

HORRIBLE SCIENCE

– science with all the squishy, disgusting & explosive bits left in –
comes to the New Theatre for the first time!

Birmingham Stage Company, producers of six hugely popular *Horrible Histories* shows, will this year be touring an exciting new production based on the popular *Horrible Science* books. These books, written by Nick Arnold and illustrated by Tony De Saulles, have sold over 10 million copies in 38 different languages worldwide and won important scientific awards such as the Rhone-Poulenc Prize in 1997 and the Aventis Prize in 2004.

Using actors and some amazing 3D Bogglevision special effects, BSC's new and incredibly squishy *Horrible Science* show, adapted for the stage by Mark Williams, attempts to find the awful answers to such important questions as: why do we produce 50,000 litres of spit – enough to fill 100 baths – in a lifetime? Can you fight deadly diseases and beastly bacteria just by using orange juice? Can you survive the Bathroom of Doom and the Toothbrush of Terror when in just a few hours one bacterium can produce 100 million copies of itself to infect your towel, flannel, toothbrush and even your hands?

The audience will join Billy Miller, a recalcitrant 10-year-old, as he battles his way through the world of *Horrible Science*, facing dreadful dangers and putrid puns! They'll encounter fatal forces such as gravity and magnetism, discover the shocking truth about electricity, find out how bacteria and microbe monsters inflict their killer diseases, and learn how the different parts of the body fit together.

Horrible Science is directed by Phil Clark with designs by Jacqueline Trousdale and a cast including Laura Dalglish, Benedict Martin and Gareth Warren.

Horrible Science is suitable for all the family and covers much of the science curriculum that Key Stage 2 children have to learn, dealing with these topics in such unusual and hilariously disgusting ways as to seem a million miles from the classroom! Those who already enjoy the subject, and even the confirmed science haters, will find *Horrible Science* is unlike any theatre production they have ever seen before – a hugely fun way to learn important new things!

This astounding show will thrill you and your children – you'll be laughing & groaning, gasping at the special effects that seem to send giant bacteria and disgusting blobby things straight at your head, while all the time you'll be painlessly learning many more scientific facts than you knew before!

So book your tickets today for a truly *HORRIBLE* experience!

Tickets are priced from £11.50 - £15.50 for adults and £6.50 - £10.50 for children. They can be purchased from the New Theatre box office on George Street, by ringing **0844 847 1585** or by visiting our website at www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk (phone and internet bookings subject to booking/transaction fees). For school bookings, groups of 10 or more and Equal Access bookings, please call our dedicated team on **0844 372 7272**.

For more information on the production see www.birminghamstage.com