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We need to raise funds each year to keep our Youth Theatre groups affordable to all. If you can help by setting up a standing order or making a one-off donation when paying your fees, that would be truly appreciated. Equally, if you know a company or individual who might be interested in helping fund our work, please do let us know.

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Youth Theatre Newsletter

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Launch of Half Moon On Demand

Following the success of our Half Moon online digital productions, we are launching Half Moon On Demand. An on-demand service for you to rent digital productions for up to 48 hours to watch in the comfort of your homes!

One of the first productions to rent is *Dust*, written by acclaimed award-winning children's author Laura Dockrill. *Dust* uses puppetry and exquisite poetic language to explore a heartfelt story about love, loss, identity and memory. The show is also accompanied by three online workshops to also enjoy.

Alongside *Dust*, you are also able to rent our award winning *What Once Was Ours*. Created against the background of Brexit in 2017 and developed with young people, *What Once Was Ours* explores how politics and national values impact on the complex lives of one family and asks why we've become so fearful of anyone who is different from us. Half Moon On Demand will be available from Wednesday 31 March. (https://vimeo.com/halfmoontheatre/vod_pages)

Half Moon 1990

We are celebrating our 30th Birthday as a Young People's company (a little late due to COVID-19). The project includes three strands:

Snapped in 1990 - an exhibition of photos of our home borough of Tower Hamlets from 1990 alongside recreated photos of the same locations in 2020, photographed by our young people;

Born in 1990 – a series of filmed interviews by our young people with people from Tower Hamlets or with a connection to the borough who celebrated their 30th Birthday last year;

Happened in 1990 – five films of performances created by your children in our Youth Theatres about world events that happened in 1990.

We look forward to seeing the fantastic results of all your children's hard work next term!

You may have already seen from our E-Newsletter, we are still on the lookout for people born in 1990, who work on the DLR or in the hospitality sector on or around Brick Lane. If you know anyone that fits the above and would be interested, please do get in touch!

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Summer 2021

First Session

Monday 19 April
(Solar)

Tuesday 27 April
(Eclipse and Lunar)

Wednesday 28 April
(Equinox and Orbit)

Half Term (No sessions)

Monday 3 & 31 May
(Solar)

Tuesday 1 June
(Eclipse and Lunar)

Wednesday 2 June
(Equinox and Orbit)

Last Session

Monday 5 July
(Solar)

Tuesday 6 July
(Eclipse and Lunar)

Wednesday 7 July
(Equinox and Orbit)



A Hello from Technical & Production Manager, Sam B, who started in December last year.

Hi Sam, we are so excited to welcome you to the team! What interested you most about joining Half Moon?

I've been touring shows for a long time now and I wanted to stop travelling around quite so much. One thing I loved about my old job was that I worked with lots of my friends. Half Moon has given me a chance to stay at home while also meeting some new people. The team here seem really close and friendly so I was eager to jump on board. Of course, it helps that Half Moon are always running really interesting projects and shows. My job here at Half Moon is similar to my last job but there are also new bits to learn which I'm looking forward to.

What have you enjoyed most so far about working with us?

The work is so varied. I've learnt a lot about how everything works as well as exploring all over the building, making sets for our new shows, driving the van all round Tower Hamlets and designing the lights for our show *Party*. Everyone I've met has been very friendly and welcoming.

When you are not here at Half Moon, what are some of your favourite things to do?

I like exploring new places. That might mean a big trip somewhere around the world or just going for a walk in a different bit of the county side. I love walking, especially with my family dog Bella who lives with my Dad. When we get to go on holiday I like all things connected with the water but especially swimming, sailing and scuba diving.



Celebrating Achievement

Each term we celebrate the positive contributions of two people from each Youth Theatre, as voted for by members of each group. We also give Jack Petchey Achievement Awards to the Lunar and Orbit groups. This term we are celebrating:

Eclipse **Tom** - for always trying their best, being well behaved in the sessions and funny.

Kasper - for having creative ideas and good suggestions.

Equinox **Matthew** - for working really hard during the sessions, having brilliant responses and ideas. He always has answers!

Katherine - for having really good ideas.

Lunar **Elizabeth (Jack Petchey Achievement Award)** - for always having lots of energy and being engaged with every task. They have great focus and bring good ideas to the session, while always smiling and trying their best.

Alice - for being funny, always participating in the activities and contributing really good creative thoughts and ideas.

Orbit **Leyla (Jack Petchey Achievement Award)** - for being really enthusiastic and contributes a lot even in this difficult climate. They are new this year and adapted to the group well

Anan - for never failing to make everyone laugh and always brings a good contribution.

Solar **Saira** - for having the best props and for always having fun.

Tahera - for always being friendly and happy.

Comets **Adam** - for always trying even when things might be difficult.

Josh - for being very funny and making others laugh in the group.

Sunbeams **Amber** - for being friendly and nice to talk to.

Pedro - for being enthusiastic and has funny ideas to add to the group.

Moonbeams **Liam** - for being very patient and following the rules, which allows us to play more games all together. They also have good things to say in the group.

Sasha - for being very good at acting.

A big thanks also to our Youth Theatre members who were voted by their peers to represent them and for coming to our termly Youth Theatre Forum. These included Desmond (Solar), Damini and Zahra (Eclipse), Harper and Zak (Lunar), Indra and Michael (Equinox), Lola and Martha (Orbit), Hana and Satsuki (Comets), Mia and Mikael (Sunbeams), Amber and Violet (Moonbeams).