



Stephanie David, left, Helen West and Louise Ody as robots

Rare revival for satirical sci-fi play

The Edward Alderton Theatre in Bexleyheath stages a rare revival of one of the first ever science fiction plays. Rossum's Universal Robots is by Czech writer Karel Capek and was first performed in 1921. Set on a remote island in a factory for mass-producing "artificial people", the play is famous for introducing the word robot. Helen Glory (Geraldine Mullins), daughter of the president of an industrial power, arrives on the island and is shocked to find the general manager, Domain (Kevin Coward), and his staff treating the robots as mere machines. Her efforts to imbue

them with a soul are well meant, but causes them to question their role in society as slaves to mankind. Mark Campbell has wanted to direct the play for a long time. He said: "I'm a big Doctor Who fan and RUR has always been mentioned as inspiring one of the best Tom Baker stories, 1977's The Robots of Death. So I investigated the play and found it still had something to say, almost a century after it was written." ■ **Universal Robots runs from February 4-11 (not Sunday) at 8pm. Book tickets on 020 8301 5584 and for more go to www.edwardalderton.org.**

European dancers star in a night of cabaret

Contemporary dances from Greek, Croatian and Bulgarian performers will be on show tonight (Thursday) at Greenwich Dance's CitytoCity Cabaret at the Borough Hall, Royal Hill, Greenwich. There will also be a preview of a new work by founding member of DV8 Physical Theatre, Nigel Charnock, called Ten Men, due to go on tour next year. **Choreographer** And folk-pop ensemble Lulu and the Lamphades, will perform their quirky cup duet, which has clocked up more than a million hits on YouTube. **Choreographer** Arthur Pita presents Nobody's Baby, the first stage in the making of a new dance theatre piece, inspired by the US dance marathons of the 1920s and 1930s. The event is produced by Greenwich Dance with Full House Promotion in Athens, the Croatian Institute for Movement and Dance in Zagreb and Heteropodi Dance in Sofia. **Stand-up poet** Elvis McGonagall is due to compete the evening which begins at 7.30pm. ■ **Tickets are £15 and £10 for concessions. Call 020 8293 9741 to book.**

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Aries March 21 - April 20
 During the coming seven days, you finally get the chance to start to turn your dreams into a reality. Some sort of a restriction or set back which you faced before is lifted and you get the green light. Save money though during the week. It's your ticket to the freedom you've been asking for if you do. Give me a call now to hear why I'm so sure heart to hearts can go in your favour. **09064771101**

Taurus April 21 - May 21
 You have not been happy in your work for some time now, but this week offers you the chance to do some fine tuning and to make your career more suited to your needs and desires. Jealousy in love at the weekend could force you to say something you will regret. Please beware and think before you speak. Give me a call now to hear why your love life is about to get very exciting. **09064771102**

Gemini May 22 - June 21
 Things that you thought were not achievable for the future now become very possible thanks to the influence of a strong and powerful character who is now in your life and on hand to give you strength, courage and determination. Watch out for a demanding family member at the weekend. You may want to have an excuse at the ready to combat them with. Phone now to get your priorities in order. **09064771103**

Cancer June 22 - July 22
 The home and your personal affairs take more of your money than you can spare but it does seem to be for a very worthy cause. Saturn, the planet of structure, is trying to talk common sense but you just don't seem to want to listen. Recent changes in the lives of those you care for are certain to be in their best interests in the long run. Phone now for an early Valentine's prediction. **09064771104**

Leo July 23 - August 23
 Relationships come under the spotlight and you'll be putting a lot of time and energy into fine tuning and shaping the ones that are of most importance to you. Work requires a few white lies but just make sure you know how far is too far to go, or you'll undo the good work that this year has so far seen you do. Phone me now to hear why it's worth making family a priority this weekend. **09064771105**

Virgo August 24 - September 22
 You seem to have created a tension between your personal and professional life, but this could lead to you being accused of things you are not guilty of. Try to let down a few of your defences or you you'll force someone's hand to make a decision which isn't necessary. Travel plans get exciting from Tuesday when something you never thought you could do is offered. Ring now so I can tell you more. **09064771106**

Libra September 23 - October 23
 You're finally getting more interested in yourself and you're ready to give up the bad habit or habits which did such a good job of dragging you down at the beginning of the year. Moves are on the mind of many a Libran and this is a great time to find the right property or to get a good price for your abode. Give me a call now to hear why your house of love is looking so mysterious. **09064771107**

Scorpio October 24 - November 21
 You're growing up Scorpio and you're ready to take life seriously. I know you haven't always been a sign who was good with money, especially last November, but you start to make up for any bad actions this week when you commit to something which could be the beginning of really fruitful things for you. Phone me now to hear why you need to be extra careful with weekend flirtations. **09064771108**

Sagittarius November 22 - December 20
 Expect the unexpected and you'll still be in for a surprise. It seems that someone wants something you don't want to give and you can only force a Sagittarian's hand so many times before they decide to make a stand. Advances from an unwelcome party must be cut off quickly and firmly and before Wednesday. Give me a call now to hear why I see such a bright future for you. **09064771109**

Capricorn December 21 - January 20
 You finally close the door on a sad and very emotional chapter of your life and, from here on in, better times that await you. Take up the offer to go somewhere new and exciting. It may seem daunting but it's sure to turn out to be just what the doctor ordered to put the smile back on your face again. Call me now so I can tell you why your house of work is looking so interesting. **09064771110**

Aquarius January 21 - February 19
 The arguments and misunderstandings which made for such a dramatic start to the year now need to be sorted and if that means that you have to be the first one to hold up a white flag then so be it. I just know that you'll feel so much better getting back on track with someone who has come to mean more to you than you've previously been willing to admit. Phone now for a message from Venus. **09064771111**

Pisces February 20 - March 20
 Your tendency to gossip is about to land you in some very hot water. Maybe if you tried concentrating on your own life then you wouldn't feel the need to have to interfere with others. The truth is you're nervous and frightened about what's to come but if you got back in the driving seat instead of just doing what others tell you to then you'd soon feel good again. Phone now for courage. **09064771112**

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