

**THE CORE**  
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# THE CORE EXPERIENCE!

Welcome all to another packed Spring-Summer season at Solihull's Core Theatre.

Those of you who have visited our panto over the last two decades may know that Solihull's 'Mr Panto' Malcolm Stent is hanging up his frilled shirt and golden waistcoat and stepping down from his mammoth role after 27 years!

He's built the show into a family favourite and was thrilled to be honoured in Her Majesty's New Year Honours list for his 'Services to Entertainment'. He enjoyed a fabulous day at Buckingham Palace in the Summer and is rightly proud of his medal. He decided to make Jack & The Beanstalk his last panto but, like any true stage pro he won't stop working... so he'll continue to write and perform, here and around the Midlands.

We'll continue to stage professional pantomimes here and the show will be 're-booted' next year or as they say in Dr Who... regenerated! We'll continue to welcome back our family audiences of all ages continuing our fantastic pantomime tradition here in Solihull.

It's tricky to pick season highlights as our audiences are so varied but **The Reverend Richard Coles** fresh from BBC's Strictly Come Dancing show is here on Tues 30th Jan, see page 4.

**Dear Zoo**, the popular children's book has been beautifully adapted for stage for the first time, see page 7.

2 Music lovers will enjoy a disco-tastic show called **Boogie Nights** featuring Heatwave and Odyssey for a big show in March whilst singer/actor **Martine McCutcheon** will join us in April on her first tour since becoming a mum.

Tickets make fantastic gifts, whether for Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day or Easter - so easy to wrap too!

You'll receive a warm welcome at Solihull's Core Theatre, whatever you do here, so come in to see us soon.

Yours truly

**Lawrence Smith**  
Theatre Manager

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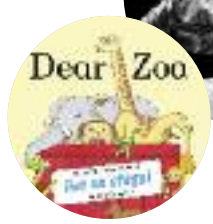
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GREAT GIFT IDEAS!

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WELCOME

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THEATRE



WED 17 JAN, 7.30PM

## SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA

Join the UK's most successful and longest running Big Band for a Golden Night of Swing celebrating 50 years of performing all over Europe and regularly featuring on TV shows such as *Les Dawson*, *Morecambe and Wise* and the *Royal Variety* performance.

The Orchestra have toured with Tony Bennett, Matt Monro, Frankie Vaughan, Mel Torme and performed with Shirley Bassey as well as regular radio spots and have recorded 18 albums.

Now led by virtuoso trombonist Chris Dean on a national and international tour.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £24

THEATRE



FRI 19 JAN, 7.30PM

## THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY

After the success of his *Viva Neil Diamond* Tour, the UK's very own 'voice of Neil' Bob Drury takes to the road with his live band simply bursting with Neil Diamond gems!

Enjoy once more all the hits 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.

Bob performs around the world including for the American Neil Diamond Fan Club in Nashville, Tennessee.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS  
TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



WED 24 JAN, 8PM

## TALON: THE BEST OF EAGLES

Another great performance by the award-winning Talon who sell out effortlessly and can rightly claim their 'No. 1 Tribute' title.

This, their 20th Anniversary Tour provides a world class vibe showcasing the 'Greatest Hits' from the Eagles timeless back catalogue featuring songs audiences know and love. Talon are a brand in their own right with a massive fan base and return here on Friday 5th October 2018.

*"Crisp, crackling professionalism all the way"*

**New York Times**

[www.talon.co.uk](http://www.talon.co.uk)

TICKETS: £23.50

THEATRE



THU 25 JAN, 7.30PM

## THE BILLY FURY YEARS

A top-selling artist of the 1960s, Billy Fury's string of hit singles total a remarkable 332 weeks in the British charts. Sadly, childhood health problems since led to his untimely death on January 28, 1983.

Hailed as *'the best Fury since Fury'*, Michael King and his fantastic musicians weave a journey through Billy's musical career with 2 hours of his greatest hits in true Fury style transporting audiences back in time with fantastic audio and video effects plus various costume changes.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



FRI 26 JAN, 7.30PM

## BLAKE

Hot on the heels of IL Divo and Collabro, Brit-Award-winning Blake return with another uplifting show of fabulous harmonies.

Inspired by the lush trio harmonies of The Three Tenors and The Bee Gees they'll perform from their pop classical albums with an eclectic mix of classical, pop, rock and musical harmony plus their super on stage banter.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



TUE 30 JAN, 7.30PM

## AN AUDIENCE WITH REV. RICHARD COLES

'Strictly' contestant and former popstar with The Communards Richard has successfully bridged the gap between pop and pulpit and describes his journey connecting the euphoria and mayhem of stardom to being a Church of England priest.

Also a popular radio broadcaster and TV host his sense of the absurd, plus his quick and inventive verbal humour and his new Strictly backstage gossip ensure his talks are moving and thought-provoking in equal measure.

"How do you go from pop star to priest? And why?"

RUNNING TIME: 90MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £20



THEATRE



WED 31 JAN, 7.30PM

## MAGICAL MOZART

A sumptuous fully costumed show immerses us in the wonderful music and the Classical Baroque world of one of the world's greatest romantic composers - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

With beautiful settings, costumes and lighting, the European Baroque Ensemble and world class opera singers present a packed programme of music and song including excerpts from: *The Magic Flute*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Così Fan Tutte*, *Symphony no. 40*, *Lacrimosa (Requiem D minor)*, and *Eine Kleine Nacht Musik* and many more.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £19

THEATRE



THU 1 FEB, 7.30PM

## MALCOLM STENT'S SONGS OF PRAISE

Panto may be over for this year but join a further instalment of Malcolm Stent's Songs of Praise featuring Malcolm plus the West Midlands Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army and Don Maclean.

Malcolm will be your host and, as the band plays and he leads you, you can join in and sing some best-loved hymns and some old favourites that maybe you don't hear so often these days as well as be entertained by Malcolm, Don, and the band. A chance to really belt out some heartfelt songs on a grey winter day.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £17

THEATRE



FRI 2 - SAT 3 FEB, 7.30PM

## LET'S HANG ON THE MUSIC OF FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS

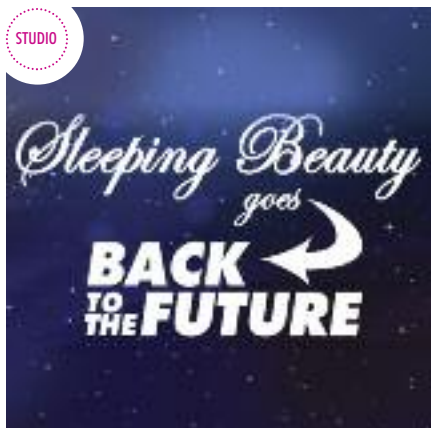
Discover how four New Jersey boys from the wrong side of the tracks invented their own sound, wrote their own songs, and became one of the biggest pop sensations of all time!

The story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons features some of the best-loved songs of the modern musical era, *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: £23

STUDIO



FRI 9 - SAT 10 FEB, VARIOUS START TIMES

## SLEEPING BEAUTY GOES BACK TO THE FUTURE

A traditional pantomime by Harlequinade with an unusual twist. This show takes audiences through a cornucopia of time in the tardis... rock'n'roll, flower-power, the roaring twenties and even back to the elegant 18th Century.

Meeting eccentric fairies and characters including Fairy Liquid, Dr. What and a Highwayman! No panto is complete without a king and queen or prince and princess... a high energy show in the Studio, suitable for families aged 3+ written by Jackie Staite.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £12, (£10 CHILDREN) (SUITABLE AGE: 3+)

THEATRE



WED 14 FEB, 7.30PM

## FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS

Join one of the greatest parties in town as Forever In Blue Jeans celebrates 21 happy and successful years on the road.

A feast of entertainment with superb singers, dancers and *The Red Hot Blue Jeans Band* playing the best in Country Music and Rock 'n' Roll. This big hearted show performs songs from Patsy Cline, Garth Brooks, Elvis Presley, The Mavericks, Tammy Wynette, The Carpenters plus instrumentals and songs from the Western Musicals such as *Oklahoma* and *Paint Your Wagon* plus many more.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £20

STUDIO



SAT 17 FEB, 8PM

## HARDEEP SINGH KOHLI: ALTERNATIVE, FACT.

The Radio 4 favourite, BAFTA winner and regular on *BBC's Question Time*, *This Week* and *Daily Politics* tours a brand new show following its critically acclaimed run at *Edinburgh's Fringe Festival*. Join Hardeep as he gives his unique take on the political climate combined with his trademark quick witted patter.

*"Kohli navigates the subject matter with a unique grace and style, balanced with some fabulous punchlines"* **Fest**

*"Consistently thought-provoking"* **Voice**

TICKETS: £14, (£12 CONC.) (SUITABLE AGE: 16+) (CONTAINS SWEARING)

THEATRE



SAT 17 FEB, 7.30PM

## MAGIC VOICES IN CONCERT

Magic Voices was born in 2010 and has a huge library of original arrangements written for the choir by Andy Rumble.

The choir specialise in teaching amazing arrangements to complete beginners and experienced singers alike and cover styles from Jazz, Pop, Gospel, Rock and musicals with a particularly strong leaning to West End Shows!

Find out why a Magical Voices choral concert is so uplifting and enjoyable in this one-off Spring concert to brighten the darkest winter day!

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

**TICKETS:** £7.50

THEATRE



MON 19 - TUE 20 FEB, 11AM &amp; 2PM

## DEAR ZOO

Join Ben...and his friend Sally...as they wait to see what the Zoo will send when they get Ben's letter asking for a pet. All kinds of familiar animals big and small arrive...but will they make a good pet? Well...wait and see!

This production, based on Rod Campbell's famous book will delight all ages with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

A wonderful introduction to live theatre ages 2-7 and their families.

**RUNNING TIME:** 55MINS

**TICKETS:** £14, (£50 FAMILY TICKET 2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) (SUITABLE AGE: 2+)

THEATRE



THU 22 FEB, 7.30PM

## WILSON AND WAKEMAN

Wakeman & Wilson's 2017 Acoustic Tour will include their own work and artists they've worked with, intertwined with stories and memories from their extensive touring careers.

Adam Wakeman - (keyboard player with Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath) has also performed with father Rick Wakeman and tours extensively with Black Sabbath.

Songwriter and vocalist Damian Wilson works in the progressive rock genre, (Headspace, Threshold, Ayreon) and played the lead role of Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* UK Tour.

**RUNNING TIME:** 110MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

**TICKETS:** £15

THEATRE



FRI 23 FEB, 2PM &amp; 7PM

## SING-A-LONG-A BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Following the smash hit phenomena of other SING-A-LONG-A film shows Sing-a-Long-a Beauty and the Beast is a screening of the hit 2017 film with lyrics on screen, not a live stage show. A live host entertains pre-show and during the interval but YOU, the audience are the stars in a fun-packed interactive celebration of this fabulous new Disney film!

With the usual fancy dress competition - free prop bags for the 'Magic Moments' and usual lyrics on the big screen. Optional fancy dress is encouraged.

**RUNNING TIME:** 170MINS **TICKETS:** £15, (£10 CHILD) (SUITABLE AGE: 3+)

ENCORE  
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GALLERY

SAT 24 FEB, 12NOON

## SOLIHULL FAIRTRADE CAKE OFF 2018 INC. SCHOOLS BAKE OFF COMPETITION

Enter your own baking creations in the Solihull Fairtrade Cake Off Competition organised by Solihull Fairtrade in partnership with Solihull Soroptomists and includes the finals of the new Schools Bake Off Competition. Demonstrations will take place by the CBBC Bake Off Winner 2015. The judging and presentations will take place at The Core. Full details at [www.solihull.gov.uk/fairtrade](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/fairtrade). Four categories - showstopper, teatime favourite, children's cake and children's cupcakes - open entry.



THEATRE



SAT 24 FEB, 8PM

## THE LIONEL RICHIE SONGBOOK

From the creators of 'Talon - The Best of Eagles' this show is endorsed by Lionel Richie, includes Talon's own Jonny Miller and the awesome talent of Malcolm Pitt as the voice of Lionel Richie.

Songs include: *Easy, Say You Say Me, Stuck On You, Dancing On The Ceiling, Three Times A Lady, Hello, All Night Long* and more.

TV appearances such as *Sunday Night At The Palladium* with the man himself ensure that singer Malcolm Pitt delivers a powerhouse and breathtaking performance.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 150MINS **TICKETS:** £20



STUDIO



THU 1 MAR, 7.30PM

## WIND IN THE WILLOWS - A FOLK OPERA

A fresh adaption, using music and song to tell the classic tale. Join Ratty, Mole, Badger and of course the irrepresible Mr Toad as they embark on various adventures on the river, the road and in the dangerous Wild Wood.

Using traditional English folk melodies set to new lyrics, the four musicians paint a vivid picture of Grahame's world - from the humble comfort of Mole End to the grandeur of Toad Hall.

A vivacious, sparkling and lively music show in the Studio.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2 X 45MINS

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

THEATRE



THU 1 - SAT 3 MAR, 7.30PM &amp; SAT MAT 2.30PM

## RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET

Join Captain Tempest and his fearless crew on their journey into hyperspace... and beyond! Packed with rock and roll hits, including *Great Balls of Fire*, *Teenager in Love*, and *The Monster Mash* plus other hits from the 1960/70s such as *Young Girl* and *Good Vibrations*. So fasten your seat belts to enjoy Bob Carlton's smash hit West End musical (based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*).

Proudly presented by the talented young people of local society SOSage Factory (the youth wing of Solihull on Stage).

**RUNNING TIME:** 120MINS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12 - £13, (£10 - £11 CHILD)

THEATRE



TUE 6 - SAT 10 MAR, 7.30PM &amp; SAT MAT 2.30PM

## MY FAIR LADY

This much-loved family musical by Lerner & Loewe is performed at The Core by the award-winning Knowle Musical Society.

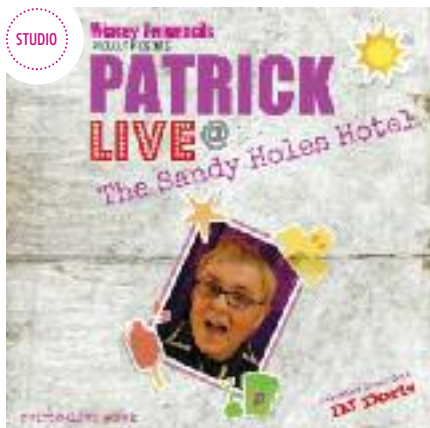
Based on George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion*, the show includes classics such as; *I Could have Danced All Night*, and *Get Me to the Church on Time*.

In an Edwardian setting, follow the highs and lows of Eliza's transformation with Professor Higgins in this feel-good show guaranteed to leave you with a smile on your face and humming the tunes all the way home.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS

**TICKETS:** £16 - £17

STUDIO



FRI 9 MAR, 8PM

## PATRICK LIVE AT THE SANDY HOLES HOTEL

Join sea side cabaret legend Patrick as he recreates his summertime spectacular from the infamous Sandy Holes Hotel! This cheerfully anarchic mashup of new writing, cabaret & stand-up comedy is definitely the worst show you will see all year... in the best possible way! Warning: the show contains swearing and excessive use of sequins! Pre-show DJ set by DJ Doris, the show is written & performed by Dan Hagley whose credits include: *Citizen Khan*, *Doctors*, *Holby City* plus a long stint as *Darrell on The Archers*.

RUNNING TIME: 75MINS

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

THEATRE



MON 12 &amp; TUE 13 MAR, 7.30PM

## JOE BROWN

Joe Brown the ever-popular multi-talented musician and performer returns for two performances of his *Just Joe* show. With special guest Henry Gross he performs his own songs from the decades of his showbiz life and a couple of other songs from the era.

His sheer musicality and vast range of instruments is impressive, as is his showbiz knowledge and his ability to entertain audiences with his memories and stories of his decades of pop, folk, country and pretty much everything else in music!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 110MINS

TICKETS: £27

THEATRE



WED 14 MAR, 7.30PM

## BOOGIE NIGHTS HEATWAVE WITH ODYSSEY

A sensational night of non-stop dancefloor anthems like; *Boogie Nights*, *Going Back to My Roots* and *Use it Up, Wear it Out*. Live in concert Keith Wilder's *Heatwave* present their spine-tingling falsettos on *Mind Blowing Decisions*, *Always and Forever* and *Gangsters of the Groove*.

While direct from the Big Apple, special guests Odyssey take us Back to our Roots with *Native New Yorker*, *Inside Out* and *If You're Looking for a Way Out*. Enjoy the definitive boogie night out with 70s fashions optional!

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £30

THEATRE



## THU 15 MAR, 8PM SO COMEDY NIGHT

A night of fantastic comedy featuring David Morgan, Star of ITV2's *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here... Now!* He appears on shows like BBC3's *Sweat The Small Stuff* and E4's *Virtually Famous* and *Festival Fringe* plus he's from Solihull!

Robin Morgan - a welsh stand-up comedian and writer whose debut solo show received critical acclaim at the 2016 *Edinburgh Festival*. He writes for *Have I Got News For You* (BBC1), *Newzoids* (ITV1) and *The Now Show* (BBC Radio 4) performing as warm up on various TV shows. See website for up to date details.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS

**TICKETS:** £12, (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



## FRI 16 MAR, 7.30PM TOMMY FLEMING

Tommy's unique talent has brought him worldwide recognition with several sell-out tours in Ireland, the UK, the US, Australia and Japan and he is now much in demand having toured with the likes of Elaine Paige and Kenny Rogers in recent years.

A Tommy Fleming concert is a musical experience not to be missed with each song more haunting than the last. He has a universal appeal to all ages and backgrounds with a fan base that is growing stronger worldwide year by year. An early St Patrick's Day celebration.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

**TICKETS:** £19

THEATRE



## SAT 17 MAR, 8PM THE KING ELVIS PRESLEY LIVES ON

Gordon Davis is known as one of the best Elvis tribute artists in the world after winning *Images of the King* in Memphis Tennessee 2012 then won the *European Championship* in 2013.

Gordon brings the majesty of the voice and the electrifying power of Elvis' performance back to life. He will be performing with his live band singing well known songs such as *Blue Suede Shoes*, *Suspicious Minds* and much more... a must for Elvis or Rock'n'roll fans this show would make an ideal gift idea so book early.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £18.50, (£15 CHILD)

THEATRE



**TUE 20 - SAT 24 MAR, 7.30PM & 2.30PM SAT MAT.**  
**DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS**

Based on the popular film, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* takes us to the French Riviera for high jinks and hilarity performed by Coleshill Operatic Society.

When conman Lawrence meets swindler Freddy on a train they decide to work together... but it goes wrong when they both target the same heiress! An hilarious battle of cons ensues that will keep you laughing, humming and guessing to the end!

Another delightful premiere for this show in Solihull following Acorn Antiques success in 2017.

**RUNNING TIME:** 135MINS, INC. INTERVAL

**TICKETS:** £12 - £17

STUDIO



**WED 21 MAR, 2PM**

**MALCOLM 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!

See the other afternoon matinee shows throughout the season, all are an ideal gift idea.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS

**TICKETS:** £12

THEATRE



**THU 29 MAR, 7.30PM**

**ALAN GARDNER -  
 THE AUTISTIC GARDENER**

Alan Gardner, star of the C4 television series *The Autistic Gardener*, brings his pink hair on tour in 2018. The multi award-winning gardener has created 40 RHS show gardens, winning many awards at Chelsea and Hampton Court. Alan, who has Asperger's Syndrome, takes inspiration from art and the wider landscape around him and his TV shows his gift as a mentor for young trainees.

Join him to learn to love your weeds, nurture your house plants, grow your own food and benefit our wonderful planet.

**RUNNING TIME:** 110MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

**TICKETS:** £22.50



THEATRE



WED 4 APR, 7.30PM

## QUILL

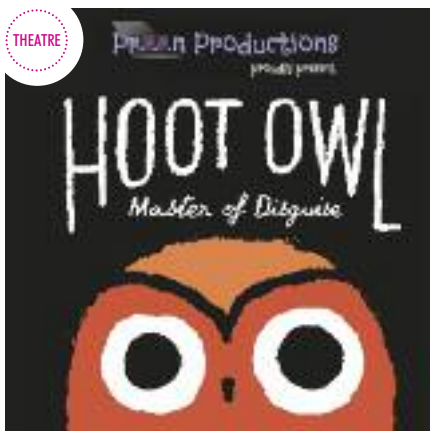
Quill return with their popular blend of Country, Folk and Celtic rock who wow theatre and festival audiences, receiving brilliant reviews. Having again re-invented themselves their new members have credentials from working with the likes of Robert Plant, Bellowhead and Seth Lakeman plus Stevie Winwood and others.

Once again featuring Bev Bevan, join the band for their own unique violin influenced interpretations of classics by the likes of Fleetwood Mac, Thin Lizzy and their own songs including the anthemic *Say it Aint So*.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



THU 5 APR, 1.30PM

## HOOT OWL MASTER OF DISGUISE

Hoot Owl is no ordinary owl - He's a Master of Disguise! Using cunning camouflage powers he gobbles up tiny animals at night, trouble is, his prey keep escaping! Is Hoot Owl as masterful as he thinks he is and will he EVER succeed in catching his dinner?

Original songs, colourful puppets, animation, ridiculousness and rapid costume changes abound in this wildly inventive new show from Prion Productions, based on the fab book by Sean Taylor, recreating Jean Jullien's creative illustrations.

RUNNING TIME: 55MINS

TICKETS: £10, (SUITABLE AGE: 4+)

THEATRE



FRI 6 APR, 8PM

## RICKY COOL & THE IN CROWD A NIGHT AT THE FLAMINGO

Take a trip back in time to Soho's most iconic music venue of the early 1960's, in the company of Ricky Cool and the In Crowd, and be prepared to be entertained by red hot Rhythm and Blues with a side order of classic early Jamaican grooves.

You will find yourself in one of Wardour streets famous Flamingo 'All Nighters' when Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames held sway and Hipsters with their Chicksters danced the night away. You won't see sharper suits or tighter guitar riffs! Tickets are an ideal gift.

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS, INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £12

THEATRE



SAT 7 APR, 7.30PM

## GEORGE MICHAEL LEGACY

Faith is a celebration of one of the greatest singer-songwriters of all time. Featuring international tribute Wayne Dilks and his 8 piece band. A musical journey of 35 years of hit records, from Wham to his solo career, includes actual video footage in a 2 hour spectacle of hits: *Club Tropicana*, *I'm Your Man*, *Faith*, *Fast love*, *Outside*, *Freedom*, *A Different Corner*, *Father Figure*, *Careless Whisper* and many, many more.

Join Wayne on a journey and celebrate the incredible legacy George left us all.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £22.50

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TUE 10 - SAT 14 APR, 7.30PM & 2.30PM SAT MAT  
**SPAMALOT**

The award-winning Peterbrook Players proudly present Monty Python's Spamalot, based on the famous *Monty Python & The Holy Grail* film.

Featuring King Arthur's quest to find the Holy Grail the show includes good, bad and brave Knights, beautiful show girls, flatulent Frenchmen and killer rabbits plus occasional plague and pestilence thrown in!

Add fantastic tunes like *Always Look on The Bright Side of Life* and a talented cast and you have a great night out with early booking recommended.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS 40MINS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16, (£14 CONCESSION - AVAILABLE TUE ONLY)

THEATRE



WED 18 APR, 7.30PM

## MARTINE MCCUTCHEON

Martine McCutcheon found fame as Tiffany Mitchell in *Eastenders* then became a platinum-selling debut solo artist with her single *Perfect Moment*. West End and TV roles followed and she became the nation's sweetheart starring in *Love Actually* with Hugh Grant, reprised for 2017 Comic Relief.

Now a married mum, she's back filming and touring again and has never sounded better! With a new deeply personal album charting her previous illness and recovery and will hold an audience Q&A session at the end.

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS, INC. INTERVAL + Q&amp;A SESSION

TICKETS: £25

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



THU 19 APR, 8PM - RATED PG

## JESS ROBINSON - HERE COME THE GIRLS

Join award-winner and *Britain's Got Talent* 2017 semi-finalist Jess Robinson for an evening of celebrity impressions, musical comedy and vocal gymnastics. Like a wonderfully malfunctioning jukebox, Jess takes you on a dizzying journey through hilarious improvised musical mash-ups, serving a feast of styles and genres from Judy Garland to Beyonce.

Watch Jess flip from Shirley Bassey to strut her stuff with Hip Hop's rap stars - there'll be something to entertain everyone, from 9 to 90!

**RUNNING TIME:** TBC **TICKETS:** £18, (£15 CHILD/STUDENT UNDER 18)

THEATRE



FRI 20 APR, 7.30PM

## AND FINALLY... PHIL COLLINS

Two fantastic hours of classic hits; *Another Day In Paradise*, *Can't Stop Loving You*, *I Wish It Would Rain Down*, *In The Air Tonight*, *Easy Lover*, *Sussudio* together with Genesis songs like; *Land Of Confusion* and *Turn It On Again* as well as a special acoustic rendition of *Both Sides Of The Story*.

Performed by a fantastic line-up of musicians giving you the ultimate Phil Collins experience including the two drummer extravaganza and the renowned 'And Finally Horns' ensuring an extra special tribute show.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20

STUDIO



TUE 24 APR, 2PM

## SINATRA - HIS WAY, WITH ROBERT HABERMANN

Award winning singer Robert Habermann returns to Solihull with another of his popular daytime matinee shows where he sits at his piano, in the laid back ground floor Studio and spends the afternoon, singing, playing and nostalgically talking all things Sinatra.

Great songs from this much missed talented singer whose work spanned several decades. Spend an afternoon with Robert and be home by teatime!

Previous shows by Robert have included *Irving Berlin*, *Fred and Ginger* and *The Musicals*.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS **TICKETS:** £12, (CABARET STYLE SEATING)

THEATRE

# made in Dagenham

THE MUSICAL

**TUE 24 - SAT 28 APR, 7.30PM & 2.30PM SAT MAT**  
**MADE IN DAGENHAM**

Solihull on Stage is proud to present the Solihull premiere of the funny and touching show Made In Dagenham which is based on real events.

In Essex in 1968 carmakers Ford announced that the Stitching Team at their Dagenham plant would have their pay grade dropped to 'unskilled'.

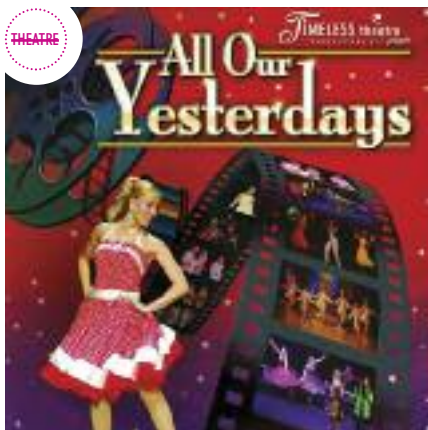
Machinist Rita leads a battle against the might of Ford and Union corruption, but can she keep up the fight and the happy home she's worked so hard for?

Warning: bad language with light adult themes.

**RUNNING TIME:** TBC

**TICKETS:** £14 - £16, (SUITABLE AGE: 12+) (MAY CONTAIN SWEARING)

THEATRE



**MON 30 APR - TUE 1 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM**  
**ALL OUR YESTERDAYS**

From the biggest nostalgia show producers in the UK, a stunning musical journey through the past six decades. Including some of the greatest all time 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, Michael Buble and many more.

Beautifully costumed and choreographed. Performed by West End and international vocalists, plus the Memory Lane dancers. Great songs and great gift idea!

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2 HRS, PLUS INTERVAL

**TICKETS:** £14 MATINEE, £15 EVENING

THEATRE



**WED 2 MAY, 7.30PM**

**AN EVENING WITH PAUL GAMBACCINI**

Paul Gambaccini reveals how the boy in the Bronx became The Professor of Pop in Great Britain. Together with musical clips, he'll explain what it was like to experience the phenomena of Elvis Presley as a child and the Beatles as a teenager, how he got into radio, his early times with ROLLING STONE magazine plus his years on national Radio and TV.

He'll discuss the three great crises of his life: the Vietnam War, the era of AIDS, and his encounter with the Metropolitan Police. Includes a Music Quiz plus Q&A.

**RUNNING TIME:** 130MINS **TICKETS:** £23.50

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Box Office 0121 704 6962



THEATRE



THU 3 MAY, 7.30PM

## DYLAN THOMAS: CLOWN IN THE MOON

The title of a poem written when Dylan was 14 is a dramatic portrait of the poet's chaotic, frequently hilarious, and all too brief life. Set at the BBC it covers Dylan's famous broadcasts, iconic works and vivid reminiscences of his clownish antics in pubs and bars plus his host of eccentric and volatile women.

A one man play performed by Rhodri Miles (*Holby City*, *Torchwood*, *Game of Thrones*, *Hinterland* and BBC's *Hollow Crown* series) who previously won acclaim for his portrayal in *Burton*.

**RUNNING TIME:** 80MINS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £14, (£12 CONCESSION)

THEATRE



FRI 4 MAY, 7.30PM

## NOTES ON COMEDY IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH UK

Notes on Comedy is a chance to catch Malcolm Stent, back on home turf!

He is your host and provides entertainment with music and mirth in mind for this fun evening of music also featuring Maggie O'Hara who can always be relied on to belt out a few sublime songs. Also featuring entertainer David Lane who brings his talent to Solihull's stage in this fundraising evening organised by the Cancer Research Team Solihull.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS  
**TICKETS:** £17.50

THEATRE



SAT 5 MAY, 7.30PM

## WHITNEY QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

Taking us on a magical rollercoaster ride through three decades of classic hits that include, *I Wanna Dance With Somebody*, *One Moment In Time*, *I'm Every Woman*, *Saving All My Love*, *I Will Always Love You*, and many more, this show beautifully remembers the most highly awarded female artiste in the world ever!

Whitney's music has touched most of us at some time in our lives. Share her life and get ready for the greatest love of all in *Queen of the Night!* A flawless performance by Rebecca Freckleton and early booking is recommended.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS 20MINS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £22.50

STUDIO



WED 9 MAY, 8PM

## HANS THEESSINK AND BROOKS WILLIAMS

Steady Rollin' Blues is performed by Hans Theessink and Brooks Williams who met in Texas sharing a love for the old songs, fingerpicking and bottleneck slide.

Performing together and on their own, this 2018 collaboration, Steady Rollin' Blues these are two legends of Country roots music on the Blues road.

Brooks Williams, tours worldwide, with 22 albums to his name and astonishing skills whilst Hans Theessink, with 50 years on the road, 30 albums and a Guitar Instruction CD to his name is simply a Blues institution.

**RUNNING TIME:** 110MINS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12

THEATRE



WED 9 MAY, 7.30PM

## ONE WOMAN SEX AND THE CITY

This loving tribute and send-up takes audiences through a laughter-infused version of this beloved show with comedic whirling dervish Kerry Ipema bringing all our favorite characters to life as they brunch, banter, argue, support each other and swoon over men and Manolos.

Expect puns, cocktails and audience participation. For those who loved the naked dress, the tantric sex, the post-it note this parody of friendship and shoes reminds us why these marvellous characters remain in hearts and minds.

**RUNNING TIME:** TBC  
**TICKETS:** £16, (SUITABLE AGE: 18+)

THEATRE



THU 10 MAY, 7.30PM

## THE OPERA BOYS

Leading men from London's West End combine in a powerhouse of vocal harmony to deliver a stunning blend of music ranging from Opera to Pop, and everything in between. Operatic arias and classical favourites mixed with theatre showstoppers and classical versions of modern day pop hits.

With beautiful vocal arrangements, close part harmony and a great line in humour, The Opera Boys have been delighting audiences worldwide with their unique show combining emotional music with light-hearted entertainment.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS  
**TICKETS:** £20

THEATRE



## FRI 11 MAY, 7.30PM THE FUREYS

After 11 previous concerts here, The Fureys return for another great night of music, song and stories at The Core Theatre and welcome audiences old and new.

Hear them 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 CD *The Times They Are Changing*.

One of Ireland's iconic bands and once seen they tend to keep their fans for life!

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL  
**TICKETS:** £20

THEATRE



## SAT 12 MAY, 8PM TALON - THE ACOUSTIC COLLECTION

In the main Theatre this year, 'In The Raw' will feature many Eagles classics with breathtakingly beautiful acoustic arrangements, plus their own personal favourites in a brand new show for 2018.

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. Great musicianship, major label production standards and the tightest harmonies you will hear this side of Crosby, Stills & Nash - don't miss it!

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS 20MINS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20

THEATRE



## TUE 15 - SAT 19 MAY, 7.30PM & 2.30PM SAT MAT HALF A SIXPENCE

Solihull Theatre Company is proud to present the all-out classic family musical *Half A Sixpence*. A firm favourite on stage and silver screen, cheeky chappie Arthur Kipps inherits some money and tries to 'better himself'... losing his old friends and sweathearts along the way. Will he ever realise that money can't buy happiness?!

Featuring well-loved songs like *Flash Bang Wallop*, *What a Picture!* and the title song, this show will be a colourful, toe-tapping event for all the family!

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 160MINS  
**TICKETS:** £17, (£16 ON TUE ONLY)

THEATRE



TUE 22 MAY, 7.30PM

## STRICTLY'S PASHA KOVALEV THE MAGIC OF HOLLYWOOD

Lights, Camera... Ballroom. Pasha Kovalev (from *BBC's Strictly Come Dancing*) returns with his brand new show *The Magic of Hollywood*.

Pasha and his dance partner Anya Garnis plus his fantastic dancers return to Solihull with favourite dances, sequins, glitz, glamour, music and chat.

Pasha won *Strictly* with Caroline Flack in 2014 and has scored more 10's than any other pro-dancer. Join him as he leads you in dance through his journey from snowy Siberian beginnings to the sparkle of the *Strictly* Ballroom.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £26

THEATRE



FRI 25 MAY, 7.30PM

## WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN THE CARPENTERS' GREATEST LOVE SONGS

Karen was the voice of The Carpenters who, with brother Richard, achieved an amazing 17 top ten hits. Her unique voice, with its deep smoky emotional edge, melted a thousand romantic hearts and lives again through Toni Lee, in this two hour touring concert show *We've Only Just Begun*.

This high quality production includes an audio visual presentation performing The Carpenters greatest love songs such as; *Close to You*, *Jambalaya* and *Top of the World*.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 15MINS TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



SAT 26 MAY, 7.30PM

## THE MICHAEL JACKSON HISTORY SHOW

After huge tours to New Zealand, Singapore, Canada and the US, the Michael Jackson History Show's UK Tour has arrived!

The Michael Jackson History Show stays true to a real life Michael Jackson concert, mirroring Michael's performances for an accurate experience including his greatest hits and famous dance moves that fans know and love.

Star of the show, Dantanio, from South Africa, will be accompanied by a lively six-piece band, four groovy backup dancers and phenomenal lighting.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £25

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THEATRE



WED 30 MAY, 2.30PM &amp; 7.30PM

## THE LITTLE MERMAID BY BALLET THEATRE UK

Basing his ballet on the classic tale of *The Little Mermaid* Ballet Theatre UK's Artistic Director Christopher Moore has created a captivating piece with swirling movement, whimsical flights of the imagination, eclectic music and joyful dance. When the mermaid rescues a prince at sea she makes a bargain with a sea witch, but it's a heavy price to pay.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £18, (£17 CONCESSION, £12 CHILD) (SUITABLE AGE:4+)

STUDIO



TUE 5 JUN, 2PM

## KEITH SLATER'S ACOUSTIC CLASSICS

Keith Slater has been a professional musician since 1981 and has toured extensively in the UK and recorded with many well known bands in many musical styles. He's appeared on national TV shows *Pebble Mill at One*, *The Tom O'Connor Show*, *The Barmaids Arms* and *The Phil Cool Show* as well as radio.

He regularly works with Midlands performers Malcolm Stent, Don Maclean and award winning bands Inheritance and Vivo where he sings, plays guitar, drums, violin and harmonica - obviously not all at the same time!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £12

THEATRE



THU 7 JUN, 8PM

## SO COMEDY

SO Comedy feature a live host and other comedians from the current circuit including: Geoff Norcott of BBC2's *Live At The Apollo*, *The Mash Report* and his own forthcoming BBC Radio 4 special, Geoff sells out at Edinburgh, and appeared on BBC1's *Question Time*, Radio 4's *The Now Show*. Joined by Joe Sutherland one of the hottest new names on the UK comedy circuit, he was a *NATY Awards* and *Leicester Square New Comedian* finalist. He appeared in the Edinburgh Festival's prestigious *Comedy Reserve* and has supported the likes of Ellie Taylor on their nationwide tours. Always check website for up to date info as acts do change to suit TV, filming etc. May contain strong language/subject matter.

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

THEATRE



FRI 8 JUN, 8PM

## GA GA QUEEN TRIBUTE

Performed by a multi-award winning band who have headlined the 'International Guitar Festival' on several occasions, this is a *Queen* show like no other.

From numerous Queen Conventions to TV appearances, Ga Ga have consistently proved why they are so highly rated by critics and audiences alike. There are no wigs, no make-up and definitely no false moustaches but instead a host of massive Queen songs played like they were meant to be.

*"Stunning"* Official Queen Fan Club  
*"Superb"* Brian May

**RUNNING TIME:** 100MINS, INC. INTERVAL  
**TICKETS:** £17

THEATRE



SAT 9 JUN, 7.30PM

## TWIST AND SHOUT

The greatest musical era of the 20th century comes alive with a nostalgic look at the golden age of British pop. The music of The Beatles, Hermans Hermits, The Rolling Stones, Cilla Black, Manfred Mann, Dusty Springfield, Lulu, Sandy Shaw and many more...

Over 40 songs in total from Brit Pop in 1962 through to Flower Power. Featuring a 4 piece live band and cast of 6 singers and dancers performing hits we all know and love.

This is a great chance to enjoy some musical nostalgia and a great gift idea.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS  
**TICKETS:** £18

THEATRE



TUE 12 - SAT 16 JUN, 7.30PM &amp; 2PM SAT MAT

## SISTER ACT

Sister Act is the feel-amazing musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film. The uplifting Broadway musical was nominated for 5 Tony Awards.

When disco diva Deloris witnesses a murder, the Police decide to 'hide' her in a convent for her own safety. She agrees to help the choir but blows her cover and so relies on her new sisterhood for help.

With powerful gospel music, Sister Act is presented by talented local group Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 2HRS  
**TICKETS:** £16, (£14 CONCESSION TUE-FRI) (SUITABLE AGE: PG 12+)

THEATRE



## THU 21 JUN, 7.30PM BARRON KNIGHTS FAREWELL TOUR

Hugely entertaining, their musicianship, harmonies and humour make them supremely watchable and the best tonic the N.H.S. could give the population!

They toured with the Beatles and twice with the Rolling Stones... inspiring Bill Wyman to buy a guitar in 1961! Their parody on Killer Queen (Will Camilla be Queen) and the hilarious take on *Windmills of your Mind* about our ageing bodies are hilarious! Join them on their farewell tour THE LAST AND FINAL JOUST saying goodbye and thankyou.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



## THU 28 JUN, 7.30PM THE MANFREDS

Manfred Mann were one of the finest and most respected bands in the 60s era. Their numerous hits were R&B based with an undercurrent of jazz - an unusual but winning combination of playing style and substance.

55 years on, The Manfreds, with original front man Paul Jones, perform hits such as *Do Wah Diddy Diddy* plus Jazz and Blues covers from their new album. Paul Jones is joined by Mike Hugg (keyboards), Tom McGuinness (guitar), Rob Townsend (drums), Marcus Cliffe (bass), and Simon Currie (sax/flute).

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 50MINS  
TICKETS: £25

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## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

17 JUL	PRIDE & PREJUDICE IN THE PARK	TBC
26 JUL	THE LITTLE MIX EXPERIENCE	TBC
28 JUL	BRINGING ON BACK THE 60S	£21
31 JUL & 1 AUG	THE NIGHT GANG BY DAVID WALLIAMS IN THE PARK	TBC
7 & 8 SEP	THE ROY ORBISON STORY	£22
13 SEP	BACK TO THE SIXTIES	£20
20 SEP	A CELEBRATION OF JOHN DENVER	£20
29 SEP	DIRE STREETS	£17.50
5 OCT	TALON BEST OF EAGLES	TBC
6 OCT	MAMA GENESIS	£18
11 OCT	THE KAST OFF KINKS	£20
19 & 20 OCT	WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS	£26

Details correct at the time of going to print but dates/prices may change.



# ENCORE

## OUR FOOD DESERVES

Every purchase, however small, made at Encore helps boost our income and enables us to offer fantastic theatre facilities. Check out our smart new vibrant toilets on your next visit.

Our next aim is to revamp our dressing rooms, so catering income, alongside ticket sales and venue hire is vital... every penny you spend here counts!

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### Group Trips and Family Events

Have you thought about a family or group meal before or after a show? Add an extra sparkle to your panto trip or theatre treat by adding lunch or perhaps a decadent Afternoon Tea to your trip.

Encore offer party catering and venue hire for group or family celebrations, including children's parties, christenings and funerals etc.

*Subject to availability.*



### Corporate Catering

Encore also manage corporate events, meetings, training facilities and AGM meetings with the Encore Team cooking everything from working breakfast pastries to after-show curries!

Our café users love our great value prices and friendly service with a smile. We adapt our menu to keep ahead of demand with some great ideas and daily specials.

Contact the **Catering Manager** on 0121 704 6813 to discuss dates, availability, menu and prices.

**Join us at Encore next time you're in Solihull!**



We are truly proud of our food range, from our premium breakfast ingredients to our freshly prepared 'daily specials' board. Look out for great offers and pick up a loyalty card today.

## A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!



### Festive Afternoon Tea

We've given our ENCORE traditional Afternoon Tea, a cheerful festive twist.

A typical festive tea at Encore will include a selection of festive finger sandwiches, warm scones with clotted cream and jam, a scrumptious selection of sweet treats, including mini mince pies and unlimited tea or coffee. You can go 'deluxe' upgrading to add a glass of Prosecco or mulled wine. Go on... it's Christmas! Afternoon tea costs £10pp (£15 deluxe).

**£10pp**  
OR UPGRADE TO  
**DELUXE**  
**£15pp**

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### Beauty & The Beast Afternoon Tea

Be our guest... for one day only treat yourself to a Beauty and The Beast themed tea before the afternoon Sing-a-Long-a showing of the much-loved Disney film on 23rd February.

The beautifully presented Tea includes; Belle cupcakes, the grey stuff, meringue roses, marshmallow glitter biscuits and a selection of dainty finger sandwiches plus unlimited tea, coffee or fruit juice and you have a beautiful treat.

Contact the Catering Manager on 0121 704 6813 or 8636 to discuss or book your Afternoon Tea tickets when you're booking for the show (see page 8).



# WORKSHOPS, CLASSES & MORE

## STEPPING OUT OVER 50S DANCE CLASS

Want to take up gentle exercise, set to music in a friendly group who enjoy a laugh?... look no further! Stepping out has been re-born several times with different tutors and is always great fun, using various music and world dance styles, sometimes routines, sometimes movement and steps but our Stepping Out ladies and gents always have great fun.

**COURSE FEE: £5 PER SESSION  
MON IN STUDIO, 1.30PM**



## 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! Classes are held during school holidays and participants go home with a finished item - see website for dates and times.

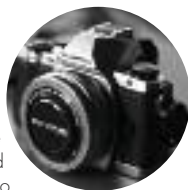
## THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL 5 DAY YOUTH THEATRE COURSE

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. Details will be on the website when known.

**COURSE FEE: £125 PER CHILD**

## LIGHT 52 PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES WITH RICHARD PEARCE

Always popular these 10 week Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced courses, held in the Studio are held on Mondays at 6.45pm. The courses for adults (age 18+) are designed to enable you to learn at your own pace and rotate around the year if you wish to complete all levels. See website for the course content at each level or call Box Office to book.



**BEGINNERS COURSE: STARTS JANUARY 2018  
INTERMEDIATE COURSE: STARTS APRIL 2018  
ADVANCED COURSE: STARTS SEPTEMBER 2018**

## SILENT READING CAFE

Join our digital detox and switch off from the outside world with an hour of uninterrupted reading in Ovations bar. Bring a book or e-reader (sorry no smart devices allowed!) sit back, relax and enjoy some blissful reading.

**MONTHLY SESSIONS ON THURS 25 JAN, 22 FEB, 22 MAR,  
19 APR, 17 MAY**

## ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARIES...

### FAMILY HISTORY FIRST STEPS IN FAMILY HISTORY (BEGINNERS)

A 7 week course for complete beginners, explaining the process of researching your family tree from scratch, using records, indexes, census and websites.

**VENUE: HOBBS MOAT LIBRARY,  
5 places available**

**TUTOR: BEVERLEY BIRD**

**COST: £76**

**FRIDAY 19 JAN 10.15-12.15PM FOR 7 WEEKS (Ends 2 May)  
WEEK 5 (Half Term) is a research session with tutor support.**



### FAMILY HISTORY REFRESHER

A 7 week course to take place mostly on alternate Weds (see dates) Suitable for those who have had a break and want to kick start their research again. The course assumes you're familiar with records such as registers, census records etc and can research back to at least the early 1800s. Covers topics like internet research, census substitutes, military records, DNA, family history and more.

The fourth session is non-taught to enable progress with tutor support as needed.

**VENUE: PC ROOM, THE CORE LIBRARY 10.30AM-12.30PM**

**TUTOR: TRACEY WILLIAMS COST: £76**

**FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDS 10,17 & 24 JAN, 7 & 21 FEB,  
7 & 21 MAR**

### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY CRAFT SESSIONS

All sessions are free but booking is advised.

**EXPLORE LEARNING - TUE 19 DEC AGE 5-7**

**BOOKTIVITY - WED 20 DEC AGE 10+**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FEST - THU 21 DEC 10.30-12 & 2-3.30PM AGE 3+**

**HARRY POTTER BOOK NIGHT - THU 1 FEB 6-7.30PM AGE 8-12**

**HEARTS AND FLOWERS - WED 21 FEB 10.30-12NOON AGE 3+**

**SHAKESPEARE WEEK - MON 12 - SUN 18 MAR**

**SPRING ANIMALMANIA - THU 5 FEB 10.30-12NOON AGE 3+**

**SPRING FLOWERFEST - WED 11 APR 2-3.30PM AGE 3+**

**CRAZY COLLAGE - TUE 19 MAY 2-3.30PM AGE 3+**

Call library on 0121 704 6965 for info and booking.





## COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

WED 10 - MON 22 JAN  
**ARDEN ART SOCIETY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL EXHIBITION**

WED 7 FEB - MON 5 MAR  
**TUDOR GRANGE ACADEMY EXHIBITION**

WED 7 MAR - MON 2 APR  
**AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY WEI LU**

WED 4 - MON 16 APR  
**AN EXHIBITION BY YARDLEY SOCIETY OF ARTS**

WED 18 APR - MON 7 MAY  
**BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY OF  
BOTANICAL ARTISTS EXHIBITION**

WED 9 - MON 21 MAY  
**TREES THROUGH THE YEAR  
AN EXHIBITION BY GUNHILD TOMSON**

WED 23 MAY - MON 11 JUN  
**WHEN TIME STANDS STILL  
LINDEN ROAD ARTISTS EXHIBITION**

WED 13 - MON 25 JUN  
**IN THE BEGINNING  
AN EXHIBITION BY  
BEATRICE BOLTON**

WED 27 JUN - MON 16 JUL  
**SUMMER EXHIBITION 2018  
THE CORE COLLECTIVE**

WED 18 JUL - MON 3 SEP  
**SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES  
WITH DROP IN ART & CRAFT**

WED 3 - MON 15 OCT  
**THE EASEL CLUB EXHIBITION**

WED 17 - MON 29 OCT  
**AN EXHIBITION BY  
GIFFORD & QUINN**

WED 31 OCT - MON 12 NOV  
**THE EMBROIDERER'S GUILD  
EXHIBITION**

This is not a full listing, please see [www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk](http://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk) for details of exhibitions and how to hire the Courtyard Gallery.

## Solihull Jets - Junior Embroiderers & Textile Students



Hold regular demonstrations & sessions for young people throughout the year. To find out more email [solihulljets@gmail.com](mailto:solihulljets@gmail.com) or **Deborah** on **07557 023245** for info.

## CRUNCH CRAFT GROUP - New Members Welcome

**Crunch** is a friendly group who meet in the **Courtyard Gallery** on **Wednesdays between 12 & 2pm**. Some members bring their own craft items, from drawing to cross-stitch, textiles to knitting and sit working enjoying the chat and camaraderie of like-minded crafty people, others work on combined items and help teach each other new skills using their own materials they bring with them.

**The Group is FREE** - just turn up. A great way to enjoy drawing and craft and make new friends.