

# On Stage...

## At The Lanterns Studio Theatre

**Welcome** to the latest entry in our performance and rehearsal journal here at the Lanterns Studio Theatre where we aim to keep you up to date with the news, progress and upcoming programmes for East London's Isle of Dogs newest Theatre & Production venue. The theatre has seen a lot of use over the last performance season, and here we will take a look at some of the many exciting visitors who have come through our doors over the last 6 months...

**The Lanterns Studio Theatre** has hosted rehearsals for some of London's biggest dance companies over the last year. We were pleased to once again welcome back the Akram Khan Company, who have been rehearsing some of their most successful repertoire at the space, including works being performed and toured internationally such as "TOROBAKA" and "Kaash." More information about Akram Khan and his company's current touring schedule can be found at [www.akramkhancompany.net](http://www.akramkhancompany.net).



Akram Khan's "Kaash"  
Photo: Roy Peters

Wayne McGregor's RANDOM Dance Company have also returned to rehearse at the Lanterns Studio Theatre on several occasions throughout 2014/15 and are currently performing and touring a range of



its repertoire including "Atomos," "Far," and a new work for 2015, "Tree of Codes."

To have such a high standard of contemporary dance works from some of the biggest stars like choreographers Akram Khan and Wayne McGregor is a very encouraging sign that dance will soon establish a greater presence here in the Docklands and wider East London area. With these companies having such far-reaching reputations internationally and such strong messages delivered through dance and movement, we hope to involve the many different local community groups across all age groups and abilities by both encouraging the watching and the taking part in dance of all varieties. Look out for announcements for some of the upcoming workshops and classes being held here at the Lanterns Studio Theatre.



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Smash Hit West End Musical "CATS" were the company in residence at the Lanterns Studio Theatre during March 2015. Rehearsing to recast the musical ahead of its UK Tour and having just finished a London run of shows featuring such stars as Nicole Scherzinger, it was not unusual during March to hear the "Jellicle Ball" in full choral flow when entering the building and arriving at reception both morning and evening! Many more musicals in residence from *David Ian Productions*, (the production company behind this particular show), are on the way for the coming 2015/16 season, so be sure to keep a lookout for open rehearsals. The Lanterns Studio Theatre wishes the UK production of



The 2015 London Palladium Cast of 'CATS'

CATS best wishes for its remaining run of shows.

Fresh from the Savoy Theatre in London's West End Theatre, April 2015 saw the arrival of the hit 2005 production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." It was a month long rehearsal period during which the show was adapted and re-staged for UK touring. With more set & props involved than any previous visiting production, the company really brought a feeling of the hustle and bustle of West End Theatre to the doorstep of East London for all to enjoy! We wish the cast of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* a big "Chookas!" for the rest of their UK touring dates.



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In May 2015, Iranian born and London Based Designer Negar Bahardoust filmed her latest fashion film production, "Queen of the Wild," transforming the Lanterns Studio Theatre into an urban wilderness. Promoting her bespoke fashion service, and with Italian silk and some of the most up to date fashions around on show, look out for her latest work filmed at the Theatre on [www.Vimeo.com](http://www.Vimeo.com) by searching for "Queen of the Wild."

After a sold out run at the Almeida Theatre, our first Sonia Friedman Productions show, "1984," arrived at the Lanterns Studio Theatre for rehearsal in early June 2015. As one of the biggest production companies in the modern West End and Broadway theatre spaces in modern times, many of Sonia Friedman's Tony & Olivier award winning



productions are now going to be rehearsed here at the Lanterns Studio Theatre, so be sure to look out for upcoming open rehearsals and educational workshops.

The cast of "1984" at the Almeida Theatre

Now is the time to join our new Facebook community page by searching for "Lanterns Studio Theatre" in the Facebook search box. Here we will be bringing you up to date information about what is currently going on at the venue as well as exciting behind the scenes photos and latest news.

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For any further information or to send in your ideas and thoughts, please do not hesitate to leave me a Facebook message, send me a tweet or drop an email to [info@lanternsstudiotheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@lanternsstudiotheatre.co.uk)

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