

# oxfordshire theatre company



*Richard Stone and Nicky Goldie during a tense moment in **River's Up**  
Photo: David Fisher*

## News Bulletin

**NEW SEASON - NEW NAME - NEW BROCHURE  
- embracing change in 2009/10**

Our new season brochure is out now proudly displaying our new name - Oxfordshire Theatre Company. Not a huge change but a significant one which along with our new logo will clearly define us as the county's foremost touring theatre company.

The 2009/10 season is an exciting mix.

**Dancing in My Dreams** by Neil Duffield opens on 16 June 2009 and follows the story of a young evacuee during the Second World War. It's packed full of dance and acapella singing with music from the 1930s.

As part of the **Dancing in My Dreams** tour, we are gathering stories and memories to feature on a special page of our website and to include on a CD of reminiscences of evacuees. If you were evacuated during WWII or you know someone who was and has a story to tell we would love to hear about it. Call us on 01865 249444 or email stories to [info@ottc.oxfordshire.co.uk](mailto:info@ottc.oxfordshire.co.uk)

Our autumn family show is **Peach Boy: the Adventures of Momotaro** by Richard Hurford. Based on an original Japanese folk tale, **Peach Boy** is the whirlwind adventure story of heroic Momotaro including puppetry, movement and inspirational costumes and set designed with a far eastern flavour.

Finally we're proud to present **Loving April** touring 4 March - 3 April 2010 adapted by Giles Croft from the novel of the same name by Melvin Burgess, Carnegie Medal and Guardian Fiction award-winning writer of *Junk*, the hugely popular work of fiction for young people.

Booking is now open if you are a promoter for all of these shows so get in quick to ensure that we'll be coming to your venue. Full details of all tour dates, times and venues for the shows will be posted on our website and accessible via this bulletin as they become available.

## RIVER'S UP

### - catch it quick before the tour ends!

**River's Up** is attracting a lot of media interest with interviews on Radio Oxford and a particularly glowing report in the *Oxford Times* (8 April).

Here's a short extract:

"... a powerful evening of theatre and Karen Simpson directs with great assuredness, keeping the audience on the edge of their seats throughout. A must see show."

If you haven't caught this show yet there are only six dates left. We're performing at the impressive new North Wall Arts Centre in Oxford on Thursday 9 April and at Wolvercote Village Hall on Friday 10 April. We're at Tetsworth on Saturday 11 April and we finish up with two dates at Chipping Norton Theatre on 21-22 April and Colwall in Worcestershire on 24 April. Call us on 01865 249444 or follow the [link](#) for full details of box office numbers and show times. Comments from audience members after this show have also been enthusiastic:

"Great performances - funny, moving and thought-provoking!"  
*Hanwell Village Hall*

"Brilliant. I could see and smell the sea!"  
*Humphrey Perkins Community Centre*

“Really clever and funny performance - loved the set and the lighting.”  
*Wood Green School, Witney*

## **And finally...**

Have you thought about becoming a Friend of Oxfordshire Theatre Company? Follow the [link](#) to find out how you can support us for only £15 a year.