

A packed season ahead

DUNDEE Rep Theatre is delighted to announce a packed new season for Spring 2009.

The new season includes comedy, visiting drama, music and a production from Dundee Rep Youth Theatre.

Showing from April 14 to 18 is the touring drama of 'Women on The Verge of HRT' which sees Vera and Anna confront their fears and begin to realise that life doesn't have to end when HRT begins.

Middle Ground Theatre Company presents 'Billy Liar' from April 21 to 25 - a charming, warm, witty and sensitive comic production has Billy escaping his humdrum existence by day dreaming.

For one night only on April 28, sparks will fly with 'Singin' I'm No a Billy, He's a Tim' when a Celtic fan and a Rangers fan get locked up together on the day of the Old Firm match.

Drama continues with 'Djupid (The Deep)' on April 29 and 30 by Atli Jonasson.

Music gets off to a swing on May 1 with 'Hold Tight! A Tribute To The Andrews Sisters' featuring songs made famous by Patty, Laverne and Maxine. With songs, dance routines and period costume audiences will be transported back to a time when music was at its finest and glamour was all the rage.

Alan Stewart's 'Jolson & Co The Musical' (from May 4 to 9) tells Jolson's life-story through his unforgettable music and songs transporting audiences to the sights and sounds of a classic era.

Magnetic North present 'After Mary Rose' on May 13

and there will be a folk double bill with James Yorkston and Lisa Knapp on May 14.

Magnetic North then present 'Lest We Forget' on May 15 and 16 - a play commissioned by Aberdeen Performing Arts to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Piper Alpha oil platform disaster.

The Ultimate 60's Show present a fantasy concert on May 22, authentic in every detail.

Dundee Rep Ensemble and National Theatre of Scotland present award-winning 'Peer Gynt', from May 26 to 30, as part of a UK tour. Opening at Barbican Centre, London, the production travels to Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Directed by Dominic Hill this exhilarating tale of a dreamer, liar and serial womanizer follows Peer Gynt as he lives life on the edge and embarks on an astonishing journey.

'Balgay Hill' by Simon Macallum has its world premiere at the Rep this Spring, from June 9 to 27. Directed by James Brining, Balgay Hill is a story about Dundee and Billy Mackenzie, one of its most famous sons. The lives of four fictional characters are woven into the real-life story of Billy Mackenzie and the Associates. 'Balgay Hill' explores his unpredictable talents, the importance of heroes, Dundee in the 80's and the present day.

On July 3, we hear about the incredible life story of 'Chet Baker A Funny Valentine' - a jazz trumpeter voted the worlds best trumpeter in 1961, told by Mike Maran with live music by Colin Steele (trumpet) and Dave Milligan (piano).

Dundee Rep Youth Theatre

presents 'Twice upon a Time' from July 7 to 9. Dundee Rep commissioned award winning playwright Neil Duffield to write a new play for two of its youth theatres about changing worlds, time, love and mystical creatures.

There will be many opportunities to enjoy stand up comedy at the Rep throughout the entire season. Stand up comedy kicks off with Robin Ince 'Bleeding Heart Liberal' on April 16 and Gilded Balloon Productions Presents 'Jarred Christmas', Tom Stade, Daniel Simonsen and John Gavin on April 24.

Fast-paced, funny and fresh onto the comedy circuit is 'New Art Club' aka Tom Roden and Pete Shenton who hit the ground dancing on May 2 with a mix of comedy and choreography on a quest to find the ultimate dance.

Comedy continues with Bruce Fummey, 'About Robert The Bruce' on May 15; John Hegley, 'Beyond Our Kennel' on May 23; Stephen Grant, Daniel Sloss and Hal Cruttenden on May 29; and Jarlath Regan, Kevin Bridges and Steve Hughes on June 26.

Children's drama 'Jason and the Argonauts' on May 12; visiting dance from 'DOT504 Dance Company' on May 19; and 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' on July 10 and 11 round off a diverse season at the Dundee Rep Theatre.

Don't forget, the Rep continues the regular late night Jazz in the restaurant (April 9, May 14 and June 18).

Tickets on sale now for all of the shows listed, call 01382 223530 or visit www.dundee-rep.co.uk