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SUMMER SEASON MUSICAL: THE KING
AND I**

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**ABERYSTWYTH ARTS CENTRE SUMMER SEASON MUSICAL: THE KING AND I
23rd July to 29th August 2009**

No summer would be complete without Aberystwyth Arts Centre's Summer Season Show. This year's production is Rodgers & Hammerstein's timeless classic *The King & I*.

The Aberystwyth Arts Centre's Summer Season Show has run annually for over 20 years and has become something of an institution. This year's wonderful musical is brought to the stage by the successful team behind previous Arts Centre summer shows including *West Side Story* and *My Fair Lady*: Directors Michael Bogdanov and Anthony Williams and Musical Director Michael Morwood. So we're sure to be in for another musical treat this year!

Based on the novel *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon *The King and I* captured the hearts and minds of millions with its charming story of the British governess brought into the court of Siam to tutor the King's many children. Within the splendour of the Royal Palace, Anna and the King grow to understand one another and learn about each other's cultures. This moving story combined with some of the greatest songs from the golden age of musicals: famous numbers include Shall We Dance, I Whistle a Happy Tune, Hello Young Lovers and Getting to Know You. With gorgeous colourful costumes and exotic sets, *The King and I* promises to be the perfect summer season production. Casting has already begun and a talented line-up of young stars from the local area has been selected.

The King and I will run at Aberystwyth Arts Centre from Thursday 23rd July to Saturday 29th August. Evening performances are from Tuesday to Saturday at 7.30pm with matinees on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2.30pm.

A significant discount is available on tickets for groups of 8 or more at the following prices. Advance booking and payment before 15 June are £15. Bookings from 16 June and after are £16. This is a saving of £4.50 from the full price, so it's well worth getting a group together! It is possible to make group bookings in the Arts Centre's award winning cafe – for either a light meal or for a special Summer Strawberry Cream Tea.

For individual ticket bookings, tickets for evening performances are £19.50 (£18.50) and for children £16; and for Matinees £17.50 (£16.50) and children £16. Family Tickets are available for matinee performances at £55 to cover 2 adults and up to four children. All tickets are £15 for the Opening Night on Thursday 23 July! Bookings can be made by

contacting the Arts Centre ticket office on 01970 62 32 32 or online at www.aber.ac.uk/artscentre

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