

High energy in Hairspray show

HAIRSPRAY.
The Playhouse, Weston.
October 1-3.

YOU can't stop the beat in an energetic performance of Hairspray at The Playhouse in Weston.

It is based on the Broadway musical, which was made into a film in 2007 starring Zac Efron and John Travolta.

It tells the story of Baltimore teenager Tracy Turnblad who dreams of being on the Corny Collins Show alongside teen idol Link Larkin.

Hairspray is set in the 1960s and is full of show-stopping numbers including You Can't Stop The Beat and Good Morning Baltimore.

Worle Operatic and Dramatic Society is producing and performing in the show.

The society won an award for best production last year at the David Beach Awards, which recognises amateur dramatic shows, for its production of Jesus Christ Superstar.

The show will be at The Playhouse on October 1-3 at 7.30pm, with a 2.30pm matinee on October 3.

Tickets, priced £15.50-16.50, are available from the box office on 01934 645544 or online at www.theplayhouse.co.uk

The Mercury has teamed up with The Playhouse to offer three pairs of tickets to Hairspray.

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question: **What show does Tracy dream of being on?**

Send your answer, along with your name, address and daytime telephone number to: Hairspray



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Competition, Weston Mercury, 32 Waterloo Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1LW by 10am on September 18.

Alternatively, you can log on to www.westonmercury.co.uk to enter. Usual Archant rules apply and

the editor's decision is final. By entering the competition you agree to be contacted by Archant.



Puppets on a bear hunt

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT.
Little Egg Theatre, Bath.
September 16-20.

ONE of the best-loved children's books in recent years, Micheal Rosen's We're Going On A Bear Hunt, is being brought to life with puppetry and music.

The plot follows a family on an adventure of a lifetime, as they run down the grassy bank, wade through the cold river, squelch over mud, stumble into the dark forest and peer into a cave – but

what will they find inside?

Little Angel Theatre has been producing quality puppet theatre productions for children and families for more than 50 years.

We're Going On A Bear Hunt is at the egg theatre from Wednesday to September 20, with performances on Wednesday and September 17 at 10am and 1pm, September 18 and 19 at 10am, noon and 3pm, and September 20 at 11am and 2pm.

Tickets, priced at £7.50-8.50, are available from the box office on 01225 448844 or online at www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Step in time with Mary Poppins show

Photo courtesy of Deen van Meer.



MARY POPPINS.
Hippodrome, Bristol.
October 29 to November 28.

A CLASSIC which is well-loved by all the family is coming to a South West stage.

The multi award-winning musical Mary Poppins is appearing at the Bristol Hippodrome next month.

The stage production of Mary Poppins originally opened in 2004

and ran in the West End for three years and more than 1,250 performances.

During this time it won the Olivier Award for best theatre choreography and best set design as well as the Evening Standard Award for best set design and the Variety Club Award for best musical.

The Broadway production ran for more than six years where it won the Tony Award for best set design, and it has since toured the globe to

widespread critical acclaim.

The timeless score will feature popular songs including Jolly Holiday, Step In Time, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and Feed The Birds.

The show will run at the Hippodrome in Bristol from October 29 to November 28, with various performance times available.

Tickets, priced £22.50-62.50, are available 08448 713012 or online via www.atgtickets.com/bristol