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THE FURRY-TAIL
PANTOMIME ADVENTURE!



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

by Morgan Brind

9 Dec '22 - 2 Jan '23



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Little
WOLF
entertainment

"a Christmas triumph with lots of surprises"

BIRMINGHAM MAIL (CINDERELLA 2021)

In the pretty French village of Catherine-de-Barmy, bookish Belle is ready to start a new chapter and find some adventure.

However Belle, and her friend Jacques and his mum, Betty the local bell ringer, get much more than they bargained for when they find themselves trapped inside the enchanted castle of a mysterious beast.

Will true love conquer all? Will the curse of the Enchantress ever be broken? Will Betty drop a clanger?

The award winning Little Wolf Entertainment (the team behind *Cinderella* and *Robin Hood*) return with even more shimmering sets, outrageous costumes, magic and mayhem in this brand new furry-tail pantomime adventure!

You won't belle-ieve your eyes!

RELAXED PERFORMANCE

Thursday 29th December (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
09 Dec			7pm
10 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
11 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
12 Dec	NO PERFORMANCES		
13 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
14 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
15 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
16 Dec	10am		7pm
17 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
18 Dec	NO PERFORMANCES		
19 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
20 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
21 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
22 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
23 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
24 Dec	11am	3pm	
25 Dec	MERRY CHRISTMAS!		
26 Dec		2pm	7pm
27 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
28 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
29 Dec		12.30pm	5.30pm (RP)
30 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
31 Dec	11am	3pm	
01 Jan	NO PERFORMANCES		
02 Jan		12.30pm	4.30pm

School Performances - Contact the Box Office

£22 Full Price, £20 Concession

£80 Family (2+2), Group Discount (1 in 10 FREE)

£22 Full Price, £20 Concession

(RP) Relaxed Performance. For audiences who may benefit from a more relaxed environment. Not for sale online, please ask staff for details.

Access/Mobility. 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.

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ON THE BIG SCREEN

Check out our cinema facilities. Tickets are on sale in advance via website or Box Office or at the Bar on the night - just turn up and ask!

WED 22 JUNE, 7.30PM

KING RICHARD (12A)

Discover the story behind Venus and Serena Williams' tennis success.

WED 29 JUNE, 7.30PM

OUR LADIES (15)

Five Scottish schoolgirls run riot in Edinburgh during a choir competition.

WED 6 JULY, 7.30PM

BELFAST (12A)

The story of a young boy living in Belfast during the tumultuous 1960s.

WED 13 JULY, 7.30PM

NIGHTMARE ALLEY (15)

A devious carnival conman may have met his match in a beguiling psychiatrist.

TUE 2 AUGUST, 2PM

BIG HERO 6 (PG)

Along with his robot friend Baymax, young genius Hiro forms a team of high-tech superheroes.

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HOME (U)

An alien on the run from his planet, befriends a young girl named Tip on Earth.

TUE 16 AUGUST, 2PM

WRECK IT RALPH (PG)

Tired of being the bad guy, Wreck It Ralph travels outside his video game and into others.

TUE 23 AUGUST, 2PM

THE LEGO MOVIE (U)

LEGO figurine Emmett and his friends must save their world from being glued together forever.

FILM
TICKETS
£5*



Event Cinema CinemaLive

We are delighted to introduce Event Cinema screenings to our film programme, in partnership with CinemaLive.

SAT 11 JUNE, 7.30PM

LA TRAVIATA

Watch Verdi's popular La Traviata performed on the Sydney Harbour water stage.

EVENT
CINEMA
TICKETS
£12*



*Prices correct at time of printing, May 2022

National Theatre Screenings

This Autumn, we are excited to announce that we will be showing a selection of National Theatre Live and Encore screenings. Please see individual entries for details on Much Ado About Nothing and Jack Absolute Flies Again.



View our full film and screenings programme at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

GREAT TO BE BACK!

Regulars and newcomers of all ages are back enjoying a wide variety of entertainment on offer all year at The Core. We've added 'Event Screenings' to our activity programme. Enjoy ballet, opera or National Theatre performance screenings at a fraction of the cost of attending live, so worth a look.

We've been hugely busy behind the scenes planning cultural activities as part of the Birmingham 2022 Festival and the Queen's Baton Relay coming to Solihull on 26th July. Visitsolihull.co.uk has full details.

Encore Café Bar continues to offer great quality produce and friendly service in our spacious ground floor café with accessible toilets, baby change and full 'changing places' facilities. A great place to meet friends, enjoy lunch or an indulgent Afternoon Tea. The Core Library now has a new 'Dwell' area on the ground floor, perfect for sitting with a cuppa and browsing books, newspapers or magazines in a peaceful oasis of calm.

Pantomime makes a welcome return with our first ever run of Beauty and the Beast, again in partnership with the award-winning Little Wolf Entertainment. Written by their own Morgan Brind, who was lauded at this years Pantomime Awards 2022 winning 'Best Dame', so we can't wait to open this show and a sell-out run is predicted so book early.

Solihull Music Service has moved to The Core and it's fantastic to see young musicians learning and rehearsing all around the building... surely some are destined to become our next generation of star performers.

Enjoy our new programme and we look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Lawrence Smith

Lawrence Smith, Theatre Manager

Email thecoretheatre@solihull.gov.uk



DWELL AREA



CAFÉ BAR



CHANGING PLACES



MORGAN BRIND - DAME



SOLIHULL MUSIC SERVICE

THEATRE



THU 9 JUN, 7.30PM

TALON THE ACOUSTIC COLLECTION

Featuring many Eagles classics 'In The Raw' features breathtakingly beautiful acoustic arrangements and personal favourites from artistes like James Taylor, Simon & Garfunkel, 10cc, Michael Jackson, Billy Joel, The Eagles, Pink Floyd, Toto, Bee Gee's and many more in a brand new show.

"Great musicianship, major label production standards and the tightest harmonies you will hear this side of Crosby, Stills & Nash" **Maverick Magazine** (UK's biggest Country Music title).

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £22

THEATRE



SAT 11 JUN, 7.30PM

LA TRAVIATA (SCREENING)

NEW

Verdi's hugely popular La Traviata returns to the Sydney Harbour water stage featuring a breath-taking soaring nine metre high, 3.5 ton chandelier covered in 10,000 shimmering Swarovski crystals. This glamorous sell out production was captured on location on Sydney Harbour in 2021.

La Traviata features timeless romantic arias, lively choreography, beautiful costumes and spectacular fireworks.

Please note this is an evening Encore screening of Verdi's La Traviata, not a live performance.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 25MINS INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12

THEATRE



TUE 14 - SAT 18 JUN, 2PM & 7.30PM

MADE IN DAGENHAM

Rita's life is about to change forever when it's announced that the girls in the stitching room of Ford's Dagenham car plant will have their pay grade dropped to 'unskilled'. Rita leads her friends in a battle against the might of Ford and the corruption of the Union supposed to protect them.

Funny, touching and timeless, showing ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they stand together. Presented by Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society.

Ages 12+ due to frequent use of strong language.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** TUE - THU £18 (£16 CONC.),
FRI - SAT £20 (£19 CONC.) **AGE:** 12+

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BRUETON
PARK

TUE 19 JUL, 7PM

TWELFTH NIGHT SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Heartbreak Productions brings you Shakespeare's Twelfth Night as you've never seen it before!

Adapted for today's reality-tv focused audiences, this outdoor production keeps close enough to the Bard's to appeal to aficionados, but wraps up the themes of obsessive love and its subterfuges in a 'Love Island meets Big Brother' package.

Pack a picnic, etc, bring a seat/blanket and dress for the weather. We can't wait to welcome you back to the island to find out what has become of our couples.

TICKETS: £13 (£12 CONC. £8 CHILDREN) AGE: 7+

THEATRE



FRI 29 - SAT 30 JUL, 2PM & 7PM

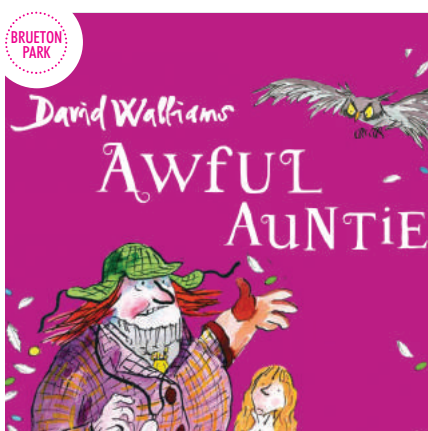
ON YER BIKE SOLIHULL

A community musical play which will be performed by the people of the Borough live outdoors in Jubilee Gardens, in July. These three further shows offer the chance for others to see it live on stage at The Core.

Remember learning and riding a bike as a child? Perhaps you now ride to work or keep fit cycling or just do your bit for the climate?

This community musical features the Blythe family who are passionate about cycling and explore Solihull's contribution to the story of the bicycle.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 60MINS TICKETS: SEE WEBSITE

BRUETON
PARK

WED 3 AUG, 7PM

AWFUL AUNTIE

David Walliams' fun tale of Stella whose parents died leaving her alone with her truly Awful Auntie (whose best friend is a vicious owl) who tried everything to torment Stella into signing over the deeds to the family home - Saxby Hall. Stella's friends come to the rescue joining her battle to save the Hall.

Enjoy this tale of owls, ghosts, chases, escapes and more in the lakeside setting of Brueton Park, adapted by Heartbreak Productions. Bring your own blanket/seat and optional picnic. See website for full details of ticketing.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £13 (£12 CHILD) AGE: 6+

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SOLIDAYS - HOLIDAY FUN IN SOLIHULL

Look out for a special Solidays leaflet at The Core or any branch library with full details of holiday activities for families. Here's a handful but check online for up to date listings and full details.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE **GADGETEERS**

The Summer Reading Challenge aims to get young people enjoying reading and this year the theme is **Gadgets**. Children can participate either within libraries or online. Families can sign up at any local library to join the Gadgets challenge. Staff can help find books and give children fun reading activities plus a collector poster and stickers - it's free to join and the challenge lasts all summer! www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



THEATRE FUN



TWELFTH NIGHT TUE 19 JUL, AGE 7+

Shakespeare is given a modern twist as Love Island meets Big Brother in this live outdoor adaptation. See page 7 for details of outdoor shows.

AWFUL AUNTIE WED 3 AUG, AGE 6+

Hilarious adaptation of David Walliams' novel performed outdoors in Brueton Park. See page 7 for details.



PLAY IN A DAY

This Summer the REP is bringing an exciting Play-in-a-Day Summer School experience to Solihull. Young people will work together to tell stories, play theatre games and participate in a performance.

A great chance to boost confidence, express emotions and work with others in a memorable theatre experience that family can see at the end of the day.

Runs 10am - 3pm.

- 8 AUG THE LOFT CHELMSLEY WOOD LIBRARY (AGE 7-11)
- 9 AUG THE CORE SOLIHULL (AGE 7-11)
- 10 AUG BALSALL COMMON LIBRARY (AGE 8-13)
- 11 AUG THE CORE SOLIHULL (AGE 12-15)
- 12 AUG THE LOFT, CHELMSLEY WOOD LIBRARY (AGE 12-15)

TUESDAY FILM



A chance to see fun films on the big screen. Films start at 2pm and other activities including fun holiday workshops are planned within The Core before each film.

See the website for full details or pick up a Solidays leaflet at The Core or any branch library.

BIG HERO 6 (PG) 2 AUG

Join a team of high-tech superheroes.

HOME (U) 9 AUG

An alien is on the run from his own planet.

WRECK IT RALPH (PG) 16 AUG

Ralph travels outside his video game into others.

THE LEGO MOVIE (U) 23 AUG

Can Emmett save the world from being glued together.



SOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES

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THEATRE



FRI 2 SEP, 7.30PM

LIONEL A TRIBUTE TO LIONEL RICHIE

Following his recent appearances with Lionel Richie himself on ITVs 'Sunday Night At The Palladium' and BBCs 'Graham Norton Show' Malcolm Pitt delivers a powerhouse and breathtaking performance in this high octane show celebrating the music of Lionel Richie and The Commodores.

This award-winning production also features fantastic musicians including musical director Jonny Miller from Talon. Enjoy; *Dancing On The Ceiling*, *Hello*, *Three Times A Lady*, *Easy*, *All Night Long* and many more.

lioneltribute.co.uk

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



THU 8 - SUN 11 SEP, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

CALENDAR GIRLS THE MUSICAL

Calendar Girls the Musical, written by Gary Barlow and Tim Firth is based on the 2003 hit film.

When Annie's husband dies she and friends start fundraising for the hospital and decide to print a calendar with a difference. Members of their local branch of the Women's Institute discreetly posing in the nude! Initially greeted with great scepticism, could this be done... and more importantly would it raise any funds?! A heart-warming and inspiring true story of friendship and support within a group of ladies who achieved something extraordinary.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 45MINS TICKETS: £20 AGE: 10+

THEATRE



SAT 17 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.

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

THEATRE



WED 21 SEP, 7.30PM

THE WONDER OF STEVIE

Celebrating the genius of Stevie Wonder, mesmeric vocalist, Noel McCalla, award-winning saxophonist, Derek Nash and a world-class band present a diverse back catalogue of classic hits, from 1970s *Signed, Sealed, Delivered* through to hits from *Talking Book*, *Innervisions*, *Songs in the Key of Life* and *Hotter than July*.

Enjoy hit after hit, from dance floor classics *I Wish* and *Superstition* to beautiful arrangements of *My Cherie Amour* and *Overjoyed*, this is a real 'master blaster' of a show!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £26.50

THEATRE



THU 22 SEP, 7.30PM

STARS OF IRISH COUNTRY MUSIC 2022

Join four of the Emerald Isles favourite Country music stars all in one super show. Enjoy the angelic voiced Owen Mac from Derry, with energetic Laois man Shawn Cuddy, plus multi-talented instrumentalist and vocalist Stephen Smyth from Portaferry and Co. Tyrone's favourite son Curtis Magee. They've notched up 30+ No 1 hit songs and toured worldwide.

Each will showcase their own hits plus other great songs with fantastic backing band Keltic Storm. Book early to enjoy this foot tapping, hand clapping Irish Country magic!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25

STUDIO



FRI 23 SEP, 7.15PM

HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE CHICKENBONE JOHN & RICKY COOL

Henry's Blueshouse nights take place in the relaxed atmosphere of our ground-floor Studio at The Core, starting with a performer Q&A at 7.15pm then music from 8pm. Chickenbone John returns, joined by Brum favourite Ricky Cool. John is Smethwick's king of the Cigar Box guitar making and playing his own instruments, delivering raw, pure blues! Ricky delivers great, danceable music and has toured with Billy Connolly, shared a stage with George Harrison and played alongside Robert Plant.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £7

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THEATRE



FRI 23 SEP, 7PM

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

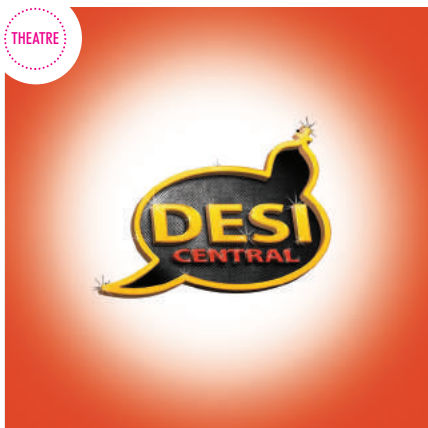
An ENCORE performance of Shakespeare's comedy from the National Theatre.

Set on the Italian Riviera with a cast including Katherine Parkinson (Home, I'm Darling, The IT Crowd) and John Heffernan (Dracula, She Stoops to Conquer). The family-run Hotel Messina is the setting for this tale of love and deception featuring the hotel owners daughter and a dashing soldier.

Director Simon Godwin (Twelfth Night, Antony and Cleopatra) returns following the award-winning success of his Romeo & Juliet film.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £15 FULL (£10 STUDENT UNDER 16)

THEATRE



SAT 24 SEP, 6.30PM

DESI CENTRAL COMEDY SHOW

Comedy night presented by LUV Entertainment includes Kane Brown, Firuz Ozari and Tez Ilyas, hosted by Tommy Sandhu. Another great comedy night provided at The Core Theatre by LUV Entertainment who pride themselves on presenting and championing comedians who appeal to comedy lovers of all ages and backgrounds. See also shows on 15th and 28th October.

The perfect place to come to for a guaranteed fun night out where comedy fans can unwind, relax and have a laugh with friends, family or work colleagues.

TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



MON 26 & TUE 27 SEP, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS

Join the cast of 'Rolling Back The Years' as they take you on a roller coaster ride of music, dance, and laughter from 1950s, 60s, 70s and beyond.

This big show stars West End and international vocalists plus the Timeless Showgirls. With dazzling costumes, choreographed for each decade with a hint of comedy.

Enjoy songs by Neil Sedaka, The Beatles, Frank Sinatra, Jersey Boys, Elvis Presley, Showaddywaddy and many more... this is the ultimate feel good show, guaranteed to have audiences singing along.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



WED 28 SEP, 7.30PM

TALON - THE BEST OF EAGLES

25th ANNIVERSARY TOUR

Talon have reached an incredible 25th Anniversary Tour - again featuring 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'. Now a brand name in their own right - revered by their peers and dearly loved by their huge fan base. "Talon perform the songs of the Eagles with reverence and super talent" **Jack Tempchin - Eagles Hit Songwriter.**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £28.50

THEATRE



FRI 30 SEP & SAT 1 OCT, 7.30PM

THE ROY ORBISON STORY 2022

Barry Steele and a fabulous cast of musicians and singers will take you on a musical journey from The Black and White Night right through to the Traveling Wilburys and beyond with so much more in between.

They promise they'll have you dancing in those aisles, in an evening packed with Rock and Soul. There are plenty of new features, songs and reworkings such as great versions of *Blue Hotel* and *Wicked Game* as recorded by Chris Isaak and a song written by Roy and recorded by K D Lang.

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

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THEATRE



THU 6 OCT, 7PM

JACK ABSOLUTE FLIES AGAIN

An ENCORE screening from National Theatre of this rollicking new comedy by Richard Bean (*One Man, Two Guvnors*) and Oliver Chris (*Twelfth Night*).

Cast includes; Caroline Quentin (*Jonathan Creek*), Laurie Davidson (*Guilty Party*), Natalie Simpson (*Three Sisters*) and Kelvin Fletcher (*Emmerdale*).

July 1940, Pilot Jack Absolute flies home to woo his old flame Lydia Languish. But Jack's advances turn to anarchy when she demands to be loved on her own, very particular, terms! Emily Burns (*The Comeback*) directs this spectacularly entertaining new version of Sheridan's *The Rivals*.

RUNNING TIME: 180MINS TICKETS: £15 FULL (£10 STUDENT UNDER 16)

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FRI 7 OCT, 7.30PM

EVENING WITH CLIVE JOHN

Johnny Cash Roadshow's front man Clive John presents a performance of award winning songwriting in a new show.

Singing since he was 6 his talent got him a record deal in 1999 heralding his successful 20 year solo artist career, with 8 original albums and extensive touring in the UK and overseas.

He also tours his hugely popular 'Johnny Cash' stage show performing as the Country star but for this one-off show Clive John and his 'Spirit' band reignite choice classics from his own songwriting and performing career.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 15MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £25

THEATRE



SAT 8 OCT, 7.30PM

DIRE STREETS

Fronted by guitar ace John Brunson and his band of accomplished musicians, they play with an attention to detail and musicianship that marks them as the stand-out Dire Straits tribute in the UK. For this concert they'll be joined by special guest Steve Wiltshire on Sax and Flute.

Covering tracks from early classics like *Sultans of Swing* and *Lady Writer*, through to the mega-hits of the 80s and *Brothers in Arms*, including versions and tracks from the legendary album *Alchemy* plus Live Aid and Mandela concerts.

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

THEATRE



TUE 11 OCT, 2PM

KEITH SLATER'S 60S CELEBRATION

Turn on, tune in and drop out as we take you on a musical journey through the 60s with Keith Slater. The Swinging Sixties gave us: the Mini car! the Mini skirt! World cup heroes... and teenagers! A show full of classic songs from The Beatles, The Searchers, The Beach Boys, Peter Sarsted and many more.

More than just a man with his guitar, this show includes modern day computer graphics using larger than life banners, lighting and screen projection directed and compiled by Paul James (Zoom Motion).

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £12

THEATRE



FRI 14 & SAT 15 OCT, 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! Tracks like *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 a multi-award winning tribute with a sensational string section, a great light show with and large screen projection to enhance the experience.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £25

STUDIO



SAT 15 OCT, 6.30PM

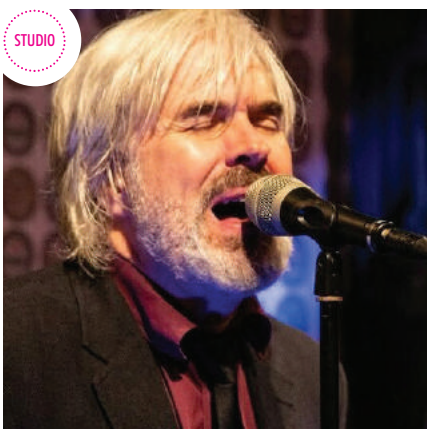
COBO COMEDY SHUTDOWN BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL

COBO: Comedy Shutdown brings a Black History Month Special so round up your friends to join us for an uplifting night of laughter! If you've never been to one of these nights before then get ready for an evening of rip-roaring, belly laughs!

Packed with jokes but also celebrates the vast array of comedic talent and intent on championing comedians who appeal to comedy lovers of all backgrounds - so grab your tickets and head down for a night of good vibes!

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £18

STUDIO



FRI 21 OCT, FROM 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. The music starts around 8pm but is preceded by a Q&A from around 7.15pm

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, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £7

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FRI 21 OCT, 7.30PM

DOM JOLY'S HOLIDAY SNAPS

Dom Joly is best known as the creator of Trigger Happy TV. And now the writer and broadcaster is back on tour talking about his exploits as a serial globe-trotter to dangerous travel spots.

From North Korea, the Congo, Syria to Chernobyl, he's visited some seriously unusual places. Armed with a trusty Powerpoint, audiences can expect his holiday snaps to provide comedy and a sense of danger. The best-selling author will meet fans after the show to sign copies of his book, The Hezbollah Hiking Club.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 50MINS, INCL. INTERVAL AND Q&A **TICKETS:** £21.50

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SAT 22 OCT, 7.30PM

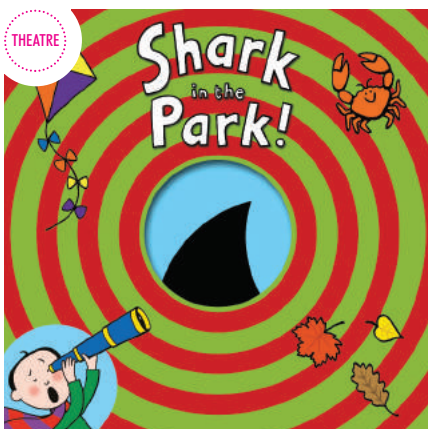
BUDDY HOLLY & THE CRICKETERS

This breathtaking show has rock'n'rolled audiences across the globe from Cardiff to California, Barking to Bangkok and 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: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20

THEATRE



WED 26 OCT, 1PM & 3PM

SHARK IN THE PARK

A fun family show for half term. Timothy Pope is looking through his telescope – but wait, is that a Shark, in the Park!? From the creative team behind 'The Hairy Maclary show' - see all three of Nick Sharratt's 'Shark in the Park' books live on stage in one show!

The 50 minute performance features; Shark in the Park, Shark in the Dark and Shark in the Park on a Windy Day. This fin-tastic, family musical follows Timothy Pope (and his telescope!) on his exciting adventures.

Early booking recommended.

RUNNING TIME: 50MINS **TICKETS:** £10

THEATRE



FRI 28 OCT, 6.30PM

THE INDIANS ARE COMING! DIWALI DHAMAKA

The Indians Are Coming: Diwali Dhamaka brings some of the circuit's funniest acts for an evening of fun and laughter. Brought to you by LUV Entertainment, a multiple award winning provider of comedy events since 2009.

Following on from The Muslims are Coming show in May... The Indians are Coming comedy tour features established and new comedy talent - both homegrown and international. Comedians who appeal to comedy lovers of all ages and backgrounds will guarantee a fun night out where you can unwind, relax and have a laugh with friends, family or work colleagues.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £18

THE CORE



SAT 29 OCT, 10AM - 3PM

DIWALI: LIGHT, SHADOWS & NEON TOO!

Join us to celebrate our annual Community Diwali - Festival of Light event. A series of family friendly creative activities shaped by the local community over the last 5 years.

Activities include; community lantern and Rangoli pattern-making plus Indian block printing and much more.

You can help us re-tell the Diwali story through miniatures, maxiatures, poetry, dance, and shadow puppet-making (followed by a community performance).

Events are both drop-in and ticketed so see website for full details.

THEATRE



TUE 1 - SAT 5 NOV, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

ELF THE MUSICAL

Everyone knows when Christmas is approaching when Elf appears on TV!

This performance, staged by STAMPS (St Alphege Musical Production Society) is based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity.

Expect musical fun and silliness for all ages in this timeless comedy romp that will get the whole family feeling more festive!

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £17 - £18

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



TUE 8 NOV, 7.30PM

FOSTER & ALLEN

International recording artists Foster & Allen are celebrating their 45th Anniversary in the music business with their 'We'll Meet Again' tour.

The much loved duo, purveyors of fine Irish music known to generations, Foster & Allen completed a brand new 20 track album which was released earlier in 2022. The album is aptly called 'We'll Meet Again' which features their version of the Vera Lynn classic song plus some original songs.

Foster & Allen sell out effortlessly so early booking is recommended.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS **TICKETS:** £29

THEATRE



THU 10 NOV, 7.30PM

TWIST AND SHOUT

This fantastic musical era 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 a 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.

Covering Brit Pop in 1962 through to Flower Power with a 4 piece live band and 6 singer/dancers performing 40+ songs the audience will know and love.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £24 (£23)

THEATRE



TUE 15 - SAT 19 NOV, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

KIPPS THE NEW HALF A SIXPENCE MUSICAL

Flash, Bang, Wallop! Join this new masterful adaptation of H.G. Wells' semi-autobiographical novel 'Kipps'. This new work has reinvented the musical Half a Sixpence for the modern age and this stellar creative team that reinvented Mary Poppins for Cameron Mackintosh have returned the musical to its literary roots plus a brilliantly infectious new score.

This feelgood musical Kipps is presented in Solihull by St Augustine's Musical Theatre Company and aims to send audiences home smiling!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20

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STUDIO



FRI 18 NOV, FROM 7.15PM

HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE BIG JIM & THE ALABAMA BOOGIE BOYS

Henry's Blueshouse nights take place in the relaxed atmosphere of our ground-floor Studio at The Core Theatre, with the occasional show in the main house. Music starts at 8pm preceded by a Q&A with the performers.

Big Jim and The Alabama Boogie Boys dynamic mix of Blues, Boogie and Rock'n'Roll has made them huge favourites at Henry's Blueshouse venues. Formed by Big Jim Merris of the Red Lemon Blues Band, the Alabama Boogie Boys regularly set the room dancing.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £7

THEATRE



WED 23 NOV

DONE TO DEATH, BY JOVE!

The Great British Detective tradition! Holmes & Watson meet Poirot and Miss Marple (alongside the usual suspects) in a spoof homage - who murdered Lady Fanshawe? Why is Matron Maudesly so friendly with a guest at the Clinic of Hopes and Cures!? Why are the sound cues confused?

Gavin Robertson and Nicholas Collett attempt this 6-actor show, given the other 4 are stuck in a broken-down van on the M6. With two men playing six roles what could possibly go wrong?! Find out who dun what and how...

Warning: Contains hats!

RUNNING TIME: TBC - SEE WEBSITE **TICKETS:** £15 (£13)

THEATRE



THU 24 NOV, 7.30PM

THE MIDLAND YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA & SPECIAL GUEST

MYJO have been entertaining audiences with consistently high standards for decades! This wonderful Christmas concert will be performed by the multi-award winning Orchestra plus a special guest who will be known nearer the time (check the website).

MYJO have won the Big Band Competitions so many times they had to change the rules to give other bands the chance to win... find out why in this Christmas themed show.

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

NOV

Box Office 0121 704 6962



FRI 9 DEC - MON 2 JAN, VARIOUS BEAUTY & THE BEAST

In a pretty French village, Belle and her friend Jacques and his mum, Betty the local bell ringer, get much more than they bargained for when they find themselves trapped inside the enchanted castle of a mysterious beast. Will true love conquer all? Will the curse of the Enchantress ever be broken? Will Betty drop a clanger?

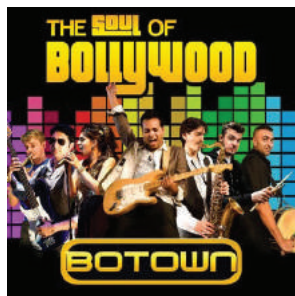
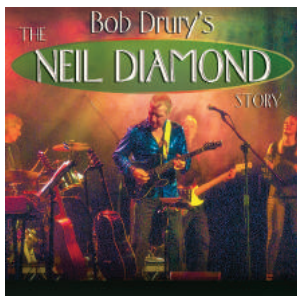
The award-winning Little Wolf Entertainment (the team behind Cinderella and Robin Hood) return with more shimmering sets, outrageous costumes, magic and mayhem in this brand new furry-tail adventure!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20 - £22
(FAMILY & GROUP DISCOUNTS ON CERTAIN SHOWS)

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS 2023

27 & 28 JAN	THE NEIL DIAMOND STORY
6 FEB	LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY
10 FEB	THE UPBEAT BEATLES
18 FEB	BOTOWN - BOLLYWOOD AND MOTOWN MASH-UP
24 FEB	PINOCCHIO
2 - 4 MAR	BUGSY MALONE PRESENTED BY SOSAGE FACTORY
6 MAR	IRELAND - THE SHOW
10 MAR	SOMEONE LIKE YOU - THE ADELE SONGBOOK
14 - 18 MAR	HELLO DOLLY PRESENTED BY KNOWLE ON STAGE
28 MAR - 1 APR	WEST SIDE STORY PRESENTED BY PETERBROOK PLAYERS
22 APR	SPRING SING BY SING BENTLEY HEATH COMMUNITY CHOIR
25 - 29 APR	KINKY BOOTS PRESENTED BY SOLIHULL ON STAGE
9 - 13 MAY	SISTER ACT PRESENTED BY SOLIHULL THEATRE CO

Shows and dates correct at the time of print - not a full list, see website for full details.



SPONSOR A SEAT AT THE CORE THEATRE

A generous gesture, a treasured memorial, a gift or a company promotion. Your chosen name, logo or message will be engraved on a seat plaque to be seen literally thousands of times by our audiences over ten years!

Over 50 seat plaques are already fitted and audiences view and comment positively on them at every show. Some are in loving memorial of individuals, some are bought by families to celebrate their good times together and happy memories of visits or performances here at The Core.

Others are simply business advertising - local companies or tradespeople who choose to support our venue because they know The Core Theatre is much-loved and used daily by the local and regional community.



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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CORE

Our friendly Volunteering front of house team has returned after our Covid-break but we still need volunteers for wider roles around The Core as well as for our Theatre shows and films.

Volunteers take on a variety of different roles from selling ice creams to stuffing envelopes! Volunteering is a great chance for drama, theatre, film or creative studies students to see what goes on in a busy professional venue and enables a wider knowledge and contacts within the industry, other departments or even Council-wide.

Volunteering across theatre, marketing, library or other areas of The Core is a great opportunity to be part of a team, meet new people, make connections and looks good on any CV or Uni application.

Applicants should be able to undertake a couple of shifts per month and wear basic uniform provided. Full training will be given to successful applicants.



CLASSES AND COURSES AT THE CORE

Full details of classes and courses, including prices, are available to view on our website. Some classes are sold on a weekly basis and others are termly.

MONDAY

10.30am HATHA YOGA

Friendly class focusing on stress reduction & flexibility.

12.15pm PILATES with Nicola Holmes

Strengthen the core and build muscle tone.

1.30pm STEPPIN' OUT with Sohan Kailey

Dance class for over 50s, learning different styles of dance.

WEDNESDAY

10.15am HATHA YOGA

11.30am CHAIR BASED YOGA

Chair-based exercise class promoting flexibility and balance.

4.30pm AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB with Art at the Heart CIC

Expert art tuition for ages 7-13 years, perfect for developing new skills.

6.15pm YOUTH ARTS with Art at the Heart CIC

Expert art tuition for age 13+ experiment and expression in art.

THURSDAY

9.45am & 12.30pm VICKI GORMAN ART CLASSES

7 week art course for adults. Improve drawing and painting skills.

1pm SING SOLIHULL with Anya Small

Friendly lunchtime choir group, suitable for all abilities.

2.15pm LIGHT 52 PHOTOGRAPHY BEGINNERS with Richard Pearce

Learn the basics of photography in 10 weeks and advance to the next level.

7pm LIGHT 52 PHOTOGRAPHY BEGINNERS with Richard Pearce

FRIDAY

9.15am TAI CHI with Jan Wilson

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

10.30am HATHA YOGA

11.45am CHAIR BASED YOGA

SATURDAY

9.30am SATURDAY ART CLUB with Art at the Heart CIC

Expert art tuition for ages 7-9 years, perfect for developing new skills.

11.30am ARTLAB with Art at the Heart CIC

Expert art tuition for ages 10-13 years. Improve art skills with themed projects.

Class details correct as of May 2022

Solihull Music Service are now based at The Core, running a selection of one-to-one lessons, groups and ensembles. Please visit their website to find out more about their varied programme of events at www.solihullmusicservice.wordpress.com



ENCORE

CAFÉ BAR WHERE FOOD DESERVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!

We are truly proud of our food range and our revamped menu, from our premium breakfast ingredients to our freshly prepared 'daily specials' board.

Encore Café Bar offers Corporate catering for events, meetings or family theatre trips from breakfast pastries to curries!



Our Afternoon Tea is a scrumptious treat and for an extra indulgence you can go deluxe and upgrade to add a glass of Prosecco or for our 'Festive' version choose a glass of mulled wine.



AFTERNOON TEA

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Gift vouchers are available through Box Office.

Contact the Catering Manager on 0121 704 8636 to discuss any catering requirements or make a booking.

CRUNCH COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP



Join the fun free lunchtime craft club on Wednesdays in the Courtyard Gallery. Simply bring along your own craft items, from drawing to cross-stitch embroidery, knitting and join the friendly group who enjoy crafting and chatting with others. There is no instruction provided, just a friendly space to meet and craft!

FREE!
NEW
MEMBERS
WELCOME



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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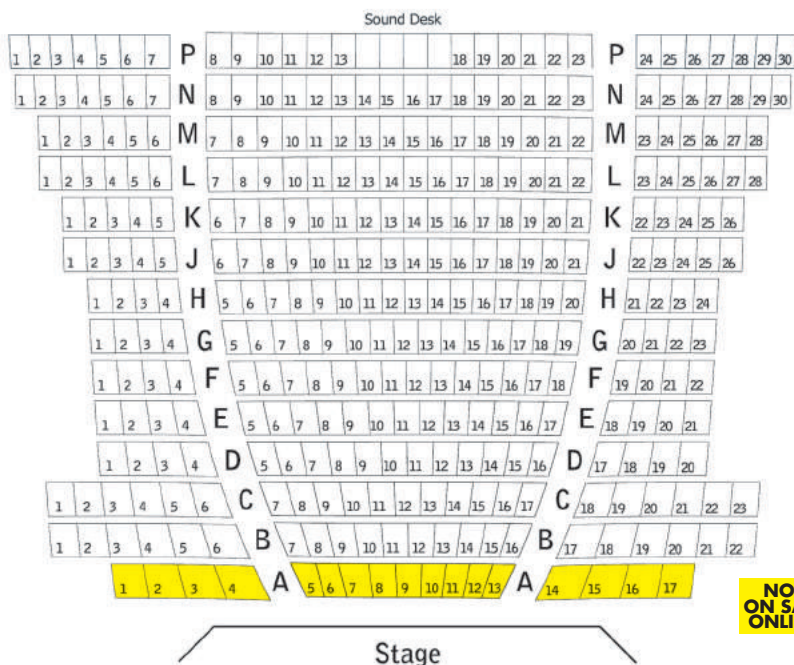
BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

Opening hours are currently *9.30am - 2.30pm Mon-Sat (*10am Weds) subject to change - see website. The counter reopens 90mins before curtain-up on show nights except film nights when tickets are sold at Encore Bar.

Call Box Office on **0121 704 6962** for tickets and reservations or buy online and select your own seats anytime at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk £1.50 fee applies + postage where selected. Print at home tickets are free. Tickets will remain at Box Office for collection if no postage is paid.

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

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COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

WED 18 MAY - MON 6 JUN

SOLIHULL FUSION - AN EXHIBITION BY SOLIHULL COLLEGE

An Exhibition by Solihull College.

WED 8 - MON 20 JUN

CHARACTER

Exhibition by Victor Blackburn.

WED 22 JUN - MON 18 JUL

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Entries and Winners VisitSolihull.co.uk

WED 20 JUL - MON 5 SEP

WORK BY PARTICIPANTS OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Operated at The Core by Art in the Heart.

WED 7 - MON 19 SEP

CLASSIC STORIES

An Exhibition by Clive Edwards.

WED 21 SEP - MON 3 OCT

SOLIHULL ARTISTS FORUM

Varied, interesting work by forum members.

WED 5 - MON 17 OCT

ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Exhibition by the Analogue Group.

WED 19 OCT - MON 14 NOV

EXHIBITION OF WORK CELEBRATING DIWALI

Presented by Art in the Heart CIC.

WED 16 - MON 28 NOV

AN EXHIBITION BY PARTICIPANTS OF VICKI GORMAN ART CLASSES

WED 30 NOV - MON 12 DEC

TAKE 13 EXHIBITION

WED 14 DEC - MON 9 JAN

JOINT EXHIBITION BY PARTICIPANTS OF CLASSES AND COURSES HELD AT THE CORE

This is not a full listing, please see www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk
for details of exhibitions and how to hire the Courtyard Gallery.