

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, 1854 to 1855

Lessee Mr E. T. Smith

DATE	CURTAIN RAISER	MAINPIECE	AFTERPIECE	MATINEE
Gustavus Brooke Season (performances in blue)				
Stalls 5s., dress circle 4s., pit 2s., upper boxes 3s., lower gallery 1s.; upper gallery 6d.; private boxes 10s. 6d. to two guineas. Half price at 9.00				
October				
Mon 2		Virginius <i>five-act drama by Sheridan Knowles</i>	The Spitalfields Weaver <i>one-act comic drama by Thomas Bayly</i>	
Tue 3		The Hunchback <i>tragedy by Sheridan Knowles</i>	The Spitalfields Weaver	
Wed 4		Richard III <i>adapted by Colley Cibber from Shakespeare</i>	Deaf As A Post <i>farce by John Poole</i>	
Thu 5		The Stranger <i>five-act drama by August von Kotzebue</i>	Deaf As A Post	
Fri 6		Othello <i>by William Shakespeare</i>	The Young Widow <i>farce by J. Rodwell/Deaf As A Post</i>	
Sat 7		Hamlet <i>by William Shakespeare</i>	Deaf As A Post	
Mon 9		Macbeth <i>by William Shakespeare</i>	Ballet	Benefit for Gustavus Brooke
Tue 10		The Lady of Lyons <i>drama by Edward Bulwer Lytton</i>	Deaf As A Post	Benefit for the Licensee Victuallers School and Asylum
Wed 11		The Stranger	His Last Legs <i>farce by William Bernard</i>	
Thu 12		The Bohemian Girl <i>opera by Michael Balfe</i>	John Jones <i>burletta by John Buckstone/Ballet</i>	Benefit for Mme Louise
Fri 13				
Sat 14	Time Tries All <i>drama by John Courtney</i>	Belpeghor <i>drama by Charles Webb</i>		Benefit for Mr Stammers
Theatre closed until 30 October				
Louis Jullien's Promenade Concerts				
Promenade, boxes and galleries 1s.; dress circle 2s. 6d.; private boxes from one guinea to 31s. 6d.				
Mon 30		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Tue 31		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
November				
Wed 1		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Thu 2		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
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Tue 28		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Wed 29		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Thu 30		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
December				
Fri 1		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Sat 2		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Mon 4		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Tue 5		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Wed 6		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Thu 7		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Fri 8		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Sat 9		Louis Jullien's Promenade Concert		
Mon 11		Bal Masqué (Masked Ball)		
Theatre closed until 26 December				
Stalls 5s.; dress boxes 4s.; pit 2s.; upper boxes 2s. 6d.; lower gallery 1s.; upper gallery 6d.; private boxes from 10s. 6d.				
BOXING DAY		George Barnwell <i>tragedy by George Lillo</i>	Jack and Jill <i>pantomime by E. L. Blanchard</i>	
Wed 27		Fazio <i>tragedy by H. H. Milman</i>	Jack and Jill	
Thu 28		Fazio	Jack and Jill	
Fri 29		Jack and Jill	Perfection <i>farce by Thomas Bayly</i>	
Sat 30		The Lady of Lyons	Jack and Jill	
January				
Mon 1	Eugenie <i>one-act drama by Dion Boucicault</i>	A Dead Shot <i>one-act farce by John Buckstone</i>	Jack and Jill	
Tue 2	Eugenie	A Dead Shot	Jack and Jill	
Wed 3	Eugenie	A Dead Shot	Jack and Jill	Jack and Jill
Thu 4	Simpson and Co <i>two-act comedy by John Poole</i>	Touch and Take <i>farce, author unknown</i>	Jack and Jill	
Fri 5	Simpson and Co	Touch and Take	Jack and Jill	
Sat 6	Charles II <i>two-act comedy, author unknown</i>	Touch and Take	Jack and Jill	
Mon 8		The Regent <i>two-act drama by J. R. Planché</i>	Jack and Jill	
Tue 9		The Regent	Jack and Jill	
Wed 10		The Regent	Jack and Jill	Jack and Jill
Thu 11		The Regent	Jack and Jill	
Fri 12		Jack and Jill	Touch and Take	
Sat 13		The Stranger	Jack and Jill	
Mon 15	The Blind Girl <i>two-act comic opera by Thomas Morton</i>	Touch and Take	Jack and Jill	
Tue 16	The Blind Girl	A Dead Shot	Jack and Jill	
Wed 17	The Regent <i>comedy, author unknown</i>	The Lion of England and Eagle of France <i>drama, author unknown</i>	Jack and Jill	Jack and Jill
Thu 18	The Regent	The Lion of England and Eagle of France	Jack and Jill	
Fri 19	Jack and Jill	The United Service <i>alternative title for The Lion of England and the Eagle of France/A Dead Shot</i>		
Sat 20	The Regent	The United Service	Jack and Jill	
Mon 22	The King's Seal <i>two-act drama by James Kenney and Mrs Gore</i>	The United Service	Jack and Jill	
Tue 23	The King's Seal	The United Service	Jack and Jill	
Wed 24	The King's Seal	The United Service	Jack and Jill	Jack and Jill
Thu 25	The King's Seal	The United Service	Jack and Jill	
Fri 26	The King's Seal	Our Nurse Dorothy <i>farce by Augustus Harris sr</i>	Jack and Jill	
Sat 27	The King's Seal	Our Nurse Dorothy	Jack and Jill	
Mon 29	The Wedding Gown <i>two-act drama by Douglas Jerrold</i>	Our Nurse Dorothy	Jack and Jill	
Tue 30	The Wedding Gown	Our Nurse Dorothy	Jack and Jill	
Wed 31	The Wedding Gown	Our Nurse Dorothy	Jack and Jill	Jack and Jill
February				
Thu 1	The Wedding Gown	Our Nurse Dorothy	Jack and Jill	
Fri 2	The Wedding Gown	Our Nurse Dorothy	Jack and Jill	
Sat 3	The Wedding Gown	Our Nurse Dorothy	Jack and Jill	
Mon 5		Marie the Pearl of Chamouny <i>drama in five tableaux, author unknown</i>	Jack and Jill	
Tue 6		Marie the Pearl of Chamouny	Jack and Jill	
Wed 7		Marie the Pearl of Chamouny	Jack and Jill	Jack and Jill
Thu 8	Doves in a Cage <i>two-act farce by Douglas Jerrold</i>	Touch and Take	Jack and Jill	
Fri 9	Doves in a Cage	Touch and Take	Jack and Jill	
Sat 10	Doves in a Cage	Touch and Take	Jack and Jill	
Mon 12	The Bride of Ludgate <i>two-act comic drama by Douglas Jerrold</i>	The Writing on the Shutters <i>farce, author unknown</i>	Jack and Jill	
Tue 13	The Bride of Ludgate	The Writing on the Shutters	Jack and Jill	
Wed 14	The Bride of Ludgate	The Writing on the Shutters	Jack and Jill	Jack and Jill
Thu 15		Marie the Pearl of Chamouny	Jack and Jill	
Fri 16		Marie the Pearl of Chamouny	Jack and Jill	
Sat 17		Marie the Pearl of Chamouny	Jack and Jill	
Mon 19		The Lady of Lyons	Jack and Jill	
Tue 20		The Hunchback	Jack and Jill	
ASH WEDNESDAY				
Thu 22	The Bride of Ludgate	The Writing on the Shutters	Jack and Jill	
Fri 23	The Bride of Ludgate	The Writing on the Shutters	Jack and Jill	
Sat 24	Doves in a Cage	The Writing on the Shutters	Jack and Jill	
Mon 26		L'Etoile du Nord <i>opera by Meyerbeer, English version by T. H. Reynolds</i>	The Writing on the Shutters	
Tue 27		L'Etoile du Nord	The Writing on the Shutters	
Wed 28		L'Etoile du Nord	The Writing on the Shutters	
March				
Thu 1		L'Etoile du Nord	Youth, Love and Folly <i>comic opera by Michael Kelly and William Dimond</i>	
Fri 2		L'Etoile du Nord	Youth, Love and Folly	
Sat 3		L'Etoile du Nord	Youth, Love and Folly	
Mon 5		L'Etoile du Nord	The Waterman <i>two-act comic opera by Charles Dibdin</i>	
Tue 6		L'Etoile du Nord	The Waterman	
Wed 7		L'Etoile du Nord	The Waterman	
Thu 8		L'Etoile du Nord	A Day At An Inn <i>farce by Theodore Hook</i>	
Fri 9		L'Etoile du Nord	A Day At An Inn	
Sat 10		L'Etoile du Nord	The Waterman	
Mon 12		L'Etoile du Nord	No Song, No Supper <i>comic opera by Stephen Storace</i>	
Tue 13		L'Etoile du Nord	No Song, No Supper	
Wed 14		L'Etoile du Nord	No Song, No Supper	
Thu 15		L'Etoile du Nord	No Song, No Supper	
Fri 16		L'Etoile du Nord	The Artful Dodge <i>farce by E. L. Blanchard</i>	
Sat 17		L'Etoile du Nord	The Artful Dodge	
Mon 19		Guy Mannering <i>opera by Sir Henry Bishop</i>	The Artful Dodge	
Tue 20		Rob Roy <i>musical drama by Sir Henry Bishop</i>	The Artful Dodge	
Wed 21				
Thu 22		Love and Loyalty <i>drama by W. James Robson</i>	L'Etoile du Nord <i>2nd act/ Following the Ladies farce author unknown/ ballet</i>	Benefit for E. T. Smith
Fri 23		L'Etoile du Nord	The Artful Dodge	
Sat 24		Macbeth <i>by William Shakespeare</i>	The Artful Dodge	L'Etoile du Nord
Tue 27				
Wed 28				
Thu 29		Bal Masqué (Masked Ball)		
Fri 30				
Sat 31				
Promenade Concerts in Passion Week				
Promenade and upper boxes 1s.; dress circle 2s. 6d.				
April				
Mon 2		Promenade Concert		
Tue 3		Promenade Concert		
Wed 4		Promenade Concert		
Thu 5				
GOOD FRIDAY				
Sat 7				
Royal Italian Opera				
Stalls 7s.; dress circle 5s.; pit 2s.; upper boxes 3s.; galleries 1s.; private boxes one to four guineas				
EASTER MONDAY				
Mon 10				
Tue 11				
Wed 12				
Thu 13				
Fri 14				
Sat 16		La Sonnambula <i>by Bellini</i>	Ballet	
Tue 17				
Wed 18		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Thu 19		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Fri 20				
Sat 21		Les Cosaques <i>French drama/ spectacle by Arnault and Judicis</i>		
Mon 23		Il Barbiere di Siviglia <i>by Rossini</i>	Ballet	
Wed 25		Les Cosaques		Les Cosaques
Thu 26		Il Barbiere di Siviglia		
Fri 27		Les Cosaques	Ballet	
Sat 28		Les Cosaques		
Mon 30		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Ballet	
May				
Tue 1		Les Cosaques		
Wed 2		La Sonnambula	Concert/Ballet	Benefit for Mr Aguilar
Thu 3		Les Cosaques		
Fri 4		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Ballet	
Sat 5		Les Cosaques	Jacqueline Doucette <i>vaudeville by Charles Cabot/ballet</i>	
Mon 7		Don Pasquale <i>by Donizetti</i>	Ballet	
Thu 8				
Wed 9		Don Pasquale	Ballet	
Thu 10				
Fri 11	A Romantic Idea <i>one-act comedy by J. R. Planché</i>	Harlequin Guy Fawkes <i>pantomime</i>		Benefit for Wellington College by amateur performers from the Fielding Club
Sat 12				
Mon 14				
Tue 15				
Drury Lane Royal Opera: Italian Opera at Popular Prices				
Stalls 4s.; dress circle 2s. 6d.; pit and second circle 1s.; lower and upper gallery 6d.; private boxes for two 10s. 6d.; for four one guinea, no free admissions				
Wed 16		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Thu 17		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	La Peri <i>ballet</i>	
Fri 18		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	La Peri	
Sat 19		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Mon 21		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Tue 22				
Wed 23		Derby Day <i>Bal Masqué (Masked Ball)</i>		
Thu 24				
Fri 25		Norma <i>by Bellini</i>		
Sat 26		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Ballet	
Mon 28		Norma	Ballet	
Tue 29		Don Pasquale	Ballet	
Wed 30		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Ballet	
Thu 31		Norma	Ballet	
June				
Fri 1		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Sat 2		Norma	La Peri <i>ballet</i>	
Mon 4		La Sonnambula	Terpsichore <i>ballet</i>	
Tue 5		Lucrezia Borgia <i>by Donizetti</i>	Terpsichore	
Wed 6		Lucia di Lammermoor <i>by Donizetti</i>	Terpsichore	
Thu 7		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Terpsichore	
Fri 8		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Terpsichore	
Sat 9		Lucia di Lammermoor	Terpsichore	
Mon 11		Lucrezia Borgia	Terpsichore	
Tue 12		Lucia di Lammermoor	Ballet	
Wed 13				Lucrezia Borgia
Thu 14		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Ballet	
Fri 15		Norma	Ballet	
Sat 16		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Ballet	
Mon 18		Norma	Ballet	
Tue 19		Lucia di Lammermoor	Ballet	
Wed 20		Norma	Ballet	
Thu 21		La Sonnambula	Ballet	
Fri 22		Lucrezia Borgia	Ballet	
Sat 23		Lucia di Lammermoor	Ballet	
Mon 25		Norma	Miranda <i>ballet</i>	
Tue 26		Lucrezia Borgia	Miranda	
Wed 27				
Thu 28		Lucia di Lammermoor	Miranda	
Fri 29		Norma	Miranda	
Sat 30		Lucia di Lammermoor	Miranda	
July				
Mon 2		La Donna del Largo <i>by Rossini based on Sir Walter Scott's The Lady of the Lake</i>	Miranda	
Tue 3		La Donna del Largo	Miranda	
Wed 4	Norma <i>2nd act</i>	La Sonnambula	Concert/Miranda	Benefit for E. T. Smith
Thu 5		La Donna del Largo	Miranda	
Fri 6		La Donna del Largo	Miranda	
Sat 7		La Sonnambula	Concert/Miranda	
Mon 9		La Donna del Largo	Ballet	
Tue 10		Lucia di Lammermoor	Ballet	
Wed 11		Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Concert/scene from La Sonnambula/Ballet	Benefit for Mme Gassier
Thu 12		Lucia di Lammermoor	Concert/Ballet	
Fri 13		Lucrezia Borgia	scene from La Sonnambula/Ballet	
Sat 14		La Donna del Largo	Ballet	
Mon 16				
Tue 17				
Wed 18				
Thu 19				
Fri 20				
English Opera at Popular Prices				
Acting Manager Mr Stammers; Musical Director Mr J. H. Tully				
Stalls 4s.; dress circle 2s. 6d.; pit and second circle 1s.; lower and upper gallery 6d.; private boxes for two 10s. 6d.; for four one guinea, no free admissions				
Sat 21		The Bohemian Girl	Miranda	
Mon 23		The Bohemian Girl	Miranda	
Tue 24		The Bohemian Girl	Miranda	
Wed 25		The Bohemian Girl	Miranda	
Thu 26		The Bohemian Girl	Miranda	