

WODS to perform Shakespeare comedy

One of William Shakespeare's comedic plays will be brought to life by a Worle theatre group next month, and readers can win tickets to see the show.

Worle Operatic and Dramatic Society's (WODS) Musical Theatre Company will perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Tropicana, in Marine Parade, from August 2-4 at 7.30pm, with an additional matinee performance at 2.30pm on August 2.

The award-winning theatre company will venture into the land of the Bard by performing one of Shakespeare's most well-known plays.

It has had many different adaptations over the years and has stood the test of time.

On a midsummer's night, four young lovers find themselves wrapped in the dream-like arms of an enchanted forest where sprites lurk and fairies rule.

While a feuding Fairy King and Queen are at war, their paths are crossed by Bottom, Quince and their friends presenting a play within a play.

Chief mischief-maker Puck is on-hand to ensure the course of true love is anything but smooth, and games of fantasy, love and dreams ensue.

WODS performance is a site-specific piece of theatre, as the audience are required to move



WODS will perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in August.

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around the purpose designed theatre space with the actors as the play unfolds.

The group was nominated for Somerset Fellowship Of Drama awards for both its 2017 plays, *Made In Dagenham* and *Priscilla Queen Of The Desert*.

Tickets, priced £8-10, can be

purchased at www.worleoperatic.co.uk/tickets or on the door of each show.

The Mercury has teamed up with WODS to offer two lucky readers a pair of tickets each to a performance of their choice.

To enter the competition,

simply answer the following question: Who wrote *A Midsummer Night's Dream*?

Send your answer, along with your name, address and telephone number to: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* competition, Weston & Somerset Mercury, 32 Waterloo Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23

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Or, alternatively, visit www.westonmercury.co.uk by 10am on July 27 to enter.

Usual Archant rules apply and the editor's decision is final.

By entering this competition you agree to be contacted by Archant about it.

Piano recital by Weston musician

Weston musician Richard Lennox will give a piano and organ recital in the town at the end of this month, where audiences can also enjoy a light lunch.

Richard, who can also play the double bass and keyboard, is known to many concert-goers for his performance and improvisation skills.

He has played at some major venues across the UK and Europe, including the Royal Albert Hall and cathedrals.

His repertoire covers many genres, combining classical, cabaret, musical, rock and jazz songs.

He also accompanies several choirs in Weston and Somerset with their rehearsals and final performances.

His lunchtime concert at All Saints' Church, in All Saints Road, next week will feature a variety of popular music for both the organ and also the piano.

He will perform on July 28 at noon.

Tickets, priced £8, are available on the door and include a light lunch.



Richard Lennox will perform in Weston next week.

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Sounds of Buddy Holly

Relive the rocking 1950s music scene with a tribute to Buddy Holly at a Weston theatre.

The rock 'n' roll legend helped change the face of music from 1957 to 1959 and now one singer will take a look back at his biggest and best hits for the show *Buddy Holly: A Legend Reborn*.

The new production celebrates an artist who shot straight into the lime-light as soon as *That'll Be The Day* hit the radio.

Although his career was short, this one-man powerhouse gave the world a stack of tracks which will not be forgotten.

Some of Holly's biggest hits included *Peggy Sue*, *Oh Boy*, *Heartbeat*, *It Doesn't Matter Anymore*, *Words Of Love*, *Rave On* and *It's So Easy*.

Buddy Holly: A Legend Reborn will be performed at Weston's Playhouse Theatre, in High Street, on August 5 at 7.30pm

Tickets, priced £24, are available at www.theplayhouse.co.uk or on 01934 645544.