Sydenham Arts Festival and Spontaneous Productions present

TILL THE BOYS COME HOME

Bringing to life the story of Sydenham’s gas workers during the Great War: an original community musical in four parts

FREE EVENTS
Booking essential

PART 1 Sun 6 July
PART 2 Sat 12 July
PART 3 (two perf)s Wed 16 & Thu 17 July
PART 4 Sat 19 July

Writer Lucy Kaufman
Producer and Creative Director Jonathan Kaufman
Directors Juliette Grassby-Lewis, Vicki Hambley and Steve Livermore
Original songs and music Julian Kaufman
Additional songs and music Deborah Garvey
Costume designers Sarah Mercado and Florence Hazard

Production assistant Felicity Hayward

Features Sir Steve Bullock as the Mayor of Lewisham in 1914

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TAKE PART IN THE SHOW!
A community musical in four parts

Enjoy each part individually - or see all four to experience the whole story!

Marking the centenary of the start of WW1 (1914-1918) Sydenham Arts Festival and in-house theatre company Spontaneous Productions have joined forces with local community groups and schools to tell the gripping story of the 458 workers of Sydenham’s South Suburban Gas Company who fought during the Great War – 56 of whom made the ultimate sacrifice – through the eyes of the soldiers themselves and those on the ‘home front’.

Performed in four parts at different locations throughout Sydenham during the festival (see listings for details) all performances are FREE.
Tickets are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the box office at 020 8859 0651 boxoffice@sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk or pop into Kirkdale Bookshop NE. Except for Part 3 these are ‘promenade’ performances so be prepared to stand or walk at times. Suitable for all aged 10+ but some scenes may require parental guidance.

**PART 1: FOR KING AND COUNTRY**

1914: Lord Cecil visits Sydenham’s Gas Works to unveil its war memorial and the names of the fallen. But the ghosts of Livesey Hall just won’t lie still... An immersive musical theatre performance that whisks you back in time to the outbreak of WW1 at a music hall concert in August 1914 and a fundraising tete on the bowling green.
**SUN 6 JULY** 4-6pm **TUDOR LIVESEY HALL & BOWLING GREEN** 225 Perry Hill, Bell Green, London SE6 4HD

**PART 2: PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES**

1915: As the drive for recruits to join the colours intensifies, news of the harsh reality of war begins to reach Sydenham... Attend a wedding, a wave drop on military tribunals, join the debate on the morality of war, experience the thrill of a regimental band parade and even take part in a training session!

**SAT 12 JULY** 3-5pm **ST BARTHOLOMEW’S CHURCH & SEVERAL OUTDOOR LOCATIONS**
4 Westwood Hill, Sydenham, London SE26 8QR

**PART 3: HOME FIRES**

The impact of WW1 on the people of Sydenham is explored through the eyes of women – mothers, wives, girlfriends, munitions workers and others on the ‘home front’... Using actual letters, diaries, poetry and song the true horrors of war come to light. Performed by an all-female cast of professional actors and musicians.

**WED 16 & THU 17 JULY** 8-10pm **ZANZIBAR NIGHTCLUB** 291 Kirkdale, Sydenham, London SE26 4OD

**PART 4: WHEN THIS LOUSY WAR IS OVER**

In this final part, explore an interactive exhibition and performance at the TNG Youth Centre. Featuring a cast of children, young people, actors, dancers and musicians look back at the ‘war to end all wars’ and forward to the future – offering hope that the next generation might learn from history.

**SAT 19 JULY** 3-5pm

TNG YOUTH CENTRE & SYDENHAM WELLS PARK
111 Wells Park Road, Sydenham, London SE26 8AD

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