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Much-loved story of The Little Mermaid told in ballet at theatre

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A must-sea ballet ready to make a splash in MK!

The Little Mermaid Milton Keynes Theatre

Dance fans can look forward to diving into an immersive new production when Northern Ballet presents *The Little Mermaid* at MK Theatre, from Tuesday, writes Georgina Butler.

The Leeds-based company is known for turning beloved stories into full-scale narrative ballets, using the expressive power of dance to meaningfully connect with audiences.

Tapping into the current zeitgeist for all things magical - fantastical creatures like unicorns and mermaids have surely never been so popular - this troupe of classically trained dancers is now bringing Hans Christian Andersen's aquatic fairy-tale to life.

Artistic director David Nixon OBE's reimagining of the childhood classic takes us on a journey deep beneath the waves to a mystical underwater world.

Lovely little mermaid Marilla is the youngest of three mermaid sisters.

She yearns to swim to the surface with her siblings to look for trinkets in the ruins of ships, but they tell her she is too young. Left behind, she sings her beautiful songs and contemplates the world above.

When one of Marilla's sisters drops a locket she has



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found, Marilla opens it to reveal a picture of a young human man. Smitten, she decides to go and find him.

Enthralled by what she discovers beyond the ocean, Marilla sacrifices everything to live a human life.

But will it be enough to help this little mermaid become a part of her true love's world in the way she wishes?

NB's production embraces the dark themes of Andersen's original story so don't expect a Disney happy ending.

This is a heart-rending tale of enchantment, wonder and unrequited love.

Nixon's 'The Little Mermaid' is the third in a trio of brand new full-length ballets produced by Northern Ballet in 2017.

The other two ballets - 'Casanova' and 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' - were presented at Milton Keynes Theatre last year.

Swimming into the new city at the tail-end of its world premiere tour, it promises to be a must-"sea" new ballet for landlubbers of all ages!

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The Vicar of Dibley
Stantonbury Theatre, Tues-Sat
Take a trip to the charming (if insane) village of Dibley. As the community prepares for the christening of Alice and Hugo's baby, could love be in the air for local vicar Geraldine? And as

plans for a new reservoir threaten the very existence of the village, just how far will the eccentric inhabitants go to defend their future? MKToC bring you this hilarious stage adaptation based on the original TV series. stantonburytheatre.co.uk



Hairspray
MK Theatre, until Saturday
If you still haven't checked in for the feelgood hit, you've got a couple of days to put things right. It's Baltimore, 1962, and Tracy Turnblad, a girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, is on

a mission to follow her dreams and dance her way onto national TV. Tracy's audition makes her a local star and soon she is using her new-found fame to fight for equality, bagging local heartthrob Link Larkin along the way! atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes



Menopause the Musical
Milton Keynes Theatre, Sunday
Call up the girls and go have yourselves the perfect night out with this hysterical show brimming with one-liners about night sweats, hot flushes and memory loss. It's backed by an instantly

recognisable soundtrack of innuendo-laden versions of 60s, 70s and 80s pop classics too! An all-singing, all-dancing comedy set in a department store, Cheryl Fergison, Maureen Nolan, Rebecca Wheatley and Hilary O'Neil are the stars.