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Spring/Summer 2024

Welcome to another Spring and Summer season at Bedales! 2024 brings a packed programme of performances, talks, music and other events all the way from January to June.

First up in January is the return of the Music Scholars' Concert, followed by a ruffian-filled revival of *Oliver! The Musical* by our Prep pupils. Then, between 31 January and 2 February, the Bedales Rock Show celebrates its landmark 20th year of thrilling crowds and launching the acclaimed performance careers of many Bedalians.

February continues with a CIVICS talk by Alastair Langlands on The Arts and Crafts of Ernest Gimson as architect of the Lupton Hall and Bedales Memorial Library. Our first visiting theatre company, The Paper Birds, arrives on 23 February with an interactive show entitled *Feel Me*. Through live performance, film, projection, dance and music, the piece explores how we connect to stories in the modern digital world. February closes with a welcome return of the Steinway Piano Recital and the BAC Drama Performances.

In March, we will raise funds through an Art Sale in partnership with the Rural Refugee Network featuring work by professional artists, many of whom are friends of the school. Dance takes the stage with Bedales Dance Performs on 6 March and new piece *Fault Lines* by visiting company Lila Dance on 11 March. The Spring Concert, Music Soirée and Music Exhibitioners' Concert are also highlights of this month's calendar. March ends with farce *Speed Dial* by physical theatre company Spies Like Us sandwiched between A Level and Student Directed Theatre Performances - all of which are sure to be a dramatic treat for audiences!

When we return, there are two brilliant conversations to look forward to: the first, a CIVICS talk by Old Bedalian architects Hal Currey, Victoria Pike, and Julia Chance with insights into Architecture, and the second, our Eckersley Lecture 2024 by Professor Sander van der Linden from the Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge. The National Youth Jazz Orchestra visits on 9 May before the Bedales Prep Rock Show on 16 May and finally another Music Exhibitioners' Concert in June.

Bringing our lively programme to a close in June is a CIVICS talk by Natasha Devon MBE about social media and self-esteem as well as the Summer Productions by Bedales Senior students and our Whole School Show. So, plenty of events to look forward to in the New Year across all genres and topics!

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(Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00, Sat 09:00-17:00 transaction fee applies)

Order one ticket for one event or multiple tickets for multiple events to pay a flat fee of £1.50 that covers the cost of printing the tickets and sending them to your home address, time permitting. Printing service is on request.

Please note that tickets cannot be refunded or exchanged once purchased.

Please switch off your mobile phones and recording equipment when seated in the Bedales Olivier Theatre and related venues for our shows.



Follow the Bedales bee at the bottom of selected events to find out exactly why they have been programmed for you

Music Scholars' Concert

Wed 17 Jan, 19:00 – 20:30 Lupton Hall
(Free)

Our music scholars present their first solo concert of the year, and this is a wonderful opportunity to hear their progress and support them. Do join us for a lovely evening of solos and duets representing a very wide range of musical styles chosen and performed by our dedicated students.

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk




Bedales Prep Show - Oliver! The Musical

Wed 24 & Thu 25 Jan, 19:00 – 20:30
Olivier Theatre (Free)

Lionel Bart's celebrated adaptation of Dickens' novel hits the Olivier stage this January. Oliver, Dodger, Fagin, Nancy and Bill are brought to life amid the well known songs from this legendary show. Performed by Bedales Prep School students from Blocks 1 & 2.

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk



 A Bedales Prep School drama production by special arrangement with Cameron Mackintosh

Bedales Rock Show

Wed 31 Jan, Thu 1 & Fri 2 Feb, 19:30
Olivier Theatre (£28/£20)

This year's show marks the 20th birthday of the Bedales Rock Show! This unique show has been the launching point for many Bedales students to go on to successful careers in the music industry: songwriters who have been streamed hundreds of millions of times; Grammy-nominated singers and producers; instrumentalists who have toured the world; and also managers, promoters, and sound engineers who got their initial spark of inspiration from performing in the wonderful surroundings of the Bedales Olivier Theatre. The 2024 Bedales Rock Show promises a look back at some of the greatest hits performed at Bedales in the past 20 years along with exciting new originals. Not to be missed!



The biggest contemporary music event in the Bedales calendar returns for its 20th year! 🎵

To book tickets, please visit
bedalesevents.co.uk

The Arts and Crafts of Ernest Gimson



Tue 06 Feb, 19:30 Lupton Hall (Free)

Join us for a double bill of two very different talks on the architecture and furniture designs of Ernest Gimson. Alastair Langlands will talk about the Lupton Hall, a 20th century version of a medieval Moot Hall and the Bedales Memorial Library, tracing the history of these treasures that have witnessed a century of Bedales students. He will present on how these buildings represent much of what the school means as well as how they reflect the character of the architect. Craftsmen Richard Platt and Sam Cooper, from the Marchmont workshop, will talk about the manufacture of Ernest Gimson's Bedales Chair, designed in 1906 and still used in Bedales today. For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

Steinway Piano Recital

Thu 22 Feb, 19:30 – 21:00 The Quad
(£15/£10)

Join us for an evening of music performed on our Steinway Model D grand piano, the last concert before the piano will be rebuilt and returned to Bedales in the Autumn 2024. Current Bedales students will be joined by several Old Bedalians in a celebration of Bedales Music past and present. The programme will consist of music for piano solo, duets and also music for two pianos and other instrumentalists. You can expect an ambitious and entertaining programme.

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Feel Me The Paper Birds

Fri 23 Feb, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(£15/£13) Age guide: 12+

Who do you care about and why? *Feel Me* is a new interactive theatre show from The Paper Birds, UK leaders in devised verbatim theatre. *Feel Me* asks, via your mobile phone, who and what you care about from the stories unfolding live on stage in front of you. Through a stunning mixture of live performance, film, projection, dance and music, *Feel Me* explores the different lenses through which we are told, and connect to stories in the modern digital world.

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

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The Paper Birds developed this show with a host of Youth Creative Councils in the UK and Indonesia, made up of young people aged 13–30 

BAC Scripted Performances

Mon 26 & Tue 27 Feb, 19:30 – 20:30
Olivier Theatre (Free)

The BAC Theatre Studies students will perform contemporary texts influenced by the practitioner Complicité – a theatre company known for creating work that strengthens human interconnection, using the complicity between performer and audience that is at the heart of the theatrical experience. The casts of these productions will rehearse scripts written by a diverse range of playwrights to develop a collection of performances in an evening that promises to be enlightening and entertaining.




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Flowers from the Front Line

Thu 29 Feb, 19:30 – 21:00 Lupton Hall &
Bedales Memorial Library (Free)



 This exhibition offers an insight into what life is like in Ukraine now, continuing a vital conversation whilst raising money for charities working in this field

Old Bedalians Phoebe Walsh and Carmela Corbett tell the story of their artistic journey towards the creation of a body of work, *Flowers from the Front Line*. An exhibition, hosted in the Garden Museum, London and now on display in the Bedales Memorial Library. A collaboration between Ukrainian artist Olga Morozova and jeweller Phoebe. Documented in film by Carmela. A wonderful story of finding hope and beauty in conflict.

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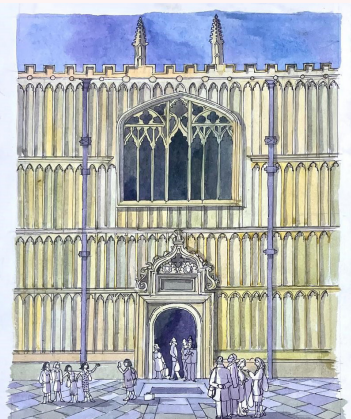
Art Sale


Mon 04 Mar, 18:00 – 21:00 The Quad
(Free)

The highly successful Art Sale in partnership with the Rural Refugee Network (RRN) will be held at Bedales once again. The sale will feature a wide variety of work by professional artists, many of whom are friends of the school.

Come and buy work by these eminent artists and support people displaced by war, persecution, and disaster. Proceeds will be split between the artists, the RRN and the school's John Badley Foundation (JBF) Emergency Refugee Fund.

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The sale is being organised by students as a component of their Bedales service learning 

Bedales Dance Performs

Wed 06 Mar, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(Free)



In Bedales Dance Performs, students will perform an array of dance works, showcasing a variety of both examination pieces for BAC and A Level Dance plus works choreographed independently for their own passion. The range of works derives from an eclectic assortment of stimuli including professional choreographic styles, to concepts from exam boards and students. The students' passion and commitment to Dance has resulted in this inspiring evening of skill, physicality and originality.

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Fault Lines

Lila Dance

Mon 11 Mar, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(£16/£14)

As our planet's voice gets louder, are we ready to listen?

Fault Lines is a dance piece that pulls at the tension in our relationship with nature. Our constant pursuit of progress increasing the speed of life has left us out of sync with the natural world. *Fault Lines* explores the emotional journey from feeling overwhelmed to empowerment. From disconnection to change, without trying to offer solutions or judgement.

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Where do you locate hope in a conversation about the climate emergency? This is the challenge that international company Lila Dance have set themselves and you, one of their first audiences!

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Spring Concert

Wed 13 Mar, 19:30 – 21:00 Lupton Hall
(Free)

The Spring Concert is an ideal opportunity to hear music from our numerous ensembles including the Bedales Senior orchestra, choirs and jazz band. There will also be smaller chamber music items and our current Bedalians will take the lead in conducting and directing the ensembles. Come and support our young musicians and you can expect a wide variety of repertoire and enthusiastic and ambitious performances.

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Spring Music Soirée

Fri 15 Mar, 19:30 – 21:00 Bedales Dining Hall
(£12/£6)

You are warmly invited for an evening of fine music and food. A chance for families and friends to meet and mingle with meze style nibbles at tables and a glass of wine. Our musicians will present short programmes of chamber music and jazz between delicious servings prepared by our wonderful catering department. This is a new event on the Music calendar and one that we hope parents will support.

Book early as places will be limited!

For more info and to book tickets, please visit
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6.2 Theatre Studies Examination Performances

Mon 18 & Tue 19 Mar, 19:30 – 20:30
Olivier Theatre (Free)

The 6.2 students will perform their final A Level devised and scripted pieces in the Bedales Olivier Theatre. This promises to be an interesting and varied evening and a chance to see the students showcase the culmination of many years of training, developing and honing their dramatic skills.

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Speed Dial Spies Like Us

Fri 22 Mar, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(£15/£13)

Amongst the spires, spikes and sideburns of a 1970s university, a lonely professor awaits a call. When he's chased by the ringing of every passing phone, an ominous voice sets a series of mysterious puzzles that stand between him and his missing daughter. Dodgy deans, grumbling groundskeepers and swotty students are suspects as the professor capers across campus to uncover whodunnit. Set to the sounds of 70s vinyl, multi award-winners Spies Like Us bring their explosively physical comedy-thriller about connection, forgiveness... and cryptic crosswords.

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This is a piece of ensemble theatre that is full of verve. Fans of Operation Mincemeat will surely enjoy!

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Student Directed Performances



Mon 25 & Tue 26 Mar, 19:30 – 20:30
Old Drama Studio (Free)

A night when the students take control! As part of the Sixth Form enrichment programme, students seek out plays that delve into topics to which, as a collective, they connect. This year, the three student directors have chosen Christina Reid's *Did You Hear the One About the Irishman...*? This is a painful love story divided by sectarianism and punctuated by the tasteless and racist jokes of an anti-Irish comedian.

This production will excite and amuse, providing a moment to celebrate the independent work of our students at its very best. For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

Music Exhibitioners' Concert

Wed 27 Mar, 19:00 – 20:30 Lupton Hall
(Free)

Join us for a wonderful and varied evening of solo items from our excellent music exhibitioners. You can expect a hugely eclectic range of musical styles and it is always fascinating to hear what our music exhibitioners choose to play. Come and support them and celebrate their live music-making.

Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk



Youth Dance Platform

Sun 28 Apr, 18:00 – 19:30 Olivier Theatre
(£7/£6)

We are excited to host another year of Youth Dance Platform, providing performance opportunities and raising aspirations of young people. The evening will showcase an eclectic mix of dance works created by the very best local schools, colleges and groups in Hampshire.

We are delighted that the Hampshire Youth Dance Company will be returning for another year.

Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk

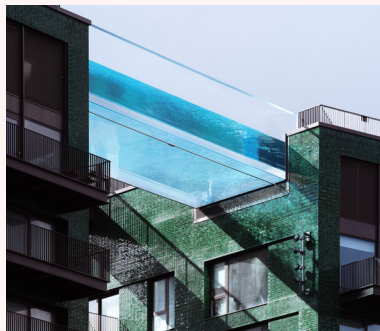


Insights into Architecture

How does an A Level Design project lead to a world first pool in the sky?

Tue 30 Apr, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(Free)

Old Bedalians Julia Chance, Hal Currey and Victoria Pike collaborated on an ambitious A Level design project reconfiguring the cloisters of Portsmouth Cathedral. Forty years on, they return to discuss how the exchange of creative ideas continually drives their professional lives, in practice, in creating and defining the public realm and in education. Chaired by fellow Old Bedalian Will Hardie, co-presenter of *George Clarke's Amazing Spaces* and founder of Studio Hardie, the trio discuss examples from their own practice. Expect conversations ranging from institutional buildings in King's Cross, Good Luck Hope and Sky Pool to inspiring the next generation of architects through university tutoring and workshops in schools and studio.



For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

Summer Music Scholars' Concert



Wed 01 May, 19:00 – 20:30 Lupton Hall
(Free)

Join us for the last music scholar concert of the academic year and hear how our students have progressed. Another fine evening of solo music from our hard-working musicians played with their usual style, panache and ambition.

Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk

Eckersley Lecture - Professor Sander van der Linden

Thu 02 May, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(Free)

Professor Sander van der Linden, Professor of Social Psychology in Society, visits Bedales to talk about his award-winning work. Professor van der Linden is currently Director of the Cambridge Social Decision-Making Lab in the Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge. He has won numerous awards for his research on human judgement, communication, and decision-making and also co-developed the award-winning fake news game, *Bad News*, which has been played by millions of people around the world. We are thrilled that he will be delivering our 2024 Eckersley Lecture.

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Cambridge professor Sander van der Linden has recently written influentially about fake news and counteracting the 'misinformation virus'. This is sure to be a conversation full of insights!

National Youth Jazz Orchestra



Thu 09 May, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(£20/£15)

NYJO make their third welcome return to Bedales and will present an 18-strong Jazz Orchestra to perform a mixture of new and existing arrangements to celebrate the iconic Blue Note Records and its incomparable contribution to jazz music. Blue Note is one of the most prolific, influential and respected record labels of the mid-20th century and is also synonymous with the central tradition of Black American Jazz and noted for its role in facilitating the development of musical movements such as hard bop, post-bop and avant-garde jazz.

Come and hear some of the finest young jazz musicians the UK has to offer. Book early to avoid disappointment at bedalesevents.co.uk

6.1 Drama Examination Performances

Mon 13 & Tue 14 May, 19:30 – 20:30
Olivier Theatre (Free)

The first year of the A Level Theatre Studies programme culminates in the students performing an adaptation of a classic text in the style of a chosen practitioner. In the past we have seen *Blithe Spirit* in the style of the physically expressive practitioner Jacques Le Coq and *Pygmalion* in the style of the avant-garde and profoundly influential Artaud. Whatever the chosen combinations, they are bound to produce original and bold performances that showcase the growing confidence and fast developing skills of this talented cohort.



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Bedales Prep Rock Show



Thu 16 & Fri 17 May, 19:00 – 21:00
Olivier Theatre (Free)

Bedales Prep Rock Show 2024 promises to be another extraordinary showcase of our finest young rock musicians. Guitarists, vocalists, keys, horns and drummers gather together in a celebratory gig, highlighting both the musical skills and the all-important sense of fun that our musicians have to offer. A wonderful occasion.


Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk

Natasha Devon MBE

Wed 05 Jun, 19:30 – 20:30 Olivier Theatre
(£10/£5)

Natasha tours schools, universities and events throughout the world, delivering talks as well as conducting research on mental health, body image, gender and equality. She campaigns both on and offline to make the world a fairer place. Natasha is founder of the Mental Health Media Charter, which scrutinises the way the media report on mental health. She co-founded Where's Your Head At, which aims to improve mental health in British workplaces. Finally, Natasha works with several charities, is a patron for No Panic, as well as an ambassador for Glitch and the Reading Agency. We are delighted to welcome her to Bedales in June.



Writer, broadcaster and activist
Natasha Devon visits Bedales to
speak about social media and
self-esteem 

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Summer Music Exhibitioners' Concert



Thu 20 Jun, 19:00 – 20:30 Lupton Hall
(Free)

Our music exhibitioners play a vital part in enlivening our community so please do join us for their last concert of the academic year and for a chance to celebrate their progress.

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Summer Show

Midsummer Players

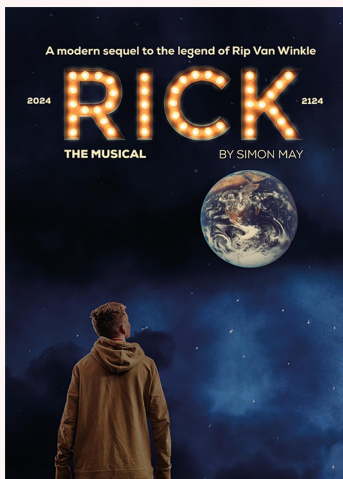
Thu 27, Fri 28 (18:30) & Sat 29 Jun (time TBC), various locations around Bedales site (Free)

As the school year draws to a close, the Block 3s and 4s entertain and enthrall audiences, culminating in a performance on the afternoon of Parents' Day. Previous years have seen casts of *The Arsonists*, *The Kite Runner* and *Chariots of Fire* light up the stage. This year's production will consist of a selection of Shakespeare's finest plays being performed in chosen sites across the school campus. Promenade and site-specific performances will bring well-known words and characters to life in an exciting and unique fashion. Perhaps Puck will be found hiding in the reeds by the lake or maybe Prospero will be stirring up magic in the depths of the Outdoor Work yard.



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Whole School Show - Rick



Thu 27 & Fri 28 Jun (19:30) Olivier Theatre (Free)

The Dance, Drama and Music Departments across Bedales Senior and Prep have been workshoping material for a brand-new musical *Rick*. Simon May, Ivor Novello award winning composer of *Eastenders*, created his first musical *Smikey* 50 years ago, which was made into a BBC production and has been performed in schools worldwide since. He has now written *Rick* and the creative collaboration with Bedales has involved students and staff which will culminate in a production open to the school and wider community, and which will showcase the material to agents, theatres and other schools.

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

Outdoor Work Courses for Adults

In summer 2024 Bedales is running three courses, here in Outdoor Work

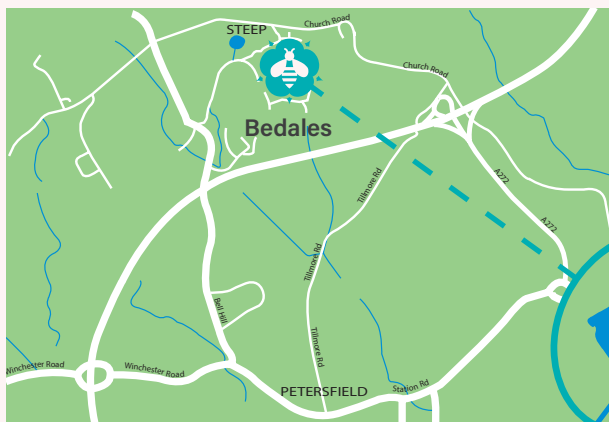
- Blacksmithing and Garden Sculpture
- Willow Weaving and Basketry
- Oak Timber Framing

All courses will run for five days, between July 08-12. Limited spaces available so book early to avoid disappointment!

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk



Getting here for your event



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Free, onsite parking is available in front of the main Orchard Building by taking the first right turn. On foot, follow the road through to the right, away from the main reception until you see an impressive, timber-framed, pyramidal building: the Olivier Theatre. Go straight through reception in the Orchard Building and follow the red brick path for the Lupton Hall, at the end of the equally awe-inspiring arts and crafts Memorial Library. For the Quad, follow directions as for the Lupton Hall but keep walking through a set of oak double doors under a covered way. The Old Drama Studio is the oldest building on the site and is tucked behind the new Art and Design building. Feel free to come to the Olivier Theatre for directions if anything is too hidden. Our new Drama Studio, opposite the Olivier Theatre, opened in 2021 and is now being used for some performances.

Accessibility

Our performance spaces are versatile and accessible; if you have any special requirements, email: hello@bedales.org.uk to talk in advance, to help make your visit an enjoyable one. Conversations might include wheelchair assistance, assistance dogs, hearing loops or anything else that makes your visit better.

Concessionary tickets are available for recipients of Universal or Pension Credit, full time students and those under the age of 18. Please bring proof of entitlement with you.

**We nourish and inspire community with events
that have head, hand and heart at their core.**

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Events Calendar at a glance



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