



THE CORE
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WELCOME! TO THE CORE

What a year! We started 2016 being refurbished and month by month we revealed our bright new facilities to both our loyal audiences and new attendees.

Some new users may never have stepped into our theatre, had they not been visiting another area of The Core, which is Solihull's flagship community building. We've all settled in well together and new partnerships are being forged all around The Core for the benefits of all our users.

Finally, after 20+ years as Solihull Arts Complex, we changed our name and became known as The Core Theatre Solihull! This meant new uniform, new designs and lots of forgetting who we are when answering phones! What doesn't change is the warm friendly welcome we offer at The Core Theatre, in Encore Cafe, at Box Office and at the host of activities and classes we offer throughout the year.

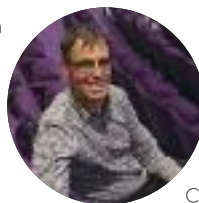
With the completion of the Courtyard Gallery our Exhibitions Diary is filling up fast (see back cover) and 2017 will bring new opportunities to take part or learn something new. If you have any suggestions for something you'd like to try, and think others might too, from coding to crochet... don't sit on your idea, please tell us! Email your ideas to: thecoretheatre@solihull.gov.uk

Finally, theatre tickets or vouchers are always popular but the big hit of the Autumn has been our scrumptious Cream Teas. Feedback has been so good that we've introduced a Festive Cream Tea and a special Cream Tea gift voucher - see more on page 30.

Warm wishes to all our audiences and visitors, and a very happy New Year to all.

Lawrence Smith

Lawrence Smith
Theatre Manager



COURTYARD GALLERY



THEATRE



THU 19 JAN, 7.30PM THE PITMEN POETS

The Pitmen Poets celebrate the songs, humour, and culture of North East England's Coal Mining tradition, bringing together four of the region's leading champions of its musical heritage.

Ex-Lindisfarne singer and writer Billy Mitchell, songman from London's West End musical Warhorse, Bob Fox, Tyneside songman Benny Graham, and much-covered Folk Awards nominee songwriter Jez Lowe - they are the Pitmen Poets. With archive footage and images, this is a journey through the once-great industry, from the songs that saw it thrive and dominate, to those that saw it's demise.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 45MINS, PLUS 20MINS INTERVAL
TICKETS: £17.50

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THEATRE



WED 25 JAN, 7.30PM

THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA

SWING! THE ULTIMATE BIG BAND

After a sell out tour in 2016, Chris Dean and The Syd Lawrence Orchestra return with another dose of the best entertainment in town!

As well as musical spontaneity you can guarantee a laugh or two and Chris is really hitting the mark with a full-spectrum swing extravaganza, all of which is delivered with Chris' trademark mischievous humour. In short, it's another cracking show from the current King of Swing!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



THU 26 JAN, 7.30PM

MALCOLM STENT'S SONGS OF PRAISE

Singing some best-loved hymns and some old favourites that maybe you don't hear so often these days as well as being entertained by Malcolm, Don, the Band and special guests Andrew Cullum and Maggie O'Hara.

Malcolm's Songs of Praise show returns starring Malcolm Stent and the full 28 piece West Midlands Salvation Army Fellowship Band. Offering the chance to dust down and belt out hymns and songs galore.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



WED 1 & THU 2 FEB, 7.30PM

THE ELO EXPERIENCE

The legacy left by Jeff Lynne & The Electric Light Orchestra needs no introduction. Between 1972 -1986 they achieved more combined UK and US Top 40 hits than any other band *on the planet!* *10538 Overture*, *Evil Woman*, *Living Thing*, *Don't Bring Me Down* and of course *Mr Blue Sky*... simply the soundtrack of our lives.

The ELO Experience 2017 tour also includes one or two tracks from Jeff's new album. Their fabulous strings and their trademark stunning light show recreates the songs and sounds.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



FRI 3 - SAT 4 FEB, 7.30PM

LET'S HANG ON

Back by popular demand!

Discover how four New Jersey boys from the wrong side of the tracks invented their own sound, wrote their own songs, and became one of the biggest pop sensations of all time!

The story - the music - the sound of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.

Let's Hang On gives you it all in this remarkable live production - so book your tickets now and find out why audiences are leaving saying "Oh, what a night!"

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22.50

Show tickets
make a great
gift for those
who love 60s
music

STUDIO



FRI 3, 7.30PM - SAT 4 FEB, 2.30PM, 7PM

ALADDIN TROUBLE

Local performers Harlequinade return with another fun, sparkling and silly show Aladdin Trouble, following the exploits of Aladdin, a lad... who gets himself into trouble!

He is joined by Ali Baba and The 4 Tea Thieves, who appeared last year and re-appear to help Aladdin in this madcap, all action panto-style show.

There are three shows in the ground floor Studio.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £10 (£8 CHILD)

THEATRE



FRI 10 FEB, 7.30PM

ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW

Since his early days as singer with Amen Corner ("If Paradise is Half as Nice") Andy has worked with Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, David Crosby, Elton John, Roger Waters, The Who, BB King, Joe Cocker, Steve Winwood, The Bee Gees, Ringo Starr, Phil Collins, Van Morrison... the list is endless.

He is one of the few musicians with such a world wide pedigree and continues to garner superlative praise for his live work and occasional studio albums. Catch him while you can - you will not be disappointed!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £21

THEATRE



SAT 11 FEB, 7.30PM

THE RATPACK VEGAS SPECTACULAR

Come fly with the purveyors of cool. The Vegas Spectacular Show has been wowing audiences all over Europe for 15 years...1 million happy customers.

Featuring the work of Frank Sinatra - Dean Martin - Sammy Davis. Every song a classic - *Come Fly with Me, Volare, That's Amore, Under My Skin, Mr Bojangles, That's Life, Mack The Knife*, and many more of your favourites. The 2017 show contains more glitz, more glamour, even more spectacular!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22

STUDIO



SAT 11 FEB, 8PM

TALON - THE ACOUSTIC COLLECTION

In 2017 the show will once again be touring the UK and if you have not seen 'The Acoustic Collection' before then you are in for a real treat. Sat on bar stools and armed with no more than their trademark four part vocal harmony, acoustic instruments and laid back banter, Talon will leave you spellbound. Experience the other side of Talon (normally an Eagles tribute) as they perform a wide and varied selection of their own arrangements of contemporary acoustic classics from all eras and styles.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



WED 15 - SAT 18 FEB, 7.30PM

LES MISÉRABLES SCHOOL EDITION

Les Misérables School Edition has thrilled audiences all over the world - now you can see it in Solihull performed by the talented young people of local society SOSage Factory.

With big songs like; *I Dreamed a Dream, Bring Him Home*, and *One Day More*. The epic story follows Jean Valjean who is relentlessly pursued by police inspector Javert against the backdrop of post-French Revolution. A tale of love, compassion, conflict and war the show is a joyous rollercoaster of emotions.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £12 - £14

STUDIO



FRI 17 FEB, 7.30PM

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MUSIC

600 years of musical history in 90 minutes! From the Middle Ages to the 20th century (and everything in between!) this fun, fast-moving show is a whistle-stop tour of Western musical history.

Expect songs, tunes (not to mention jokes with the wit of *Blackadder!*) as Green and Matthews present our musical DNA and mix the familiar with obscure, Medieval and Baroque plus Victorian pomp played on an array of ancient and modern instruments! A veritable musical journey and feast for the eye and ear.

RUNNING TIME: 90MINS

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



TUE 21 FEB, 2.30PM

MICHAEL MORPURGO'S KING ARTHUR

A thrilling tale of magic, love and heroism adapted from the novel *Arthur: High King of Britain*, by Michael Morpurgo.

A boy is rescued by a mysterious man called Arthur Pendragon. As the old man tells his stories, they're transported to Camelot, with Merlin, Excalibur, Lancelot and others.

Award-winning Story Pocket Theatre tell exciting stories of brave chivalry, battles and the search for the Holy Grail in a fast-moving family adventure packed with physical theatre and storytelling for ages 7+.

RUNNING TIME: 75MINS, NO INTERVAL

TICKETS: £10 (SUITABLE AGE: 7+)

THEATRE



WED 22 FEB, 7.30PM

GERRY CROSS THE MERSEY

Join this musical journey through the life and times of a 60s icon - Gerry Marsden. Gerry, from Gerry & The Pacemakers topped the UK and US charts for much of the 60s. He talks about those heady days through to the present day, when he still travels the globe with his trademark cheeky grin and Mersey-sound hits.

Sit back and be regaled with stories and anecdotes from his years at the top and enjoy some of his greatest hits including *Ferry cross the Mersey*, *Don't Let The Sun* and many more.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS APPROX.

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



THU 23 FEB, 7.30PM

LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER

"Obscenity only comes in when the mind despises and fears the body, and the body hates and resists the mind."

The story follows Connie Reid, a cultured, independent thinker who marries the emotionally distant Sir Clifford Chatterley. Connie turns to the bed of the lowborn gamekeeper Mellors and experiences true passion and genuine intimacy for the first time.

Presented by Blue Orange Theatre who last year had a sell out last year with Jane Eyre.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £12 (£10 CONC.), (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



FRI 24 FEB, 3.30PM (WORKSHOP AT 2PM)

BANG! THE ULTIMATE POP SHOW

A return for the popular touring pop show featuring a talented cast of professional singers and dancers performing the chart and pop music of today's charts. A full scale production and highly entertaining family show. Any fans of pop music will love to sing and dance to the music of: Sia, Little Mix, Jesse Glynne, Justin Timberlake, Meghan Trainor and many more.

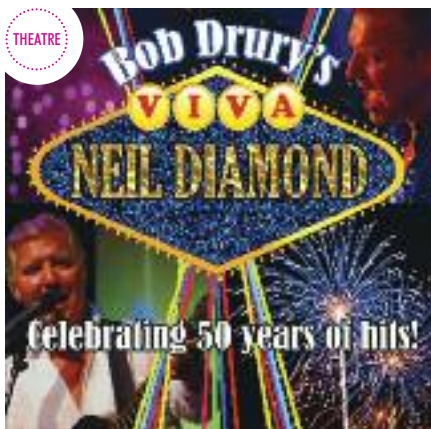
Optional dance workshop is available before the show, contact the Box Office.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 50MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £12 (£3 WORKSHOP - SOLD SEPARATELY)

Ask
about a
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THEATRE



SAT 25 FEB, 7.30PM

VIVA NEIL DIAMOND

Celebrating Neil's 50 year recording career the UK's very own 'voice of Neil' Bob Drury ('The Neil Diamond Story') takes to the road with 'Viva Neil Diamond', a brand new one-man stage show simply bursting with Neil Diamond gems!

Including *Sweet Caroline*, *Forever In Blue Jeans*, *Love on the Rocks*, *America*, *Hello Again*, *Play Me*, *Beautiful Noise*, *Song Sung Blue*, *I'm A Believer*, *Red Red Wine*, and many, many more by the man that successfully toured Nashville Tennessee to great acclaim.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £15

THEATRE

**SUN 26 FEB, 2.30PM**

THE JAGUAR LAND ROVER BAND

A welcome return by the popular brass band - an excellent Sunday matinee show to suit music lovers of all ages.

This concert by the Jaguar Land Rover band will cover a wide range of songs, show pieces, light entertainment pieces and traditional brass band music.

Two hours to cheer up the darkest grey February day and an ideal gift for music lovers.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £10 (£6 CONC.)

THEATRE

**TUE 28 FEB, 2.30PM**

TAPPING THROUGH TIME

Following a successful 2016 theatre tour Performance Productions are delighted to be back, with a matinee show of their fantastic, fast paced show TAPPING THROUGH TIME.

The show features a professional cast (incl. World Tap Champions) who sing and dance through the decades!

From the 1920s, right through to the present day. This fabulous, fun, energetic production sees clever technical choreography alongside vocal harmonies in a lively daytime show that will send you home humming with toes-a-tapping!

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £14

THEATRE

**WED 1 MAR, 7.30PM**

A VIENNESE STRAUSS GALA

Now in its 15th year this Viennese Strauss Gala recreates the romance of the Viennese Festive season with a bygone age of glamorous soirees with waltzes and highlights from some great Operettas of the Strauss family, Kalman and Lehár, including *Die Fledermaus*, *The Merry Widow* and many more.

The European Orchestral Ensemble will accompany four Soloists from major Opera companies; including Opera North, English National Opera and D'Oyly Carte with beautiful costumes, choreography and staging.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



THU 2 MAR, 7.30PM
THE JIVE ACES

Having become the first ever band to reach the semi finals of the hit TV show Britain's Got Talent and secured themselves a performance for Her Majesty the Queen - The Jive Aces have truly established themselves as the UK's top jive & Swing band.

The yellow-suited sextet are renowned for their hot, swinging music and high-energy stage show, playing songs made famous by the greats as well as superb originals. Their 2015 album King of the Swingers featured guests such as Kenny Ball and Ray Gelato.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS INC. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



FRI 3 MAR, 7.30PM
LET'S TWIST AGAIN

Lets Twist Again - now in its fifth year and still wowing audiences nationwide!

Starring BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing* lead singer Chris Madin plus critically acclaimed artists and musicians, the show combines fun and laughter with the greatest hits of Elvis, Dusty, Buddy, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Lulu, Sandie Shaw and many more, to ensure a brilliant night out is had by all!

Join us in our American Diner to re-live the fabulous songs hosted by 'Big' Tony Tremendo and live band The Twisters.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS
TICKETS: £21

STUDIO



FRI 3 MAR, 7.30PM
GEORGE EGG - ANARCHIST COOK

One man. One hour. Three courses. Comedian George Egg is also a fanatical cook with an anarchic approach to making meals. In this absurd cocktail of stand-up comedy and striking innovation George prepares a three course meal using the equipment you'll find in a hotel room and you can taste it at the end! A total sell-out show from Edinburgh 2015 catch him in this Studio show.

"A genius... he is the friendly face of anarchy, the anarchic face of food and the foodie face of comedy"

Scotland on Sunday

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 40MINS INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £10

THEATRE



SAT 4 MAR, 7.30PM

THE FIZZOGS - SUCK IT AND SEE TOUR

Fizzog are back with a brand new comedy sketch show, with all new material from our favourite characters... Mags and Barb, Wayne Kerr, The Kids, Mr & Mrs Cadabra and of course, the world famous Dancing Grannies.

Forget the doom and gloom and join Fizzog for a night of hilarity and mayhem... lets keep the country loffin'. Also featuring Black Country comedian Jonny Cole.

"Unpretentious, unpredictable, unbearably funny!"

Broadway Baby

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £15 (SUITABLE AGE: 14+)

THEATRE



TUE 7 - SAT 11 MAR, 7.30PM (SAT MAT 2.30PM)

CHESS

Written by Tim Rice and ABBA's very own Benny & Bjorn, 'Chess' has one of the greatest musical theatre scores of all time, including *One Night In Bangkok*, *Anthem* and of course, *I Know Him So Well*.

Set against a backdrop of the Cold War, a romance develops between a chess player and the manager of another. Will love unite nations or cause treachery on the world stage? From Bangkok to Budapest, the players, lovers, politicians and spies all struggle to get the upper-hand. Presented by talented members from Knowle Musical Society.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £15 - £16 (SUITABLE AGE: 12+)

THEATRE



MON 13 MAR, 7.30PM

PETER ALLISS - A QUESTION OF GOLF

Peter Alliss won 21 pro tournaments and appeared in the Ryder Cup from 1953-1969. Making a broadcasting debut in 1961 he brought a unique insight to TV and by 1978 he was 'Chief Golf Commentator' for BBC claiming he was only there as an old player and as a "weaver of stories".

He presented Pro-Celebrity Golf, Around with Alliss and A Golfer's Travels on TV with huge success and has written 20 books. Peter shares his insider knowledge of golf and its players, with audiences including a Q&A session.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



WED 15 MAR, 7.30PM

THE FUREYS

After 11 previous concerts here, The Fureys return for another great night of music, song and stories as only they know how!

They'll sing their timeless classics including *I Will Love You*, *When You Were Sweet 16*, *The Green Fields Of France*, *Red Rose Cafe*, *From Clare to Here*, *Her Father Didn't Like Me Anyway*, *Leaving Nancy*, *Steal Away*, plus songs from their new CD *The Times They Are Changing*.

Their emotive songs stir many emotions... tears and laughter, sadness and joy.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £20

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DAY TREAT

THEATRE



THU 16 MAR, 8PM

JONGLEURS ON THE ROAD

Jongleurs is the byword for live stand-up comedy. Shows feature a host and three comedians*. MC Karen Bayley, this Brummie comedian and writer was the first ever female winner of the prestigious Comedy Store King Gong Award. Steve Shanyaski has thrilling routines full of sparkling silliness.

Jonny Awsumd exploded onto the professional comedy scene with a crowd-pleasing set of feel-good musical comedy. Mike Gunn has just supported Lee Mack on his huge UK tour and now headlines top comedy venues.

*Check website for final line up.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 50MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £12 (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



FRI 17 - SAT 18 MAR, 7.30PM

THE ROY ORBISON STORY

Add to the mix star guests celebrating the music from legends that Roy actually toured and performed with, backed by our fabulous musicians & singers and you have yourselves an incredible fusion of 60s solid gold classics and 80s contemporary musical genius all on one stage.

This production really is very special, and predicted to sell out very early so please book without delay to enjoy the big O's legacy with like-minded music fans of all ages!

"True identikit brilliance" **The Stage**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 10MINS

TICKETS: £21

THEATRE

ACORN ANTIQUES! THE MUSICAL

TUE 21 - SAT 25 MAR, 7.30PM

ACORN ANTIQUES THE MUSICAL

A Core Theatre premiere of Acorn Antiques The Musical presented by talented local theatre group Coleshill Operatic Society.

This comedy musical written by Victoria Wood, follows the antics of Miss Babs, Miss Berta, Mrs Overall, Mr Clifford plus the local amateur group.

Be prepared to laugh out loud as you worry if Mr Clifford will regain his memory? Wonder who is bribing the shopkeepers and what on earth is Mrs Overalls secret? Join Coleshill Operatic Society to find out in this sparkling show!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS TICKETS: £12 - £16

THEATRE



MON 27 - TUE 28 MAR, 7.30PM (MATS 2.30PM)

MEMORY LANE

With a host of new songs, costumes and routines. The ultimate feel good show and a nostalgic musical journey through some of the greatest songs from 50s, 60s and 70s.

Hits by Judy Garland, Connie Francis, Buddy Holly, Cliff Richard, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sandy Shaw, Dusty Springfield, Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, The Carpenters, Abba and many more. Performed by 'West End' and International vocalists, along with the beautifully costumed and choreographed 'Memory Lane Dancers'.

There are two shows each day.

**RUNNING TIME: 2HRS
TICKETS: £15 (£14) OR £14 MATINEE**

THEATRE



WED 29 MAR, 7.30PM

THE DUBLIN LEGENDS

Sean Cannon, Patsy Watchorn, Eamonn Campbell & Gerry O'Connor are all true legends of Irish Folk music. Sean and Eamonn in The Dubliners for 30 years while Patsy joined them 10 years ago. Gerry, as a member of Four Men & A Dog and has played with everyone from Sharon Shannon to Shane MacGowan and many more.

THE DUBLIN LEGENDS will continue the legacy playing classic songs and ballads like; *Whiskey in The Jar*, *Dirty Old Town*, *The Wild Rover*, *Seven Drunken Nights*, *The Rare Auld Times* and more.

**RUNNING TIME: TBC
TICKETS: £27**



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THEATRE



THU 30 MAR, 7.30PM

PAM AYRES

Pam Ayres has been making the nation laugh for over 40 years. Her work is funny, and approachable. Her hair-trigger timing, her eye for the detail of everyday life, and for the absurdity therein, makes for an art that hides art.

Recent radio broadcasts include *Just A Minute*, *Loose Ends*, and five of her own series of *Ayres On The Air* for Radio 4, and on TV the *Paul O'Grady* and *Alan Titchmarsh* shows, *Countdown*, and *The One Show*.

Described as 'a true craftswoman' of her art - early booking is recommended.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 10MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



FRI 31 MAR, 7.30PM

TOMMY FLEMING IN CONCERT

Tommy Fleming has been described as the "Voice of Ireland" and is one of Ireland's top entertainers with over 3 million album sales worldwide.

Tommy turns each song into his own...unique, powerful and touching and is famous for his own arrangements of *Danny Boy*, *Isle of Inisfree* and *Hard Times* plus his own versions of classics like; *You Raise Me Up to Bridge Over Troubled Waters*, *From a Distance* and many more. He's also toured with the likes of Elaine Paige and Kenny Rogers.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18



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THEATRE



SAT 1 APR, 8PM

THE LEGEND LIVES ON - ELVIS PRESLEY TRIBUTE

Gordon Davis is known as one of the best Elvis tribute artist in the world after winning Images of the King in Memphis Tennessee in 2012.

This success continued when Gordon won the European Championship in 2013. He also headlined the biggest Tribute Festival in the world Glastobudget Festival in 2016.

Gordon brings the majesty of the voice and the electrifying power of Elvis's performance back to life with songs like; *Suspicious Minds*, *Blue Suede Shoes*, *Jailhouse Rock* and many more.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS

TICKETS: £18.50 (£15 CHILDREN)

THEATRE

**TUE 4 - SAT 8 APR**, 7.30PM (SAT MAT 2.30PM)**SINGIN' IN THE RAIN**

This ever popular musical returns to The Core Theatre, by award winning local society Peterbrook Players.

This fun, family show with sparkling routines and toe-tapping songs features all the famous classics, including *Good Morning*, *Make 'em Laugh* and *Singin' In The Rain* as well as some songs you didn't realise came from this show.

Early booking is recommended for a show guaranteed to bring out the sunshine on the wettest of Spring days!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS

TICKETS: £15 (£13 CONC. AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS PERFORMANCE)

THEATRE

**THU 13 APR**, 2PM & 4PM**THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR**

The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by author/illustrator Eric Carle has delighted generations of young readers with his iconic colorful hand-painted collage illustrations and distinctively simple stories, introducing children to a bigger, brighter world.

This critically acclaimed stage play by Jonathan Rockefeller recreates 4 tales. Beautifully designed and simply executed, gently exciting, bright and easy to follow with no less than 75 puppets... the show is perfect for young audiences and their grown ups!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR

TICKETS: £10

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THEATRE

**SAT 15 APR**, 11AM & 2.30PM**THE SOOTY SHOW**

Izzy wizzy, let's get busy - it's The Sooty Show!

Direct from CITV, Sooty heads into town in a fabulous live show to delight the whole family. Joining the nation's favourite bear will be Sweep, Soo and Sooty's TV partner Richard Cadell - who will be attempting to keep Sooty from getting up to mischief!

Join in with all the fun and games, magic and music with giggles for Sooty fans old and new!

"A real treat for the children and a dose of nostalgia for the parents" **The Stage**

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 25MINS INC. INTERVAL APPROX.

TICKETS: £12

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THEATRE



WED 19 APR, 7.30PM

THE MATT MONRO STORY

The Matt Monro Story is an inspired performance by Matt Monro Jr, making this unforgettable evening of music, warmth, and love keeping the memory of his father and his music alive.

From *Born Free* to *Walk Away* to *Portrait of My Love* be prepared to be transported in time by this tribute to one of Britain's most popular and endearing singers, called "the singer's singer" by his peers.

This show is enhanced by audio visual and narration.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 10MINS PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £24

THEATRE



THU 20 APR, 7.30PM

THE SEARCHERS

Successful Liverpool band The Searchers, known for popular hits *Sweets For My Sweet*, *Needles & Pins*, *Sugar & Spice*, perform a night of music and 60s sounds, including their own songs and others of the era.

After a sell out show in March 2016, early booking is recommended for this 2017 show which promises another instalment of fine songs and nostalgia.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22

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THEATRE



FRI 21 APR, 8PM

AN EVENING OF DIRTY DANCING: THE TRIBUTE SHOW

An Evening of Dirty Dancing: The Tribute Show pays homage to the greatest ever movie soundtrack.

Often imitated but never bettered, this is the original concert celebration of the iconic music from the soundtrack to the Dirty Dancing film. A high energy roller-coaster of fabulous choreography and buckets of nostalgia. Put your dancing shoes on and get ready to have the time of your life!

Includes classics: *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Hey Baby*, *Wipeout*, *Do You Love Me* and more.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 50MINS APPROX.

TICKETS: £20 (SUITABLE AGE: 12+)

THEATRE



SAT 22 APRIL, 11AM & 2PM

DICK AND DOM LIVE!

The legends of Children's TV, Dick and Dom are touring the UK and promise to get the whole family on their feet. The performance will be full of madcap challenges and audience participation games that will have you in stitches.

The BAFTA winning stars of *Diddy TV*, *Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom*, *The Legend of Dick & Dom* and of course *Dick & Dom in Da Bungalow* will be live on stage and bringing their unique bundle of fun and anarchy to life!

*WARNING - You may get messy.

Ask
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RUNNING TIME: 90MINS (SUITABLE AGE: 8+)

TICKETS: £12 ADULT (£10 CHILD) £40 FAMILY (NOT ONLINE)

STUDIO



TUE 25 APR, 2PM

MALC STENT IN THE AFTERNOON

His guests vary each show, sometimes singers, sometimes guitarists etc. His stories will take you back and hopefully make you smile too. Malcolm's warmth and local interest ensures his popularity never wanes and his audiences remain as loyal now as they were 25 years ago!

Spend an afternoon with Malc and be home by teatime! Add a pre-show or post-show meal of pie, mash and peas with beer/wine or a soft drink for only £10 extra.

Show tickets
make a
great gift

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, APPROX.

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



TUE 25 - SAT 29 APR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING!

Big business means big laughs in this delightfully musical about life on the corporate ladder. A tune-filled comic gem that took Broadway by storm, winning both a Tony Award for Best Musical and a Pulitzer Prize.

A satire of big business and all it holds sacred the show follows the rise of Mr Finch who uses a little handbook to climb the corporate ladder... tackling dangers like the Office Party on the way! An irreverent and tuneful romp, jam-packed with sly, swift and sharp jabs to the funny bone. Presented by talented members of Solihull On Stage.

RUNNING TIME: 3HRS INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £14 - £16

THEATRE



WED 3 MAY, 7.30PM

THE GARTH BROOKS STORY

The Garth Brooks Story featuring Trevor Smith & his 'Friends In Low Places' band have been touring Ireland & Europe for over 5 years. This incredibly successful show pays tribute to the biggest selling solo artist of the 90s and country music legend Garth Brooks!

Trevor and his 8 piece band perform live Garth's greatest hits; *Baton Rouge*, *The Dance*, *If Tomorrow Never Comes*, *Thunder Rolls* and many more. Join this journey through Garth's music career to date with their spectacular stage show.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



THU 4 MAY, 7.30PM

BARRON KNIGHTS - SOUNDTRACK OF OUR LIVES

They are back! And by popular demand, too...

The Barron Knights are probably the most entertaining group to come out of the 60s and 70s. Their musicianship, their harmonies and of course their humour makes them what their peers call 'The Gunnors'. The only band to tour with the Beatles and twice with the Rolling Stones.

A show not to be missed - you'll be rockin' and laughing as well as rolling, and you'll walk out of the theatre with happy memories.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 50MINS APPROX.

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



FRI 5 MAY, 7.30PM

WHITNEY - QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

A stunning celebration of the music and life of one of the greatest singers of our era. This award-winning production features a stellar line-up with rising West End star Rebecca Freckleton delivering a powerhouse and breathtaking performance as Whitney Houston.

Taking us on a magical rollercoaster ride through three decades, hit include; *I Wanna Dance With Somebody*, *One Moment In Time*, *Saving All My Love*, *I Will Always Love You*, and many more. This show beautifully remembers Whitney's legacy.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 15MINS APPROX. INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



SAT 6 MAY, 7.30PM

THE FLOYD EFFECT - THE MUSIC OF PINK FLOYD

The Floyd Effect have been described as "awe-inspiring" and "mind-blowing", and their concerts around the UK have been proving just what they can do to remind us what a fantastic body of work Pink Floyd gave us.

A group of Pink Floyd enthusiasts with a host of talents, the Floyd Effect work full-time and then dedicate their own time to rehearsing and performing in their tribute band.

A must-see for anyone who remembers the sheer musicality of the original work!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18

THEATRE

TUE 9 - SAT 13 MAY, 7.30PM & 2.30PM SAT
AIDA

A classic show and timeless love story originally a huge stage hit with words and music by Elton John and Tim Rice. A first for Solihull's Core Theatre this big show has something for everyone with a talented cast from one of Solihull's successful local groups Solihull Theatre Company.

An epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal between a slave, a princess and a soldier. Featuring ballads, upbeat Motown, African and Gospel music.

RUNNING TIME: 165MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16

STUDIO



TUE 16 MAY, 2PM

ALWAYS IRVING BERLIN

Award winning singer Robert Habermann sings the songs and tells the story of Irving Berlin. Born in Russia in 1888, Berlin escaped to America aged 4, becoming a singing waiter at 14, writing his first mega hit 'Alexander's Ragtime Band' in 1912 and became a star.

Berlin wrote mega hits for over seventy years for great singers like Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Ethel Merman. Songs include: *White Christmas*, *Cheek To Cheek*, *I Love A Piano*, *Top Hat*, *Show Business*, and of course *Always*.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



THU 18 MAY, 7.30PM

BACK TO THE 60s THE FOURMOST & THE DREAMERS

It's fab... it's groovy... it's back to the 60s with over 2 hours hits from two of the most popular bands from this great era – The Fourmost & The Dreamers. The Fourmost were firmly within the Mersey Beat Boom with hits *Hello Little Girl* and *A Little Loving*. The Dreamers, with Freddie Garrity had hits such as *You Were Made For Me* and their zany antics kept audiences spellbound. After Freddie left in the 80s, they're now The Dreamers, but Alan Mosca & Bryan Bung continue his great work.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £18.50 (£17.50 CONC.)

THEATRE



FRI 19 MAY, 7.30PM

THE OPERA BOYS

The Opera Boys are some of the UK's finest classically trained young tenors with credits including lead roles on London's West End, and throughout the UK and Europe plus several prestigious cruise lines.

The show delivers a magnificent blend of opera and classical favourites, mixed with the best pop songs and tunes from some fantastic musicals that the boys have been lucky enough to perform in.

With charm, style and perfect harmony, they'll perform a fabulous show for music lovers young and old.

RUNNING TIME: TBC
TICKETS: £19.50

THEATRE



SAT 20 MAY, 8PM

ALL FOLK'D UP

Introducing the most exciting young Irish band to appear in a generation!

With their sound rooted deep in Irish Folk and Celtic rock, All Folk'd Up take you on a fabulous journey into the depths of traditional Irish music and American folk as well as rock & modern classics. This 5 piece band have already made a name for themselves, touring the length and breadth of Ireland and successfully in the UK in 2016. For further details and 'The Live Sessions' video showreel check out www.allfolkdup.com

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £18



THEATRE



TUE 23 & WED 24 MAY, 7.30PM

STRICTLY'S PASHA KOVALEV - LETS DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Pasha Kovalev from *Strictly Come Dancing* and his fantastic dancers are back again touring the UK with their completely brand new show. Expect all your favourite dances, stunning costumes, great music, and chat as Pasha and his friends dance the night away!

Pasha won *Strictly Come Dancing* with Caroline Flack in 2014 and has scored more 10s than any other professional dancer since the series began. This is your chance to watch him live!

He is joined on tour by Anya Garnis and a talented troupe.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £25

STUDIO



WED 24 MAY, 7.30PM

SALLY BARKER & BROOK WILLIAMS

A special collaboration between two classy and versatile singer songwriters with long varied careers is Sally Barker and Brook Williams who play in the Studio.

Sally's stint on BBC's *The Voice* brought Tom Jones to tears, she's supported Bob Dylan, Robert Plant and supports Fairport Convention's 2017 Tour. She's lead The Poozies for many years. Brooks, who hails from Georgia USA, fuses Blues, Roots, old country and much more. He's toured extensively worldwide releasing some 24 CDs on the way.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



SAT 27 MAY, 2.30PM

DON'T DRIBBLE ON THE DRAGON

Ask
about a
Children's
Party

Tom is a toddler with a cool older brother and a dribbling problem that just won't stop! Can a dragon's amazing magic help them or could it end up making things worse? Based on Steven Lee's new book with magic designed by the much loved late Paul Daniels. This feelgood family show is about growing up and the importance of family.

Author Steven will sign your copy of *Don't Dribble On The Dragon* (also on sale) after the show. For adults and cool kids of all ages.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR

TICKETS: £9.50

THEATRE



TUE 30 MAY, 11 AM & 2 PM

THE CHRIS & PUI SHOW

Chris & Pui present their family show with songs, comedy sketches, a dash of magic and heaps of joining in for all the family. Familiar Chris & Pui BBC TV characters including Incy Wincy, Twinkle, Old MacDonald, Humpty, Granny Humpty will be dropping in along with the toys - Tom, Momo, Teddington, Stuffie and Miss Mouse.

See the 'Gingerbread Man', marvel at the 'Ugly Duckling' becoming a beautiful swan and ooh and aaah as Miss Mouse attempts to zoom and zoom to the cheesy moon.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £10 CHILDREN, £12 ADULTS (SUITABLE AGE: 2+)

£40 FAMILY TICKET AVAILABLE FROM BOX OFFICE (SORRY NOT ONLINE)

THEATRE



THU 1 JUN, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

ALICE IN WONDERLAND BALLET THEATRE UK

Basing his ballet on Lewis Carroll's much-loved children's books, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, Ballet Theatre UK's Artistic Director Christopher Moore has created a captivating piece, brimming with wit, humour and charm. With its whimsical flights of the imagination, eclectic music and joyful dance, *Alice in Wonderland* is delightful entertainment for all ages. An ideal gift, this beautiful small scale ballet show is perfect for first timers or young ballet audiences as well as our regulars.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL APPROX.

TICKETS: £18 (£17 CONC, £12 CHILDREN)

THEATRE



SAT 3 JUN, 8PM

AND FINALLY PHIL COLLINS

Recognised in the industry as the definitive Phil Collins & Genesis tribute show recreating their timeless back catalogue.

The 11pc. band which includes the 'And Finally Horns' have now been touring for 9 years. Now with new lighting, stage sets and world class musicians to get even closer to that immense Phil Collins spectacle.

The 'two drummer' line up remains an integral part of the act plus the brass line up take the 'And Finally' experience both musically and visually to a whole different league.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



WED 7 JUN, 7.30PM

LIVE FLORAL DEMONSTRATION HELLO BROADWAY BY JULIA KNIGHT

Another in this popular series of live flower arranging demonstrations.

Demonstrator Julia Knight will provide exquisite arrangements on a Broadway musical theme. Live demos celebrate floral beauty and her marvellous creations are raffled off at the end so make sure you have room for a new display on the journey home! Tickets make an ideal gift for flower-lovers.

Solihull Flower Club work to a high standard and welcome new members of any ability - find out more during the evening.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £13.50

THEATRE



THU 8 JUN, 8PM

JONGLEURS ON THE ROAD

Jongleurs is a byword for great live stand up comedy. These shows will feature a host and three live stand up comedians. From time to time acts are changed to suit TV filming etc - so please check website for up to date info.

MC Susan Murray - Winner of the first ever Jongleurs Competition, a seasoned regular and the first ever woman to MC Decompression gigs for the British Army/CSE. She is joined by **Dave Fulton**. **Carey Marx** mixes his own blend of dark humour with gleeful delivery while **Raymond and Mr Timpkin Revue** manage to mix music, silliness, middle aged men dancing and unsavoury acts, you'll probably love it!

*Check website for final line up.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL APPROX. TICKETS: £12 (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



FRI 9 JUN, 7.30PM

THE UPBEAT BEATLES

A brand new show from moptop to rooftop - this is no ordinary Beatles show! Over two hours of non-stop music - from *She Loves You*, to *I Am The Walrus* and beyond - this band will have you dancing in the aisles from the very beginning.

Breath-taking harmonies, punchy musicianship and an acute attention to detail make for an uncanny resemblance to the originals - plus a touch of good old scouse humour, of course! There are plenty of tributes around but this is the definitive touring Beatles show and makes a great gift idea.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £19

STUDIO



FRI 9 JUN, 7.30PM

STEVE GRIBBIN'S - SHUNTED AGAIN

Veteran train traveller and stand-up comedian Steve Gribbin rails against the current state of Britain's railways.

Using his very worst journeys as examples, Steve takes us on a (de)tour of cancellations, delays and overcrowding that's enough to drive you to drive.

A mix of stand up, songs and training announcements with everything from Beeching to Brunel from H20 to HS2!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR APPROX.

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



SAT 10 JUN, 7.30PM

T REXTASY

Over the last twenty years T.Rextasy have become widely accepted as the only official tribute show dedicated to Marc Bolan & T.Rex. Endorsed and approved by Marc's family, estate and catalogue management, not to mention original members of T.Rex. they are described by many as 'beyond the boundaries of tribute'.

The 2017 Tour celebrates Marc's life and works with a very special commemorative tour and early booking is recommended as previous gigs have sold out and tickets make popular gifts.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS

TICKETS: £19

STUDIO



TUE 13 JUN, 2PM

KEITH SLATER'S SINATRA CELEBRATION

'Sinatra Celebration' is a show packed full of classic hit songs from 1930s to 1994 plus archive film, photo, graphics and projection bring to life the story of one of the worlds favourite artists.

Keith Slater has toured extensively around the UK, appeared on national TV and Radio. He regularly works with artists known by Solihull audiences such as Carl Chinn, Malcolm Stent, Don Maclean and award winning bands 'Inheritance' and 'Vivo' where he sings, plays guitar, drums, violin and harmonica.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



Oliver!

TUE 13 - SAT 17 JUN, 7.30PM (SAT MAT 2PM)

OLIVER!

The talented local members of Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society (QMTS) proudly present Oliver!, the heartwarming musical journey of a young orphan, who leaves the workhouse searching for a home, family and love.

Told through Lionel Bart's well-loved songs, such as *Consider Yourself*, *Oom Pah Pah*, *Where is Love?* and *Who Will Buy?*, to name but a few.

There can be hardly anyone who has not seen and loved the film... book tickets early enjoy the very much loved songs!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30 MINS

TICKETS: £14 - £16

THEATRE



THU 22 JUN, 7.30PM

THE MANFREDS - MAKIN' TRACKS TOUR

The Manfreds, with original 'front man' Paul Jones, will perform tracks from the highly acclaimed album 'The Five Faces Of Manfred Mann', which was re-released for their 50th anniversary, along with a mix of their biggest hits and the jazz and blues songs for which they are famous.

Paul Jones, with his harmonica is joined by Mike Hugg on keyboards, Tom McGuinness on lead guitar, Rob Townsend on drums, Marcus Cliffe on bass guitar and Simon Currie on saxophone/flute - all excellent musicians.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £21

THEATRE



FRI 23 JUN, 7.30PM

BABY I NEED YOUR LOVIN' THE LEGENDS OF MOTOWN

Baby I Need Your Lovin' presents The Legends of Motown it's a live (narrated in parts) story of some of the greatest names (past and present) of the Motown label between the late 50s to the 70s and a short period beyond.

Within the show there are multiple costume changes, slick choreography and fantastic singing which incorporates 50 Motown and soul classics during the 2+hr performance of which, 90% of songs were outstanding number one hits.

A fantastic gift idea for friends and family.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



THU 29 JUN, 8PM

TALON - BEST OF THE EAGLES

Talon are a phenomenon and have truly transcended the tag of 'The Eagles tribute'. They have become a brand name in their own right who are not only revered by their peers, respected by the music industry but dearly loved by their massive and expanding fan base. This is their 20th Anniversary Tour and they've become a 'family'.

Their Eagles show goes from strength to strength and Talon tickets always sell quickly, so early booking is advised for this performance of fantastic Eagles show.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS

TICKETS: £22.50

THEATRE



SAT 1 JULY, 7.30PM

QUILL

Another exciting year for Quill, a Country, Folk, Celtic rock band who play to sell out theatre audiences, wowing festivals and receiving brilliant reviews. Having again re-invented themselves their new members have credentials from working with the likes of Robert Plant, Bellowhead and Seth Lakeman.

Join their musical journey and enjoy unique violin influenced interpretations of classics by the likes of Fleetwood Mac, Thin Lizzy and the anthemic *Say it Aint So* and with more of their own songs.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL.

TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



WED 5 JUL, 7.30PM

THE SIMON AND GARFUNKEL STORY

Direct from it's success in London's West End, a sold out UK tour and standing ovations at every show, The Simon & Garfunkel Story is back on the road! Using huge projection photos and original film footage, and also features a full live band performing all the hits including *Mrs Robinson*, *Cecilia*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *Homeward Bound* and many more. Get your tickets fast as this is an evening not to be missed!

"Authentic and Exciting" **The Stage**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 15MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18

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THEATRE

SAT 29 JUL, 7.30PM
BRINGING ON BACK THE 60s

The hottest ticket in town has just arrived at The Core Theatre! Bringing On Back The 60s, starring The New Amen Corner with very special guest - 60s icon Mike Pender, the original voice of The Searchers, who's hits include *Needles and Pins*, *When You Walk In The Room*, *Sweets For My Sweet* and *Sugar and Spice*.

Also featuring Mike D'Abo, former singer of Manfred Mann, performing hits like; *Ha Ha Said The Clown* and *Mighty Quinn*. Two hours of prolific hits from the best musical decade ever.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30 INCL. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £19.50



THEATRE

MON 31 JUL - FRI 4 AUG, 10AM - 3PM*
THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL

In partnership with K22 Productions who specialise in theatre work and classes in schools, theatres and cruise lines etc. Children explore their creative and performance potential in a safe, fun theatre environment through drama, dance and music, with a show on the last day.

Working with a group helps young people develop their imaginations, self-esteem and communication skills... plus they have great fun and make new friends too! This 5 day course is for ages 8-16 who will work with actors in the main theatre. See the website for more details.

*Final details TBC.

COURSE FEE: £120 PER CHILD

THEATRE



SAT 5 AUG, 2.30PM

STEVE HEWLETT - 30 YEARS TALKIN' TO MYSELF!

Steve Hewlett returns fresh from world travels. From The QE2 to the Royal Albert Hall, Britain's Got Talent to his cameo on *Strictly Come Dancing* Steve is a favourite on ships and in theatres worldwide and just toured widely with The Osmonds.

Set your nan up with Arthur Lager or audition for Simon Cowell, maybe turn your dad into a dummy... or just laugh out loud at one of the best loved comedy Ventriloquist's around. A family show, with a fun photo opportunity with the (puppet) Simon Cowell!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £15 (£10 CHILDREN)

THEATRE



THU 31 AUG, 12PM & 3PM

DOTTY THE DRAGON

Dotty is a baby Fire Dragon living in a dusty old castle with her grumpy dad, Mr Dragon. She loves to watch the children playing in the village below, and wishes she could play with them, too! One day Dotty decides she will fly down to the village and say hello! After all, everybody loves surprises, don't they?

Using puppetry, song and high-energy storytelling, this fantastic family show is the perfect treat little explorers complete with laughs, surprises, and a fire-breathing dragon!

These are two shows aimed at ages 3+.

RUNNING TIME: 55MINS, NO INTERVAL

TICKETS: £10 (SUITABLE AGE: 3+)

Ask
about a
Children's
Party

THEATRE



FRI 1 SEP, 2.30PM

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

Think science is boring, think again! With science like you have never seen before. Mark Thompson's *Spectacular Science Show* explores the strange and magical properties of matter with exploding elephant's toothpaste, vortex-generating dustbins, dancing paste, vanishing beakers and even exploding Pringle tubes!

The TV astronomer and author has been enthralling audiences for over many years with his fascinating journeys around the Universe and turns his infectious enthusiasm to things a little closer to home!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, NO INTERVAL

TICKETS: £10

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HOW TO BUY A PRE-SHOW MEAL: Pre-pay for meals when buying your show tickets at: www.thecoretheatresolithull.co.uk (a meal option will pop up before payment) or **Box Office: 0121 704 6962** - ask for a 'Pre-show Meal'. Present tickets at the food counter and order no later than 30mins prior to show start. If you've already bought your show tickets you can buy Meal deal tickets from Box Office up to the day before to obtain the offer price, or simply turn up on show day and order items at normal menu prices.

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FOR AGES 2 TO 102!

BHANGRA TOTS & BOLLYWOOD TOTS FAMILY DANCE WITH SOHAN KAILEY

Fun sessions for little ones aged 2 - 5 to enjoy Bhangra & Bollywood music and dance with their parents. Wiggle, giggle & dance to Bhangra, jolly Bollywood, meet Bhangra Bunny, jump on board the Bhangra train and play fun musical instruments. Parents/guardians stay with their child at all times and are most welcome to join in too!

WEEKLY SESSIONS IN THE STUDIO: MON, 10-10.45AM
£5 PER CHILD.

DECOPATCH WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Decoupage - The art of layering patterns, transfers, fabrics, papers etc onto new or used items can turn something plain into something wonderful! These courses for children and young people show them how and what to do and they will go home with a finished item. Classes are normally held during school holidays and details can be found on the website.



THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL- JUNGLE BOOK 5 DAY YOUTH THEATRE COURSE

You don't need previous experience or talent to enjoy learning and working on stage as part of a youth theatre class. It's great fun, exercise and a brilliant chance to work with professionals. See page 26 or website for more info.

COURSE FEE: £120 PER CHILD.
FOR AGES 8-16 YEARS. MON 31 JUL - FRI 4 AUG,
10AM-3PM.

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BEGINNERS COURSE: 19, 26 JAN, 2 (*in the Courtyard), 9, 16 FEB. NO CLASS 23 FEB (Half Term) then 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 MAR.

INTERMEDIATE COURSE: 27 APR, 4, 11, 18, 25 MAY. NO CLASS 1 JUN (Half Term) then 8, 15, 22, 29, JUN, 2 JUL.

ADVANCED COURSE: 14, 21, 28 SEP, 5, 12, 19 OCT. NO CLASS 26 OCT (Half Term) then 2, 9, 16, 23 NOV.

HEALTH & FITNESS CLASSES

Spring is a great time to get out and about trying new things! Try our participation classes for health, fitness, relaxation, making friends, fun, exercising... whatever the reason, there's a class to fit the bill including: Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, gentle Yoga, Over 50s dance classes. Various classes take place in the Studio on Mondays and Fridays - aimed at adults. See website for info or check times and prices with Box Office.

DIGITAL DETOX JOIN THE NEW SILENT READING CAFÉ IN OVATIONS AT THE CORE

Switch off from the outside world and lose yourself in an hour of uninterrupted reading on Mondays from 6pm.

Bring a book or e-reader (sorry no smart devices allowed!) purchase some goodies from Ovations and sit back, relax and enjoy a slice of blissful silence. No booking required just turn up - but you may wish to check the website for dates before you set off.

ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARIES...

FAMILY HISTORY FIRST STEPS IN FAMILY HISTORY

A 7-week course, held at Shirley Library (within the Parkgate centre) for complete beginners, explaining the process of researching family history from scratch, how to organise your files and information, and how to find and use essential records such as birth, marriage and death indexes, certificates, and census records. Further courses, such as 'Next Step' and Advanced take place within Solihull Libraries during the year.

COST: £75 PER COURSE (8 PLACES PER COURSE).
COURSE STARTS THU 26 JAN 2017, 10AM-12PM FOR 7 WKS.

HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT 2017 THE PROFESSORS OF HOGWARTS'

Join us for a night of magical ideas and fun activities where your knowledge can be tested, your powers can be tried and you can become a Hogwarts Professor for the evening! Free of charge but please contact The Core Library on 0121 704 6965 to book a place.

6PM-7.30PM ON THU 2 FEB.





HOW TO REACH US

The venue adjoins Touchwood and the 'Orange zone' in Touchwood car park brings you up near the glass doors to Theatre square. Taxi drop-off is no longer free - a minimum charge applies. High sided vehicles cannot enter Touchwood and should drop off and park elsewhere.

Solihull station is a 5-min walk away and bus and rail services run regularly to/from Birmingham and other areas.

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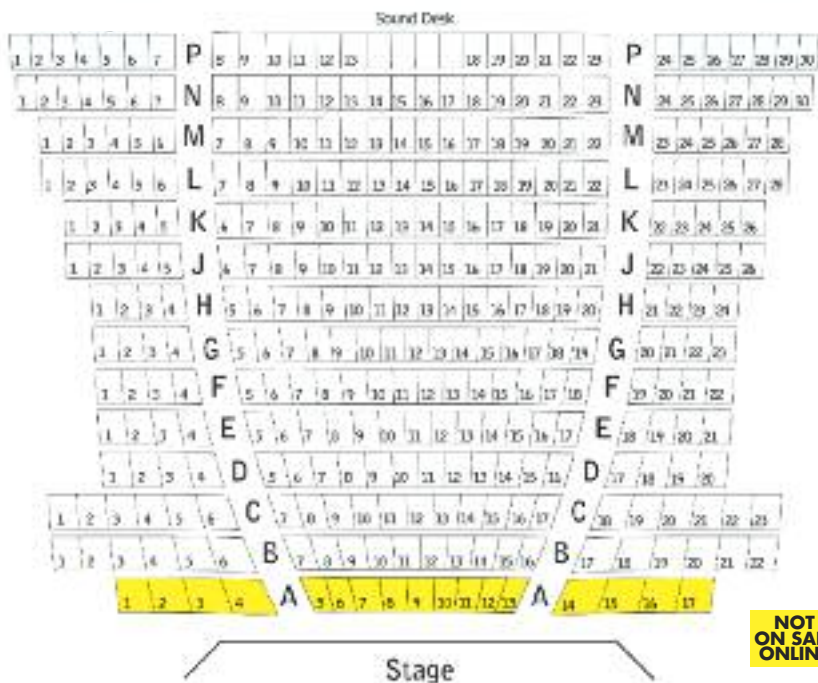
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BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

Tickets are on sale anytime online at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk with seat selection for most shows.

Box Office currently opens Mon-Sat between 10.30am-4pm. They re-open 90mins before curtain-up on show nights. Call Box Office on **0121 704 6962** for tickets and reservations. Charges may apply but you can visit the office to avoid these. When booking by post please make cheques payable to Solihull MBC. Where £1.50 postage charge is not added, tickets will remain for collection. Opening hours may change during 2017 - check the website or call them for up to date information before making a special trip.

The Core Theatre, Box Office, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG



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WED 11 JAN - MON 6 FEB
ARTY PARTY EXHIBITION

WED 8 FEB - MON 6 MAR
**TUDOR GRANGE ACADEMY
SOLIHULL EXHIBITION**

WED 8 - MON 20 MAR
DRAWBRIDGE ART GROUP

WED 29 MAR - MON 17 APR
**EXHIBITION BY SOLIHULL COLLEGE
SPONSORED BY SOLIHULL LIONS**

WED 19 APR - MON 8 MAY
LINDEN ROAD ARTISTS

WED 10 - MON 22 MAY
COVENTRY WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY

WED 24 MAY - MON 5 JUN
PAINTING, ART & LEISURE SOCIETY (P.A.L.S)

WED 7 - MON 26 JUN
SOLIHULL ARTISTS FORUM

WED 28 JUN - MON 10 JUL
PAULA GABB EXHIBITION

WED 12 - MON 24 JUL
BURNING THE WOOD

WED 6 SEP - MON 2 OCT
**METHODIST MODERN ART EXHIBITION -
SOLIHULL METHODIST CHURCH**

WED 4 - MON 16 OCT
**CATHERINE DE BARNES /
SOLIHULL SOCIETY
OF ARTS EXHIBITION**

WED 18 OCT - MON 6 NOV
**BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY
OF BOTANICAL ARTISTS**

WED 8 - MON 20 NOV
**DRAWN TO ART -
AN EXHIBITION
BY LOCAL ARTISTS**

Christmas Sale!

Crafty, creative fun gifts and stocking fillers on sale in the Courtyard Gallery on Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 December between 10am and 3pm. Entry is free and stalls will vary so worth popping whilst having a coffee and a rest from shopping. For more info on renting a table call Katherine on 0121 704 6949.



HIRING THE COURTYARD GALLERY

Entry to the Gallery is free and it's open all day whenever the building is open. It's popular with evening theatre audiences who browse the works before the show and during the interval.

The Courtyard Gallery is located just off the main foyer of The Core, to the left of the box office.

Email hirethevenue@solihull.gov.uk
or call **0121 704 6961**
for details of hire fees and availability.