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A Happy New Year to All Our Readers!

The latest from Streatham's award-winning, volunteer-run, open-access, non-profit theatre company. Please pass on to your contacts and followers.

After an amazing 2025, there's a lot to look forward to:

Reading of Alan Ayckbourn's 'secret' play for children, *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*, coming up this Tuesday, January 13th

Our events programme is already almost complete for the year, including movement, set design and an exploration of T.S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*, as well as the usual favourites, including a new **Clowning Workshop** in June!

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We'd love more people to find out about Streatham Theatre and our ever changing programme of shows and monthly events. Please help us - follow us and share our publicity on your socials.



Ernie's Incredible Illucinations - this Tuesday, January 13th

We're kicking off 2026 with a reading on January 13th of a very early Alan Ayckbourn play for children, *Ernie's Incredible Illucinations*.

Young Ernie has been worrying his parents by his "illucinations", as they call them. They take him to a doctor, and as Ernie describes these illucinations, soldiers invading his home, or his dad rescuing a famous mountaineer, they are enacted before the audience. When his dad swears to the sceptical doctor that the events actually happened, his dad asks Ernie to convince the doctor by imagining something then and there, and Ernie does so, with amazing results! This is a treat for all those Ayckbourn fans who feel there is nothing more to discover. It's so secret I can't find an illustration!

This is a short play, so after we've read it, we'll have a discussion on possible ways to stage it, and for inspiration, show extracts from a TV version.

Tuesday January 13th at 7.30 pm (doors open 7 pm).

Members Free, others £5 at the door.

Vinters Studio 2, 1b Sunnyhill Road, SW16 2UG

For more information see our [website](#).

Our regular events take place on the second Tuesday of every month. Save the dates in your diary. Keep a lookout for our next newsletter, or check our [website](#) for details of upcoming events to kick off 2026!

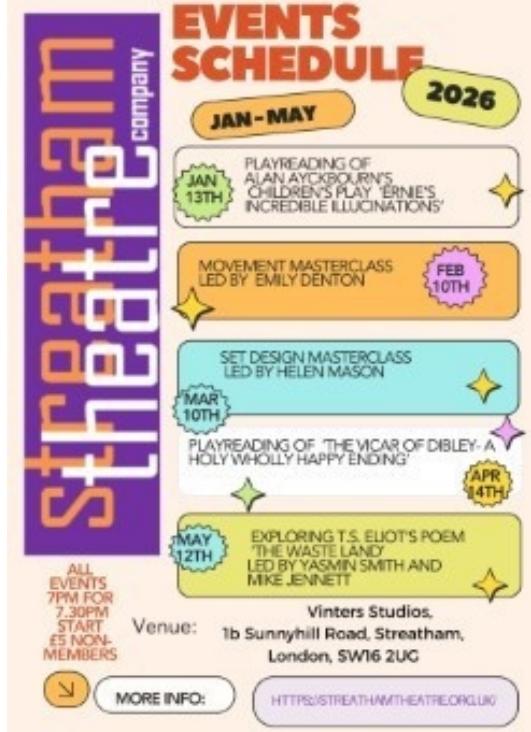
Looking for Proposals for Shows in 2026

We have three slots for possible shows next year. We looking at roughly Spring/Summer, early Autumn and Christmas.

Anyone interested in either directing or producing (project managing) a show is invited to contact info@streathamtheatre.org.uk to arrange an initial chat when we can discuss times and venues.

Events Programme for 2026

As you see from this brilliant graphic created by Helen, our Events Secretary, we have finalised all our events up until May next year! More information will follow on each event as we get nearer the time.



Events from June and Beyond

Exciting news for **June** - Sandra Villani is returning by popular demand to run a second **Clowning Workshop**. This was a major favourite last year!

July and **August** are still to be confirmed, but we are keeping everything crossed for an exciting announcement soon.

September will see Streatham Shorts, led once again by Yasmin Smith, after her very successful debut last year.

In **October** we will be reading a script suggested by another popular director, Jo Ostrowska, which will probably be a panto, for production early next year.

With *Streatham's Got Talent* happening in **December** as always, we only have a few slots left to fill!

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