

Shoestring started life as Stamford Music and Drama Club in 1943.

In 1959 the group morphed into Stamford Amateur Stage.

In 1963, it changed its name again, and became Stamford Shoestring Theatre.

Shoestring has performed on many stages in the town, starting with Stamford School and Stamford High School Halls, the Darby & Joan Hall, the Congregational (now United Reformed) Church Hall and finally came to rest at Stamford Theatre as Stamford Arts Centre's resident amateur repertory company from 1978.

Performance history

	2023	Dec	
		Sept	
261		June	California Suite
260		Mar	The Thrill of Love
259	2022	Dec	Rules for Living
258		Sept	California Suite (curtailed on death of QE 2nd)
257		June	Blackbird
256		Mar	I am a Camera
255	2021	Dec	A Christmas Carol
254		Sept	My Mother Said I Never Should
253		July	London Assurance
		Mar	No live theatre due to Covid-19
	2020	Dec	No live theatre due to Covid-19
		Sept	No live theatre due to Covid-19
		June	No live theatre due to Covid-19
252		Mar	The Seagull
251	2019	Dec	Blue Stockings
250		Sept	Ladybird, Ladybird
			The Roses of Eyam (at the Minack Theatre)
249		June	The Roses of Eyam
248		Mar	The Herd
247	2018	Dec	My Boy Jack
246		Sept	Perfect Nonsense
245		June	Kindertransport
244		Mar	An Enemy of the People
243	2017	Dec	Nell Gwynn
242		Sept	The Memory of Water
241		June	One Man, Two Guvnors
240		Mar	Tartuffe
239	2016	Dec	Roots
238		Sept	Good People
		August	The Shaugraun (at the Minack Theatre)
237		June	The Shaugraun
236		Mar	Good Things

235	2015	Dec	See How They Run
234		Sept	The Homecoming
233		July	The Chalk Garden
232		May	Travels With My Aunt
231		Mar	A Dolls House
230	2014	Dec	Cowardy Custard
229		Sept	The Accrington Pals
228		June	The Playboy of the Western World
227		Mar	A View from the Bridge
226	2013	Dec	The Winslow Boy
225		Sept	God of Carnage
224		June	Anne Boleyn
223		July	Anne Boleyn (at the Minack Theatre)
222		Mar	Talking Heads
221	2012	Dec	Men Should Weep
220		Sept	Ladies' Day
219		June	Life After George
218		Mar	Loot
217	2011	Dec	Dandy Dick
216		Sept	Disposing of the Body
215		June	Single Spies
214		Mar	Translations
213	2010	Dec	A Woman of No Importance
212		Sept	The Odd Couple
211		June	On the Razzle
210		July	On the Razzle (at the Minack Theatre)
209		Mar	The Birthday Party
208	2009	Dec	Blithe Spirit
207		Sept	Hoovering on the Edge
206		June	The Lady in the Van
205		Mar	Uncle Vanya
204	2008	Dec	Oh! What a Lovely War
203		Sept	Art
202		June	Losing Louis
201		Mar	Mary Stuart
200	2007	Dec	A Voyage Round my Father
199		Sept	Playhouse Creatures
198		June	The Madness of George III
197		July	The Madness of George III (at the Minack Theatre)
196		March	Woman in Mind
195	2006	Dec	The Lion in Winter
194		Sept	Vincent in Brixton
193		June	A Month in the Country
192		March	A Small Family Business
191	2005	Dec	Lady Windermere's Fan
190		Sept	Shadowlands
189		June	Humble Boy
188		March	Getting On

187	2004	Nov	Vanity Fair
186		Sept	Separate Tables
185		June	An Inspector Calls
184		March	All My Sons
183	2003	Nov	Chorus of Disapproval
182		Sept	Cripple of Inishmaan
181		June	Ring Round the Moon
180		July	Ring Round the Moon (at the Minack Theatre)
179		March	Arcadia
178	2002	Nov	Journey's End
177		Sept	Absent Friends
176		June	Lucky Sods
175		March	Ivanov
174	2001	Nov	School for Scandal
173		Sept	Amy's View
172		June	The Rise and Fall of Little Voice
171		Mar	Give me Your Answer Do
170	2000	Nov	Gaslight
169		Sept	Lettice and Lovage
168		July	The Three Musketeers (at the Minack Theatre)
167		June	The Three Musketeers
166		Mar	Night of the Iguana
165	1999	Nov	An Ideal Hisband
164		Sept	Stevie
163		June	84 Charing Cross Road
162		Mar	T'is Pity She's a Whore
161	1998	Nov	Seasons' Greetings
160		Sept	The Crucible
159		June	The Glass Menagerie
158		Mar	Bequest to the Nation
157	1997	Nov	When We Are Married
156		Sept	The Sisters Rosensweig
155		June	The Diary of Ann Frank
154		Mar	Habeus Corpus
153	1996	Nov	Measure for Measure
152		Sept	Our Country's Good
151		June	Hedda Gabler
150		Mar	Death of a Salesman
149	1995	Nov	Night Must Fall
148		Sept	Dancing at Lughasa
147		June	Absurd Person Singular
146		Mar	Les Liaisons Dangereuses
145	1994	Nov	Steel Magnolias
144		Sept	Terra Nova
143		June	Private Lives
142		Mar	The Cherry Orchard

141	1993	Nov	London Assurance
140		Sept	Shakers
139		June	The Dock Brief/Edwin
138		Mar	Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
137	1992	Nov	The Importance of Being Earnest
136		Sept	Daisy Pulls It Off
135		June	Time and Time Again
134		Mar	A Touch of Danger
133	1991	Dec	Abelard and Heloise
132		Sept	Tom Jones
131		June	My Mother Said I Never Should
130		Mar	The Elephant Man
129	1990	Nov	The Happiest Days of Your Life
128		Sept	Rosencrantz and Gilderstern are Dead
127		June	Present Laughter
126		Mar	California Suite
125	1989	Nov	Amadeus
124		Sept	Stepping Out
123		June	Duet for One
122		Mar	A Man for All Seasons
121	1988	Nov	Waiting in the Wings
120		Sep	Cause Celebre
119		Mar	The Anniversary
118	1987	Nov	Golden Pathway Annual
117		June	Ring Round The Moon
116		Mar	Pack of Lies
115	1986	Nov	The Real Inspector Hound/The Critic
114		June	Blithe Spirit
113		Mar	Middle Age Spread
112	1985	Nov	On The Razzle
111		June	Born in The Gardens
110		Mar	Bedroom Farce
109	1984	Nov	Three Sisters
108		June	The Gingerbread Man
107		Mar	Hay Fever
106	1983	Nov	The Dresser
105		June	Waltz of the Toreadors
104		Mar	The Sea
103	1982	Nov	Outside Edge
102		May	Stage Struck
101		Mar	A Voyage Round my Father
100	1981	Nov	The School for Scandal
99		June	Hijack over Hygenia
98		Mar	Ten Times Table
97	1980	Nov	Everything in the Garden
96		July	Love From Shoestring
95		Mar	A Doll's House

94	1979	Nov	The Rivals
93		Mar	The Winslow Boy
92	1978	Dec	Under Milk Wood
91		Oct	How The Other Half Lives
90		March	Wanted One Body
89	1977	Nov	Habeus Corpus
88		Mar	The Crucible
87	1976	Oct	When We Are Married
86		March	Hobson's Choice
85	1975	Nov	Third Music Hall
84		May	Pools Paradise
83	1974	Nov	The Way of the World
82		June	East Lynne
81		March	Strike Happy
80	1973	Nov	Shoestring Theatre Looks North
79		June	Second Music Hall
78		Feb	The Enquiry
77	1972	Nov	Sailor Beware
76		Sept	The Mayor of Torontal
75		June	The Hollow Crown
74	1971	Nov	The Rape of the Belt
73		Sept	The Innocents
72		July	Under Milk Wood
71		March	Speaking of Murder
70	1970	Nov	Say Who You Are
69		Oct	The Government Inspector
68		Feb	Murder in the Cathedral
67	1969	Nov	Hiss the Villain
66		Oct	Teahouse of the August Moon
65		June	Old Time Music Hall
64		Feb	The Blue and The Purple
63	1968	Nov	Hotel Paradiso
62		Sept	Five to Five-thirty
61		March	Too Soon for Daisies
60		Feb	The Caretaker
59	1967	Nov	She Stoops to Conquer
58		Oct	Heartbreak House
57		July	Blithe Spirit
56		April	Something to Hide
55	1966	Dec	The Grass is Greener
54		Sept	Johnny Belinda
53		April	Interlude
52		March	The Applecart
51	1965	Dec	Goodnight Mrs Puffin
50		Sept	How Are You Johnny
49		June	The Long & The Short & The Tall
48		Feb	Temple Folly

47	1964	Dec	The Reluctant Debutante
46		Oct	Heaven and Charing Cross
45		May	The Lady's not for Burning
44		Feb	Doctor in the House
43	1963	Nov	Roar Like A Dove
42		June	All My Sons
41		March	The Conquest
40	As Stamford Amateur Stage		
39		Feb	Haul for the Shore
38	1962	Nov	Black Chiffon
37		Sept	The Happy Marriage
36		June	Nude with Violin
35		Feb	Waters of the Moon
34	1961	Dec	Angels in Love
33		Sept	The Sound of Murder
32		June	A Midsummer Nights Revels
31		May	The Noble Spaniard
30		Feb	Gaslight
29	1960	Dec	Bell Book and Candle
28		Sept	Breath of Spring
27		May	Miranda
26		April	Gilbert & Solomon
25		Feb	Message for Margaret
24	1959	Dec	But Once a Year
23	As Stamford Music & Drama Club		
22	1958	July	King Oedipus
21		March	One Act Plays
20	1957	Dec	Edward My Son
19		June	The Taming of the Shrew
18	1956	Nov	Dear Brutus
17		June	Antigone
16		March	The Pardoner's Tale
15	1955	Dec	Blithe Spirit
14	1954	Nov	White Sheep of the Family
13	1953	Nov	Ten Little N*****s
12		June	Midsummer Mixture
11	1952	Nov	Lady Precious Stream
10		June	Rose Without a Thorn
9	1951	June	Midsummer Nights Revels
8		March	The Castell of Perseverance
7	1946	May	Quinneys
6	1945	April	The Late Christopher Bean
5		Jan	Dangerous Corner
4	1944	Nov	Androcles & The Lion
3		June	The Farmer's Wife
2	1943	Oct	Cradle Song
1		Spring	Man of Destiny