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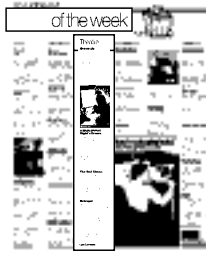
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# Picks of the week

## Theatre

### **Blown Up**

Antonioni's cult 60s film is the starting point for this well-received performance piece from Metro-Boulet-Dodo which investigates the photographer's art and the point at which love, life and art become one.

The Castle, Castle Way, Wellingborough (01933-270 007) Wed only 7.45pm, phone for prices.



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### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Edward Hall, who has done much of his very best work at this tiny little theatre, directs an all-male version of Shakespeare's story using a cast who all appeared in his fantastic *Rose Rage*. Should be something really special. Watermill, Bagnor, Near Newbury (01635-46044) 7.30pm, Thurs & Sat mats 2.30pm, £8-£17.

### **The Red Shoes**

Hans Christian Andersen's tale is given a modern reworking by the Kneehigh Theatre Company in an award-winning production by Emma Rice. Warwick Arts Centre, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry (024-7652 4524) Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £10-£14.75.

### **Betrayal**

Revival of Harold Pinter's icy tale of marital betrayal, all the more revealing because of the way the story is told backwards. Inspired by his own adulterous affair with his friend's wife, this is an unforgiving portrait of the chattering classes and their personal and professional relationships. Old Vic, King Street, Bristol (0117-987 7877) Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat 8pm, Thurs

and Sat mat 2.30pm, £5-£20.

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