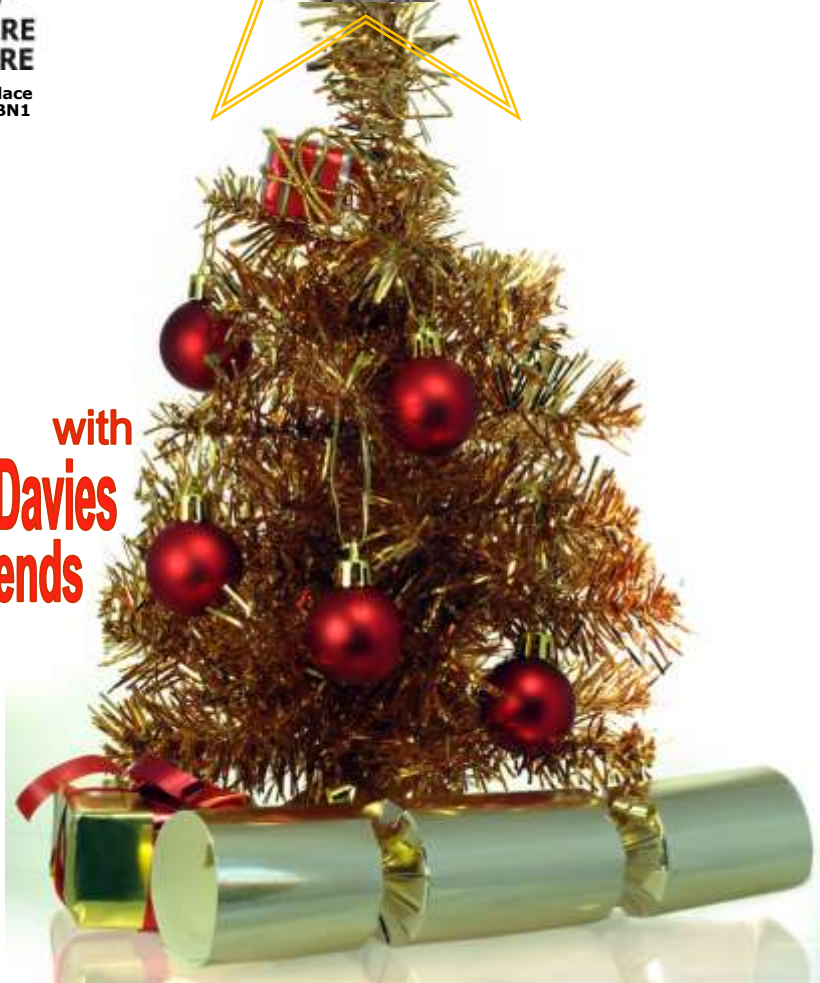




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Bedford Place
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with
**Sarah Davies
& friends**

PERFORMANCES:
Fri 10th to Sat 18th Nov 2021 at 7:45pm
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PART ONE

As a curtain warmer to the endearing Bag Lady and to give you that warm festive feeling we visit Christmas stories old and new.

Readers: **Pat Boxall, Sarah Charsly, Jerry Lyne, Harry Morris, Laura Scobie, Ollie Scott-Gliba, John Tolputt**

Bag Lady is a theatrical clown, and theatrical clown is a wonderful artistic medium. A distant cousin of the circus clown, the theatrical clown is a nonsensical, joyful being whose sole purpose on stage is to share her infectious love of life - and make us laugh!

Bag Lady zoomed into existence in lockdown when master clown-creators Brenda Bishop and David Tutton joined forces to help Sarah Davies conjure her out of the ether.

Locked down in a farmhouse in deepest darkest Gloucestershire, Sarah played every week for an audience of two, happily watching her explore her clown through their computer screens. Over the course of the next year, Bag Lady emerged. Sarah gradually stepped aside and allowed her curious, clown alter-ego to take the spotlight. Like most other clowns, Bag Lady has her own logic, plays for the delight of others, and is delighted to share her world with you.

Christmas is one more reason for Bag Lady to have fun. The holiday season is all very abstract for Bag Lady - like everything in her life - and she will take an original approach to the typical festivities. Bag Lady may look like she's down on her luck but spend some time with her and you will realise nothing could be further from the truth. Bag Lady lives life on her terms, happily in the now, so let her presence be your

Christmas Present this year - and Merry Christmas one and all!

Your lucky raffle prize number is

Letters from Father Christmas (Part 1)

by J.R.R. Tolkien

When John (Tolkien's son) was three he received his first letter from Father Christmas. From 1920 to 1943 Tolkien wrote letters, as Father Christmas, to his children.

It's a Cracker 1

Christmas Thank Yous by Mick Gowar

It's a Cracker 2

The Twelve Days of Christmas

The Cratchits' Christmas Pudding
by Charles Dickens

It's a Cracker 3

From "A Child's Christmas in Wales"
by Dylan Thomas

Reindeer Report

Letters from Father Christmas (Part 2)

The Christmas Fairy Monologue

A Visit from St Nicholas
by Clement Clarke Moore

INTERVAL

As well as our usual drinks we can also offer you a mince pie and a warming glass of mulled wine.

PART TWO

Bag Lady's Christmas Present

Sarah Davies

Directed by: **BRENDA BISHOP & DAVID TUTTON**

If you are interested in connecting with your inner clown and/or exploring the world of play Sarah runs regular workshops for individuals and organisations. Contact: sarahiclown@gmail.com

'Part One' co-ordinated by **KATIE BROWNING** • Stage Manager: **CAROL CROFT**
Lighting Design: **STRAT MASTORIS** • 'Bag Lady' Sound Design: **DAVID TUTTON, BRENDA BISHOP, IAN BLACK** • Lighting & Sound Operation: **TAMSIN MASTORIS, ESME BIRD, IAN BLACK** • Projection: **APOLLO VIDEAUX**
Poster: **TAMSIN MASTORIS** • Programme: **IAN AMOS** • Set: **SIMON GLAZIER, GEORGE WALTER, KATIE LEWIS** • Props: **KATIE LEWIS**

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Bag Lady's Christmas Present
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Contacting the NVT

For ticket information only, call the Box Office - 01273 746118. To book tickets or for other information check our website at www.newventure.org.uk. All other enquiries 01273 808353

NVYT - Youth Theatre

NVT welcomes all young people (12-17) with a passion for or an interest in theatre. Fridays 4.30-6.30pm. £50 per 10 week term, first session is FREE!

NVT Acting Class

Monday evenings at 7.30pm for all levels of acting skills. It will cost you just £5 per session (£2.50 for NVT members) First visit is FREE! See website for details.

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Membership

Company membership - £15 a year. Full participation, discount on tickets & newsletter. Student/Unwaged - £10 a year. As above... *Proof of status is required.*