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SLEEPING BEAUTY

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LittleWOLF
entertainment

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FRI 14 DEC 2018 - SUN 6 JAN 2019

"In a show full of love and laughter Little Wolf Entertainment's Sleeping Beauty sets the standard for regional pantomime"

[The British Theatre Guide - 2015]

Date	Morning	Matinee	Evening
Fri 14 Dec			7pm
Sat 15 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 16 Dec	12am	3pm	
Mon 17 Dec			
Tues 18 Dec	10am	1.30am	
Wed 19 Dec	10am	1.30am	
Thurs 20 Dec	10am	1.30am	
Fri 21 Dec	10am		7pm
Sat 22 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 23 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Mon 24 Dec	12am	3pm	
Tues 25 Dec			
Wed 26 Dec		2pm	7pm
Thurs 27 Dec		2pm	7pm
Fri 28 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sat 29 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 30 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Mon 31 Dec	12am	3pm	
Tues 1 Jan			
Wed 2 Jan		2pm	7pm
Thurs 3 Jan		2pm	7pm
Fri 4 Jan		12.30pm	5.30am (RP)
Sat 5 Jan		12.30pm	5.30pm
Sun 6 Jan	12am	3pm	
All seats £12.50			
School Performances Only - Contact the Box Office			
£20 Full Price, £18 Concession			
£72 Family (2+2), Group Discount (1 in 10 FREE)			
£20 Full Price, £18 Concession			



Inside Bromwich Castle the royal family are preparing for the christening of their baby daughter, Princess Rose. The family get more than they bargained for when the wicked fairy and thorn in their side, Carabosse, hears of the celebrations and sets out to ruin their happiness.

With daring duels, doting dragons, lavish sets and costumes and bucket loads of laughs, join us this Christmas for a brand new spin on an old yarn...

Sleeping Beauty is presented by the award winning Little Wolf Entertainment in association with The Core Theatre Solihull and represents a new era for traditional family panto at this venue.

(RP) RELAXED PERFORMANCE - NEW!

Please ask staff for details (not on sale online). Access/mobility special requirements should be planned in advance and booked early to ensure appropriate seating. There is a lift to the upstairs auditorium.

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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 sweethearts 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)

STUDIO



FRI 18 MAY, 8PM
GEORGE EGG

A cocktail of stand-up comedy, striking innovation and extreme multi-tasking. Comedian George Egg pioneered his 'anarchic cooking' in hotels which led to total sell outs at the Gilded Balloon, Edinburgh Fringe 2017 and Brighton Fringe 2017.

DIY CHEF combines stand-up, live cooking and comedy, preparing breakfast, lunch and a dinner using the most unconventional of methods including gardening and power tools from his shed!

It's funny, inspiring and absurd in equal measure... you get to taste the food at the end of the show!

RUNNING TIME: 100MINS INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12

THEATRE



SAT 26 MAY, 7.30PM
THE MICHAEL JACKSON HISTORY SHOW

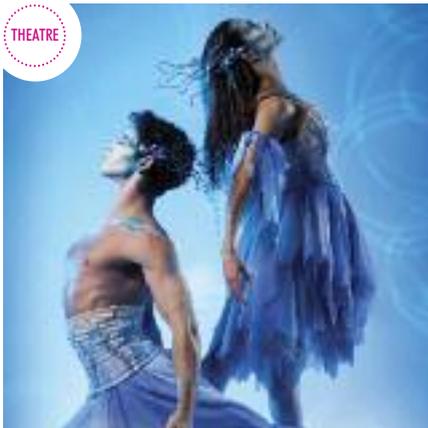
After huge tours to New Zealand, Singapore, Canada and the US, the Michael Jackson History Show's UK Tour has arrived!

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

THEATRE



WED 30 MAY, 2.30PM & 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. An ideal introduction to ballet for all ages.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

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

STUDIO



TUE 5 JUN, 2PM

KEITH SLATER'S ACOUSTIC SONGBOOK

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



WED 6 JUN, 7.30PM

DONNA TAGGART LIVE

Following her astonishing International success with *'Jealous of the Angels'* which achieved multi-platinum status with well in excess of 100 million streams Donna Taggart is delighted to be touring the UK.

Just back from touring the USA with legendary singer/songwriter Phil Coulter, Donna's distinctive emotional singing style has drawn comparisons with the likes of Eva Cassidy and Alison Krauss. Her Irish Tour enthralled audiences, establishing her as one of Ireland's top live female performers.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



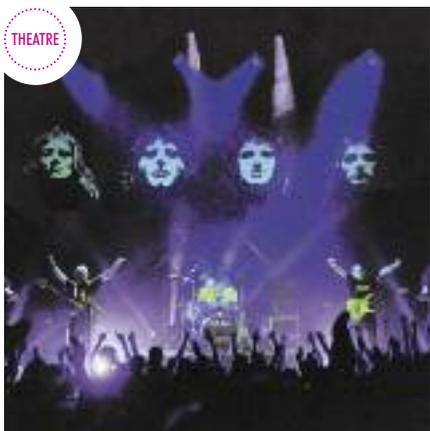
THU 7 JUN, 8PM SO COMEDY

Helen Lederer is one of Britain's best known comedy faces as writer, actor and comedian. As one of the early 1980's alternative comedy boom, her TV credits have included such classics as Saturday Live, Absolutely Fabulous and five series of Naked Video.

Joe Sutherland performs across the UK and was a NATY Awards and Leicester Square New Comedian finalist. He was also selected for the Edinburgh Festival's prestigious Comedy Reserve and has supported the likes of Ellie Taylor on national tours.

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

THEATRE



FRI 8 JUN, 8PM GA GA QUEEN TRIBUTE

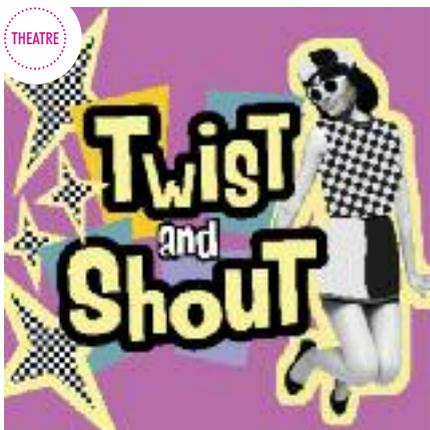
Performed by a multi-award winning band who have headlined the 'International Guitar Festival' on several occasions, this is a *Queen* show like no other.

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, Herman's 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 & 2PM SAT MAT
SISTER ACT

Sister Act is the feel-good musical comedy smash hit 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 CONC. TUE-FRI) (SUITABLE AGE: PG 12+)

THEATRE



THU 21 JUN, 7.30PM
BARRON KNIGHTS
THE 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 memorable! Join them on their farewell tour THE LAST AND FINAL JOUST saying goodbye and thank you.

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

THEATRE



FRI 29 JUN, 7.30PM
THE KILKENNYS

Renowned for their musicianship and vocal abilities, The Kilkennys; Davey Cashin, Rob Campion, Tommy Mackey and Davey Long have gained a reputation for revitalising traditional Irish music and adding their own touch of passion and youthful energy.

Formed at a very young age, The Kilkennys have toured all over Ireland and have taken their music worldwide and last year released a new single 'Homeland'.

New audiences fast become hooked on the fantastic music, banter and harmonies of this vibrant folk band.

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

BRUETON
PARK



TUE 17 JUL, 7PM START (ARENA OPENS AT 6PM)
PRIDE & PREJUDICE

Join Heartbreak Productions, the Bennet sisters, and a host of charming, young bachelors for an evening of comedy, romance, and more than one come-uppance, as we learn how to behave, properly in society!

Join this outdoor adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* in Solihull's Brueton Park, for an evening of outdoor drama in the idyllic lakeside setting of Brueton Park.

Bring your own seat/blanket and see website for full details.

TICKETS: £12/£11/£7 IN ADVANCE, GATE: £13/£12/£8
BRING YOUR OWN SEAT/BLANKET

ENCORE
CAFE

THE WHISKEY BROTHERS
BOTTLE UP AND GO



FRI 20 JUL, 2.30PM
THE WHISKEY BROTHERS:
FREE FESTIVAL JAZZ

Join our live free Jazz session in Encore Cafe Bar as part of Birmingham, Solihull & Sandwell International Jazz Festival 2018.

The Whiskey Brothers dare to take on some well-worn standards, armed only with a piano, a mandolin and a melodic voice with frayed edges. Their musical journey has taken them from band to band, club to club, festival to festival, and now to the recording studio. Join them at Encore (full details on website) for their free live show as part of the Festival.

TICKETS: FREE - AS PART OF SOLIHULL JAZZ FESTIVAL



THEATRE



THU 26 JUL, 2PM & 7PM
LITTLE MIX EXPERIENCE

Four hugely talented girls pay tribute to one of the UK's finest girl bands. With breathtaking dance moves, replica costumes and some of the finest vocals in the UK, this is a high-energy show from beginning to end, packed with all of Little Mix's greatest hits and suitable for all ages!

Featuring songs such as *DNA*, *Wings*, *Salute*, *Black Magic*, *Love Me Like You*, *Secret Love Song* and many, many more.

They look like Little Mix, they sound like Little Mix, they are... "The Little Mix Experience".

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 50MINS, INC. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £15

THEATRE



SAT 28 JUL, 7.30PM

BRINGING ON BACK 60s

Bringing On Back The 60s, starring The New Amen Corner with very special guests performing two hours of prolific hits from the best ever musical decade.

Also featuring Mike D'Abbo, former lead singer of Manfred Mann, performing such classics as *Ragamuffin Man*, *Ha Ha Said The Clown*, *My Name Is Jack* and *Mighty Quinn*.

Then Nancy Ann Lee performing as Little Miss Sixties, belts out hits from Dusty Springfield, Aretha Franklin, Lulu, Sandie Shaw and many more alongside The New Amen Corner.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 25MINS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £21

THEATRE



MON 30 JUL - FRI 3 AUG, 10AM - 3PM

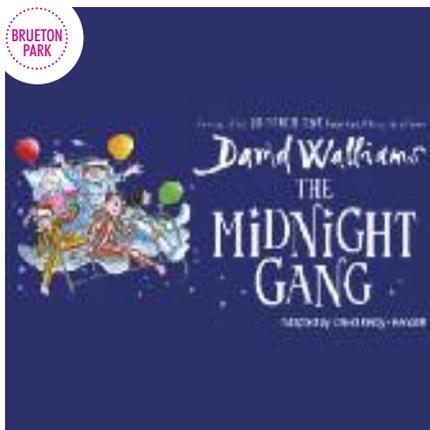
YOUNG ACTOR'S STUDIO THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer Drama course in partnership with K22 Productions exploring the creative and performance potential of all children in a safe, fun theatre environment through drama, dance and music. No prior experience needed to enjoy learning and working as part of this youth class aiming to help young people develop their imaginations, communication skills and self-esteem.

Boys and girls ages 8-16 work with actors, with a chance to participate in a real public show - *Dr Dolittle* on the final day of the course.

COST: £130 PER COURSE - AGE 8-16 YEARS

BRUETON PARK



TUE 31 JUL - WED 1 AUG, IN BRUETON PARK 7PM START (ARENA OPENS AT 6PM)

THE MIDNIGHT GANG

Heartbreak Productions specialise in high quality theatre in unusual spaces.

The Midnight Gang make mischief when everyone else is sweetly sleeping, they gather in the middle of the night in the name of magic, mischief, and memory making.

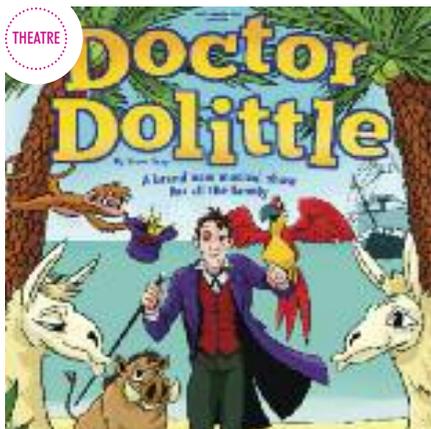
Join Heartbreak Productions in the park... bring your chairs, blankets, picnics and prepare to be daring at this outdoor adaptation of David Walliams' bestseller.

See website for full details.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 140MINS, INC. INTERVAL

ADVANCE TICKETS: £12 (£11 CHILD) AGE 7+ BRING YOUR OWN SEAT/BLANKET

THEATRE



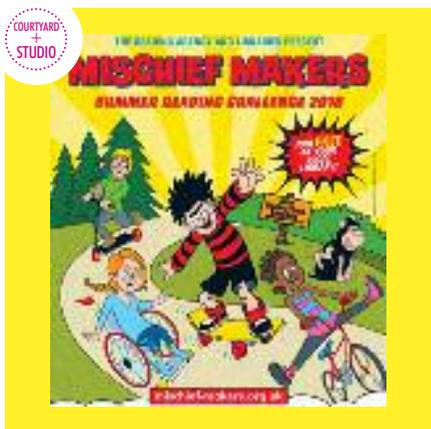
FRI 3 AUG, 2.30PM
DOCTOR DOLITTLE

Following last years Jungle Book, Katch 22 Productions return with a fun family participation show whereby the audience learn a few songs before the show and participate during the 70 minute show (there is no interval).

Aimed at young families, this musical Dr. Doolittle show is based on the classic tale of a man who makes friends with the animals... even the weird and wacky ones!

Some talented young people from The Young Actors Studio Theatre School will participate in this performance.

RUNNING TIME: 70MINS, NO INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £9
AGE 4+

COURTYARD
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SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN
MISCHIEF MAKERS

With the fun beach outside in Theatre Square, there's plenty to do at The Core this summer.

In Libraries their Summer Reading Challenge celebrates 80 Years of The Beano, so Dennis, Gnasher and friends welcome young readers in the Core Library.

Drop into our Courtyard Gallery at any time to play board games, draw, and take part in free craft sessions throughout the holidays.

Two Decopatch sessions take place at 10am-12pm on Weds 8th & Weds 22nd August for children aged 4+ to decorate, using colourful decoupage, a figure to take home. Cost £10 each - please see website.

THEATRE



THU 30 AUG, 2PM
MORGAN & WEST'S
MAGIC SHOW

Time travelling magicians Morgan & West present a jaw dropping, heart stopping, brain busting, opinion adjusting, death defying, mind frying, spirit lifting, paradigm shifting, outlook changing, furniture rearranging, magic extravaganza!

Morgan & West have fooled Penn & Teller (*Fool Us* ITV 1), competed to be the *Next Great Magician* (ITV 1), and even attempted to escape *The Slammer* (CBBC).

They present a holiday show for all the family, where magic and silliness abound! Fun for ages five to 105!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR **TICKETS:** £10 (SUITABLE AGE: 5+)

THEATRE



WED 5 - THU 6 SEP, 7.30PM

THE ELO EXPERIENCE

The legacy left by Jeff Lynne & The Electric Light Orchestra needs little introduction: Between 1972 and 1986 they achieved more combined UK and US Top 40 hits than any other band on the planet! *10538 Overture*, *Evil Woman*, *Living Thing*, *Diary of Horace Wimp*, *Don't Bring me Down* and of course *Mr Blue Sky* went on to become the soundtrack of our lives.

The ELO Experience reproduce those hits complete with string section, light show and large screen projection to enhance the experience!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



FRI 7 - SAT 8 SEP, 7.30PM

THE ROY ORBISON STORY

Barry Steele is widely recognised as a leading vocalists celebrating Roy Orbison, and has stunned audiences across the globe with his uncanny similarity and ability to authentically revive the exquisite toe-tapping sound of this music legend.

Barry celebrates 30 years of chart busting hits originally made famous by George Harrison, Jeff Lynne, Jerry lee Lewis, The Traveling Wilburys and of course the Big O, all backed by a big screen and talented musicians.

"True Identikit Brilliance" **The Stage**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22 (SUITABLE AGE: 13+)

STUDIO



WED 12 SEP, 2PM

MALCOLM STENT IN THE AFTERNOON

Join Malcolm Stent in the Studio for a lighthearted afternoon of music and mirth.

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!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 100MINS

TICKETS: £12

THEATRE



THU 13 SEP, 7.30PM
BACK TO THE 60S

Stage Door Entertainments return to the fab and groovy 60s performing two hours of hits from this great era with the Union Gap UK and Jimmy Jemain. Enjoy hits from various artists across the decade and go home singing!

Firmly established as the No.1 Cliff Richard look and soundalike Jimmy Jemain's image is so close that people have been known to think that Jimmy Jemain mimes. Make no mistake, every song is live and sung to perfection. Take a trip back to the 60s this autumn.

RUNNING TIME: 120MINS, PLUS INTERVAL
TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



WED 19 SEP, 7.30PM
BARNHART & HUXLEY
HOT FIVE - JAZZ & JOKES III

Back by popular demand! Jazz show featuring George Huxley with Jeff & Ann Barnhart joined by Graham Smith and Tom 'Spats' Langham.

What do Fats Waller, George Gershwin, Al Bowlly, Bing Crosby and Sidney Bechet all have in common? Their music and others will be included in this year's show featuring internationally renowned Jeff and Anne Barnhart on piano, flute and vocals, plus local showstopper George Huxley on reeds.

Hosted with jokes and wry observations by Malcolm Stent.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £17

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THU 20 SEP, 7.30PM
A CELEBRATION OF
JOHN DENVER

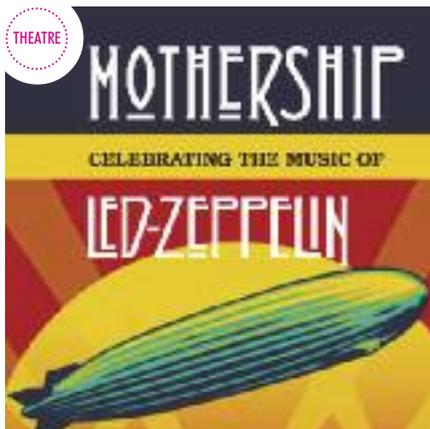
Weaving a magical journey through John's musical career featuring popular hits such as *Annie's Song*, *Rocky Mountain High* and *Country Roads*.

John Denver's massive 41 albums and countless awards are testament to his enduring popularity and the talented Wayne Denton is backed by impressive musicians with moving footage to lift Country music hearts of all ages!

See also a new Irish country show on page 14.

RUNNING TIME: 150MINS, INC. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



FRI 21 SEP, 7.30PM

MOTHERSHIP

LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE

Led Zeppelin tribute band MOTHERSHIP presents a brand new multimedia show celebrating the music of the greatest rock band in history. In collaboration with Vesbim Media (producers of Pink Floyd's *The Wall*) this production is more of an 'event' than a gig and includes video projection, spectacular light show and the voices of Robert Plant and Jimmy Page.

Classic Zeppelin, including *Kashmere*, *Black Dog*, *The Song Remains The Same* and rarely performed tracks like; *The Rover* and *The Wanton Song*!

RUNNING TIME: 130MINS **TICKETS:** £15 (£12 CONC) SHOW CONTAINS LASERS ETC

THEATRE



SAT 22 SEP, 7.30PM

CRESCENDO PRESENTS

THE SOUND OF MUSICALS

Created by Anya Small in 2015, Crescendo Musical Theatre are a talented vocal harmony group who recreate West End and Broadway musical hit songs from the 1940s through to the current day.

They appeared on BBC1's music programme *Pitch Battle* with Choir Master Gareth Malone and pop icons Kelis and Joe Jonas. They are thrilled to be returning to The Core Theatre with their brand new show *The Sound of Musicals*.

RUNNING TIME: 120MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16, (£15 CONC)

THEATRE



TUE 25 - WED 26 SEP, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS

The ultimate feel good show! From the producers of *'Memory Lane'*, *'All Our Yesterdays'*, and *'Memories are Made of This'* this big show takes audiences on a marvellous musical journey through the 50s, 60s, and some fab sounds of the 1970s. Songs by Connie Francis, Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Abba, Jersey Boys and many more.

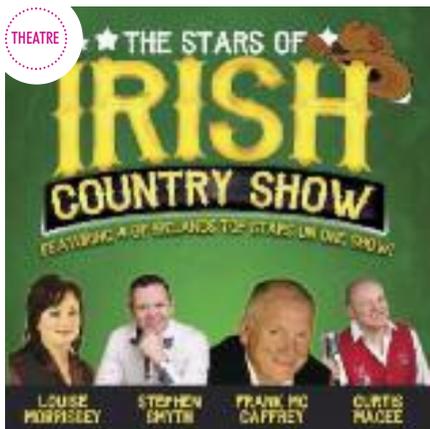
Beautifully costumed and choreographed for each decade, performed by 'West End' and international vocalists, along with the stunning 'Memory Lane' dancers.

Early booking recommended for matinees.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £15 MATINEE £16 EVENING

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THU 27 SEP, 7.30PM

STARS OF IRISH COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

Join four of Ireland's favourite Country music stars all in one spectacular show! Featuring the popular Curtis Magee, Louise Morrissey, Stephen Smyth and Frank McCaffrey, who between them have notched up over thirty No.1s, and numerous accolades, this show is a must for fans of Irish Country music of any age. Each of the four stars will showcase all their trademark hit songs in the company of fantastic live Irish Country band Keltic Storm. Great entertainment and the cream of Irish musical talent.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 70MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



FRI 28 SEP, 7.30PM

ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW'S BIG BAND SHOW

Presenting his new band show Andy Fairweather Low's pedigree is the stuff rock dreams are made of. As lead singer in Amen Corner he clocked hits like '*Bend Me Shape Me*', '*(If Paradise is) Half As Nice*'. He then collaborated with names like; Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, BB King and hundreds more.

Since then he's released umpteen solo albums and toured the world with some of the finest musicians around. Join his Big Band show with the Low Riders & The Hi Riders Soul Revue.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2.HRS 20MINS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



SAT 29 SEP, 7.30PM

DIRE STREETS

Fronted by finger picking guitar ace John Brunson and his band of accomplished musicians, they play with an attention to detail and musicianship that marks them as the stand-out Dire Straits tribute in the UK.

Dire Streets cover tracks from early classics like *Sultans of Swing* and *Lady Writer*, through to the mega-hits of the 80s and *Brothers in Arms*, taking in all the classic album and live versions from the legendary Alchemy, Live Aid and Mandela concerts.

www.direstreets.co.uk

TICKETS: £17.50

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THEATRE



WED 3 OCT, 7.30PM

THE MATT MONRO STORY

Celebrating the life and music of the legendary Matt Monro. The Matt Monro story is an unforgettable, unique evening of music, warmth and love, keeping the memory of 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 crooner named "the singer's singer" by his peers.

The show is enhanced by audio visual and narration and features Matt Monro Junior.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £22.50

THEATRE



FRI 5 OCT, 7.30PM

LET THERE BE LOVE - CLAIRE MARTIN & RAY GELATO

Claire Martin and Ray Gelato take to the road with their brand new show: 'Let There be Love'.

Join musical partners Claire Martin and the UK's 'Godfather of Swing' Ray Gelato, on this irresistible romp through the romantic classics of the Great American Songbook. Enjoy pristine interpretations of timeless songs like Nat King Cole's *When I Fall in Love* alongside Dean Martin's *That's Amore*.

Claire and Ray are joined by a stellar group of musicians representing the cream of British jazz talent.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



SAT 6 OCT, 7.30PM

MAMA PRESENTS AN EVENING OF GENESIS MUSIC

MAMA faithfully reproduce the sights and sounds of the high octane, contemporary Genesis rock concert with fantastic musicianship for these talented musicians who strive to get it right.

Taking you on a journey from Genesis' early Peter Gabriel years, through the Phil Collins' era of the 70s and 80s and right up to their final studio album, *We Can't Dance*.

Performers are John Wilkinson, keyboards by John Comish. Guitars by Eddie Devlin Comish, Tim Rothwell on drums and Dave Jones on bass.

RUNNING TIME: 130MINS **TICKETS:** £18 (£16 CONC., £13 CHILD)

THEATRE



WED 10 OCT, 7.30PM

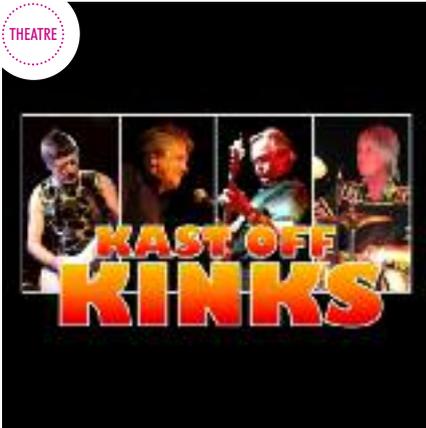
DON MACLEAN & MALC STENT TWO OF A KIND - BUT DIFFERENT!

Malcolm and Don have a lot in common. Both are Brummies, comedians, actors and authors. They've had their own radio and TV shows, have starred in theatre and in pantomimes and have been entertaining for many years remaining good friends. But different!

Different comedy styles, different dress sense and much more! In this show they will meander through their lives, their stories, their TV and pantomimes tales. You'll hear reminiscences, jokes and a few songs in a relaxed night of happiness and fun.

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

THEATRE



THU 11 OCT, 7.30PM

KAST OFF KINKS

Former members of the legendary band The Kinks, back together playing the great music and songs that made The Kinks a household name.

Features Mick Avory (the original drummer on major hits 1964-84), John Dalton (bass/vocals, Kinks 60s & 70s), Ian Gibbons (keyboards/vocals, Kinks 80s & 90s and still with Ray Davies) with Dave Clarke (guitar/vocals, formerly of the Beach Boys, Noel Redding & Tim Rose).

Expect all the massive hits and many more for a great night out. Not to be missed!

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

THEATRE



FRI 12 OCT, 8PM

SO COMEDY

Fantastic comedy brought to you by the producers of the Graham Norton show in a Comedy Club style show featuring a host and 2-3 comedians from the current circuit. See the website for full details as sometime the acts do change due to TV filming.

JOEY PAGE - From BBC2's *Never Mind the Buzzcocks* and Channel 4's *Noel Fielding's Luxury Comedy*.
"Fans of the surreal and ridiculous will love this"

★★★★ **Scotsman**

MARK SMITH - As seen on BBC2's Russell Howards *Good News* and BBC3's *Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment*.
"Twice as funny as your average stand up" ★★★★★ **Mirror**

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

THEATRE



SAT 13 OCT, 7.30PM

ABBA MANIA

'ABBA MANIA' has been delighting audiences of all ages since its formation in 1999, selling out UK theatres nationally. In 2002 it played 18 weeks in the Strand Theatre London re-creating the Abba phenomenon for fans from all over the world.

Enjoy the classic hits like *Dancing Queen*, *Waterloo*, *SOS*, *Winner Takes it All* and many more songs the world knows and loves.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



SUN 14 OCT, 7.30PM

FAIRPORT CONVENTION

Fairport Convention have been making great music for over fifty years, have won the BBC Lifetime Achievement Award and have been the subject of a BBC 4 documentary.

Credited with originating British folk-rock music, they retain a passion for live performance. Whether you are a long-time fan or a newcomer to their music, an evening with Fairport Convention will surprise and delight you.

"Impressive musicians with a great back catalogue... (they) take chances and clearly enjoy themselves." **Guardian**

RUNNING TIME: 160MINS, INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £24

THEATRE



WED 17 OCT, 7.30PM

KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

An unforgettable journey through the forgotten melodies of World War One in this brand new musical, featuring songs like; *Pack Up Your Troubles*, *Hush Here Comes A Whizzbang!*, *Long Way to Tipperary*, *Keep The Home Fires Burning* and *Goodbye*.

Based on real events, our young heroes endure the trenches missing their loved ones at home and the show lets audiences rediscover the resilience, bravery, sacrifice and music of this most tumultuous time in our history.

Featuring a live band and a local choir as special guests.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 150MINS, INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



THU 18 OCT, 7.30PM

THE UPBEAT BEATLES

The Upbeat Beatles are second to none - powerhouse vocals, precision harmonies, tight musicianship and an easy happy rapport with any crowd.

With a reputation to be envied amongst tribute shows, they take you through the Fab Four's long and winding road from the early Cavern days through Beatlemania, America, Sergeant Pepper to Abbey Road, with narrative and full multi-media presentation.

If you love the Beatles you'll love this show, and if you don't love the Beatles you'll love this show!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE

THE WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS SHOW

FRI 19 - SAT 20 OCT, 7.30PM

THE WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS SHOW

Direct from the West End, world-leading Elvis performer Chris Connor stars in this huge 2 hour production with his 12-piece energetic live band, 'The Steels', and backing vocals by 'The Sweet Harmonies'! Voted 'The Worlds Best' in a world-wide Elvis Presley fan poll, with fantastic voice, looks, movies and mannerisms. It really is as if Elvis is performing in front of your very eyes.

"Wow that boy is good!" **Joe Esposito**
(Elvis' best friend & road manager)

www.theworldfamouselvisshow.com

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20 MINS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £26

STUDIO



WED 24 OCT, 2PM

COSMOTHEKA

Following the rapturous standing ovation given to COSMOTHEKA at The 2017 Bromyard Folk Festival 50th Anniversary, Dave & Dan Sealey, together with Adam Barry, have been catapulted back into the world of the Music Hall.

Rubbing shoulders with comedy giants like Gus Elan, Harry Champion, and the rest, they've picked up the trail, first blazed by Dave and his late brother Al when Cosmotheke were fantastic exponents of traditional music hall folk, wit and humour.

Join this trio for an afternoon of fun!

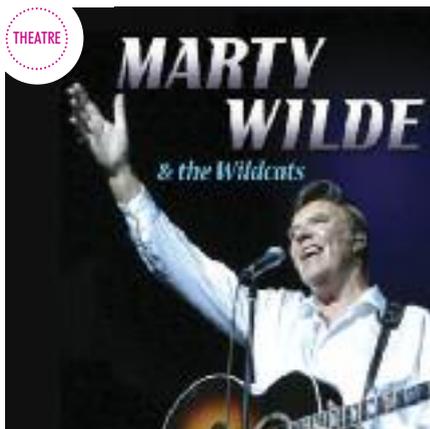
RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £12

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



WED 24 OCT, 7.30PM

MARTY WILDE & THE WILDCATS

One of the greatest names of 50s and 60s music looks back at a career spanning over fifty years of Rock'n'roll. Marty presents a stunning evening of music memories from his own vaults, and also pays homage to friends who helped shape the nature of British Rock'n'roll. Including his favourites... *Bad Boy, Jesamine, Teenager in Love, Rubber Ball, Jezebel*, and many more.

A fantastic gift for rock'n'rollers of all ages to see how it's done and hear the great songs belted out by the original artist.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 110MINS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



THU 25 OCT, 7.30PM

A BLACK COUNTRY NIGHT OUT

A Black Country Night Out is one of the longest running shows in the Midlands and continues to sell out. Show regulars 'Dandy' are husband and wife team whose hilarious routines are true to life.

Welcomed in 2018 are The Empty Can who perform worldwide but their hearts belong in the Black Country. Comedian Ian 'Sludge' Lees is joined by raconteur and musician Bev Pegg who'll host the show and introduce the new voice of Jess Silk.

Packed with music, mirth and merriment - book now!

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

THEATRE



FRI 26 OCT, 7.30PM

THE BOB DYLAN STORY

The Bob Dylan Story is the definitive live concert celebration of rock music's greatest icon. With memorable songs Bob Dylan created the soundtrack for 1960s America, amassing a huge and enduring fanbase.

Now Bob and "The Band" provide a truly authentic tribute show with evocative visuals and the stories behind the songs. Huge hits captured to perfection with the thrill and energy of a full-blown electric Dylan 1960s concert with the fascinating stories and insights that created his work.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 55MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



TUE 30 OCT, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

BALLET THEATRE UK BEAUTY & THE BEAST

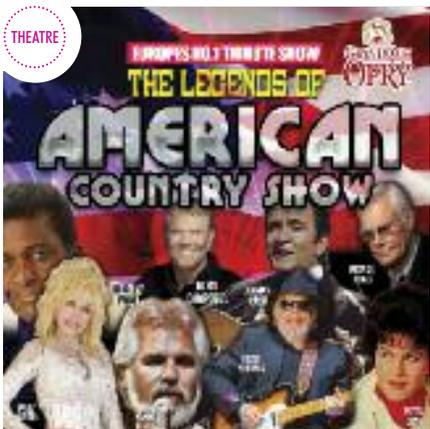
Join Ballet Theatre UK with this most enchanting love story, Beauty and the Beast. Inspired by the original tale, this production tells the story of Belle, captured by a fearsome Beast, unaware that he's really a Prince cursed by magic. Unless he's loved, he'll never become human... but how can this happen?

Set to a stunning classical score showcasing choreography by Artistic Director, Christopher Moore, plus newly created sets and costumes.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £18/£17 (CHILD £12)

THEATRE



THU 1 NOV, 7.30PM

THE LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY

The Legends of American Country Show is now firmly established as Ireland's number one Country Music Tribute show featuring the music of eight of the biggest names on the American scene including; Garth Brooks, Randy Travis, Dolly Parton, Tammy Wynette, Merle Haggard, Alan Jackson, Buck Owens and Johnny Cash.

Vocalists perform a string of hits from the featured artist plus authentic costume changes and in the company of a live 6 piece band that will include some of Ireland's top musicians.

RUNNING TIME: 120MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



FRI 2 NOV, 2PM & 4PM

TABBY McTAT

A delightful rhyming story of music, friendship, loyalty - and cats! Lovingly adapted from the book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler.

"Me, you and the old guitar. How perfectly, perfectly happy we are. MEEEE-EW and the old guitar. How PURRRRR-fectly happy we are!"

No cat can sing like Tabby McTat, Fred the guitar-playing busker's cat. He loves to sing as people throw coins in Fred's hat! But one terrible day, Fred chases a thief - and the two are separated. Will they ever sing together again?

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS, NO INTERVAL

TICKETS: £14 (SUITABLE AGE: 3+)

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THEATRE



SAT 3 NOV, 7.30PM

KATHY LETTE'S GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

Women are each other's human wonder bras - uplifting, supportive and making each other look bigger and better. So says funny, feminist author Kathy Lette.

A psychological strip tease taking us from puberty to Menopause, with tales of love, lust, men, marriage, pregnancy, childbirth, mastitis, sexist bosses, ageing, toy boys plus she talks poignantly about the trials and hilarity of raising children and the challenges that brings.

So, grab your girlfriends for a night of wit, warmth and full frontal frankness, (men, attend at your own risqué!).

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £16 (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



TUE 6 - SAT 10 NOV, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

A CHRISTMAS CAROL - THE MUSICAL

Broadway heavy hitters, Alan Menken & Lynn Ahrens breathe fantastic new life into Dicken's classic tale of A Christmas Carol.

Ebenezer Scrooge is a prosperous curmudgeon who is forced to face his selfish ways when three ghosts on Christmas eve lead him through his Past, Present and Future.

With their guidance, will Scrooge recognize his faults and greet Christmas morning with a different face? Find out in this fantastic feelgood musical presented by St. Alphege Musical Theatre Society (STAMPS).

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 120MINS **TICKETS:** £16 - £17

STUDIO



THU 8 NOV, 7.30PM

THE NEWGRASS CUTTERS

Pete Brown (son of 'Rock 'n' Roll' veteran Joe) together with his international band, The Newgrass Cutters perform a rip-roaring performance of blues-grass music at its finest in the Studio.

Featuring Nashville recording artist and banjo/mandolin virtuoso, Richard Collins; Mike Nichols on bass; legendary drummer and singer Phil Capaldi; plus top producer Pete Brown on guitar, lap steel and mandolin.

Collectively they've worked with some huge names inc. George Harrison, Deep Purple and many more.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 10MINS, INC. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



TUE 13 NOV, 7PM

BREAKING GLASS - HAZEL O'CONNOR

Hazel O'Connor star of the iconic film *BREAKING GLASS* celebrates 35 years release with this special screening of the digitally remastered film, followed by a live performance of the soundtrack.

Hazel will answer audience questions about her life and work before and after the film, performing songs from her double platinum album like *Eighth Day*, *Decadence Days* and the iconic *Will You*.

A great chance to relive a key sound track to the 80s.

TICKETS: £25 FILM + Q&A + MUSIC

STUDIO



WED 14 NOV, 7.30PM

CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION BY SOLIHULL FLOWER CLUB

Another in this popular series of live demonstrations presented by Solihull Flower Club featuring award-winning national demonstrators. These popular demonstrations are a celebration of floral beauty and the marvellous creations are arranged live on stage in the ground floor Studio space. A beautiful, fun, creative show teaching floral art which gives audiences hints, tips, ideas and new skills whatever standard they may work at. Solihull Flower Club welcome new members.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: TBC

THEATRE



WED 14 NOV, 8PM

VENTOUX

Ventoux is a restaging, using road bikes, film and actual commentary, of the dramatic battle between Lance Armstrong and Marco Pantani in the Tour de France 2000 on Mont Ventoux.

Both champions, they went head to head on Mont Ventoux, crossing the line together but their careers spiralled in wildly opposite directions.

Armstrong won more titles; Pantani overdosed on cocaine. Armstrong denied and lied where Pantani was caught. *Ventoux* restages this race, knowing everything that we now know! A must for all cycling fans.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, NO INTERVAL TICKETS: £14

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



THU 15 NOV, 7.30PM

T.REXTASY

Marc Bolan and T.Rex, were amongst the most flamboyant, charismatic stars of the original glam-rock era. With Bolan's special ingredient of Rock-a-Boogie songs, the band had a string of huge hits throughout the 1970s.

T.Rextasy have performed worldwide for over 20 years accepted as the world's only official live tribute band dedicated to T.Rex - endorsed both by Marc Bolan's family and original ex-members of T.Rex.

The band has been described by many as 'beyond the boundaries of tribute'.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 30MINS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £21

THEATRE



FRI 16 NOV, 8PM

**GEOFF NORCOTT:
TRADITIONALISM**

Live stand up comedy with Geoff Norcott plus a support act.

The star of BBC2's *Live At The Apollo*, *The Mash Report* and his own forthcoming BBC Radio 4 special, Geoff has had a run of three sell out Edinburgh Festival shows and a much acclaimed tour. He has also been seen as a guest on BBC 1's *Question Time*, Radio 4's *The Now Show* and supported Katherine Ryan on her UK tour. Catch him in Solihull as part of his new Autumn Tour following his Edinburgh Festival show.

"An absolute tonic" ★★★★★ **Telegraph**

RUNNING TIME: 90MINS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12

THEATRE



SAT 17 NOV, 7.30PM

FOSTER & ALLEN

For over three decades in the music business, Foster and Allen have continuously managed to scale new heights and create new fans for themselves!

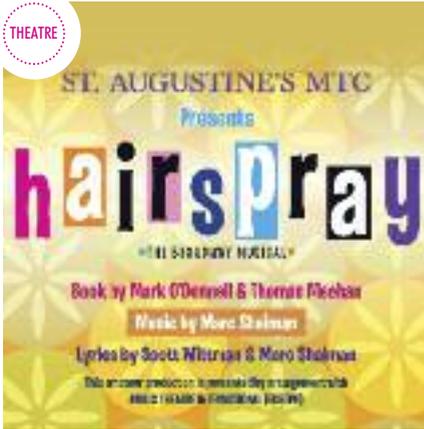
They return to tour the UK this Autumn, performing all their hits including *Bunch of Thyme*, *Maggie*, *After All These Years*, *I Will Love You All My Life*... and many more, the list is endless.

Foster and Allen's style and easy listening sound remains as fresh and exciting as ever. They really enjoy the business they are in, especially the live concerts.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £28

THEATRE



TUE 20 - SUN 25 NOV,
7.30PM, 2.30PM SAT & SUN MAT

HAIRSPRAY! THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

You can't stop the beat in this big and bold musical about one girl's dream to dance! Set in the 50s the winner of 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical and featuring the loveable plus size teen Tracy Turnblad who just loves to dance!

Featuring fantastic songs and dance to much loved popular music, this is the ultimate feelgood musical!

Presented in Solihull by talented members of St. Augustine's Musical Theatre Company.

TICKETS: £17 - £19

THEATRE

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TUE 27 NOV, 7.30PM

MALCOLM STENT'S SONGS OF PRAISE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR!

When people come together and their sole intent is joy, something special happens. And that's what to expect from Malcolm Stent's Songs of Praise Christmas Spectacular!

This show will be full of Christmas music with lots of carols and band pieces from the West Midlands Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army (conducted by Bandmaster Charles King). The show is hosted by Malcolm Stent with his trademark wit and warmth, with comedy from Don MacLean and song from silky-voiced soprano Maggie O'Hara.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



WED 28 NOV, 7.30PM

BLAKE

Hot on the heels of IL Divo and Collabro, Briti-Award-winning Blake return with a Christmas show of fabulous harmonies from the band who celebrate their 10th Anniversary together in 2018.

Long time friends they were inspired by the lush trio harmonies of The Three Tenors and The Bee Gees. For this show they'll perform songs like *Frosty the Snowman*, *O Holy Night*, *God Only Knows*, *Silent Night*, *Last Christmas* and many more plus their super onstage banter. A great gift idea for music-lovers.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



THU 29 NOV, 8PM

TALON THE BEST OF EAGLES

Over the last two decades Talon have risen from humble beginnings to become one of the most successful theatre touring shows in the UK and the 'Greatest Hits Tour 2018' will once again feature the Eagles timeless back catalogue including *Hotel California*, *Take It Easy*, *One Of These Nights*, *Take It To The Limit*, *Desperado*, *Lyin' Eyes*, *Life In The Fast Lane* and many more.

This world class seven-piece band have truly transcended the tag of 'tribute'. They have become a brand name in their own right, so book early.

TICKETS: £24.50

THEATRE



FRI 30 NOV, 7.30PM

LET'S TWIST AGAIN

If you love 50s and 60s music performed to the highest standard, then you will love Let's Twist Again (previously toured as The Twist). Starring: BBC's Strictly Come Dancing lead vocalist Chris Madin, West End Sweetheart Suzi Madin and award-winning Elvis, Paul Malloy.

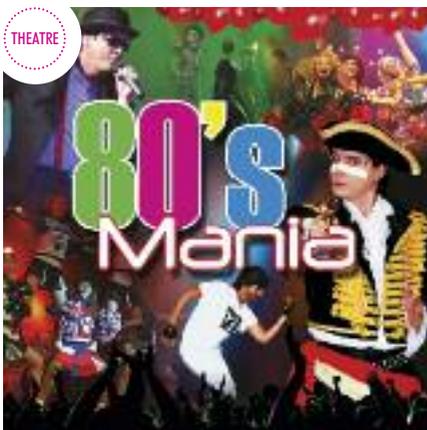
Set in an American Diner, it's a show packed with tributes to the greatest stars of the 50s and 60s: Elvis, Dusty, Buddy, Petula and more.

A critically acclaimed live band plus fun staging makes this the ultimate feelgood nostalgia show.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



SAT 1 DEC, 7.30PM

80S MANIA

Europe's Official 1980s Multi-tribute Concert featuring 25 chart topping pop icons authentically recreated with live band and awesome dancers.

Performing over 35 chart topping smash-hits live in concert, with tributes to Duran Duran, The Human League, Kim Wilde, Culture Club, Madonna, Wham!, Nena, Toni Basil, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Bananarama, Dead or Alive, Madness and many many more!

This show was hugely popular last year so call your friends, dig out your 80s fashions and get set to party!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £23

THEATRE

**SUN 2 DEC, 7.30PM****MYJO CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Wonderful Christmas concert performed by the multi-award winning Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra under the expert leadership of John Ruddick OBE.

MYJO have won the Big Band Competitions so many times they had to change the rules to give other bands the chance to win! They are regular performers at Solihull's Core Theatre and their skill and expertise, under John Ruddick ensures that their shows regularly sell out.

Early booking recommended for this heart-warming Christmas treat!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS**TICKETS:** £15

THEATRE

**TUE 4 DEC, 7.30PM****LOCK IN CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Half gig, half dance show and half pantomime! Join the BBC Award-winning team of musicians & dancers.

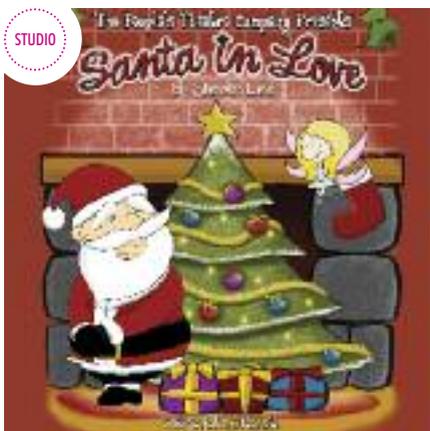
It's Christmas Eve and the regulars of The Olde Fighting Cocks are excited about their folk party but landlady, Jasmineezer Scrooge has other plans... techno! What will change her mind?!

Join folk powerhouse The Demon Barbers and artists from Breaking Tradition Dance Company for their seasonal show with a slightly unhinged approach to family theatre! Fun, energetic and packed with joyous ingenuity!

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS, INC. INTERVAL**TICKETS:** £16.50

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STUDIO

**FRI 21 - MON 24 DEC, VARIOUS****SANTA IN LOVE**

Have you ever wanted to know a secret? A Christmas secret! Maybe where the fairy on top of the tree comes from, or why you never see an elf, or maybe you'd like to find out the one thing that Santa secretly loves best. Could it be presents? Could it be reindeer? Could it be snow?

To find out then join Santa and his friends in this fun filled family show in the Studio complete with games, giggles and songs.

Santa will be around after the show with a gift for little ones so bring your camera! Suitable for young children and their families.

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS **TICKETS:** £10 INC. SANTA + GIFT**PANTOMIME - SEE INSIDE COVER**

FORTHCOMING SPRING 19

18 - 19 JAN	GO PLAY UP YOUR OWN END - REVISITED IN CONCERT	TBC
23 JAN	THE SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA	£25
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30 JAN	THE MAGIC OF IRELAND	TBC
31 JAN	THE SEARCHERS FAREWELL TOUR	£24
2 FEB	BUDDY HOLLYS WINTER DANCE PARTY	TBC
21 & 22 FEB	LETS HANG ON - FOUR SEASONS SHOW	£24
6 MAR	THE FUREYS	£21
12 - 16 MAR	TOP HAT BY KNOWLE MUSICAL SOCIETY	£17 - £19
2 - 6 APR	LEGALLY BLONDE BY PETER BROOK PLAYERS	£16 - £18
14 -18 MAY	JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR BY SOLIHULL THEATRE COMPANY	£16 - £17

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WHAT'S ON STAGE!

Offers entertainment news, competitions, new shows and the current months diary to remind you what's on at Solihull's Core Theatre.

CURTAIN CALL is shorter and snappier, giving flash offers, hot topics, links to Blog posts and performer news, mostly on a weekly basis... or just when we have something exciting to let you know about!

Sign up for one or both on our website at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

If you're already signed up, you'll receive our General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) email asking if you wish to stay with us. We hope you'll continue to receive regular updates and offers from us so please look out for our email... we don't want to lose you!

THE CORE THEATRE AND YOUR DATA

We are changing the way we contact our customers online and would like to take this opportunity to give you information regarding how we hold your data whether you buy tickets online or via our Box Office. Your data is collected at point of sale and you can choose to give us your details as follows:

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No Contact It's fine if you don't wish to provide any data/contact info at the point of sale. However you will not be contacted, or notified in the event of a show cancellation/date change or similar.

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The Core theatre is part of Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

The contact details for the Box Office are:

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Telephone: **0121 704 6962**

By Post: **The Core Theatre, Theatre Square, Homer Road, Solihull, B91 3RG**

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES & MORE

A WIDE VARIETY OF CLASSES

Want to take up gentle exercise in a friendly group who enjoy a laugh?... look no further!

Our classes take place in the Studio and are a chance to exercise, learn and meet new friends.

MONDAY CLASSES

HATHA YOGA 11AM - 12PM AND ALSO 5.30 - 6.30PM

WITH TUTOR MARIE KENNEDY

PILATES 12.15 - 1PM WITH TUTOR NICOLA HOLMES

STEPPING OUT 1.30 - 2.30PM ARUNA KAILEY

FRIDAY CLASSES

TAI CHI 9 - 9.45AM

WITH TUTOR JAN WILSON

HATHA YOGA 10.15 - 11.15AM

WITH MARIE KENNEDY

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA

11.30AM - 12.30PM

WITH MARIE KENNEDY

PILATES 12.45 - 1.30PM WITH NICOLA HOLMES



28 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 - cost £10 on 8th and 22nd August - see website for others.

FOLK IT - WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS PRESENTED BY MINDFUL CRAFTS

So you think you can't paint?

Tutor Helen will show you how easy it is to create beautiful designs without having had any previous painting experience.

Choice of 3 sessions with step-by-step instruction in beautiful designs using dotting and one stroke techniques.



CHOICE OF THREE SESSIONS - JUNE 14, 21 OR 28TH 7 - 9PM
COURSE FEE £15 PER SESSION - ALL SESSIONS ARE DIFFERENT.
THURSDAYS IN COURTYARD GALLERY FOR ADULTS AGED 18+.

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. See page 9.

COURSE FEE: £130 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.

ADVANCED COURSE: STARTS SEPTEMBER 2018 17 SEPT - 26 NOV (NO CLASS 29 OCT)

BEGINNERS COURSE: STARTS JANUARY 2019

INTERMEDIATE COURSE: STARTS APRIL 2019



ACTIVITIES IN LIBRARIES...

FAMILY HISTORY COURSES 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.

COURSE DETAILS AND PRICES SHOWN ON WEBSITE.

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.

COURSE DETAILS AND PRICES SHOWN ON WEBSITE.

SILENT READING CAFÉ

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

SEE THE WEBSITE FOR DATES AND TIMES - NORMALLY THURS.



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. The postcode for Sat-Nav for Touchwood Car park is B91 3GJ.

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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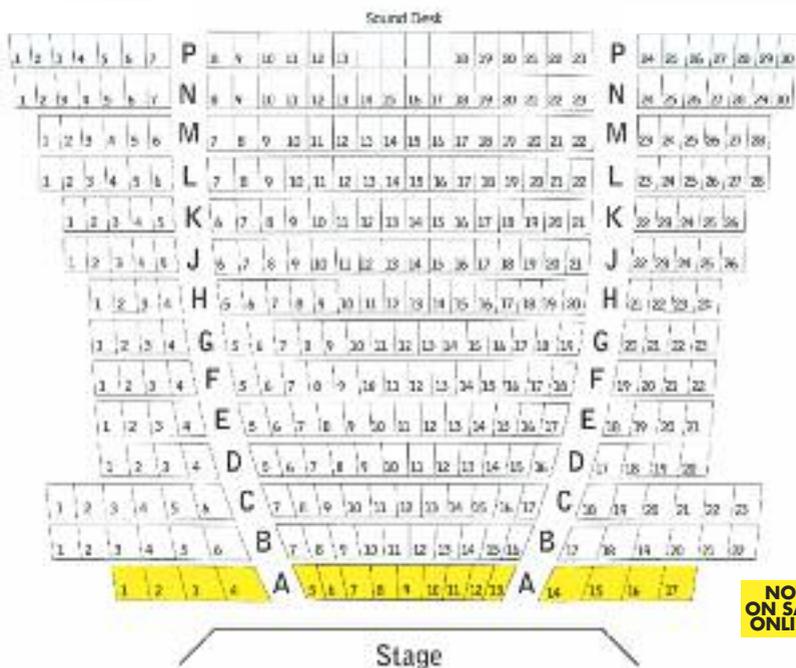
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BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

Box Office currently opens Mon - Sat between 10.30am - 4pm. They re-open 90mins before curtain-up on show nights. Opening hours may change during 2018, please check the website or call for up to date info before making a special trip.

Call Box Office on **0121 704 6962** for tickets and reservations. Charges may apply but you can visit Box 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. Most shows are on sale via our website at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk where a transaction charge (currently £1.50) will apply. Tickets will remain at Box Office unless postal option is selected. Most shows have online seat selection except Studio shows where seating is unreserved.

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



SEATING PLAN

ENCORE

WHERE FOOD GETS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!



Using Encore during the day helps our venue to thrive. Boosting our daytime income helps to ensure that Solihull has a Community Theatre for future generations. Our backstage dressing rooms need a makeover (they're used by literally thousands of performers each year) so please think about using Encore for your next lunch, business meeting or family gathering, and help support our fundraising plans.

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Family trips and group bookings*

Add an extra sparkle to your panto trip or theatre treat by pre-ordering a lunch, buffet or perhaps a decadent Afternoon Tea to your trip, before or after the show.

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

*Subject to availability.

Corporate Catering

Encore also manage corporate events, meetings, training facilities and AGM meetings at The Core with our in house team cooking everything from working breakfast platters to evening 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.



Ovations Bar - Celebrate in Style!

Our upstairs Ovations bar is tucked away in a peaceful corner on the first floor and has its own counter and servery, tables and toilets.

We can host your family or work event free of charge when you order your catering from Encore. This could be Afternoon Tea for friends and family, Christening, retirement or reunions.

Ovations is not private, but is a spacious area to meet, chat make speeches or give someone a great send off... complete with delicious freshly made Encore Catering and hot, cold or alcoholic drinks.



Contact the Catering Manager on 0121 704 6813 or 8636 to discuss any events or orders.

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.



Afternoon Tea is even more family friendly!

We've given our ENCORE traditional Afternoon Tea a makeover! You can now book Gluten-free Afternoon Tea or a Children's Afternoon Tea, (includes mini-doughnuts, milkshake and colourful child-friendly treats). Afternoon tea costs just £10pp (£15 deluxe to include wine/Prosecco/beer)*.

During the Autumn season Encore will again be offering Festive Afternoon Tea. A typical cheerful 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 (nearly) Christmas!

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



GREAT GIFT IDEA!

CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON TEA ONLY £8

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*Price correct at time of print - May 2018.

Contact the Catering Manager on 0121 704 6813 or 8636

Caring about Plastics and Recycling

We can't let audiences take glassware into the Theatre for safety reasons and rather than continue with our single-use plastic glasses we've invested in a range of high quality 'washable' plastic ware that can be washed in our professional glass-washer up to 500 times!

We are delighted to offer this instead of the traditional 'soft plastic' range but please DON'T BIN them! Return our re-usable glasses to the tables or bar as you leave the Theatre, rather than dropping them into our waste bins. Ask any staff member if you are unsure.

We have stopped using single use plastic straws, spoons and stirrers in Encore - using only paper,

metal or wood which can be easily recycled. We have a long way to go before we can rid Encore of all disposable plastic items, but are trying to source affordable alternatives where available.

Also, if you wish to bring your own beaker or flask we are very happy to oblige - every little helps.





COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

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

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

WED 18 JUL - MON 3 SEP
HOLIDAY DROP IN CRAFT & GAMES
FOR FAMILIES

WED 5 - MON 17 SEP
THE EXTRAORDINARY IN THE ORDINARY
PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

WED 3 - MON 15 OCT
THE EASEL CLUB EXHIBITION

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

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

WED 14 - MON 26 NOV
AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY
PARTICIPANTS OF
VICKI GORMAN ART CLASSES

This is not a full listing, please see 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 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.