

Chichester Festival Theatre Outreach activity across West Sussex

1. Examples of Partnership Activity

- **Specialist School Arts Festival/Light On Its Feet** – developed with the support of Bognor Regis Community College, Bourne Community College, Chatsmore Catholic High School, Chichester High School for Boys, Chichester High School for Girls, Oak Grove College, Oakmeeds Community College, Oathall Community College, Oriel High School, The Littlehampton Academy, The Sir Robert Woodard Academy, Westergate Community School a festival which will provide affordable, technically ambitious, access to the Minerva in March 2011
- Partnership with **West Sussex County Music** for two performances in February 2011 of “A Celebration of Young Musicians”, hosting 100s of young musicians from across county’s groups in the Festival Theatre
- **Blue Touch Paper Carnival** – CFT host meetings and conferences for this *Ahead of the Game* project to create and inspire accessible carnival as part of the local 2012 Olympics and Paralympic celebrations
- **Dialog Project** – CFT gives support in kind, space and hosts the Dialog project (West Sussex Arts Partnership supported), to provide a for cultural exchanges between schools (eg. Angmering, Bishop Luffa, Bognor Regis, and Durrington High School), artists from around the world and the general public
- Projects commissioned by **West Sussex Action Against Bullying** project involving schools from Worthing, Midhurst, Shoreham, Horsham, Burgess Hill and East Grinstead
- **Scene It** – CFT developed, promoted and ran open workshops and donated workshop space and production support to this county-wide West Sussex Arts Partnership amateur theatre festival. This collaboration between The Hawth in Crawley, Capitol in Horsham and CFT introduced skills and raised standards amongst amateur groups throughout three districts
- **Coffee Cantatas** (2008) - in support of the West Sussex Arts Partnership’s Rural Arts project, *Poems & Puddings*, CFT offered rehearsal space and access to the props store, before the production toured to Haywards Heath, Littlehampton, Shoreham By Sea, West Grinstead, and Chichester
- **Culture and Sports Board meetings** – CFT annually hosts a meeting for this networking and strategy group
- **Early Arts Network** – CFT, with WSCC’s Arts & Creativity Officer, offers venues for project development, practitioner time and apprenticeship support to develop the use of Arts in Early Years settings across West Sussex and will host an Early Arts conference in early 2011
- **West Sussex County Youth Theatre (WSCYT)** CFT provides technical, practical, and networking support for the WSCYT, and hosted their productions of **Henry V** and **Our Country’s Good**
- With support from the **West Sussex Arts and Health Network** (a West Sussex Arts Partnership initiative): A course of 8 weekly Reminiscence workshops at a Care Home in Petworth with residents with dementia and 8 at Marriott Lodge in Chichester (Winter 2010)
- An **Arts and Health networking event** organised West Sussex Arts & Health Officer, was hosted and supported by CFT in November 2010

- **Creative Partnerships Enquiry Project** – CFT's Community & Education Practitioner is leading a project exploring identity and change with 144 year 6 pupils at schools in Selsey, Bognor Regis, and Crawley

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- **Stage Door Conference** – a Career Conference for 14 – 19 year olds, aspiring theatre professionals in February each year (since 2009)
- **Career Moves Dance Conference** – a dance conference for young people between 14 – 21 years old, in partnership with Youth Dance England and Hampshire Dance
- **Shakespeare School Festival** – SSF is the nation's largest Youth Theatre Festival, for which CFT is a beacon venue, providing opportunities for West Sussex children to perform Shakespeare. Schools taking part have included those in Midhurst, Worthing, Chichester, Littlehampton, Bognor Regis and Durrington
- **National Theatre – New Connections** - CFT is a Regional Hub for this youth festival of new plays and in 2011 will host 16 youth groups from throughout the South East, including some from Crawley and Chichester
- Membership of **Chichester Festival Youth Theatre** and **New Moves Youth Dance** companies extends 25 miles in all directions from CFT and includes members from Worthing, Washington, West Grinstead, Ashington, Fittleworth and Rustington. Membership includes **540 young people from over 80 schools** predominantly from West Sussex
- National Area Venue for **National Association of Youth Theatres (NAYT)** - CFT is one of 9 regional venues, which in association with NAYT offer practitioner skill development opportunities and hold youth theatre networking events
- **Young Playwrights' Programme** – CFT runs an annual Young Playwright Programme which provides workshops and development experiences for 15 young people from throughout the South of England
- **National Open Art Exhibition** - 5,000 people visit the exhibition at the Minerva Theatre each November
- **Frantic Assembly Teacher Training** – 20 teachers from 12 schools across West Sussex attended a free teacher training session with the Artistic Director of Frantic Assembly and also provided Central Sussex College with a physical theatre workshop in advance of 100 students to seeing *Beautiful Burnout* in November 2010

3 **Other Activity**

- Between June 2008 and 2009, CFT employed a Central School of Speech and Drama Trained **Theatre Arts Practitioner** at Boundstone Community College in Lancing to work with the Expressive Arts department for 1.5 days per week, providing: -
 - High level animation to Residential Drama Week
 - Delivery of YR 6 transition project for feeder primaries
 - Pre-show workshop and tickets for 40 students to see South American version of *The Tempest*
 - Bespoke Q&A with award winning actress, Brenda Blethyn after performance of *Glass Menagerie*

- **Bridge Intercultural Arts** – In 2008, CFT planned, resourced, and led 22 two-hour sessions of theatre-based 'intercultural' workshops in Bognor Regis, targeting young refugees and asylum seekers to mix with other cultures. The project has also worked with Central Sussex College and will work with The Hawth on 12 intercultural sessions
- CFYT runs **two Satellite Youth Theatres** with in excess of 75 members attending the 4 weekly groups in **Bognor Regis** and **Littlehampton**. Membership gives young people access to auditions in any of the major CFYT productions, which have included Christmas Carol (2008), Snow Queen (2009), Firework-Makers Daughter and for Alice in Wonderland (2010)
- Support for biennial arts week production at the Minerva for **St Philip Howard Catholic School**, Barnham
- Partnership with **Felpham Language Travel**, providing educational support for international language exchange school
- **Apprenticeships**: CFT provides two year-long apprenticeships annually and through the Future Jobs Fund created 3 traineeships
- **Create2Learn Partnership**. Opera Project with Petworth and Goodwood Area Primary Schools running since 2002. Multiple workshops culminating in Festival Theatre performance with between 150 – 200 children
- A course of 10 x **Dementia/Reminiscence** workshops at Barlavington Manor near Petworth and Pulborough (Summer 2009).
- A course of 8 workshops for **adults with learning difficulties** in partnership with Hillcrest Care in 2009
- **Arts Partnership Practitioner** placement in 2008/9 with Chichester High School for Girls for a practitioner in schools, assisting in the Expressive Arts department
- **Pallant House Gallery** – in partnership with the Hans Feibusch Club, 14 adults with Learning Difficulties helped to make props for Toad of Toad Hall (2008)
- Delivery of two **performance workshops** to at Thomas Bennett Community School in 2009
- **Action Against Bullying** workshops with representatives of the Horsham Youth Council held at The Hawth, Crawley
- Two Arts Based Training sessions to develop the presentation skills of **Open University Lecturers** in East Grinstead
- CFT have run twice yearly **Healthy Eating/Living Workshops** at Oakmeed School in Burgess Hill, reaching approximately 120 Year 8 children each time, which was extended to 210 Year 7/8 Children in November 2010
- Multi-sensory tours and workshops for students with special educational needs from **Northbrook College** (2009/2010)
- **Toddle Around the World** – pilot project for Worthing to develop an arts project to assist migrant workforce integration through offering workshops to parents with young children based around movement