# The Synopsis

Welcome to a performance like no other, celebrating theatre, exquisite taste and timeless elegance, set in the opulent Grand Saloon of Theatre Royal Drury Lane. Inspired by centuries of drama and the romance of the Regency era, this is a stage where legendary heroes, cunning villains and unforgettable heroines have played their part.

Every great performance needs a captivating cast — and this one is no exception. Will you root for the Hero? A bold entrance from the free-range Blythburgh pork sausage roll, paired with piccalilli ketchup, sets the scene with savoury strength. Or perhaps it's the Villain who steals the show? Spenwood and thyme tartlet, with chilli jam and nutmeg, brings a delicious touch of danger. Enter the Femme Fatale: layered prawn cocktail, Morecambe Bay shrimps, avocado, smoked pancetta — elegant, alluring and impossible to resist. Will there be an encore? Is it the final curtain, or will you be back for more...?



## **Showstopping Afternoon Tea**

A showstopping taste extravaganza in two acts

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## Champagne Afternoon Tea

Served with a glass of Taittinger Brut Reserve NV or Wild Idol 0% Sparkling

## **Royal Afternoon Tea**

Served with the Prince's punch or King's punch 0% cocktail

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A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill

All produce is prepared in an area where all allergens are present. Please inform our team if you have any allergies, intolerances or special dietary requirements. Written allergen information is available on request.

## Act One

# A Savoury Prelude

Discover the main characters: Who will grab your heart? Who can you trust? Who will you meet again?



### The Hero

Free Range Blythburgh Pork Sausage Rolls, Piccalilli Ketchup

### The Villain

Spenwood and Thyme Tartlet, Chilli Jam, Nutmeg

### The Femme Fatale

Layered Prawn Cocktail, Brown Shrimps, Avocado, Salmon Caviar

### The Sidekick

Cucumber, cream cheese, dill and horseradish sandwich

## Act Two

## The Sweet Dilemma



The sweethearts take centre stage

#### The Lovers

Homemade Fruit Scones, Seasonal Jam & Clotted Cream

### The Queen

Layered Chocolate Brownie & Caramelised Popcorn with Gold Leaf

### The Chorus

Raspberry & Biscuit Macaron, Raspberry Jam, Shortbread Ganache Lemon Meringue Tartlet - Lemon Curd, Italian Meringue, Citrus Crisp

# Spotlight on Our History...

### Setting the Stage for History

In a series of world theatre firsts, the first version of the National Anthem was sung here in 1745. Rule, Britannia! was played for the first time as part of the score for **Dr Arne's Alfred** in 1750. The first safety curtain in the world was installed in 1794, and in 1817 it was the first theatre to be gas-lit throughout.

### The Tale of Two Royal Boxes

The two sides of the theatre were given the names King's Side and Prince's Side. This unique feature dates back to the time of King George III, who was not on good terms with his son. To avoid confrontation, each was directed to their own side. This has resulted in the theatre possessing two Royal Boxes.

### The Haunted History of Drury Lane

Theatre Royal Drury Lane is one of the world's most haunted theatres. The most famous ghost is the Man in Grey, who appears sometimes during matinees in a long grey coat and tricorn hat. During renovations in the 1840s, a skeleton in grey rags with a knife through his heart was discovered on the spot where the ghost disappears.

The appearance of almost any one of the handful of ghosts said to frequent the theatre signals good luck for an actor or production.

### The Enduring Legacy of Drury Lane

Theatre Royal Drury Lane has been a site for entertainment since 1663 and is the world's oldest theatre site in continuous use.

## Legends of the Stage

Theatre royalty to have graced the stage include Dan Leno, Henry Irving, Julie Andrews, Rex Harrison, Ivor Novello, John Gielgud, Michael Crawford and Ginger Rogers to name just a few.

