, Christy Fitzsimons, Daniel Higgins, David Barton, Hannah Wade, John Ashmore, Rob Place
Austin Powers	Avery Briddon, Connor Varley, Joshua Lambon, Michael Winrow, Sean Sullivan
Zodiac	Becky Cleary-Holland, John Ashmore, Rob Place
Meant To Be Yours	Hannah Wade
The Real Villains	Anthony Garbett, Becky Cleary-Holland, Christy Fitzsimons, Connor Varley, Daniel O'Key, Hannah Wade, Rob Place, Sean Sullivan
Say My Name	Antigone Wright, Connor Varley, Ellie Madeira, John Ashmore
That's a Bad Idea	Andrew Wilkinson, Anthony Garbett, Lauren McCormick, Rob Place
Dead Mom	Hannah Wade
Fred the Skeleton	Becky Cleary-Holland, Christy Fitzsimons, Connor Varley, Sean Sullivan
Wait for Me	Antigone Wright, Avery Briddon, Ellie Madeira, Georgi Tunstall, Hannah Wade, Ruby Richardson
Woman In Black	Daniel Higgins, David Barton, Hannah Wade
Vicky McClure	Alison Brelsford, Anthony Garbett, Christy Fitzsimons, Jamie Wainwright
Friends on the Other Side	Antigone Wright, Avery Briddon, Becky Cleary-Holland, Connor Varley, Ellie Madeira, Georgi Tunstall, Georgia Deith, Hannah Wade, John Ashmore, Michael Winrow, Ruby Richardson

ORIGINAL WRITING

It's About Getting
Written and Directed by Charlie Lloyd

The Real Villains
Written and Directed by Nathan Learmonth

Fred the Skeleton
Written and Directed by Charlie Lloyd

Vicky McClure
Written and Directed by Charlie Lloyd

At Butter Side Up, we're always on the lookout for fresh ideas. Whether it's your original masterpiece or an existing play or musical you'd love to see us bring to life.

Fancy sharing your idea? Get in touch to learn more about our proposal and submission process.
Who knows? Your suggestion might just be our next big production!

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FUTURE PRODUCTIONS

September 2027

DEAR EVAN HANSEN



OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

LAST HURRAH

TWO COMEDIES FROM THE AMATEUR STAGE

THE LAST BREAD PUDDING
by Nick Warburton

LAST TANGO IN LITTLE GRIMLEY
by David Tristam



FEBRUARY 2027