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# CINDERELLA

By Morgan Reid

THE GREATEST PANTOMIME OF THEM ALL!

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Doomed to drudgery by her wicked stepmother and spiteful stepsisters, Cinderella dreams of escape and romance. Meanwhile King Keith of Kings Heath is making plans for a royal ball.

It's going to take all the magic her Fairy Godmother can muster to whisk Cinders from pantry to palace by pumpkin, but with her stepsisters digging their ugly heels in, it's not an easy ride to happy ever after.

The team behind the smash hit *Robin Hood* return with their most spectacular pantomime to date.

Featuring sparkling sets, fabulous frocks, side splitting slapstick and not one, but two outrageous dames, this is an unmissable treat for the whole family.

The clock is ticking so grab your tickets to the ball now!



**RELAXED PERFORMANCE**  
Thurs 30 Dec, 5.30pm

Our specially adapted performance for anyone who may find theatre visits challenging, including those with sensory sensitivities, dementia, autism spectrum disorders or learning disorders.

Everyone is welcome!

Date	Morning	Matinee	Evening
Fri 10 Dec			7pm
Sat 11 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 12 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Tues 14 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
Wed 15 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
Thurs 16 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
Fri 17 Dec	10am		7pm
Sat 18 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 19 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Tues 21 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Wed 22 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Thurs 23 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Fri 24 Dec	11am	3pm	
Sun 26 Dec		2pm	7pm
Mon 27 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Tues 28 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Wed 29 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Thurs 30 Dec		12.30pm	5.30pm (RP)
Fri 31 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
Sun 2 Jan		12.30pm	4.30pm
Mon 3 Jan	11am	3pm	

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(RP) Relaxed Performance. Not for sale online, please ask staff for details.

**Accessibility.** Any special requirements should be planned, discussed and booked early to ensure appropriate seating. Front row seats are not available online. There is a lift to first floor. Booster seats are available for children.

We're a registered See it Safely venue and Solihull Council will follow the latest Government guidelines for everyone's safety.

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# WELCOME BACK!

## WHAT A COUPLE OF YEARS WE'VE ALL HAD!

We're thrilled to be back doing what we do best! Some shows have moved dates frequently so many thanks to our loyal audiences for sticking with us.



## NEW! FILM & LIVE SCREENING

We've finally re-opened to unveil our new cinema facilities installed during lockdown. We hope our films and live screenings will complement existing provision and aim to show interesting, classic and diverse films plus foreign-language and independent films... something for everyone!

We're kicking off with a season featuring films by British Directors, and the full film and screenings programme will be available soon on our website. Plus if you have any ideas for films that deserve a showing on a big screen, any interesting themes or seasonal ideas - we'd love to hear them! Email us on the address below.

## SEE IT SAFELY

We're signed up to a national theatre initiative called **See it Safely** designed to give audiences confidence to return. Things won't be quite the same as pre-lockdown, but we'll be doing our best and ask our customers to follow any safety measures in place with kindness and patience. The Core will have extra cleaning in place and will keep audiences and staff as safe as possible. If you see something you think isn't quite right or you have a good suggestion, please talk to a member of staff (or email us) and give us the chance to explain or sort it out.



## COMMONWEALTH AND CULTURE

Solihull is delighted to be hosting several events as part of the **Commonwealth Games in 2022**. Games mascot Perry the Bull dropped in recently and we look forward to promoting wide-ranging cultural events both here and around the borough to celebrate the games. Look out for events on our website and at [visitsolihull.com](http://visitsolihull.com)



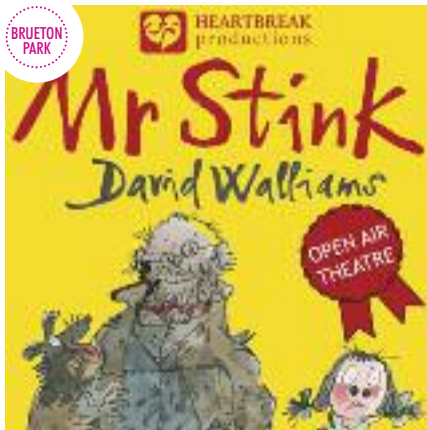
## BRAND NEW TICKETING SYSTEM

Our online seat selection facility ceased to function last December when Adobe Flash was withdrawn. Covid has prevented the installation of our new ticketing facility but everyone is working hard to install a new system this season. This will offer fantastic new online facilities, e-tickets and much more. Some minor interruption of service is inevitable, currently scheduled for 1st - 3rd Nov but details will be posted on our website in advance.

We're truly thrilled to be opening our doors to audiences. We've missed you!

Lawrence Smith, Theatre Manager

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BRUETON  
PARK**WED 25 & FRI 27 AUG, 7PM****MR STINK**

This live outdoor adaptation of Mr Stink is presented by Heartbreak Productions (rescheduled from July '21).

A delightful tale of Chloe who brings home a particularly smelly new friend one day, complete with his dog Duchess! The friendship takes them on a rewarding journey to Downing Street via the garden shed! Based on the bestseller by David Walliams.

Bring your own seating/blanket and optional picnic to the lakeside setting of Brueton Park in this fun family show for ages 7+ Please see details online regarding tickets, weather and seating. Warm clothing is recommended.

**RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £12, £11 CHILD, IN ADVANCE**

THEATRE

**SAT 28 AUG, 7PM****POP DIVAS LIVE**

Enjoy the best songs from all your favourite female stars in one fabulous fun-packed show - Pop Divas Live!

Little Mix and Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor, Ariana Grande, Beyoncé and Rihanna will drop by this pop party as four enormously talented girls bring dazzling vocals, video and choreography to Solihull's stage.

A wonderful summer holiday song and dance pop music show, perfect for any young pop fans and their parents.

**RUNNING TIME: 1HR, NO INTERVAL TICKETS: £15**

THEATRE

**FRI 3 & SAT 4 SEP, 7.30PM****THE ELO EXPERIENCE**

The legacy left by Jeff Lynne & The Electric Light Orchestra is huge. 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.

After 11 years The ELO Experience are the world's foremost tribute with a string section, stunning light show and screen projection enhancing the experience!

**RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £24**

THEATRE



TUE 7 SEP, 7.30PM

## LIONEL A TRIBUTE TO LIONEL RICHIE

Following his appearances with Lionel Richie himself on ITV's *Sunday Night At The Palladium* and the *Graham Norton Show* for the BBC, Malcolm Pitt delivers a powerhouse performance in this high octane show celebrating the music of Lionel Richie and the Commodores.

Enjoy *Dancing On The Ceiling*, *Hello*, *Three Times A Lady*, *All Night Long* and many more. This award winning production also features a stellar line-up of world class musicians including musical director, Jonny Miller from Talon.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



FRI 10 &amp; SAT 11 SEP, 7.30PM

## THE WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS SHOW 2021

A regular sell out in Solihull, direct from the West End, world-leading Elvis performer Chris Connor stars in this huge two 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. This unmissable show really is as if Elvis is performing in front of your very eyes!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £27

THEATRE



TUE 14 SEP, 7.30PM

## LUCY WORSLEY: IF WALLS COULD TALK

Lucy is Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces and a hugely popular writer, broadcaster and speaker. Her TV series have made her "The undisputed Queen of TV history" according to The Guardian.

If Walls Could Talk: An Intimate History of Your Home follows her BBC series and book as she takes a trip through the home discovering the hygiene and homely habits of the British over the past 800 years.

Lucy recreates those bygone lives around the home and this talk will make you see your home with new eyes.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 50MINS, INCL. INTERVAL AND Q&amp;A TICKETS: £25

THEATRE

**FRI 17 SEP, 2PM**

## SOLIHULL: BACK TO THE FUTURE HERITAGE EVENT

A chance to travel back in time to the Solihull of the 1940s, featuring wartime film footage taken by Councillor H. T. Lavender, as well as photos from the Council's archives held at the Core Library, presented by Tracey Williams.

Enjoy a world premiere of a brand new short video of Solihull Virtual High Street 1948, created by local designer, David Gascoigne at this informative lecture event. Unreserved seating, but please do book your free tickets.

Presented as part of Local History week. Look out for other events within this week.

**RUNNING TIME:** APPROX. 1HR **TICKETS:** FREE ENTRY

THEATRE

**FRI 17 SEP, 8PM**

## SINDHU VEE: ALPHABET

A brand-new show about the hair we want, the friends we have, and living the vast difference between virus and viral.

Expect "outspoken, frank and funny stand-up" (Evening Standard) from this Edinburgh Comedy Awards Best Newcomer nominee.

As seen on Live At The Apollo, QI, Have I Got News For You and Sex Education and heard on Radio 4's Things My Mother Never Told Me (...about lockdown) and The Guilty Feminist podcast.

Sindhu Vee is delighted to return to Solihull where she has a loyal fan base.

**RUNNING TIME:** 1HR 40MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £16.50

THEATRE

**SUN 19 SEP, 7.30PM**

## EDDI READER

Eddi Reader is perhaps Scotland's greatest living female voice. In 2021, she'll celebrate over 40 years on stage with the '40 Years Live' concert tour.

From playing the folk clubs of western Scotland Eddi's path soon led her to a professional career in music as a backing singer for The Eurythmics. Her own band Fairground Attraction had international success and huge hits with *Perfect* and debut album *First of a Million Kisses* in the 80s.

Enjoy Eddie Reader on a solo tour, where no two shows are the same. This show may include a support act.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. SUPPORT ACT & INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £22

THEATRE



WED 22 SEP, 2PM

## MALCOLM STENT IN THE AFTERNOON

Malcolm Stent remains one of the regions best-loved performers after a career spent on Midlands stages, TV and Radio WM. He received a British Empire Medal for his outstanding services to entertainment in 2018.

His guests vary each show, sometimes singers sometimes guitarists etc. His gentle humour and recollections will take you back and hopefully make you smile too. Malcolm's warmth and local interest ensures his popularity never wanes.

Spent an afternoon with Malc in the Theatre and be home by teatime!

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

THEATRE



THU 23 SEP, 7.30PM

## STARS OF IRISH COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

Join four of Ireland's favourite Country music stars all on one super show.

Owen Mac from Derry, the energetic Shawn Cuddy from Laois, the multi-talented instrumentalist and vocalist Stephen Smyth from Co. Down and Tyrone's own favourite Curtis Magee. Collectively, they've achieved over 30 No 1 hit songs and toured all over the world.

These hugely popular performers will each showcase their hits in the company of the fantastic band Keltic Storm who play with typical Irish verve and vigour!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 40MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25

STUDIO



FRI 24 SEP, 7.15PM

## HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE: BIG JIM & THE ALABAMA BOOGIE BOYS

Join us for this new series of regular music nights. Henry's Blueshouse nights take place in the relaxed atmosphere of our ground-floor Studio, with the occasional show in the main house. Big Jim & The Alabama Boogie Boys dynamic mix of blues, boogie and rock 'n' roll has made them huge favourites at Henry's Blueshouse gigs elsewhere. Formed just over a year ago by Big Jim Merris of the Red Lemon Blues Band, the Alabama Boogie Boys regularly set the room dancing.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 44MINS TICKETS: £5 (INTRODUCTORY SEASON PRICE)



THEATRE

**SAT 25 SEP, 7.30PM**

## STEP INSIDE THE 60S

Step Inside The 60s for one night only, with Dozy, Beaky Mick & Tich, and The Fortunes. A two hour 60s spectacular of pure nostalgia that may prove impossible to remain in your seat!

Be transported back to feelgood times in this fast-paced show starring Dozy Beaky Mick & Tich, and The Fortunes, hits include *The Legend of Xanadu*, *Storm In a Teacup*, *Hold Tight*, *You've Got Your Troubles*, *Save Me*, *Rainy Day Feeling* plus many more. Step back in time to when pop music was at its very best. A feelgood show to cheers us all up!

**RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £23**

THEATRE

**SUN 26 SEP, 7.30PM**

## AN AUDIENCE WITH LESLEY GARRETT

Join Britain's most popular Soprano for a delightful evening of song, reminiscences and chat. Her behind-the-scenes stories and anecdotes will give audiences a unique insight into her life on the stage and her sparkling career to date.

As well as performing on the opera and concert stage both in the UK and internationally, Lesley has recently starred in *Carousel* and *The Sound of Music* and appeared on television shows including *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Loose Women*. Lesley is delighted to be back on the road and performing in Solihull.

**RUNNING TIME: 1HR 50MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25**

THEATRE

**MON 27 SEP, 7.30PM**

## TALON - THE BEST OF EAGLES 2021

Talon have a hugely successful touring reputation and 'The Legacy Tour 2020/21' will feature the Eagles timeless back catalogue including *Hotel California*, *Take It Easy*, *One Of These Nights*, *Take It To The Limit*, *Desperado*, *Lynin' Eyes*, *Life In The Fast Lane* and many more.

This talented world class seven-piece band have truly transcended the tag of 'tribute' to become a brand name in their own right. They have stage presence and every performance becomes an EVENT garnering yet more loyal fans!

**RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £27.50**

THEATRE



TUE 28 SEP, 7.30PM

## NOT LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER

Think *The Naked Gun* and *Airplane!* mixed with a steamy costume drama in this laughter-filled parody of the D.H. Lawrence novel!

Lady Constance tires of her husbands' cold indifference and strange hobbies, so embarks on a passionate and curiously experimental affair with Mellors, the gamekeeper. Expect long contemplative looks into the middle distance, touching drama, plenty of farce and a gentle stroke of innuendo. This laughter-filled parody of the classic D.H. Lawrence novel will bring you high drama, high comedy and highly-raised eyebrows...

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 55MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



WED 29 SEP, 7.30PM

## GRAHAM GOULDMAN HEART FULL OF SONGS

10cc have enjoyed success around the world, but recognition of Graham Gouldman's solo achievements has grown too. Graham was inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame - part of America's National Academy of Music in 2014 recognised alongside Dylan, Sedaka, Bacharach and more.

His four-piece band will perform beautiful acoustic versions of his songs, like *I'm Not in Love*, *Dreadlock Holiday*, *Rubber Bullets* and many more in this perfectly crafted *Heart Full of Songs* show and new album. Any support will be advised on website.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 10MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



FRI 1 OCT, 7.30PM

## THE UPBEAT BEATLES

The Upbeat Beatles are second to none - powerhouse vocals, precision harmonies and tight musicianship. The guys have an easy, happy rapport with any crowd, giving them a reputation to be envied as the best in the business.

The show takes 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!

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

STUDIO



SAT 2 OCT, 7PM

## SUKH OJLA: LIFE SUKHS

Enjoy homegrown and international comedy talent in regular comedy nights in Solihull.

Following her debut solo run at the Edinburgh Fringe 2019, Sukh Ojla brings her brilliant solo comedy hour to Solihull. Join Sukh as she tries to figure out how to move forward in reverse. From dealing with mental illness to moving back in with her parents, Sukh explores identity, and living a double life in a searingly honest look at what happens when life doesn't go to plan.

*"As poignant as it is funny... Sukh's show can speak to you on many levels"* **Funny Women**

RUNNING TIME: 1HR TICKETS: £15

THEATRE



TUE 5 OCT, 7.30PM

## GEOFF NORCOTT: I BLAME THE PARENTS

'I Blame the Parents' is Geoff's fourth national tour, following his 'Conservative', 'Traditionalism' and 'Taking Liberties'.

This time Geoff talks less politics (maybe just a bit) but this show explores personal responsibility, parenting and who should take the blame when things go wrong. He asks what became of personal responsibility? In the age of modern victimhood, as well as previous generational issues - who can we blame when things go wrong... government, employers or maybe we can simply blame our parents?!

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £15

THEATRE



THU 7 OCT, 7.30PM

## BUDDY HOLLY & THE CRICKETERS

This breathtaking show has rock n' rolled audiences across the globe from Cardiff to California, Barking to Bangkok, Swindon to Sweden and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music and dancing in the aisles.

Starring fine actor-musicians whose combined West End credits include Buddy, Lennon, Forbidden Planet and Jailhouse Rock. Whatever the season, whatever the excuse to party, make your *Heartbeat* a little faster with the show that has thousands of returning fans the world over.

RUNNING TIME: 2 X 60MINS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



SAT 9 OCT, 7.30PM

## SOME KINDA WONDERFUL THE MUSIC OF STEVIE WONDER

Some Kinda Wonderful celebrates the lifetime genius of Stevie Wonder, with mesmeric vocalist Noel McCalla, the award winning saxophonist Derek Nash and a band of world class musicians. Enjoy hits including *Signed, Sealed, Delivered*, *Innervisions* and *Songs in the Key of Life*, as well as danceable classics *Superstition*, *For Once in My Life* and *Isn't She Lovely*, plus beautiful arrangements of *My Cherie Amour* and *Overjoyed*. This is a master-blast of a show and they're delighted to be back performing live again!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £23.50

THEATRE

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TUE 12 OCT, 2PM

## ON THE BEAT - AN AFTERNOON WITH PETE ALLEN AND HIS BAND

Join us for a music matinee to brighten your day. Internationally renowned clarinetist and bandleader Pete Allen, Honorary Citizen of New Orleans, brings his band to present a varied and exciting repertoire of happy, foot-tapping music. Performing alongside him will be much-respected musicians: Roger Marks (trombone), James Clemas (piano), Dave Hanratty (bass) and Jim Newton (drums). Together they'll give you an afternoon to remember, and you're sure to go home with a spring in your step!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



TUE 12 OCT, 7.30PM

## WANTED SCREENING

WANTED explores five extraordinary women throughout history, who all had a passion for standing up for what is right. They include; Irena Sendler, who rescued children from Nazi occupation; Olive Morris, British Black Panther and women's activist; Phoolan Devi, a fearsome Bandit Queen and ahead of her time Dr James Barry who trained as and served as a British Army doctor.

This is a screening of a powerful drama littered with humour, honesty and heart. Written and performed by Gazebo Theatre followed by a live discussion about associated issues. See website for details.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £5

THEATRE



WED 13 OCT, 7.30PM

## STEELEYE SPAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

1970 was a vintage musical year and for Steeleye Span – formed the year before and marked a major milestone as the band released their debut album *Hark The Village Wait*.

Five decades on and the band, led as ever by the iconic vocals of Maddy Prior and with a seven piece line-up featuring some hugely skilled musicians on the UK folk scene, this 50th Anniversary tour will be a celebration of the key tracks from that famous album as well as favourites and gems from their long and famous career.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 50MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25.50

THEATRE



THU 14 &amp; FRI 15 OCT, 7.30PM

## THE ROY ORBISON STORY

Barry Steele is set to put the rock back into 'The Big O' as he takes to the stage to commemorate this musical legend. Expect an upbeat night of solid gold hits as Barry and a fabulous cast of musicians and singers, celebrate the late 80s when The Big O was on the cusp of a phenomenal return to super stardom.

With guest pianist Boogie Williams they present work written but never sung by Roy Orbison before the whole cast comes together to pay homage to the era of 'The Traveling Wilburys.'

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £24

THEATRE



SAT 16 OCT, 7.30PM

## BLAKE LIVE IN CONCERT

Since forming in 2007 the Brit Award-winning vocalists have sung many of the worlds best-loved songs. This show features a return to some of their most popular songs that showcase their unique vocal harmonies. Their genuine friendship, love of music and relaxed comic banter make every show unique, ensuring a warmth and intimacy that audiences return to again and again.

Whether you are new to BLAKE or a long time fan, this will be a wonderful concert to bring hope and happiness after tough times.

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

THEATRE

**SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA**  
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHRIS DEAN

# THE ULTIMATE BIG BAND

ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE CLASSIC RECORDS TO YOU IN THE ULTIMATE  
5.5.14. JOHN RICHIE WITH POWER, BILL ALTY AND FRIENDS



**WED 20 OCT, 7.30PM**

## SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA: THE ULTIMATE BIG BAND

In 1967 Syd Lawrence formed what was to become the UK's most successful and longest running Big Band, performing in theatres all over Europe, touring with Tony Bennett, Matt Monro, Frankie Vaughan, Mel Torme and Shirley Bassey. A household name they were regulars on TV and radio.

This success continues now with virtuoso trombonist Chris Dean, filling theatres around the country, across Europe, Brazil and more.

**RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £24**

THEATRE



**THU 21 OCT, 7.30PM**

## A BLACK COUNTRY NIGHT OUT

DANDY - OLLIE SPENCER - VIVO - JOE THOMAS -  
EMMA ROLLASON as 'Dolly Allen'.

Here's a variety show bursting at the seams with talent!

Featuring Dandy - Black Country masters and popular with Peaky Blinder theme nights! Ollie Spencer returns as host with bag full of gags, Emma Rollason brings her wonderful tribute to the incomparable Dolly Allen plus Joe Thomas always makes an impression with his ukulele. The ever popular Vivo complete the set with great live music.

**RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 40MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £20**

STUDIO



**FRI 22 OCT, 7.15PM**

## HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE THE SHUFFLEPACK

Join us for Henry's Blueshouse Solihull in the relaxed atmosphere of our ground-floor Studio at The Core Theatre with the occasional Theatre show too.

The Shufflepack plays groovy, shuffling Blues in the classic style, from Chicago to the West Coast. Music from Muddy Waters, Jimmy Reed, Howlin' Wolf and the gang, plus the odd King here and there, guarantees a wailing, stomping, foot-tapping session, with some original songs lurking between the legends.

**RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 45MINS TICKETS: £5 (INTRODUCTORY PRICE)**

THEATRE



FRI 22 OCT, 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 with an all-star West End cast to the music of The Beatles, Herman's Hermits, Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Rolling Stones, Cilla Black, Manfred Mann, Dusty Springfield, Lulu, Sandy Shaw and many more to transport you back to the sights and sounds of the 'Swinging Sixties'. With over 40 songs this feast of music features a 4 piece live band and cast of 6 singers and dancers performing massive hits from the era.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



SAT 23 OCT, 7.30PM

## SIMON GOODALL & THE BOURNE AGAIN SHADOWS

Simon Goodall and the Bourne Again Shadows are widely acclaimed as the most authentic sounding Cliff/Shadows tribute act (even Sir Cliff has said so!).

With Cliff classics like *Summer Holiday*, *The Young Ones* and *Please Don't Tease*; and Shadows' instrumental hits such as *Apache*, *Wonderful Land* and *Foot-Tapper*, you'll tap your feet down memory lane! Check out their recordings and testimonials at [www.cliffshadowtribute.co.uk](http://www.cliffshadowtribute.co.uk)

A night to remember just how great those songs really were and are!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 20MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £21

THEATRE



TUE 26 OCT, 7.30PM

## BALLET THEATRE UK: THE SNOW QUEEN

Join Ballet Theatre UK in their beautiful re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale ballet, *The Snow Queen*.

This spectacular production follows the story of Gerda and her quest to find her friend taken under a spell by the Snow Queen. Gerda's fantastic adventure takes her across the frozen north with encounters along the way.

Ballet Theatre UK's renowned company of international dancers, beautiful costumes and glittering stage sets combine to create a glorious spectacle, all set to a magical score.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £16 (£15 CONCESSION)

THEATRE



FRI 29 OCT, 2PM &amp; 4PM

## TARZANNA

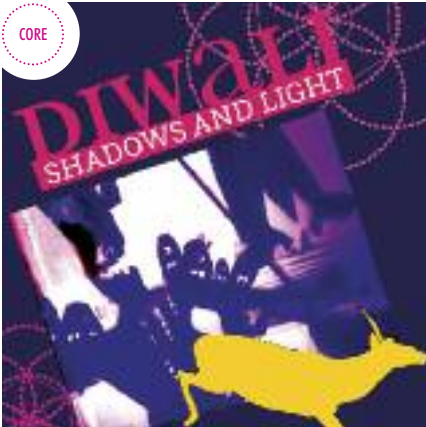
Anna doesn't like the bugs in her garden, she likes to keep things clean and tidy. But then she's transported to a rainforest world where a mischievous bunch of wild animals take her on a journey through the jungle of her dreams, teaching her the lessons of the wild.

When her new home is put in danger can Anna become a wild Tarzanna to help save her friends?

Tarzanna is a playful aerial theatre show for all the family to enjoy. Join the performers as they climb, jump and swing through the air.

RUNNING TIME: 50MINS TICKETS: £10

CORE



SAT 30 OCT, 10AM - 2.30PM

## CELEBRATING DIWALI

Join us to celebrate Diwali: Shadow & Light, a series of family friendly activities at The Core, Solihull. Choose from interactive workshops incl. Shadow Puppet-making; Indian Miniature Painting; Dance; Glow Sculpture; Story-telling, or take part in creating Community Artwork to help us to tell the Diwali Story.

Children can enter our Diwali Arts Competition - this year we're searching for imaginative interpretations of the Magical Golden Deer (age categories: 5-6, 7-9, 10-13) details to follow on the website.

Themed authentic Indian food will be served from Encore Cafe Bar!

THEATRE



THU 11 NOV, 7.30PM

## TWISTIN' THE NIGHT AWAY WITH SI CRANSTOUN

Prepare to party when the Vintage King SI CRANSTOUN and his band make a welcome appearance with their blend of Doo Wop, Soul and Rocking Rhythm & Blues.

The show is a highly charged, toe-tapping journey, driven by retro dance rhythms and spearheaded by Si Cranstoun's dynamic stage presence and a voice which echos those of Jackie Wilson, Sam Cooke and the great black American singers of old. Hits from Swing, Rock n Roll, Rhythm & Blues, Soul and Ska makes this an unmissable night in the company of a showman.

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



THEATRE



**SAT 13 NOV, 10.30PM, 1.30PM & 4PM**  
**STICK MAN**

Touching, funny and utterly original, Freckle Productions' delightful adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's *Stick Man* is back in town!

What starts off as a morning jog becomes quite the misadventure for Stick Man: a dog wants to play fetch with him, a swan builds a nest with him, and he even ends up on a fire! How will Stick Man ever get back to the family tree?

This award-winning production features a trio of top actors and is packed full of puppetry, songs, live music and funky moves. Early booking is recommended.

**RUNNING TIME:** 50MINS **TICKETS:** £14.50 (£12.50 CHILD, SUITABLE AGE: 3+)

STUDIO



**SAT 13 NOV, 7PM**  
**DESI CENTRAL COMEDY**

Desi Central Comedy Tour brings laughter to Solihull with a host and trio of new and established acts with comedy performances by; Hyde Panaser, Noreen Khan, Eshaan Akbar and Nabil Abdulrashid.

Providing memorable, quality shows all over the UK since 2009 including homegrown and international talent to appeal to comedy lovers of all ages and backgrounds. A perfect place to spend a guaranteed fun night out where you can unwind, relax and have a laugh with friends, family or work colleagues. Get tickets to Desi Central Comedy Show for a great night out.

**RUNNING TIME:** 2HRS 15MIN, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £18, AGE: 16+

THEATRE



**TUE 16 NOV, 7.30PM**  
**MALCOLM STENT'S SONGS OF PRAISE CHRISTMAS SHOW**

This musical show is packed with Christmas music, carols and band pieces from the West Midlands Fellowship Band of the Salvation Army (conducted by Bandmaster Charles King), with piano-accompanied songs and comedy. Hosted by Malcolm Stent with his trademark wit and warmth and with song from silky-voiced soprano Maggie O'Hara. They are accompanied by pianist David Lane. Sit back and listen or sing and laugh along as you wish as this show raises funds for the Salvation Army's continuing work.

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

THEATRE



FRI 19 NOV, 7.15PM

## HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE AIN'T NOTHING BUT THE BLUES

Enjoy a triple bill from Henry's Blueshouse in the main Theatre. Tipitina deliver rocking music from New Orleans. Not strictly jazz but jazz enough to be voted 3rd in the Best Small Group category of 2017 British Jazz Awards.

The Whiskey Brothers perform songs at UK and international festivals from the great American authentic blues tradition plus their own lively material. Smethwick's Chickenbone John & Harmonica Dave have delivered raw blues on Cigar Box Guitar and Harmonica together for 17 years.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £12

THEATRE



FRI 10 DEC - MON 3 JAN, VARIOUS

## CINDERELLA 2021 PANTOMIME

Doomed to drudgery by her spiteful stepsisters she dreams of escape and it'll take all the magic her Fairy Godmother can muster to whisk her to the ball!

Featuring sparking sets, fab frocks, slapstick and TWO outrageous dames this is a treat for the whole family, Presented by award-winning Little Wolf Theatre in partnership with The Core Theatre.

Relaxed Performance: Specially for those who would benefit, including dementia or those with additional or sensory needs.

SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER FOR DETAILS

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## CLASSES & COURSES

We're delighted to offer a wide range of classes and courses including these:-

<b>MONDAY</b>	HATHA YOGA, PILATES, STEPPIN' OUT
<b>TUESDAY</b>	STORYTIME
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	HATHA YOGA, RHYMETIME, GENTLE YOGA, STEPPIN' OUT, AFTER SCHOOL ART, CREATIVE SOUNDS, YOUTH PROJECT
<b>THURSDAY</b>	ART CLASSES, SING SOLIHULL CHOIR, EVENING YOGA, LIGHT 52 PHOTOGRAPHY
<b>FRIDAY</b>	TAI CHI, ART CLASSES, MEET & PLAY, YOGA, GENTLE YOGA
<b>SATURDAY</b>	MUSIC SERVICE, SAT ART CLUB, ARTLAB

View full details and book online [www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk](http://www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk) or call Box Office.



## 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.

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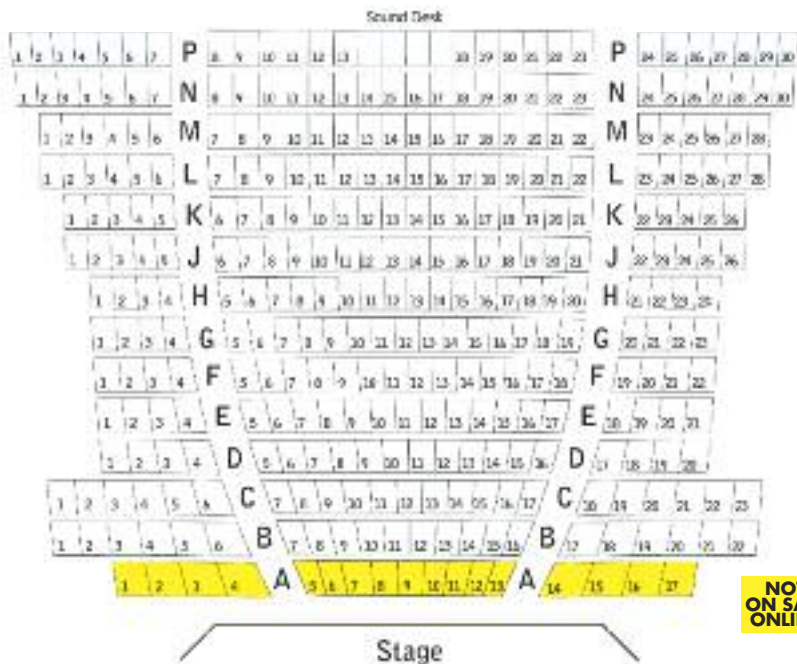
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## BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

Box office currently opens Mon - Sat 9.30-2.30pm but is subject to change - see website. They re-open 90mins before curtain-up on show nights. Call for up to date info before making a special trip to visit Box Office.

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](http://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

# FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS SPRING 2022

FRI 14 JAN	<b>BEN HART: WONDER</b>
FRI 21 JAN	<b>THE BILLY FURY YEARS</b>
TUE 25 & WED 26 JAN	<b>ONE NIGHT IN DUBLIN</b>
SAT 29 JAN	<b>GO NOW! THE MUSIC OF THE MOODY BLUES</b>
MON 7 FEB	<b>LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW</b>
TUE 8 FEB	<b>FAIRPORT CONVENTION</b>
THU 10 FEB	<b>BOOGIE WILLIAMS AND FRIENDS</b>
SAT 12 FEB	<b>BACK TO THE SIXTIES TWO - BROTHERS IN SONG</b>
THU 17 FEB	<b>SOMEONE LIKE YOU - THE ADELE SONGBOOK</b>
FRI 18 & SAT 19 FEB	<b>THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY</b>
WED 23 FEB	<b>ED BYRNE - IF I'M HONEST...</b>
SAT 26 FEB	<b>ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW &amp; THE LOW RIDERS</b>
THU 17 MAR	<b>LOST VOICE GUY: CEREBRAL LOL-SY</b>
FRI 18 MAR	<b>THE MANFREDS</b>
SAT 19 MAR	<b>CROONERS</b>
TUE 29 MAR	<b>JIMMY BUCKLEY</b>
WED 30 MAR	<b>HERMAN'S HERMITS</b>

## COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

WED 1 SEP - MON 13 SEP

### **TREE OF REFLECTION RESIDENCY**

CASB Social Prescribers and organisations combine to create this interactive expression of feelings following the Covid pandemic

WED 15 SEP - MON 11 OCT

### **AN EXHIBITION BY THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - ANALOGUE SOCIETY**

Dynamic works of film, darkroom & alternative processes

WED 13 OCT - MON 8 NOV

### **DIWALI EXHIBITION 2021**

Artwork created by participants in Art sessions at the Core provided by Art at the Heart CIC



WED 10 NOV - MON 22 NOV

### **SOLIHULL CREATIVE TEXTILES PRESENT STORIES IN STITCHES**

Individual and collaborative creations

WED 24 NOV - MON 6 DEC

### **AN EXHIBITION BY VISUAL ARTS FORUM**