

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, 1855 to 1856

Lessee Mr E. T. Smith; Acting Manager Mr Charles Matthews

Stalls 5s.; dress circle 3s.; pit 2s.; first circle 2s. 6d.; lower gallery 1s.; upper gallery 6d.; private boxes 10s. 6d. to one guinea

DATE CURTAIN RAISER MAINPIECE AFTERPIECE MATINEE

October

Mon 8		Nitocris <i>spectacular drama by Edward Fitzball</i>		
Tue 9		Nitocris		
Wed 10		Married for Money <i>three-act comedy adapted by Charles Matthews from John Poole's The Wealthy Widow</i>	Nitocris	
Thu 11		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Fri 12		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Sat 13		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Mon 15		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Tue 16		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Wed 17		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Thu 18		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Fri 19		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Sat 20		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Mon 22		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Tue 23		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Wed 24		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Thu 25		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Fri 26		Married for Money	Nitocris	
Sat 27		Married for Money	<i>The Critic burlesque by Richard Brinsley Sheridan's Ballet</i>	
Mon 29		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger <i>farce, author unknown</i> Nitocris	
Tue 30		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Wed 31		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	

November

Thu 1		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Fri 2		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Sat 3		Married for Money	The Critic/Ballet	
Mon 5		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Tue 6		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Wed 7		An Impudent Puppy <i>two-act comedy by Leicester Buckingham</i>	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Thu 8		An Impudent Puppy	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Fri 9		An Impudent Puppy	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Sat 10		An Impudent Puppy	The Critic/Ballet	
Mon 12		An Impudent Puppy	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Tue 13		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Wed 14		An Impudent Puppy	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Thu 15		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Fri 16		An Impudent Puppy	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Sat 17		Married for Money	The Critic/ Ballet	
Mon 19		An Impudent Puppy	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Tue 20		Married for Money	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Wed 21		An Impudent Puppy	Twenty Minutes with a Tiger/ Nitocris	
Thu 22		Used Up <i>two-act comic drama by Dion Boucicault</i>	Cool as a Cucumber <i>farce by Blanchard Jerrold/Nitocris</i>	
Fri 23		Used Up	Cool as a Cucumber/Nitocris	
Sat 24		Used Up	The Critic/Ballet	
Mon 26		The Game of Speculation <i>three-act comedy adapted from Balzac's Mercadet by Silingsby Lawrence (George Henry Lewes)</i>	Number One Round the Corner <i>one-act farce by William Brough/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris</i>	
Tue 27		The Game of Speculation	Number One Round the Corner/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris	
Wed 28		The Game of Speculation	Number One Round the Corner/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris	
Thu 29		The Game of Speculation	Number One Round the Corner/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris	
Fri 30		The Game of Speculation	Number One Round the Corner/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris	

December

Sat 1		The Game of Speculation	Madame Labariere's Lions/ The Critic	
Mon 3		Used Up	Little Toddlekins <i>farce by Charles Matthews/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris</i>	
Tue 4		Used Up	Little Toddlekins/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris	
Wed 5		Used Up	Little Toddlekins/Madame Labariere's Lions/Nitocris	
Thu 6	Katherine and Petruccio <i>adaptation of William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew by David Garrick</i>	Take That Gal Away <i>farce by Leicester Buckingham</i>	Patter versus Clatter <i>one-act farce by Charles Matthews / Madame Labariere's Lions/ Ballet</i>	
Fri 7	Katherine and Petruccio	Take That Gal Away	Patter versus Clatter/ Madame Labariere's Lions/ Ballet	Benefit for E. T. Smith
Sat 8		The Game of Speculation	Married for Money/Ballet	
Mon 10	Katherine and Petruccio	Take That Gal Away	Patter versus Clatter/Ballet	
Tue 11	Katherine and Petruccio	Take That Gal Away	Patter versus Clatter/Ballet	
Wed 12		Grand Bal Masqué (Masked Ball)		
Thu 13	Katherine and Petruccio	Take That Gal Away	Patter versus Clatter/Ballet	
Fri 14	Katherine and Petruccio	Take That Gal Away	Patter versus Clatter/Ballet	
Sat 15		Used Up	Married for Money/Ballet	
Mon 17				
Tue 18				
Wed 19	A Bachelor of Arts <i>two-act comic drama by Pelham Hardwicke</i>	A Comical Countess <i>one-act farce by William Brough</i>	A Curious Case <i>two-act comic drama by T. H. Reynolds</i>	Benefit for Charles Matthews
Thu 20				
Fri 21				
Sat 22				
Mon 24				
CHRISTMAS DAY				
BOXING DAY	Little Toddlekins/ Trying It On <i>an interlude</i>	Hey Diddle Diddle <i>pantomime by E. L. Blanchard</i>		
Thu 27	Little Toddlekins/ Trying It On	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 28	Little Toddlekins/ Trying It On	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 29	Little Toddlekins/ Trying It On	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 31	Trying It On/ The Great Gun Trick <i>'magical squib' by the Wizard of the Lyceum (Charles Matthews)</i>	Hey Diddle Diddle		

January

Tue 1	Trying It On/ The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 2	Trying It On/ The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		Hey Diddle Diddle
Thu 3	Trying It On/ The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 4	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 5	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 7	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 8	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 9	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		Hey Diddle Diddle
Thu 10	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 11	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 12	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 14	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 15	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 16	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		Hey Diddle Diddle
Thu 17	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 18	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 19	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 21	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 22	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 23	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		Hey Diddle Diddle
Thu 24	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 25	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 26	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 28	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 29	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 30	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		Hey Diddle Diddle
Thu 31	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		

February

Fri 1	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 2	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 4	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 5	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		Hey Diddle Diddle
ASH WEDNESDAY				
Thu 7	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 8	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 9	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 11	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 12	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		Hey Diddle Diddle
Wed 13	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Thu 14	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 15	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 16	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 18	The Great Gun Trick	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 19	The Great Gun Trick/Taking By Storm	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 20	The Great Gun Trick/Taking By Storm	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Thu 21	The Great Gun Trick/Little Toddlekins	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 22	The Great Gun Trick/Little Toddlekins	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 23	The Great Gun Trick/Little Toddlekins	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 25	Not A Bad Judge <i>two-act comedy by J. R. Planché/Little Toddlekins</i>	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 26	The Great Gun Trick/Taking By Storm	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 27	Not A Bad Judge	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Thu 28	The Great Gun Trick/Taking By Storm	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 29	Not A Bad Judge	Hey Diddle Diddle		

March

Sat 1	The Great Gun Trick/Taking By Storm	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 3	Delicate Ground <i>comedy by Charles Dance/ Trying It On</i>	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 4	Not A Bad Judge	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 5	Delicate Ground/ Cool As A Cucumber	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Thu 6	Delicate Ground/ Courtship and the Congresses <i>farce by E. L. Blanchard</i>	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 7	A Bachelor of Arts <i>two-act comic drama by Pelham Hardwicke</i>	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 8	Not A Bad Judge	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Mon 10	The Game of Speculation	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Tue 11	Not A Bad Judge	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Wed 12	Married for Money	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Thu 13	Used Up	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Fri 14	Delicate Ground/ Trying It On	Hey Diddle Diddle		
Sat 15	Married for Money	Hey Diddle Diddle		

MR EMERY'S ONE-MAN SHOW OF 'CHARACTERS'

Stalls 3s.; boxes 2s.; pit 1s.; gallery 6d.; private boxes 10s. 6d. to 31s. 6d.

Mon 17	The Tale of a Train	Life in Portraiture	Balaklava Bay	
Tue 18	The Tale of a Train	Life in Portraiture	Balaklava Bay	
Wed 19	The Tale of a Train	Life in Portraiture	Balaklava Bay	PASSION WEEK
Thu 20	The Tale of a Train	Life in Portraiture	Balaklava Bay	
GOOD FRIDAY				
Sat 22	The Tale of a Train	Life in Portraiture	Balaklava Bay	

GRAND ENGLISH OPERA SEASON

Lessee Mr E. T. Smith; National English Opera Managing Directors Messrs J. H. Tully and F. Kingsbury

Stalls 4s.; dress boxes 3s.; pit 2s.; first circle 2s.; upper circle and amphitheatre 1s.; gallery 6d.; boxes 10s. 6d. to two guineas; second price at 9.00 p.m.

EASTER MONDAY		The Gypsy's Vengeance <i>English version by Charles Jefferys of li Trovatore by Verdi</i>	Marguerite ' <i>musical, magical sketch' adapted from Goethe's Faust. Music by J. H. Tully.</i>	
Tue 25		The Gypsy's Vengeance	Marguerite	
Wed 26		The Gypsy's Vengeance	Marguerite	
Thu 27		The Gypsy's Vengeance	Marguerite	
Fri 28		The Gypsy's Vengeance	Marguerite	
Sat 29		The Gypsy's Vengeance	Marguerite	
Mon 31		The Gypsy's Vengeance	Marguerite	
April				
Tue 1		The Bohemian Girl <i>by Balfe</i>	The Bacchanalian Revel	
Wed 2		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Daughter of the Regiment <i>English version of Donizetti's La Fille du Régiment</i>	
Thu 3		The Bohemian Girl	The Daughter of the Regiment	
Fri 4		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Daughter of the Regiment	
Sat 5		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Daughter of the Regiment	
Mon 7		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Daughter of the Regiment	
Tue 8		The Bohemian Girl	The Enchanted Garden <i>ballet</i>	
Wed 9		The Bohemian Girl	The Enchanted Garden	
Thu 10		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Fri 11		The Bohemian Girl	The Enchanted Garden	
Sat 12		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Mon 14		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Tue 15		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Wed 16		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Thu 17		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Fri 18		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Sat 19		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Mon 21		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Tue 22		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Enchanted Garden	
Wed 23		Norma <i>by Bellini</i>	The Daughter of the Regiment	
Thu 24		Norma	The Daughter of the Regiment	
Fri 25		Fra Diavolo <i>by Auber</i>	The Waterman <i>comic opera by Charles Dibdin</i>	
Sat 26		Fra Diavolo	The Waterman	
Mon 28		Lucia di Lammermoor <i>by Donizetti</i>	The Yankee Housekeeper <i>musical farce</i>	
Tue 29		Fra Diavolo	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Wed 30		Lucia di Lammermoor	The Yankee Housekeeper	
May				
Thu 1		Fra Diavolo	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Fri 2		Lucia di Lammermoor	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Sat 3		Lucia di Lammermoor	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Mon 5		Lucia di Lammermoor	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Tue 6		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Wed 7		Fra Diavolo	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Thu 8		Lucia di Lammermoor	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Fri 9		Fra Diavolo	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Sat 10		The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Mon 12	Mischievous Annie <i>farce, author unknown</i>	Cinderella <i>English version of Rossini's La Cenerentola adapted by Rhphino Lacy</i>	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Tue 13	Mischievous Annie	Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Wed 14		Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Thu 15		Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Fri 16		Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Sat 17		Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Mon 19	Mischievous Annie	Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Tue 20	Mischievous Annie	Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Wed 21	Mischievous Annie	Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Thu 22	Mischievous Annie	Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Fri 23	Mischievous Annie	Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Sat 24	The Waterman	Cinderella	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Mon 26	The Yankee Housekeeper	The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Young Actress <i>farce by Dion Boucicault</i>	
Tue 27	The Yankee Housekeeper	The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Young Actress	
Wed 28	The Yankee Housekeeper	The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Young Actress	
Thu 29				Young Actress/ Yankee Housekeeper
Fri 30	The Yankee Housekeeper	Cinderella	The Young Actress	
Sat 31	The Yankee Housekeeper	Maritana <i>by Wallace</i>	The Young Actress	

June

Mon 2	Mischievous Annie	The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Tue 3	Mischievous Annie	Maritana	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Wed 4	Mischievous Annie	The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Yankee Housekeeper	Benefit for George Turpin
Thu 5	Mischievous Annie	Maritana	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Fri 6	Mischievous Annie	The Gypsy's Vengeance	The Yankee Housekeeper	Benefit for Mr and Mrs Florence
Sat 7	Mischievous Annie	Maritana	The Yankee Housekeeper	
Mon 9	The Swiss Cottage <i>burletta by Thomas Bayly</i>	The Gypsy's Vengeance	My Fellow Clerk <i>farce by John Oxenford</i>	
Tue 10	The Swiss Cottage	Maritana	My Fellow Clerk	
Wed 11	The Swiss Cottage	The Gypsy's Vengeance	My Fellow Clerk	
Thu 12	The Swiss Cottage	Maritana	My Fellow Clerk	
Fri 13	The Swiss Cottage	Cinderella	My Fellow Clerk	
Sat 14	The Swiss Cottage	La Sonnambula <i>by Bellini</i>	The Beggar's Opera <i>ballad opera by John Gay</i>	
Mon 16		The Mountain Sylph <i>by Barnett</i>	Last act of La Sonnambula	Benefit for Elliot Galer
Tue 17		Fra Diavolo		
Wed 18		The Mountain Sylph	The Beggar's Opera	
Thu 19		The Mountain Sylph	The Beggar's Opera	
Fri 20		The Mountain Sylph	The Beggar's Opera	
Sat 21		The Bohemian Girl	opera extracts	Benefit for Lucy Escott
Mon 23		Der Freischutz <i>by Weber</i>	opera extracts	Benefit for J. H. Tully
Tue 24		Der Freischutz	opera extracts	
Wed 25		Der Freischutz	opera extracts	
Thu 26		Der Freischutz	The Beggar's Opera	
Fri 27		Der Freischutz	The Beggar's Opera	
Sat 28		Der Freischutz	The Beggar's Opera	
Mon 30	Summer season reduced	prices: stalls 4s.; dress circle 2s. 6d.; pit 1s.; gallery 6d.; private boxes 10s. 6d. to 31s. 6d.		
July				
Tue 1		Esmeralda	The Fairy's Haunt	
Wed 2		Der Freischutz	The Fairy's Haunt	
Thu 3		Der Freischutz	The Fairy's Haunt	
Fri 4		Esmeralda	The Fairy's Haunt	
Sat 5		Esmeralda	The Fairy's Haunt	
Mon 7		The Bohemian Girl	mixed programme	Benefit for Michael Baife
Tue 8		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent <i>ballet</i>	
Wed 9		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	
Thu 10		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	
Fri 11		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	
Sat 12		The Loan of a Lover <i>one-act vaudeville by J. R. Planché</i>	William Tell <i>pantomime</i>	Benefit for the Fielding Fund, amateur performers
Mon 14		Mixed programme of opera, dance, farce and concert		Benefit for Alfred Bunn
Tue 15		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	
Wed 16		mixed programme		Benefit for Mr F. Kingsbury
Thu 17		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	
Fri 18		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	
Sat 19		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	
Mon 21		The Gypsy's Vengeance	Concert/Ballet	Benefit for Fanny Huddart
Tue 22		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent/ <i>incantation scene from Der Freischutz</i>	
Wed 23		Esmeralda	La Peri <i>ballet</i>	Benefit for Rosina Wright
Thu 24		Esmeralda	La Peri/ <i>incantation scene from Der Freischutz</i>	
Fri 25		Esmeralda	La Peri/ <i>incantation scene from Der Freischutz</i>	
Sat 26		Esmeralda	The Flower Girl of Ghent	

Theatre closed until 15 September