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from the team that brought you **SLEEPING BEAUTY**

Robin Hood

The Pantomime Adventure!



13 Dec 2019 - 5 Jan 2020

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From the team behind last year's **SLEEPING BEAUTY** comes a brand new pantomime adventure that targets your funny bone!

This year, travel with us deep into the heart of magical Sherwood Forest, where the men wear the tights and the women wear the trousers.

King Richard is away negotiating a trade deal with Europe, he may be some time, so the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham is hatching a plan to dispose of his niece and nephew to inherit a fortune and steal the crown for himself. It's all down to Robin, Marion and the gang to stop him in his tracks.

This show is jam packed with daring duels, stunning sets, outrageous costumes and a very merry man in a dress that will set your heart a quiver.

Come and join us for this fun filled, fantastic family pantomime!

I Sher-wood if I were you!

Date	Morning	Matinee	Evening
Fri 13 Dec			7pm
Sat 14 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 15 Dec	11am	3pm	
Tues 17 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
Wed 18 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
Thurs 19 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
Fri 20 Dec	10am		7pm
Sat 21 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 22 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Mon 23 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Tues 24 Dec	11am	3pm	
Thurs 26 Dec		2pm	7pm
Fri 27 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sat 28 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 29 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Mon 30 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Tues 31 Dec	11am	3pm	
Thurs 2 Jan		12.30pm	5.30pm (RP)
Fri 3 Jan		2pm	7pm
Sat 4 Jan		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 5 Jan	11am	3pm	

All seats £18.50

Schools Performances Only - Contact the Box Office

£21 Full Price, £19 Concession

£76 Family (2+2), Group Discount (1 in 10 FREE)

£21 Full Price, £19 Concession

(RP) RELAXED PERFORMANCE.

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.

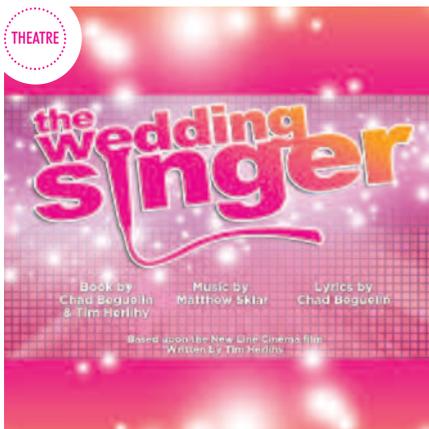
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THEATRE



TUE 30 APR - SAT 4 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

THE WEDDING SINGER

Wannabe rock star Robbie Hart is heartbroken when his fiancée jilts him at the aisle and bitterly decides to use his role as Wedding Singer to ruin other people's weddings... until he meets pretty waitress Julia but finds she too is getting married!

Based on the hit Adam Sandler film, this show, set in the '80s reminds us of those days of big hair and greedy bankers. The Wedding Singer's sparkling new score brings the '80s back to life! Presented by Solihull On Stage.

Contains some strong language and adult themes.

RUNNING TIME: 180MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16 (£14 CONC. TUE & SAT MATINEE), (SUITABLE AGE: 12+)

THEATRE



THU 9 MAY, 7.30PM

THE OPERA BOYS

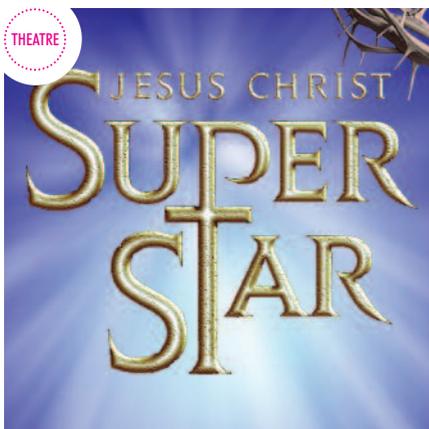
Operatic arias and classical favourites from *Nessun Dorma* to *Time to Say Goodbye* are mixed with showstoppers from *Les Miserables* and *Phantom of the Opera*. With classical arrangements of modern day pop hits, all performed in The Opera Boys inimitable style.

With beautiful vocal arrangements, close part harmonies and a great humour, The Opera Boys delight audiences worldwide making classical music accessible and entertaining. With talent and showmanship they deliver a wonderfully entertaining show.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



TUE 14 - SAT 18 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's famous musical based on the Gospels is told entirely through song and explores the various relationships and struggles during the last week of Jesus Christ's life, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot.

The cast of Solihull Theatre Company, a talented local group will bring this iconic rock opera right up to date with contemporary and innovative creativity but still featuring classic songs such as *Superstar*, *I Don't Know How to Love Him* and *Gethsemane*.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 160MINS, INCL. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16 TUE, £17 WED - SAT

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THEATRE

Kick In The Head proudly present

CHOICE GRENFELL

a wonderful evening
of warmth, wit and
gentle humour

"a treasure chest of delights"

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF A RENOWNED
GENIUS, COMEDIAN AND ENTERTAINER

JOYCE
GRENFELL



TUE 21 MAY, 7.30PM

CHOICE GRENFELL

Joyce Grenfell, a supremely gifted comic performer was the best-loved female entertainer of her generation and is recreated in a wonderful evening of warmth, wit and gentle humour.

The show features some of the best of Joyce's delightful songs and monologues from *Stately as a Galleon* to *School Nativity Play*. Joyce is our guide for a delightful delve into some of her most delightful characters, ably accompanied by her trusted pianist. Stars Suzanne Walters as Joyce and Andrew D. Brewis as William Blezzard.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 30MINS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £14

THEATRE



WED 22 MAY, 7.30PM

FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS

Forever In Blue Jeans celebrates 23 happy and successful years 'On The Road'. A perfect feast of entertainment with superb singers, dancers and musicians playing the best in Country Music and Rock 'n' Roll. This big hearted show perform songs from Patsy Cline, Garth Brooks, Elvis Presley, Billy Ray Cyrus, The Mavericks, Tammy Wynette, The Carpenters & Carol King plus hits from popular great Westerns.

The Red Hot Blue Jeans Band perform some memorable instrumentals and the show ends with a grand finale of the great Neil Diamond hit *Forever In Blue Jeans!*

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



FRI 24 MAY, 7.30PM

MALCOLM STENT & THE TIMONEERS

Although they later played with more members, the original Timoneers band was founded by just three members... Hearty Wakeman, Mike Cox and Malcolm Stent.

Playing a mix of their songs and other favourite sing-a-long pop songs all wrapped up in Malcolm's own brand of inimitable humour will send you home with your toes tapping and a huge grin on your face.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



SAT 25 MAY, 7.30PM

WHITNEY QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

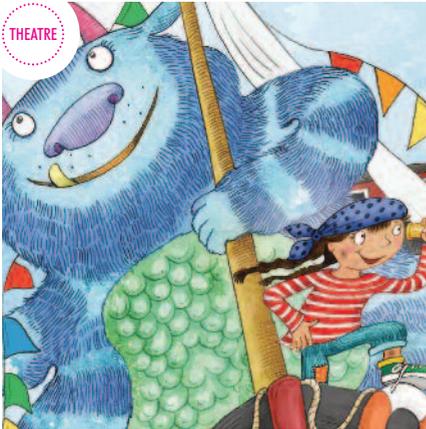
A stunning celebration of the music and life of one of the greatest singers of our time. This award winning production features top musicians and a powerhouse performance in the spirit of Whitney which takes audiences on a musical rollercoaster ride through three decades of hits.

Classic hits such as *One Moment In Time*, *Run to You*, *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!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £23.50

THEATRE



WED 29 MAY, 12.30PM & 3PM

PIRATE PEARL & THE BIG BLUE MONSTER

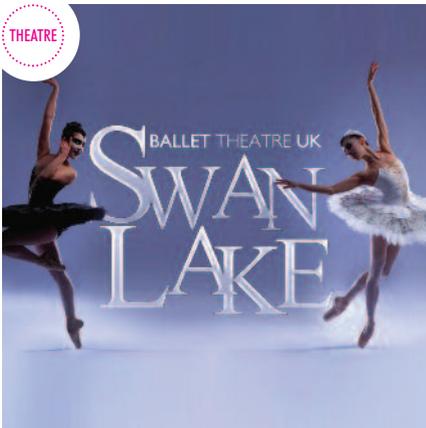
Pirate Pearl lives aboard the good ship Mirabel with her crusty old shipmate, Grandpa Bert.

She is not a real pirate, but Pearl loves to imagine she is sailing the seven seas on a swashbuckling pirate adventure. One day, Pearl finds a stowaway aboard ship – a little blue monster! But little monsters grow into big, greedy monsters, and this one wants his DINNER! There is trouble ahead for Pirate Pearl. Silly, funny, small scale theatre making a delightful half term show for young landlubbers!

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS, NO INTERVAL

TICKETS: £10, (SUITABLE AGE: 3 - 7YRS)

THEATRE



FRI 31 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

SWAN LAKE BY BALLET THEATRE UK

Ballet theatre UK have a fantastic following offering exquisite small scale ballet shows in local venues at a fraction of the price of the big city venues where audiences are often seated a long way from the action.

They present one of the most enchanting love stories of all time Swan Lake with blissful perfection.

Set to a stunning classical score this production will showcase new choreography by Artistic Director, Christopher Moore.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 55MINS, PLUS 20MIN INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18.50/£17.50, £12.50 CHILD, (SUITABLE AGE: 5+)

THEATRE



MON 3 JUN, 7.30PM

ROBERT MIZZELL & THE COUNTRY KINGS

Robert Mizzell was born in Louisiana and his early influences were Church Gospel but now lives in Ireland where he's a top Country artiste.

Kick Ass Country was his first major hit, but it was the song *Say You Love Me* that made him a household name in Ireland. More of his hit songs include; *Day Job*, *John Deer Beer*, *Louisiana Saturday Night* and *Wham Bam* to name a few. Two hours of non-stop entertainment proves why Robert Mizzell is a top country music artist. Joined by special guest Dave Sheriff.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS TICKETS: £22.50

THEATRE



TUE 4 JUN, 7.30PM

MALCOLM STENT'S SUMMER SONGS OF PRAISE

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 which returns this Summer following a great Christmas show!

This show will be full of great songs, hymns 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 and special guests. So sit back to enjoy the show or join in the opportunities to sing along!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



FRI 7 JUN, 7.30PM

THE KILKENNYS

Renowned for their musicianship and vocal abilities, The Kilkennys 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 from Europe to Las Vegas via Abu Dhabi. The Kilkennys have distinguished their sound with an arsenal of instruments and harmonies. Davey Cashin, Rob Campion, Tommy Mackey and Davey Long are excited about bringing their brand of Irish music to Solihull. Hurry - they sell out!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £21

STUDIO



TUE 11 - SAT 15 JUN, 2PM & 7.30PM

SWEET CHARITY

Sweet Charity, the girl who wants to be loved so much that she loses who she is as she sings, dances, laughs and cries her way through her different romances.

This bright and sophisticated show, presented by talented local group Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society includes great songs like; *Big Spender*, *If My Friends Could See Me Now*, and *There's Gotta Be Something Better Than This*.

This musical show is a tender, poignant and funny tale of the adventures (and misadventures) of a lovely girl!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £16 (£14 CONC. TUE - FRI), (SUITABLE AGE: 14+)

STUDIO



WED 12 JUN, 2PM

ROBERT HABERMANN - THE GOOD LIFE... TONY BENNETT

Award winning pianist Robert Habermann has developed a popular range of one man shows celebrating both the story behind the performer and the work itself.

Robert returns to Solihull with another of his popular daytime matinee where sits at his piano, in the laid back Studio and spends two hours singing, playing and nostalgically talking all things Tony Bennett.

Great songs from several decades on his journey from singing waiter to joining Bob Hope on tour, to working with Amy Winehouse and Lady GaGa.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £12

STUDIO



FRI 14 JUN, 7.30PM

BOX OF FROGS - COMEDY IMPROV SHOW

Box of Frogs, Birmingham's premier comedy improvisation group, bring you a night of high-octane improvised comedy nonsense, based entirely on your suggestions!

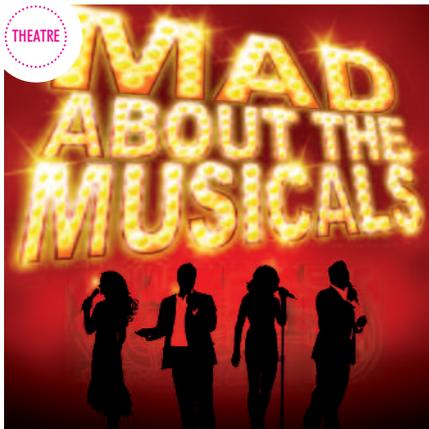
Expect the unexpected as quick-witted players conjure up hilarious spontaneous songs, sketches and scenes on the spur of the moment. There is also a show on 8th Nov.

"This show was terrific fun as well as being great value for money" **Brumhour**

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 45MINS, PLUS 20MIN INTERVAL

TICKETS: £8 ADULT, £5 STUDENT (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



FRI 21 JUN, 7.30PM

MAD ABOUT THE MUSICALS

Taking you on a whistle stop tour from London's theatre land to the glitz of Broadway, Mad About The Musicals is back - celebrating the very best songs from the shows we all know and love!

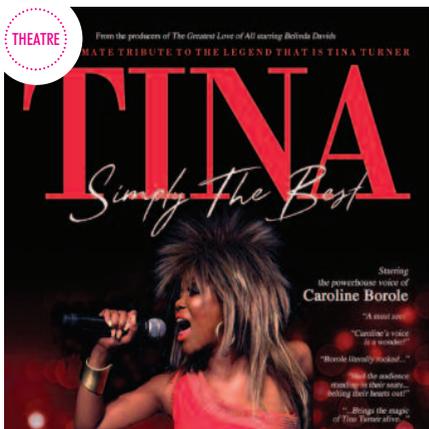
Rodgers & Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Boublil & Schonberg, the talented cast of Mad About The Musicals provide fabulous vocals, costumes and a spectacular light show, to bring you the very best show of its kind in town!

"Outstanding!" **The Stage**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



TUE 25 JUN, 7.30PM

TINA - SIMPLY THE BEST

This fully live energetic show charts the life and career of one of the world's iconic performers. Full of hits like *Private Dancer*, *Nutbush City Limits*, *Proud Mary*, *River Deep Mountain High* and *Lets Stay Together*.

Featuring a 7 piece band making this the only completely live touring tribute to this multi award winning legend. Powerful vocals, backing singers and fabulous professional dancers with electrifying dance routines make The Tina Turner Experience Simply the Best!

Book now as expected to sell out.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



THU 27 JUN, 8PM

TALON - THE ACOUSTIC SHOW

Featuring many Eagles classics with breathtakingly beautiful acoustic arrangements, plus their own personal favourites in a brand new show for 2019.

Following the massive success of their critically acclaimed studio and 'LIVE' acoustic albums, 'Talon - The Acoustic Collection' is back with their most extensive tour to date.

For those who appreciate great musicianship Talon are renowned for selling out quickly so book early.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £20

BRUETON
PARK



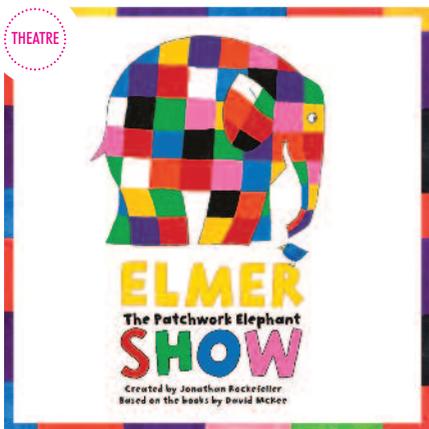
WED 17 JUL, 7PM - OUTDOOR SHOW

ROMEO & JULIET BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Join Heartbreak Productions for this super glam outdoor adaptation of Shakespeare's star crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet. Set in the here and now, and mixing in some modern language, music, and technology, this production explores how one of the most celebrated tales of passionate love would play out in the 21st century. Dress to impress... tweeting, snapchat, and selfies are highly advisable. After all, if you haven't posted it online, has it really even happened? Please ask for full details of outside shows or see website.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS 10MINS, INC. INTERVAL
ADVANCE TICKETS: £12, £11 CONC. (£7 CHILD) AGE 8+

THEATRE



TUE 23 & WED 24 JUL, VARIOUS TIMES ELMER THE PATCHWORK ELEPHANT

The classic tale of Elmer the Elephant who simply didn't want to be grey! This family show has been created for stage by Jonathan Rockefeller based on the books by David McKee.

There are five shows aimed at young families, with various start times to suit.

What colour do you think Elmer will choose? Find out in this fun theatre show for families.

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS
TICKETS: £14, £12.50 CHILD OR £50 FAMILY TICKET (2+2)

THEATRE



MON 29 JUL - FRI 2 AUG, 10.30AM - 3PM YOUNG ACTORS STUDIO THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School is in partnership with K22 Productions and explores the creative and performance potential of all children in a safe, fun theatre environment through drama, dance and music.

No previous experience or talent is required to enjoy learning and working on stage as part of a youth theatre class aiming to help young people to develop their imaginations, communication skills and self-esteem.

Participants will watch and work with actors and feature in the Treasure Island show on Friday 2nd, (see page 11).

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

BRUETON
PARK

David Walliams GANGSTA GRANNY



WED 31 JUL & THU 1 AUG, 7PM - OUTDOORS

GANGSTA GRANNY BY DAVID WALLIAMS

Ben, an 11 year old is bored on his Friday nights at Granny's... just playing Scrabble and eating cabbage! Hungry and bored Ben goes searching in Grans kitchen and finds a biscuit tin containing Granny's biggest secret!

Ben's Granny is an international jewel thief, and she needs his help to pull off her biggest heist yet, stealing the crown jewels! This outdoor production of David Walliams' bestselling tale is presented by Heartbreak Productions and is full of forbidden fun. Please ask for full details of outdoor shows.

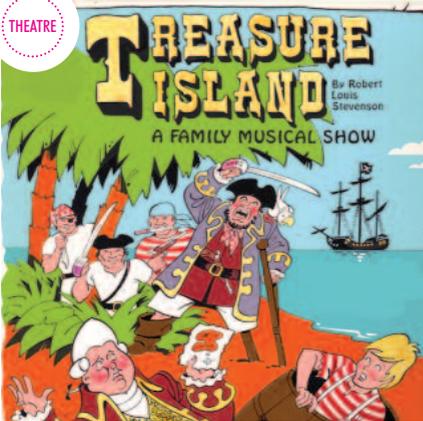
RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS 10MINS, INC. INTERVAL
ADVANCE TICKETS: £12 (£11 CHILD)

THEATRE

TREASURE ISLAND

By Robert
Louis
Stevenson

A FAMILY MUSICAL SHOW



FRI 2 AUG, 2.30PM

TREASURE ISLAND

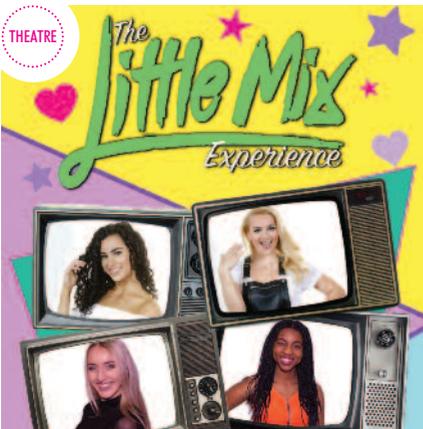
A chance to catch a fun show during the holidays as the talented young actors from Solihull's Summer School course join actors from Katch 22 Productions in this classic sea-faring tale.

Sail the high seas in this treasure hunting tale me-hearties! Good family fun with sea shanty songs and audience participation. This one hour show will include first time young actors and performers in roles and the chorus alongside real actors. See page 10 for details of the Summer School.

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS
TICKETS: £6

THEATRE

The Little Mix Experience



THU 29 AUG, 2PM & 7PM

THE LITTLE MIX EXPERIENCE 2019

If you L.O.V.E. X Factors' Little Mix check out these four hugely talented girls paying tribute to one of the UK's finest Girl-Bands.

Fab dance moves, replica costumes and fantastic vocals, this high-energy show is absolutely 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.

Two performances - book it now.

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

THEATRE



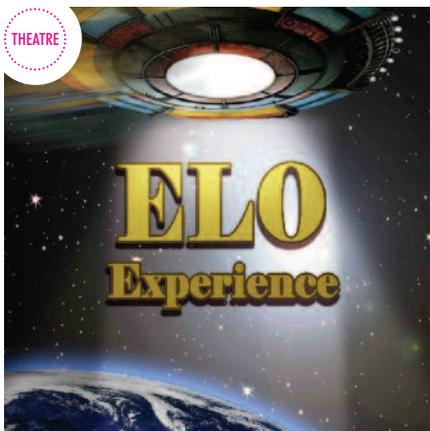
FRI 30 AUG, 2PM

MORGAN & WEST'S MAGIC SHOW FOR KIDS (AND CHILDISH GROWNUPS!)

Time travelling magicians Morgan & West present their family 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). Witness a mountain of mysterious magic, a hatful of hyper-reality, and of course a truck full of tricks and tea. Mixing illusion and good old fashioned tom-foolery, they present a fun show for all the family aged 5 to 105, where magic and silliness abound!

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS, NO INTERVAL TICKETS: £10 (SUITABLE AGE: 5 - 105!)

THEATRE



FRI 6 & SAT 7 SEP, 7.30PM

THE ELO EXPERIENCE

Between 1972 and 1986 Jeff Lynne and ELO 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 are the world's foremost tribute to The Electric Light Orchestra and the work of Jeff Lynne. With a sensational string section, a stunning light show and large screen projection to further enhance the experience!

RUNNING TIME: 140MINS, INCL. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £24

THEATRE



WED 11 SEP, 7.30PM

AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR GILL SIMS

Mummy does not want to go quietly into that good night, of women with sensible haircuts who live only for their family and bragging about their offspring! Gill Sims is the number one best-selling author behind "Why Mummy Drinks", "Why Mummy Swears" and her hugely successful online blog.

Join Gill as she is interviewed about her life, her blog, her books, takes audiences questions, gives readings from her new work "Why Mummy Doesn't Give a ****" plus an aftershow book signing.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 100MINS
TICKETS: £15 AGE 18+

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THEATRE



THU 12 SEP, 7.30PM THE MANFRED'S 2019

These pioneers of the groundbreaking British Rhythm & Blues scene perform a show that features The Manfreds on stage throughout the night introducing all their classic hits and those of their era.

The band inject all of the enthusiasm back into classics such as *Do Wah Diddy Diddy*, *5-4-3-2-1* and *Mighty Quinn*.

Their numerous hits were R&B based with an undercurrent of jazz - a very unusual but winning combination of playing style and substance that has spanned some 55 years. Early booking is recommended.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 50MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £26

THEATRE



FRI 13 & SAT 14 SEP, 7.30PM THE ROY ORBISON STORY

Barry Steele comes with great credentials and a genuine admiration for the Big O. Now he is set to put the rock back into 'Roy Orbison' as he commemorates the legend in 'The Roy Orbison Story' In Concert.

An upbeat night of solid gold 60s hits and 80s contemporary genius as the Roy Orbison Story celebrates the musical legacy of The Big O and the original supergroup The Travelling Wilburys. An evening of fantastic music with a memorable finale where the whole cast come together in celebration.

See also his studio show on page 23.

RUNNING TIME: 140MINS, INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £23

THEATRE



SUN 15 SEP, 2.30PM BARNHART & HUXLEY HOT FIVE - JAZZ AND JOKES IV

A sublime Sunday afternoon of Jazz and Jokes with The Barnhart Huxley Hot 5 featuring: Jeff Barnhart-piano/vocals, George Huxley - reeds, Enrico Tomasso - trumpet/vocals, Anne Barnhart - flute/vocals and Graham Smith - drums.

Vintage Jazz and Swing featuring London Jazz legend Enrico Tomasso. Rico and George Huxley will create a hot combo... add flautist/vocalist Anne Barnhart for sass and class, Jeff Barnhart channeling Fats Waller and in-demand drummer Graham Smith... all hosted by Malcolm Stent.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £17

THEATRE



TUE 17 SEP, 2PM

KEITH SLATER'S SINATRA CELEBRATION

So if you enjoy laid back, relaxed and easy going shows this is the one for you as Keith Slater showcases his love of Sinatra and those fantastic songs audiences know and love. This show previously sold out quickly in the ground floor Studio space, so Keith is spreading out into the Theatre but keeping the popular 2pm matinee start time, so audiences can enjoy an afternoon of Sinatra and be home by teatime!

Keith Slater has toured extensively around the UK with well known bands from all musical genres and comedian Phil Cool.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS **TICKETS:** £12

THEATRE



THU 19 SEP, 7.30PM

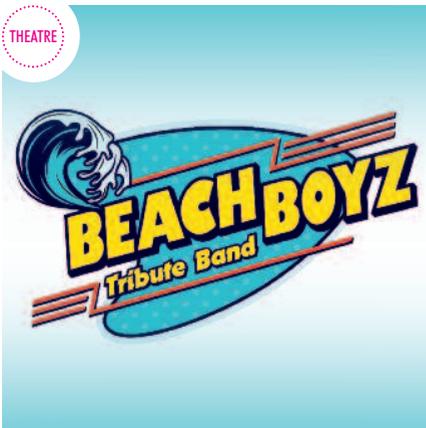
SUPREME QUEEN

SUPREME QUEEN pay homage to the halcyon days of one of the planet's greatest ever rock bands. Since their formation in the nineties SUPREME QUEEN have played to hundreds of thousands of Queen fans across the world, headlining at major events including St. Tropez's International Queen Convention, where they played to 10,000 people.

Scott Maley's incredible vocal and visual resemblance to Freddie Mercury, fronting this highly talented band of musicians ensure they continue that original Queen live experience.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 60MINS, PLUS INTERVAL
TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



SAT 21 SEP, 7.30PM

THE BEACH BOYZ TRIBUTE BAND

Beach Boyz shows are packed with fun, musical excellence, outstanding vocals and colourful costume.

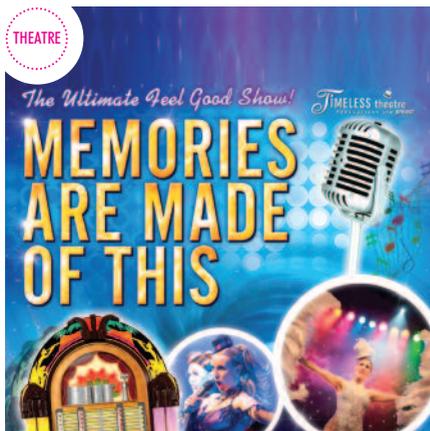
They replicate vocal and instrumental sounds to the finest detail to create a truly believable and memorable tribute act. From the early 'Surf Sound' to the more sophisticated Pet Sounds, the Beach Boys soundtrack is loved worldwide.

The five members of Beach Boyz Tribute Band all share a passion for their music delivering a live performance that reflects both their enthusiasm and mastery of a genre.

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

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THEATRE



TUE 24 & WED 25 SEP, 2.30PM & 7.30PM
MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

This fast moving, roller coaster of a journey through some of the greatest songs of the 50s, 60s and 70s, will be a show you are sure to remember.

Over 160 amazing costumes, a touch of humour from one of the UK's top touring performers and fabulous 'West End' standard vocals from this superb cast of singers and dancers. Including songs by Brenda Lee, Frank Sinatra, Jerry Lee Lewis, Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Bee Gees, Barry Manilow, Jersey Boys, Michael Buble and many more...

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £15 MAT, £16 EVE

THEATRE



THU 26 SEP, 7.30PM
THE STARS OF IRISH COUNTRY SHOW

The hugely popular Stars of Irish Country Show returns for another night of toe-tapping and hand clapping Country Magic! Featuring wonderful Irish performers; Mick Flavin, Louise Morrissey, Stephen Smyth and Curtis Magee who between them have notched up over 30 number one hit songs and have played to legions of fans all across the UK and Ireland through careers that span over four decades.

They'll each be backed by the talented Keltic Storm band and early booking is definitely recommended.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 70MINS, PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



TUE 1 OCT, 7.30PM
THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY

The Simon & Garfunkel Story is back on the road! Using huge projection photos, original film footage and also features a full live band performing all the hits including *Mrs Robinson*, *Cecilia*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *Homeward Bound* and many more. The last UK tour included sell out shows around the country, so book early.

"Fantastic" Elaine Paige BBC Radio 2

"Authentic and Exciting" The Stage

www.thesimonandgarfunkelstory.com

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS **TICKETS:** £22.50

THEATRE



WED 2 OCT, 7.30PM

SIMPLY RE-RED

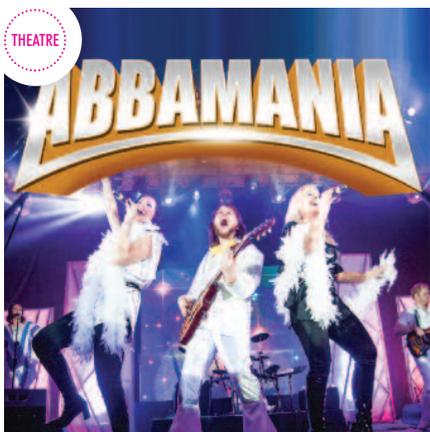
With over thirty Top 40 singles and several best-selling albums of the last four decades to choose from, this tribute to Mick Hucknall and Simply Red comprises a seven piece band.

They recreate every slick groove and perfect melody from Mick Hucknall's remarkable global career in this authentic show guaranteed to keep the audience singing and dancing all night with songs like; *Money's Too Tight To Mention*, *Stars*, *If You Don't Know Me By Now*, *Fairground* and many more!

www.simplyrered.co.uk

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



THU 3 OCT, 7.30PM

ABBAMANIA

ABBA are one of the most popular groups in the world today, from *Waterloo* to *Thank You For The Music*.

Their record breaking songs are timeless and continue to thrill generations including new generations following the successful musicals and films.

Re-live the memories of ABBA, the wonderful and catchy songs, wonderful melodies and lyrics, that have sold millions of records worldwide by one of the premier Abba tributes.

Presenting the magic that was Abba... don't miss Abbaniania.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



FRI 4 OCT, 7.30PM

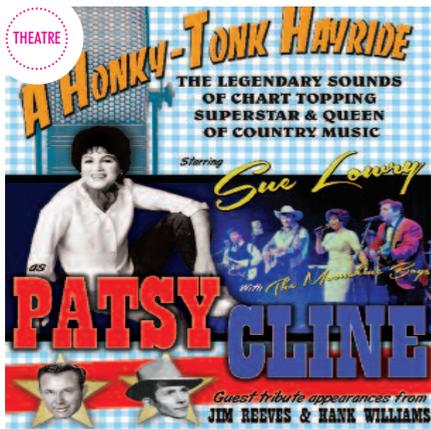
A BLACK COUNTRY NIGHT OUT

A further installment of Black Country fun featuring Dandy, Ollie Spencer, Vivo, Joe Thomas, Emma Rollason as 'Dolly Allen'

This show is bursting at the seams with talent including Dandy who bring the house down at Peaky Blinder theme nights! Ollie Spencer hosting with a bag full of gags. Newcomer Emma Rollason plays a tribute Black Country legend 'Dolly Allen' plus music from Joe Thomas and the ever popular house band Vivo - for a truly packed show guaranteed to send you home grinning!

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

THEATRE



SAT 5 OCT, 7.30PM

PATSY CLINE & FRIENDS

The Velvet Country voice of Patsy Cline sung by lifelong Country fan, singer Sue Lowry, whose own parents toured the UK performing in Country festivals and shows. Patsy Cline spent 251 weeks in the USA Country Music Album charts with powerful songs like *Crazy*, *I Fall to Pieces*, & *Sweet Dreams*.

Marc Robinson (renowned for his Buddy Holly shows) pays homage to Hank Williams whilst Lee Davidge performs a sensitive tribute to Jim Reeves in costume and mesmerising voice. Captivating music for all Country fans.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £18.50 (£17.50 CONC.)

STUDIO



TUE 8 OCT, 2PM

MALCOLM STENT IN THE AFTERNOON

Malcolm Stent invites you to the Studio for an 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



TUE 8 OCT, 7.30PM

LOST VOICE GUY

Following the unprecedented success after he won Britain's Got Talent 2018 and a BBC New Comedy Award, the star and writer of BBC Radio 4's comedy series, *Ability*, Lee Ridley (aka Lost Voice Guy) is setting out on a tour of the UK. The first comedian to use a communication aid, he may not be able to talk but he definitely has something to say and his comedy will leave you speechless. Lee is the *only* comedian to win Britain's Got Talent and the Radio series that he stars in and co-wrote with Katherine Jakeways has just been recommissioned for a second series.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 110MINS, PLUS SUPPORT & INTERVAL

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

THEATRE



WED 9 & THU 10 OCT, 7.30PM

JOE BROWN & THE BRUVVERS

Truly one of the UK's best loved, enduring and most acclaimed musicians, Joe and his Bruvvers achieved a gold record for sales of his 50th Anniversary 'Very Best Of' album. He also sold out the Royal Albert Hall, as well as receiving MOJO magazine's coveted Outstanding Contribution To Music Award plus an MBE!

His 60th Anniversary show is packed with timeless classics from many genres interwoven with Joe's effervescent delivery and humorous reminiscences. Early booking is recommended for this much loved performer.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £33

THEATRE



FRI 11 OCT, 7.30PM

CROONERS

Crooners is a new comedy music show with its witty one liners, silliness and superb musical numbers with the outstanding 9-piece The Mini Big Band live on stage.

Paying homage to some of the greatest crooners of all time... Sinatra, Martin, Monroe, Darin and Davis Jr.

Crooners follows the story of three very British gentlemen who exhume the suave characteristics of a crooner and inject a splendiferous amount of tongue-in-cheek British comedy backed up with a mini Big Band swing for an unique and fun show.

RUNNING TIME: TBC
TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



SAT 12 OCT, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES - THE HIT FARCE!

Follow Sherlock Holmes and his incomparable sidekick Dr. Jane Watson on their journey from the streets of London to the Devonshire Moors as they attempt to solve the mystery of... The Hound of the Baskervilles!

Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery, The Hound of the Baskervilles is brilliantly brought to life on stage in this inventive and comedy mystery featuring two fearless actors playing every role in this fast-paced farce. Show includes sexual references/innuendo - ages 16+.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 40MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £18

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OCT

Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



TUE 15 - SUN 20 OCT, 2.30PM & 7.30PM THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Presented by Peterbrook Players this is the longest running Broadway musical of the early 1960s, The Sound of Music marked the last collaboration between composer Richard Rodgers and lyricist/librettist Oscar Hammerstein II.

Based partially on Maria Von Trapp's autobiography, The Sound of Music includes the much loved classic songs like *The Sound of Music*, *My Favourite Things*, *Climb Every Mountain*, *Do-Re-Mi*, and *Edelweiss*.

Local group Peterbrook Players are hugely popular so book early!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £19 (£17 CONC. TUE)

THEATRE



WED 23 OCT, 7.30PM TALON THE BEST OF EAGLES

Talon have risen from humble beginnings to become one of the most successful theatre touring shows in the UK and the 'Greatest Hits Tour 2019' will 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' to become a brand name dearly loved by their massive and expanding fan base... find out why!

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £26

THEATRE



THU 24 & FRI 25 OCT, 7.30PM THE WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS SHOW 2019

A regular sell out in Solihull, 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, audiences are left speechless by his voice, looks, movies and mannerisms. It really is as if Elvis is performing in front of your very eyes... don't miss it!

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

THEATRE



SAT 26 OCT, 7.30PM
**AND FINALLY...
 PHIL COLLINS**

The hugely successful And Finally... present their 2019 Tour.

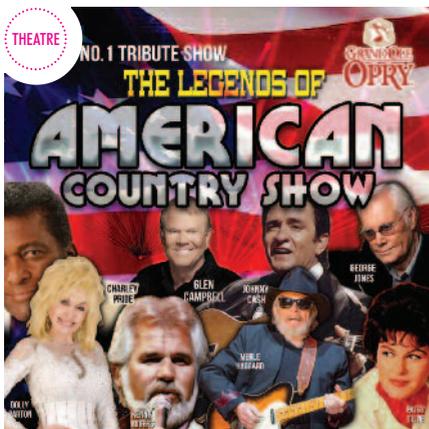
This well-established, superbly professional, and entertaining production perform an action packed two hours of the best-known songs from Grammy award winner, Phil Collins. All the classics are included - *In the Air Tonight*, *Sussudio*, *Another Day in Paradise*, *Against All Odds*, as well as a selection from his Genesis archive.

The ten-strong line-up includes the usual two drummer extravaganza and the ever popular 'And Finally... Horns'.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



MON 28 OCT, 7.30PM
**THE LEGENDS OF AMERICAN
 COUNTRY SHOW**

The Legends of American Country Show is now firmly established as Ireland's number 1 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.

The show includes four well known vocalists in Evan O Donnell, Joe Moore, Rod and Tracey McAuley who all have huge experience and perform a string of hits from the featured artist with a live 6 piece band.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2.HRS 30MINS **TICKETS:** £20

THEATRE



WED 30 OCT, 2.30PM & 7.30PM
**THE WIZARD OF OZ
 BY BALLET THEATRE UK**

Ballet Theatre UK have garnered a huge fan base by providing excellent small-scale ballet shows, with sparkling costumes set to wonderful music but thoroughly accessible to audiences old and young, new or experienced... allowing audiences to get 'closer' to the action than grander large stages. Breathing new life into the Wizard of Oz tale, Join Dorothy and her pals plus Glinda and her nasty sister do their best (and worst) in this delightful adaptation, by Artistic Director Christopher Moore.

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

TICKETS: £18.50/£17.50, £12.50 CHILD

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GALLERY
STUDIO

FRI 1 & SAT 2 NOV

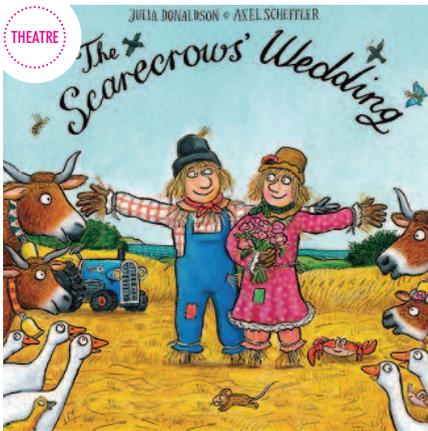
DIWALI: THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Join us to celebrate the Festival of Light in a series of activities for all ages at The Core. There are; rangoli patterns, a treasure hunt, henna tattoos and jewellery making. You could learn how to put on a sari or sit back, relax and soak up some traditional music, dancing and stories.

There will be shadow puppet-making and cartoon illustration workshops, book binding and neon painting workshops. The packed programme over these two days is evolving and will even include food! See the website for full details when known, or just turn up and join in!

COST: FREE AGE: ANY TIMETABLE: TBC - SEE WEBSITE

THEATRE



FRI 1, 3.30PM & SAT 2 NOV, 1PM & 3.30PM

THE SCARECROWS' WEDDING

Betty O'Barley and Harry O'Hay are excellent scarecrows with romantic wedding plans. One day Harry leaves Betty's side and the devilishly smooth Reginald Rake tries to take Harry's place... can Harry win her back?! Promises wit, drama, love and wedding bells! Packed with live music for one hour of unforgettable theatre magic.

This heart-warming and award-winning adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's bestselling book is bursting at the seams with Scamp Theatre's inimitable style.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 1HR, NO INTERVAL

TICKETS: £14, £12.50 CHILD OR £50 FAMILY TICKET (2+2)

STUDIO



TUE 5 NOV, 2PM

WITTY DITTIES WITH GREEN & MATTHEWS

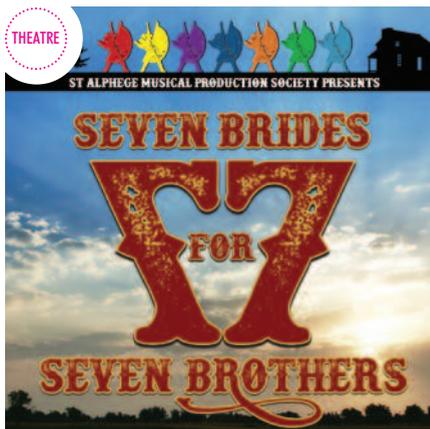
Talented musicians Green and Matthews return with a lively matinee show in the ground floor Studio.

Chris Green (piano, guitar, accordion) and Sophie Matthews (early woodwinds, flute, saxophone) bring you four centuries of chromatic comedy, from bawdy Restoration ballads to stinging Sixties satire.

Featuring songs by Noël Coward, Tom Lehrer, Flanders and Swann and a host of other lesser-known songwriters this is a fun and fast-moving revue show in the spacious ground floor Studio space.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £12

THEATRE



TUE 5 - SAT 9 NOV, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

The talented members of local society S.T.A.M.P.S. provide a truly rollicking adventure where a new bride tries to turn her seven unshaven unkempt brothers-in-law into manly gentlemen and to turn desire into romance.

Based on the hit MGM film and set in the 1850s Oregon wilderness, Millie plans to civilize her rowdy new family to ensure the success of her own marriage, but plans backfire when they attempt to kidnap seven women to be their brides! Great songs like, *Goin' Courtin'* and *Bless Your Beautiful Hide*.

RUNNING TIME: 130MINS **TICKETS:** £16 - £17 (£15 CONC. TUE)

STUDIO



FRI 8 NOV, 7.30PM

BOX OF FROGS - COMEDY IMPOV SHOW

Box of Frogs, Birmingham's premier comedy Improvisation group, bring you a night of high-octane improvised comedy nonsense, based entirely on your suggestions! Expect the unexpected as quick-witted players conjure up hilarious spontaneous songs, sketches and scenes on the spur of the moment. There are two shows in Solihull.

"This show was terrific fun as well as being great value for money" **Brumhour**

boxoffrogsimpro.co.uk

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 45MINS, PLUS 20MIN INTERVAL
TICKETS: £8 ADULT, £5 STUDENT (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



TUE 12 NOV, 7.30PM

SHACKLETON'S CARPENTER

Ernest Shackleton's *Endurance* sank in Antarctica, leaving him and his crew of 27 stranded. His carpenter - Harry McNish was the only man who challenged his boss on the ice floes of Antarctica. A brilliant carpenter and shipwright, he went all the way with Shackleton, playing a vital role in ensuring lives were saved.

For all his bravery and ingenuity, McNish was one of the very few who were never awarded the Polar Medal. In poor health he emigrated to New Zealand but struggled to work. In this fascinating tale, he relives the *Endurance* expedition but how does he come to terms with it? Find out in this fascinating drama show.

RUNNING TIME: 70MINS, NO INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £15

STUDIO



WED 13 NOV, 2PM
ME, MYSELF & I
BARRY STEELE

The producers of The Roy Orbison Story are delighted to announce that Barry Steele will perform a one-off special show as... himself!

The aptly named production 'Me Myself & I' explores Barry's many talents as he performs songs from many genres and legends from Les Misérables to Wet, Wet, Wet and beyond.

The Core Solihull are delighted to offer an afternoon showcasing the many talents of Barry Steele in the Studio for an unmissable show with a difference.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 45MINS, PLUS INTERVAL
TICKETS: £15

THEATRE



WED 13 NOV, 7.30PM
THE PITMEN POETS

The Pitmen Poets return to Solihull featuring ex-Lindisfarne singer and songwriter Billy Mitchell, renowned singer and instrumentalist Bob Fox, leading exponent of Tyneside song Benny Graham, and much-covered Durham songwriter Jez Lowe.

Individually and collectively they celebrate the songs and culture of North East England's Coal Mining tradition. They provide an evening of music, song and spoken word, illustrated by atmospheric archive photography.

A warm show with something for everyone.

RUNNING TIME: TBC
TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



THU 14 NOV, 7.30PM
ONE NIGHT IN DUBLIN

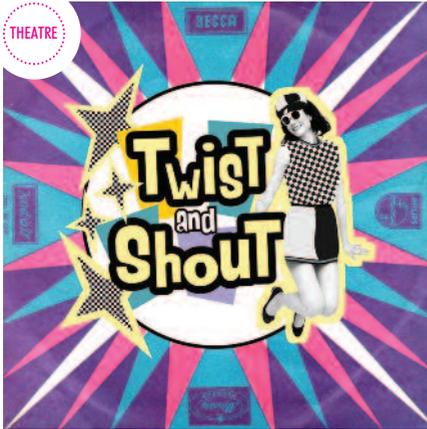
Join in the fun at Murphy's pub where house band The Wild Murphys will be performing great Irish songs by The Pogues, The Dubliners, The Fureys, The Saw Doctors and many, many more.

Middi and his award-winning 7-piece band have performed all over Europe and you will find yourself singing along to fantastic Irish classics such as; *Galway Girl*, *Tell Me Ma*, *Dirty Old Town*, *The Irish Rover*, *Brown Eyed Girl*, *Seven Drunken Nights* to name just a few.

Book early to celebrate the very best music of Ireland.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 60MINS, PLUS INTERVAL
TICKETS: £21

THEATRE



FRI 15 NOV, 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. When skirts got shorter and hair got longer!

Sing and dance along to 40 hits with a West End cast and live band. Enjoy music from The Beatles, Hermans Hermits, Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Rolling Stones, Cilla Black, Manfred Mann, Dusty Springfield, Lulu, Sandy Shaw and many more!

With bespoke costumes, Twist & Shout recreates the sights and sounds of the 'Swinging Sixties' in a feast of music.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS INCL. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £21

THEATRE



SAT 16 NOV, 8PM
**GEOFF NORCOTT:
 TAKING LIBERTIES**

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 BBC1's Question Time, Radio 4's The Now Show and supported Katherine Ryan on her UK tour.

Geoff appeared in Solihull during 2018 with great success and is delighted to return to this leafy borough! He will have at least one support act.

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

TICKETS: £13.50 (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

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THEATRE



TUE 19 - SUN 24 NOV, 2.30PM & 7.30PM
THE PRODUCERS

Based on the 1968 film, The Producers follows a former actor and a mousy accountant who concoct a plan to make more money with a flop of a show than they ever could with a hit!

Trying to produce the worst musical... with the worst script, the worst director, and the worst cast they can find they hope the show will close and they can head off to Rio.

With no shortage of show-stopping musical numbers, and Mel Brooks' signature humour, presented by local society St Augustine's MTC, this is one musical that won't flop!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £18 - £20

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



TUE 26 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 at Christmas. This year bigger, better, shinier and even more Christmassy than ever!

Full of Christmas music with lots of carols and band pieces, hosted by Malcolm Stent with his trademark wit and warmth, with special guests welcoming you to one of the happiest, most-inclusive shows around... just in time to start your Christmas celebrations!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



WED 27 NOV, 7.30PM

BLAKE

Hot on the heels of IL Divo and Collabro, Briti-Award-winning Blake present a new Christmas-themed uplifting show of fabulous harmonies, choir and great heart-warming songs.

Inspired by the lush trio harmonies of The Three Tenors and The Bee Gees they'll perform songs like; *When a Child is Born*, *O Holy Night*, *Walking in the Air*, *Frosty the Snowman*, *Silent Night* and *Last Christmas* with an eclectic mix of classical, pop, rock and musical harmony plus their super on stage banter.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL
TICKETS: £24

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THEATRE



THU 28 NOV, 7.30PM

THE LOCK IN CHRISTMAS CAROL

Fast becoming a seasonal tradition at the Core Theatre... the Lock in Team are back! Half gig, half dance show and half panto!

Join the BBC Award-winning team of musicians & dancers for 150% of the very best festive live music, song and dance! Set on Christmas Eve at The Olde Fighting Cocks pub where landlady, Jasmineezer Scrooge plans to launch a Techno Bar?! Featuring folk powerhouse The Demon Barbers; artists from Breaking Tradition Dance Company who have a slightly unhinged approach to a family friendly stage show!

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £17 ADULT, £15 CHILD

THEATRE



FRI 29 NOV, 7.30PM

MYJO CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wonderful Christmas concert performed by the talented Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra - led by John Ruddick. Their Christmas concert, with loads of Yuletide songs, all played in the exciting MYJO style, and supported by some great young singers.

The multi-award winning Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra under the expert leadership of John Ruddick MBE return to show Solihull audiences why they've won so many big band competitions, so many times, that the rules had to be re-written! Early booking recommended.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS

TICKETS: £16



THEATRE



SAT 30 NOV, 7.30PM

LUCY WORSLEY PRESENTS QUEEN VICTORIA

Historian Lucy Worsley presents this fascinating look at Queen Victoria.

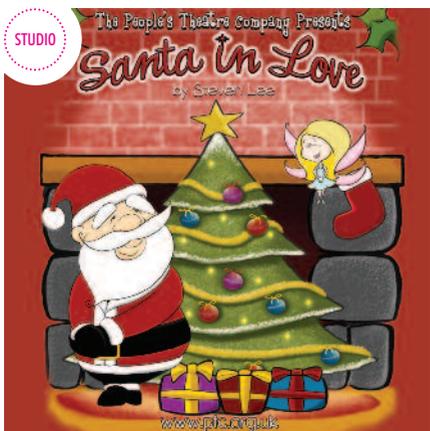
We think of a grumpy, rounded, little old lady, dressed in black but Lucy Worsley's illustrated talk introduces a complex, contradictory woman who loved dancing, who suffered trauma, calamity and loss. She became an eccentric, powerful and rather magnificent woman who ruled a quarter of the globe.

There will be a Q&A in the second half, plus an aftershow book signing.

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25

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STUDIO



FRI 20 - TUE 24 DEC, VARIOUS

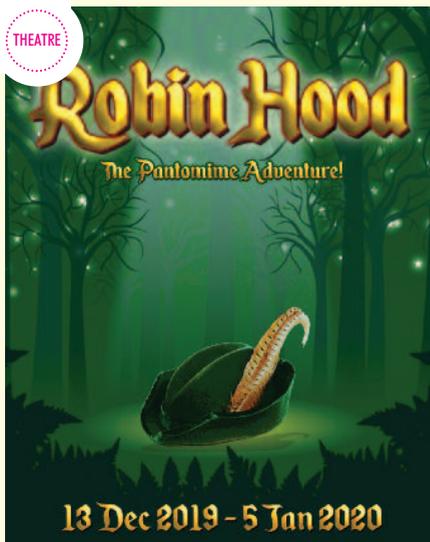
SANTA IN LOVE

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: 40MINS, PLUS MEET SANTA TICKETS: £10



FRI 13 DEC - SUN 5 JAN, VARIOUS

ROBIN HOOD - THE PANTOMIME ADVENTURE!

From the team behind last year's Sleeping Beauty comes a brand new pantomime adventure that targets your funny bone! This year, travel with us deep into the heart of magical Sherwood Forest, where the men wear the tights and the women wear the trousers. King Richard is away negotiating a trade deal with Europe and may be a while, so the wicked Sheriff hatches a plan to dispose of his niece and nephew to inherit a fortune and steal the crown for himself. This show is jam packed with daring duels, stunning sets, outrageous costumes and much more in this fun filled, fantastic family pantomime!

TICKETS: SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS

THU 2 JAN, 5.30PM

RELAXED PERFORMANCE

Relaxed performances are intended specifically to be sensitive to and accepting of audience members who may benefit from a more relaxed environment, including (but not limited to) those with autistic spectrum conditions, sensory and communication disorders or learning disabled people.

The venue, staff and actors make lots of small changes that make the difference to enable someone with sensory disorders being able to cope with a trip to the theatre. These changes might include: keeping the lights on, the doors open, having no bangs or pyrotechnics and offering 'chill out' spaces to calm those who need it.

We also send a Relaxed Performance Guide to all ticket buyers showing families all the things they need to know about the venue, and the show, in advance - great for pre-planning.

Book via box office (not available online) who can give advice and details.

"As a grandma of autistic children I was so impressed how much trouble the theatre staff went to to ensure all the children enjoyed the performance". Sleeping Beauty 2018-19

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS 2020

31 JAN	THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY	£22
21 FEB	THE FUREYS	£TBC
27 - 29 FEB	OKLAHOMA! BY SOSAGE FACTORY	£10 - £13
5 MAR	THE KAST OFF KINKS	£22.50 (£20)
7 MAR	QUILL	£TBC
31 MAR - 4 APR	BARNUM PRESENTED BY PETERBROOK PLAYERS	£20 (CONC. ON TUE)

CLASSES & COURSES

MONDAY

GENTLE CHAIR-BASED YOGA

with Marie Kennedy

Promotes circulation, flexibility, balance and boosts confidence. Ideal for those in wheelchairs or for those with conditions that make exercise difficult.

9.45AM - 10.45AM STUDIO
£5 per session.



HATHA YOGA

with Marie Kennedy

Friendly, progressive class with focus on improving health and reducing stress.

Suitable for beginners/improvers.

11AM - 12NOON STUDIO
£5 per session.

PILATES

with Nicola Holmes

Call 0787150243 to discuss suitability or any health issues you may have.

12.15 - 1PM STUDIO
Fee payable to tutor.



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THURSDAY

PLAYBOX EARLY STAGERS

New 11 week course for preschoolers (age 3 - 4) offered by Playbox Theatre School in conjunction with Core Theatre. Giving young children the chance let their imaginations take flight.

Each workshop is fully themed and blends mime, movement, role play, voice, song and storytelling. The course gives children confidence, find their voice, and supports educational growth. Course starts in September.

11AM - 12NOON
Course fee - book via Playbox.
www.playboxtheatre.com



PLAYBOX MAGIC CARPET

Children aged 2+ are invited to join us each week on the Magic Carpet. These fun sessions, with Playbox Theatre staff include stories, songs, craft and role play... followed by a scrumptious lunch box from our theatre café. These sessions are on a week by week basis from Sept, not a course so worth a try and maybe make it a weekly lunch date!

12NOON - 12.45PM STUDIO
£5 (includes child's lunchbox).

SING SOLIHULL!

with Anya Small

Belting out a great pop song in harmony with others gives singers an instant feelgood lift! This friendly community choir meets at lunchtime and is open to all ages and ability. No prior experience or knowledge is required - just turn up. Occasional public performances are arranged.

1 - 2PM STUDIO
£5 per session
(free to BID cardholders).



TAI CHI

with Jan Wilson

Gentle movement, balance and exercise for all ages/abilities.

9AM - 9.45AM STUDIO
£5 per session.

HATHA YOGA

with Marie Kennedy

Friendly, progressive class with focus on improving health and reducing stress.

Suitable for beginners/improvers.

10.15AM - 11.15AM STUDIO
£5 per session.

PAINTING & DRAWING

with Vicky Gorman

These popular two hour classes teach adults of all ability observational skills, painting and drawing. This new Friday is due to popular demand and early booking is recommended.

10AM - 12PM & 12.30 - 2.30PM
COURTYARD GALLERY

Friday course starts 6 Sep.



GENTLE CHAIR-BASED YOGA

with Marie Kennedy

Promotes circulation, flexibility, balance and boost confidence. Ideal for those in wheelchairs or for those with conditions that make exercise difficult.

11.30AM - 12.30AM STUDIO
£5 per session.



FRIDAY

AT A GLANCE DIARY

STEPPING OUT

with Aruna Kailey

Gentle dance class for over 50s - discovering world dance styles and all dance eras including Bollywood - great fun!

1.30 - 2.30PM STUDIO
£5 per session.



HATHA YOGA

with Marie Kennedy

Friendly, progressive class with focus on improving health and reducing stress.

Suitable for beginners/improvers.

5.30 - 6.30PM STUDIO
£5 per session.

HATHA YOGA

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Suitable for beginners/improvers.

2.15 - 3.15PM STUDIO
£5 per session.



YOUTH ART WORKSHOPS

Presented by Art at the Heart CIC, these classes are aimed at creative young people aged 14-19 to work with a small group learning new skills, developing their existing talent and confidence working with highly experienced art teachers. Art can be the perfect antidote to the stresses of everyday student life. Workshops also support students studying art at GCSE or A Level.

Taster session (£12) on either 9 or 16 May.
7 week course starts on 12 Sep. The next course starts on Nov 7, 16 places.

5 - 6.30PM
COURTYARD GALLERY
Course fee £84 (7 wks).



LIGHT 52 PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

with Richard Pearce

Learn all about your camera and how to use it effectively in these regular courses from Beginners in January, through Intermediate level in April and onto Advanced level starting in September. See the website for details. Adults aged 18+.

6.45 - 8.15PM STUDIO
Course fee £90.



ADULT ART WORKSHOPS

Paint or create your way to greater wellbeing in these adult (18+) art courses run by qualified artist teachers with 25+ years experience in arts education. Make new creative friends and enjoy personalised support whatever level you work at from tutors from Art at the Heart CIC.

Courses start on
2 May (4 weeks) £60 then
Thu 16 Jun (8 weeks) £120.

7 - 9PM COURTYARD GALLERY
Course fee varies - book early.

PILATES

with Nicola Holmes

Call 0787150243 to discuss suitability or any health issues you may have.

12.15 - 1PM
STUDIO

Session fee payable to tutor.

PLAYBOX NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE

Classes for young people take place on Saturday mornings for young people aged 4-20.

Visit www.playboxtheatre.com for costs/dates etc.

SAT 9.30AM - 12.30PM

Fees: Payable directly to Playbox in advance.

SATURDAY ART CLUB

Using a wide variety of art skills and learning new activities. Art at the Heart guide children to explore, enjoy and express themselves through drawing, painting and making. Topics and themes include illustration and fashion. Aimed at ages 9-14 years and pre-booked in blocks - so prices vary each term. See also Youth Art Workshops and Adult Art classes on Thursday evenings.

Terms are: 4 May (4 wks) £48 and 8 Jun (7 wks) £84.

10AM - 12NOON
COURTYARD GALLERY
Fee varies.



SATURDAY

ENCORE

WHERE FOOD GETS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

Great food - with a smile*

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. So whether

you're attending a show or not, we're always worth a visit for breakfast, lunch or snacks.

For theatre trips, add an extra sparkle to your theatre treat by pre-ordering a lunch, buffet or perhaps a decadent Afternoon Tea, before or after the show in Encore*.



Corporate Catering & Events

Encore also manage corporate events, meetings, staff training and briefing facilities in the Studio or Gallery or larger AGM meetings in our 336 seater theatre. Our busy and creative in house team can cook everything from working breakfast platters to evening curries!

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NEW! Arty Parties at The Core with Art at the Heart

Have your own Arty Party here at the Core and enjoy a fun art party plus scrumptious freshly prepared party food.

Choose one of the following themes, for children and young people:

- Painting Fun
- Glow in the Dark Slime Art
- Humongous Habitats

See website for more details of activities and sample menu.

Party package cost is £200 for up to ten participants including catering provided by the Encore Cafe, extra participants £20 per head (max. capacity 20)*.

Parties are held on Saturday afternoons 2 - 4pm (subject to availability). For all enquiries and availability email thecoretheatre@solihull.gov.uk leave a contact number and we will get back to you to discuss your Arty Party.

*Subject to availability.



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!



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 not 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.

Please follow us...



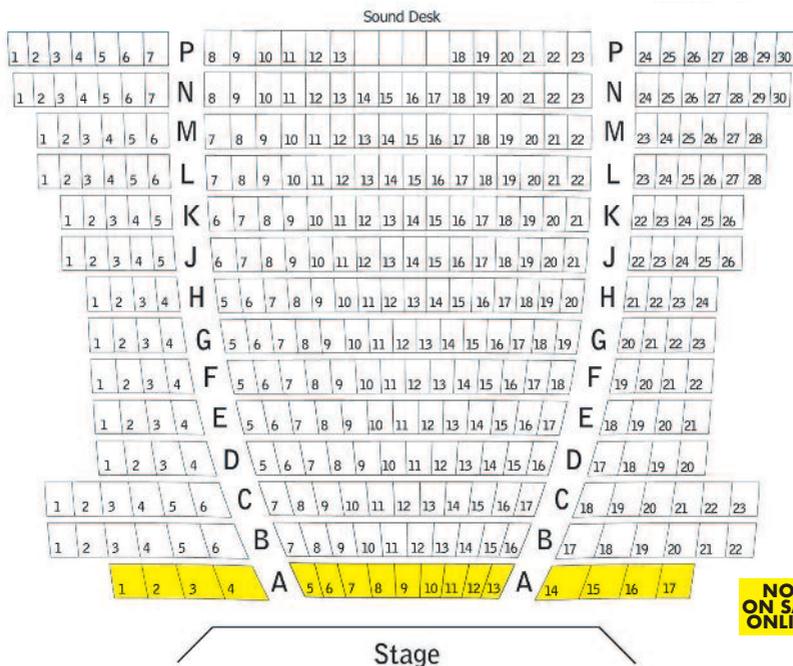
@coretheatresol

BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

Box Office currently opens Mon - Sat 9.30am - 3pm (10am Weds). They re-open 90mins before curtain-up on show nights. Opening hours may change during 2019, 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



**NOT
ON SALE
ONLINE**



COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

WED 17 APR - MON 6 MAY

ATMOSPHERE
EXHIBITION BY LINDEN ROAD ARTISTS

WED 8 - MON 20 MAY

MADE IN BIRMINGHAM
EXHIBITION BY RUNNING STITCH TEXTILE GROUP

WED 22 MAY - MON 3 JUN

SUMMER EXHIBITION
BY COVENTRY WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY

WED 5 - MON 17 JUN

SUMMER EXHIBITION
BY THE CORE COLLECTIVE

WED 19 JUN - MON 1 JUL

EXHIBITION BY PARKINSON'S UK
SOLIHULL BRANCH

WED 3 - MON 15 JUL

SOLIHULL SYNERGY SCHOOLS'
ART EXHIBITION
BY SYNERGY ART GROUP

WED 23 OCT - MON 4 NOV

EXHIBITION
BY DRAWBRIDGE ART SOCIETY

WED 6 - MON 18 NOV

EXHIBITION
BY YARDLEY SOCIETY OF ARTS

WED 20 NOV - MON 16 DEC

ARTWORK BY WOMEN ARTISTS
EXHIBITION BY TAKE 13

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.