

MEON VALLEY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

THEATRE VISITS 2023

Tuesday 9th May ***The Vortex*** by Noel Coward CFT
When Florence's son Nicky arrives home with an unexpected fiancée and a secret, it sets off a chain of events which threatens to pull them all into a maelstrom.

Tuesday 20th June ***Assassins*** by Stephen Sondheim CFT
A surreal group of people have one thing in common: they want to assassinate the President of the USA. Some succeed, some fail but there will be a place in the history books for all of them.

Tuesday 4th July ***Mom, How did you meet the Beatles?*** By Adrienne Kennedy
Minerva In the Swinging Sixties, playwright Adrienne Kennedy wanted to turn John Lennon's autobiography into a play. Famous names connected with the National Theatre showed an interest but slowly the stars seemed to align in a different way.

Tuesday 25th July ***The Sound of Music*** by Rogers and Hammerstein CFT
The hills are alive... you don't need me to tell you about it, do you?
Gina Beck (Nellie in *South Pacific* at CFT in 2021) returns to play Maria.

Tuesday 15th August ***Rock Follies*** by Chris Moss and Andy Mackay
Minerva Before the Spice Girls or the Sugarbabes, there were...The Little Ladies. The all-girl group sets the male-dominated pop world on fire but can they survive as a group or even as friends in this hectic atmosphere?

Tuesday 12th September ***Never Have I Ever*** by Deborah Frances-White
Minerva A boutique restaurant is closing and as the last of the expensive wine flows, long-hidden truths emerge that could ruin not only the business but the friendships behind it.

Tuesday 26th September ***QUIZ*** by James Graham CFT
Did he cheat? Or was it a genuine cough? Rory Bremner plays Chris Tarrant in this return to CFT of the play of the TV programme. (Yes, I know we went to see it last time but it's so much better on the stage than it was on TV, a genuinely entertaining evening.)

Tuesday 17th October ***A View from the Bridge*** by Arthur Miller CFT
On the Brooklyn waterfront, the fierce passions of ancestral Sicily smoulder as love comes into conflict with family relationships.

Monday 30th October ***The Inquiry*** by Harry Davies Minerva
MP Arthur Gill is one of Westminster's rising stars but an

inquiry into a public health disaster which occurred whilst Gill was in office threatens his career. How far will he go to hide his past and protect his future?

Tickets for shows in the main Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT) are £30.00 each, £35.00 for *The Sound of Music*, and £29.00 for shows in the Minerva.

If you would like to join any of these excursions to Chichester, please register an interest as soon as possible to me at **the contact details below**. I will confirm bookings as soon as I know final numbers. Booking a ticket automatically reserves a place on the minibus for you – this is charged separately nearer the time of travel. If you prefer to travel independently, please let me know as this will mean there is a place on the bus for someone else to join us. (I can book as many tickets as we need but the number of seats on the bus is limited to 15.) In the first instance, this offer is open to current MVARA members only. What an incentive to renew your membership for 2023-2024 (**renewals** now due – contact Kenrick Fell kenrickf3@gmail.com): you will recoup your membership fee on just one order for theatre tickets!

I hope you are looking forward to a summer of theatrical delights as much as I am. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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