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FILM PROGRAMME JAN - MAR

- WED 18 JAN, 7PM FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: ONE AND ALL** 12A, £6
After the highs of performing (on the pyramid stage) at Glastonbury, the band struggle with their second album. Starring James Purefoy and Sam Swainsbury.
- WED 25 JAN, 7PM THE LOST KING** 12A, £6
An amateur historian defies the academic establishment to unearth Richard III's long-lost remains in a Leicester car park. Starring Sally Hawkins and Steve Coogan.
- THU 26 JAN, 2PM ELVIS** 12A, £6
ELVIS is a musical biopic of the *King of Rock n Roll* Elvis Presley which explores his life, music & relationships. Starring Austin Butler and Tom Hanks.
- WED 8 FEB, 2PM CLASSIC FILM CLUB: CASABLANCA** PG, £6 (£5 U3A MEMBERS)
Ingrid Bergman and Humphrey Bogart star in this love story directed by Michael Curtiz.
- WED 8 FEB, 7PM EMILY** 15, £6
The imagined life of Emily Brontë as a rebel and misfit, as she finds her voice & writes the literary classic *Wuthering Heights*. Starring Emma Mackey, Gemma Jones and Adrian Dunbar.
- THU 16 FEB, 2PM DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA** PG, £6
The Crawley family journeys to the south of France to uncover the mystery of the Dowager Countess' newly inherited villa. Starring Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern.
- THU 16 FEB, 7PM 50 YEARS LEGAL** 15, £6
Engaging documentary on LGBTQ+ life in Britain directed by Simon Napier-Bell who also features in a post-show discussion talk after.
- SAT 25 FEB, 2PM THE RAILWAY CHILDREN RETURN** PG, £6
The adventures of a group of children, evacuated to a Yorkshire village during World War 2. Starring Sheridan Smith and Tom Courtenay.
- SAT 25 FEB, 7PM MOONAGE DAYDREAM** PG, £6
A cinematic odyssey exploring David Bowie's creative and musical journey directed by Brett Morgan.
- WED 8 MAR, 2PM CLASSIC FILM CLUB: NOW, VOYAGER** PG, £6 (£5 U3A MEMBERS)
Romantic melodrama with a spinster and her therapist starring Bette Davis, Paul Henreid and Claude Rains directed by Irving Rapper.
- WEDS 22 MAR, 7PM CYRANO** PG, £6
Musical romantic drama directed by Joe Wright, starring Peter Dinklage, Haley Bennett and Kelvin Harrison Jr.
- THU 23 MAR, 2PM OPERATION MINCEMEAT** 12A, £6
Musical romantic drama directed by Joe Wright, starring Peter Dinklage, Haley Bennett and Kelvin Harrison Jr.
- THUR 6 APR, 7PM MRS HARRIS GOES TO PARIS** PG, £6
A middle-aged cleaner decides to buy a couture dress. Starring Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert, and Lambert Wilson, directed by Anthony Fabian.

This is not a full list - see website for Spring programme.



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THEATRE

BRING THE LAUGHTER

FRI 13 JAN BRING THE LAUGHTER

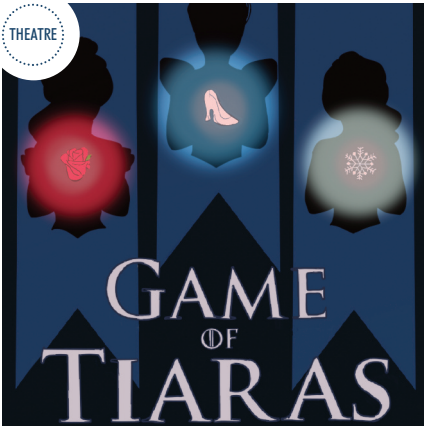
Get ready folks, Bring The Laughter returns with another hilarious line up... so round up your friends & family and join us for an uplifting night of laughter!

Bring The Laughter, presented by LUV Entertainment, gathers together various comedy acts under one roof. Enjoy memorable shows with comedy talent both homegrown and international designed to appeal to all ages.

See the Core Theatre website for details of the acts performing on this date as soon as they are confirmed.

SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS TICKETS: TBC

THEATRE



FRI 20 - SUN 22 JAN, VARIOUS A GAME OF TIARAS

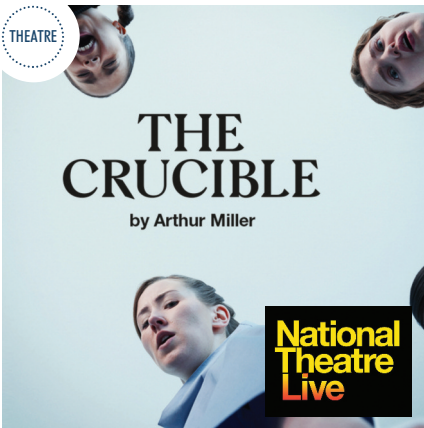
Local mixed-age theatre group Harlequinade present A Game of Tiaras.

When the ageing king of a Magical Kingdom (resembling England) splits his empire between daughters, Cinderella, Belle, and the Snow Queen then terrible, hilarious tragedy ensues!

Combining the gut-wrenching plot twists of Game of Thrones and the soul-numbing despair of Shakespearean tragedy, this adaptation of King Lear will amuse. When you play the Game of Tiaras, you win or you die.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £15 (£13 CONC.) AGE: 8+

THEATRE



THU 26 JAN, 7PM NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE THE CRUCIBLE

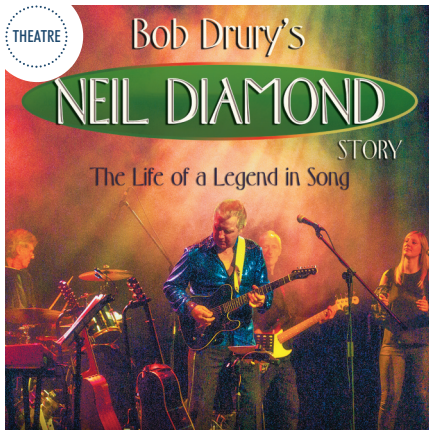
Enjoy an Encore screening of the National Theatre Live production of Arthur Miller's Crucible on the big screen.

A witch hunt is beginning in this captivating parable of power with Erin Doherty (The Crown) and Brendan Cowell (Yerma).

Young women in Salem suddenly find their words have an almighty power. As a climate of fear, vendetta and accusation spreads through the community, no one is safe from trial.

Lyndsey Turner (Hamlet) directs this contemporary new staging filmed at the Olivier stage at the National Theatre.

RUNNING TIME: 180MINS TICKETS: £15 (£10 STUDENTS) AGE: 12A



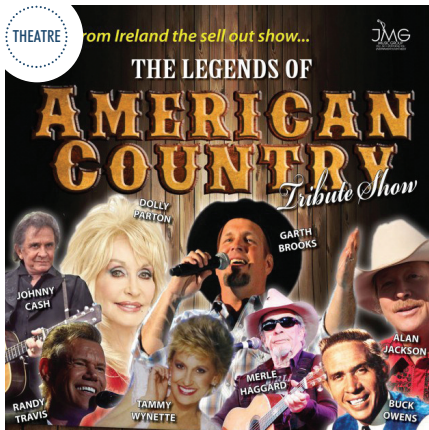
FRI 27 & SAT 28 JAN, 7.30PM

BOB DRURY'S NEIL DIAMOND STORY

Bob Drury's Neil Diamond Story tells the life of a legend in song. Bob has been astounding audiences with his vocal likeness for twelve years performing throughout the UK, Europe and USA. With his band, they track Neil's journey from struggling songwriter to international mega-star, covering his 50+ year music career.

This fantastic show includes; *Cracklin' Rosie*, *America*, *Love on the Rocks*, *Play Me*, *Hello Again*, *Forever in Blue Jeans*, *Beautiful Noise*, *I'm a Believer*, *Red Red Wine* and of course *Sweet Caroline*.

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



MON 6 FEB, 7.30PM

THE LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW

The Legends of American Country Tribute Show returns for another fantastic night of toe tapping Country nostalgia!

The 2023 tour showcases highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline and Kenny Regan - PLUS new tributes to icons Hank Williams, Charley Pride, Glen Campbell, Tammy Wynette, John Denver and Jim Reeves, along with countless other well-known singalong hits in this musical extravaganza.

The show features 3 singers plus a superb live band.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £25 AGE: ANY



THU 9 FEB, FROM 7PM

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Culture Solihull will be selecting a range of micro-commissions across all artforms to be presented as part of Small is Beautiful. Creative artists participating may be experimenting ahead of a grant proposal, collaborating with others, or just have a great idea!

The micro-commissions selected will be installed around The Core during Feb plus live performances on the night. In addition the Core Creatives Cultural hatchery will be launched during the evening so interested artists, guests and businesses are welcome to attend.

ENTRY: FREE AGE: ANY

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THEATRE



FRI 10 FEB, 7.30PM
THE UPBEAT BEATLES

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

Taking audiences from the Fab Four's early Cavern days through Beatlemania, America, Sergeant Pepper to Abbey Road, with narrative and full multi-media presentation.

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

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MIN INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £23

THEATRE



SAT 11 FEB, 2.30PM
VINLAND
A VIKING STORYTELLING
ADVENTURE

Set sail with Freydis and her son Snorri on a Viking adventure brought to life through storytelling, animation, and live music. Join her crew of explorers discovering a strange new land, complete with ghosts, monsters and wild gooseberries!

Follow Snorri as Vinland retells the incredible true(ish) tale of the Vikings' last journey to North America. Taking inspiration from the Viking sagas of Erik the Red the show brings the audience into a world where myth and history collide.

RUNNING TIME: 60MIN TICKETS: £10 AGE: 8+

THEATRE



TUE 14 FEB, 2PM
KEITH SLATER'S
SINATRA CELEBRATION

A laid back, relaxed and easy going show as multi-talented Keith showcases his love of Sinatra and those fantastic songs audiences know and love. Enjoy an afternoon of smooth tunes from Frank Sinatra & The Rat Pack and be home in time for tea!

Keith Slater has been a professional musician since 1981 and has toured extensively around the UK. He has recorded with bands like Mike Sheridan and the Nightriders, folk act The Fastest Bat and Lancashire comedian Phil Cool.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £12

THEATRE



WED 15 FEB, 7.30PM

FAIRPORT CONVENTION

Fairport Convention have been entertaining music lovers for over half a century. During that time the band that launched British folk-rock has seen many changes. But one thing has remained the same - Fairport's passion for performance.

They'll perform a mix of long-established Fairport favourites and some surprises from albums old and new including their 2020 album, *Shuffle & Go*.

The band won a BBC Lifetime Achievement Award and Radio 2 listeners voted their *Liege & Lief* album 'Most Influential Folk Album of All Time'.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 45MINS INC. SUPPORT & INTERVAL TICKETS: £28

THEATRE



FRI 17 FEB, 7.30PM

HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE PRESENTS KING PLEASURE AND THE BISCUIT BOYS

Dazzling musicianship, riveting stage performances, more than 50 TV appearances (including, somewhat bizarrely, five episodes of *Teletubbies*) and 75 radio broadcasts have firmly established them as the Kings of Swing.

They've got King Pleasure's inimitable stogies and bourbon voice, they've got a roaring band sound that comes at you like the *Wabash Cannonball*, and above all they've got that beat.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



SAT 18 FEB

LUV COMEDY

LUV Comedy is presented by LUV Entertainment who have been providing quality touring comedy shows since 2009. The show will gather together various comedy acts under one roof, with comedy talent both homegrown and international designed to appeal to all ages.

See the Core Theatre website for details of the acts performing on this date as soon as they are confirmed.

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SUN 19 FEB, 7.30PM
MAGIC VOICES

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

The Choir specialise in teaching our amazing arrangements to complete beginners and experienced singers alike and the shows cover styles from Jazz, pop, gospel, rock, musicals and many more.

Magic Voices also have a particularly strong leaning to West End shows! More information will be available when known so please see the website for full details of content.

RUNNING TIME: SEE WEBSITE **TICKETS:** TBC **AGE:** ANY

THEATRE



THU 23 FEB, 7PM
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE
OTHELLO

An Encore screening of the National Theatre Live production of Othello, Shakespeare's enduring tragedy, directed by Clint Dyer stars Giles Terera (Hamilton), Rosy McEwan (The Alienist) and Paul Hilton (The Inheritance).

A bright, headstrong daughter of a senator; elevated by her status but stifled by its expectations meets a refugee of slavery; having risen to the top of a white world, he finds love across racial lines has a cost. Desdemona and Othello crave a new life together but unseen forces conspire against them.

RUNNING TIME: 210MINS **TICKETS:** £15 (£10 STUDENTS) **AGE:** 12A

THEATRE



FRI 24 FEB, 1PM & 3PM
PINOCCHIO

Performed by the former artistic director of Little Angel Theatre, Steve Tiplady, puppetry, shadows, illusion and specially composed music combine to create a show for all the family that's visually inventive and verbally witty.

Pinocchio is carved live on stage, brushes become a fox and the shadow of two saws transform into a giant shark as Geppetto uses objects from a carpenter's workshop to tell the tale of the puppet that wants to be a real boy, and the puppet-maker who wants to be a real father.

Beautiful spellbinding puppetry.

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS, NO INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £10 **AGE:** 4+

THEATRE



THU 2 - SAT 4 MAR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM
BUGSY MALONE

Based on the hit 1976 film with a catchy, swinging score the show is presented by SOSage Factory a friendly Amateur Dramatic Youth Group for ages 8-18.

Two rival gangs Dandy Dan's and Fat Sam's operate in a fictitious city populated only by children. Bugsy, a one-time boxer, is thrust into the limelight when he becomes their expected saviour, but he just wants to spend time with his new love Blousey!

A fabulous, lively fun show for all ages.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 120MINS **TICKETS:** £14 (£12 CHILD)
OPENING NIGHT OFFER: £11 FULL (£9 CHILD) 2 MARCH ONLY **AGE:** ANY

THEATRE



MON 6 MAR, 7.30PM
IRELAND THE SHOW

Receiving nightly standing ovations, Ireland: The Show features an all-star cast of talented singers and performers, accompanied by the fabulous Keltic Storm Band.

Joined by world champion Gael Force Irish dancers from Kerry, Mayo and Clare, the show takes audiences on a journey through the decades of a globally loved culture with songs like; *Dirty Old Town*, *Tell Me Ma* and *The Irish Rover*.

Add hilarious stories from comedian Gary Gamble, the fiddle maestro Richie Remo plus vocals from Elaine Boyle and audiences will be transported to Ireland for one fabulous night!

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, 30MINS **TICKETS:** £25 **AGE:** ANY

THEATRE



THU 9 MAR, 7.30PM
DREAMCOAT STARS

Experience powerful star vocals and vibrant, energetic songs in a musical evening of West End and Broadway classics in this show featuring stars from the hit production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Enjoy songs from Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar, SIX, Wicked, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, We Will Rock You, Jersey Boys, Les Misérables, Moulin Rouge and more.

Draw back the curtains, sing along and relive all your favourite musicals in one epic show. This would make a great gift idea so book early!

RUNNING TIME: 115MINS **TICKETS:** £25 **AGE:** ANY

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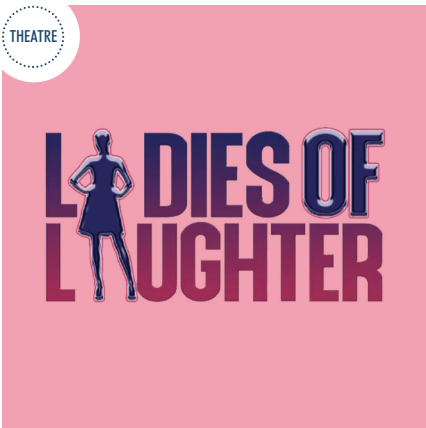
FRI 10 MAR, 7.30PM
SOMEONE LIKE YOU - THE ADELE SONGBOOK

Someone Like You - The Adele Songbook is an outstanding live concert performance featuring fantastic vocals and a super-talented band.

Hand-picked by Adele herself on Graham Norton's BBC Special, Katie Markham leads this world-class show, from powerhouse vocal performances to intimate acoustic songs, and is the perfect concert for any Adele fan, faithfully re-creating her four record-breaking albums.

Includes songs like; *Make You Feel My Love, Someone Like You, Easy On Me* and many more.

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



THEATRE

SAT 11 MAR
LADIES OF LAUGHTER

The Ladies of Laughter are back, flexing their funny muscles especially for you!

This hit tour promises a night made for everybody (whatever your pronoun) so round up your friends & family and join us for a guaranteed night of hilarity featuring kick ass comics!

Acts can be seen on the website as soon as they are confirmed and promoters LUV Entertainment promote new comedy talent both homegrown and international to appeal to all ages.

SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS TICKETS: TBC



VARIOUS

SUN 12 MAR, 10AM - 3PM
HOLI: THE FESTIVAL OF COLOUR

Holi is a festival that celebrates spring, love and new life through vibrant colours.

Art at the Heart CIC is holding a family fun day of creative and cultural activities to celebrate Holi, the festival of colour. Enjoy throwing paint and making giant community splat art, learn all about the science and the art of different colours, and fully immerse yourself in and explore the magic of colour for the day.

Look out for our art competition in January for a chance to win prizes and be a part of our Holi exhibition!

FREE & TICKETED EVENTS SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS AGE: ANY

THEATRE



TUE 14 - SAT 18 MAR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM
HELLO DOLLY

Knowle Musical Society are proud to present Jerry Herman's energetic Hello, Dolly! a musical filled with charisma and heart.

Matchmaker Dolly Levi is a widow, matchmaker, and professional meddler until she decides her next match will be for... herself!

Set in New York City at the turn of the century, Hello Dolly! is boisterous and charming from start to finish featuring songs like; *Before the Parade Passes By, It Only Takes a Moment, Put on Your Sunday Clothes*, and the showstopping title number, *Hello, Dolly!*

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 190MINS TICKETS: £22 (£20 CHILD) AGE: ANY

THEATRE



FRI 24 MAR, TBC
MAYORS GALA EVENT

The Lord Mayor Councillor Ken Meeson and the Mayoress Mrs Annette Meeson of Solihull invites you to join them at this special charity fundraising evening in support of OVOS.

During this very musical evening, there will be a varied array of Solihull's talented young performers from Solihull Music Service. Solihull's young musicians are the stars of the future and the Mayor is delighted to showcase their skills both on stage and around The Core during the evening.

OVOS supports children in care aiming to give them the very best support and attention they deserve.

TICKETS: SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS AGE: ANY

THEATRE



SAT 25 MAR, 7.30PM
AND FINALLY... PHIL COLLINS

Phil Collins has written a diverse range of songs that have defined generations over 40+ years.

And Finally... Phil Collins are credited as being the UK's Top Phil Collins Tribute, fronted by singer Chris O'Connell who brings to the stage the charisma and characteristics of the Genesis frontman who's sold 150 million albums.

This two-hour high energy show packed with solo hits like *In The Air Tonight, Another Day In Paradise* and *Sussudio* plus the best Genesis hits. Featuring one of the UK's best touring musicians, two drums kits and the esteemed 'And Finally' Horn Section.

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

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TUE 28 MAR - SAT 1 APR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM
WEST SIDE STORY

Award-winning local theatre society Peterbrook Players are delighted to return to The Core Theatre with a brand new production of West Side Story.

Love at first sight strikes when a young Tony meets Maria at a high school dance. This fuels the fire between the Jets and the Sharks, two rival gangs vying for control of the streets of New York.

This modern day Romeo and Juliet story includes Leonard Bernstein's iconic songs: *Tonight, Maria, I Feel Pretty, America* and *One Hand, One Heart*.

RUNNING TIME: 160MINS **TICKETS:** £20 (GROUP DISCOUNT TUES ONLY)

AGE: ANY



WED 12 APR, 2PM
THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

Join the Three Little Pigs as they excitedly leave the family sty in search of new adventures! Will they make a pig's ear out of it or will they raise the roof? It'll take brains, bravery and curly-tails to build bridges and forge friendships with each other and those they meet along the way to turnip around.

With catchy songs, dancing and plenty of audience participation for piglets of all ages. There's snout left to do but book your tickets for this oinktastic musical!

RUNNING TIME: 55MINS **TICKETS:** £12.50 **AGE:** SUGGESTED 2-7



THU 13 APR, 2PM
MORGAN AND WEST UNBELIEVABLE SCIENCE

Morgan & West present captivating chemistry, phenomenal physics, and bonkers biology in this fun for all the family science extravaganza!

Magicians, time travellers and all-round spiffing chaps Morgan & West are genuine, bona fide, legitimately qualified scientists, bringing their love of enlightenment to the stage!

Explosive thrills and chemical spills combined with the duos trademark wit and charm guarantee this show will sell out effortlessly so book early.

RUNNING TIME: 60MINS, NO INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £12 (£10 CHILD) **AGE:** 7+

THEATRE



SAT 15 APR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

ROMEO & JULIET BY BALLET THEATRE UK

Join Ballet Theatre UK with their passionate portrayal of one of the world's greatest love stories, Romeo and Juliet.

The tragic tale of star-crossed lovers is performed with astonishing grace and heart-breaking intimacy by this highly regarded Ballet company. Stunning costumes and innovative stage sets transport audiences to Renaissance Verona in exquisite style. Fantastic scenes for new or existing Ballet fans.

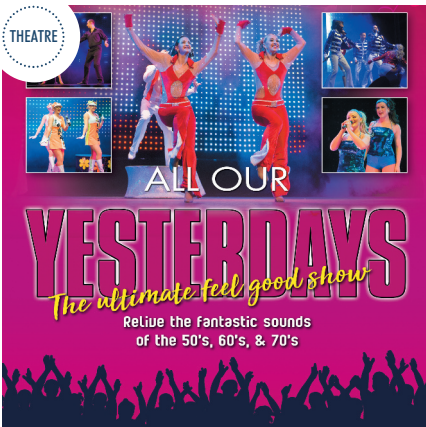
"Top Five Dance Productions Touring the UK" -

The Independent

RUNNING TIME: 120MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £20 (CONC. £18, CHILD £15)

AGE: ANY

THEATRE



TUE 18 & WED 19 APR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS 2023

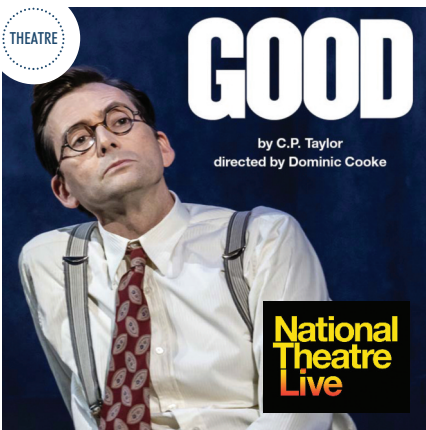
Another sensational show from the producers of 'Memory Lane', 'Rolling Back the Years', and 'Memories are Made of This'.

One of the biggest shows of its kind in the UK, takes audiences on a nostalgic musical journey through the 50s, 60s, and into the 1970s. Including songs by Del Shannon, Frank Sinatra, Cilla Black, Cliff Richard, Showaddywaddy, The Drifters, Queen and many more

Over 160 amazing costumes, choreographed for each decade, performed by 'West End' and international vocalists, plus the 'Timeless Showgirls'

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

THEATRE



THU 20 APR, 7PM

NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE GOOD

David Tennant (*Doctor Who*) makes a much-anticipated return to the West End in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most powerful, political plays set in World War II by C P Taylor, directed by Dominic Cooke.

Also features Elliot Levey (*Coriolanus*) and Sharon Small (*The Bay*). Filmed live at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London.

This is a screening from the National Theatre & not a live stage performance.

RUNNING TIME: 160MINS TICKETS: £15 (£10 STUDENTS) AGE: 15

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THEATRE



FRI 21 APR, 7.30PM

THE KILKENNYS

Kilkenny city is famous for its beer and music and lends its name to the first group named after an Irish city since the Dubliners!

The Kilkennys, Ireland's newest balladeers reputation grows internationally as with passion and pride they play old Irish folk songs and new songs of their own picking up awards and nominations along the way.

Much like the monks of St Francis Abbey who first brewed ale 350 years ago, the Kilkennys are meticulous craftsmen!

Book tickets quickly as this show will sell out effortlessly.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL TICKETS: £22

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SPRING SING 2023

SAT 22 APR, 7.30PM

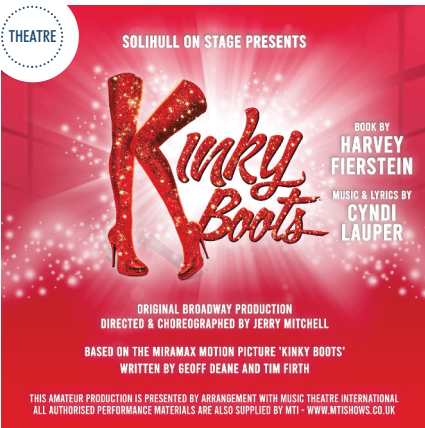
BY SING! BENTLEY HEATH

Award-winning community choir Sing! Bentley Heath returns to The Core with their new show **Spring Sing! 2023 - Around The World**. Expect a variety of well-known hits from top artistes from Sweden to Scotland, Italy to Jamaica, Australia to Africa - not forgetting the UK and the USA - there'll be something for everyone!

This popular choir is active in the community and as always will be raising much-needed funds for two local charities as well as raising spirits across the borough. A CD will be on sale plus a charity raffle, with great prizes kindly donated by local businesses.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £12.50 AGE: ANY

THEATRE



SOLIHULL ON STAGE PRESENTS

Kinky Boots

BOOK BY HARVEY FIERSTEIN
MUSIC & LYRICS BY CYNDI LAUPER

ORIGINAL BROADWAY PRODUCTION
DIRECTED & CHOREOGRAPHED BY JERRY MITCHELL

BASED ON THE MIRAMAX MOTION PICTURE 'KINKY BOOTS'
WRITTEN BY GEOFF DEANE AND TIM FIRTH

THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL
ALL AUTHORISED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI - WWW.MTIISHOWS.CO.UK

TUE 25 - SAT 29 APR, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

KINKY BOOTS

Charlie Price reluctantly inherited a struggling shoe business which he's desperate to save. He meets drag queen Lola, who's looking for some sturdy stilettos. Can they help each other?

Based on the joyously gritty British film inspired by true events, and featuring original songs from pop icon Cyndi Lauper, this hilariously high heeled musical is the ultimate feel-good experience.

Presented at The Core Theatre by talented members of Solihull on Stage.

RUNNING TIME: 3HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £17-£20 AGE: 12+

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THEATRE



THU 4 MAY, 7.30PM

TALON THE ACOUSTIC COLLECTION

In *The Raw 2023* features their own breathtakingly beautiful acoustic arrangements from great singer-songwriters such as... James Taylor, Simon & Garfunkel, 10CC, CSN, Prince, Joni Mitchell, Billy Joel, Eagles, Pink Floyd, Toto, Bee Gee's, Beatles and many more.

Following the success of their acoustic album *Talon* return, sat on bar stools and armed with no more than their trademark four-part vocal harmony, acoustic instruments and laid-back banter, Jonny, Chris, Peter and Keith will leave audiences spellbound.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £22 AGE: ANY

THEATRE



FRI 5 MAY, 7.30PM

THE OPERA BOYS 2023

The Opera Boys are back with *A Night at the Musicals* with musical medleys, stunning solo performances... and a few surprises!

A fabulous mix of modern day hit musicals like *Mamma Mia*, *Hairspray* and *Jersey Boys* plus Gershwin and Rodgers & Hammerstein classics plus masterpieces like *Les Misérables*, *Phantom* and *West Side Story*, this show has something for everyone.

With memorable arrangements, harmonies and humour The Opera Boys delight world audiences with their unique and engaging musical shows.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS TICKETS: £20 AGE: ANY

STUDIO



FRI 5 MAY, 7.30PM

HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE THE SHAKEDOWN BROTHERS

Solihull 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.

The Shakedown Brothers are an experienced Midlands-based five-piece who together present an eclectic and energetic brand of Blues and Blues/Rock, serving up a passion-filled mix of self-penned material and lesser-known songs by Blues greats.

Expect everything from the soulful sounds of the Delta to full-blown Blues-Rock.

RUNNING TIME: 120MINS TICKETS: £7.50 AGE: ANY

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TUE 9 - SAT 13 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM
SISTER ACT

Following their hugely successful production of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, Solihull Theatre Company returns with the immensely popular Sister Act.

Disco diva Deloris's life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Placed under protective custody, she's hidden in a convent with hilarious consequences. Can she help her fellow sisters find their true voices?

Featuring Motown, soul and disco music, Sister Act is joyous and uplifting in equal measures - not to be missed.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20 **AGE:** 7+



TUE 16 MAY, 2PM
MUSIC AND LAUGHTER
KEITH SLATER AND
CHRISTOPHER GEE

What could be better than a double helping of entertainment in the form of multi-instrumentalist musician and performer Keith Slater joined by TV Comedy impressionist Christopher Gee who presents his 'Audiences with the Stars' set interspersed with great music from the sixties onwards.

Enjoy an early bird bookers discount when booking before end of Feb.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS **TICKETS:** £12 (£10 EARLYBIRD)



THU 18 MAY, 7.30PM
THE BOOTLEG ROCK SHOW

The Bootleg Rock show features Leather and Lace showcasing twin vocal powerhouses Mark Thompson-Smith and Tanyth Roberts-James delivering rock anthems and power ballads.

Enjoy great classic tracks from the past four decades from bands like; Aerosmith, Boston, Queen, Journey, Rainbow, Heart, Bon Jovi... the list goes on.

Superb musicians, playing live - a must for rock fans. This show would make a great gift idea.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS 30MINS, INCL. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £24.50 **AGE:** ANY

THEATRE



FRI 19 MAY, 7.30PM

ALFIE MOORE: FAIR COP UNLEASHED

Join BBC Radio 4's cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore's new show based on a dramatic real-life incident from his police casebook.

Relive with him the thrilling ups and downs of the night a mysterious clown came to town and more than one life ended up in the balance. It was no laughing matter – but this show certainly is!

Enjoy Alfie's unique brand of humour cleverly woven into his personal insights on his front-line police duties. It'd be a crime to miss it!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR 50MINS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £16 AGE: 14+

THEATRE



SAT 20 MAY, 7.30PM

THE BRIGHOUSE & RASTRICK BRASS BAND

The Brighouse & Rastrick Band have held the majority of premier band championships in their time most recently 2022 British Open Champions & National Champion Band of Great Britain in 2017.

With a formidable reputation for highly entertaining concerts and much loved by the British public since their million-selling hit *The Floral Dance* was held at No.2 in the UK singles chart for 9 weeks by Paul McCartney! More recently they've collaborated with non-Brass performers like Kate Rusby, The Unthanks and actor Simon Callow.

RUNNING TIME: TBC TICKETS: £22 AGE: ANY

THEATRE



TUE 23 MAY, 7.30PM

THE FUREYS

The Fureys return to Solihull's stage treating their audience to one of popular music's richest legacies.

They're one of Ireland's all-time most acclaimed and influential folk and traditional bands with classics like *I Will Love You*, *When You Were Sweet 16*, *Red Rose Café*, *Leaving Nancy*, *The Old Man*, *From Clare to Here*.

The Fureys indelible musical footprint is backed by personal stories of their musical experiences and friendships, along an amazing 45-year musical journey which shows no signs of halting.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS 20MINS TICKETS: £25 AGE: ANY

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



SAT 27 MAY, 7.30PM
THE MUSLIMS ARE COMING!

The Muslims Are Coming is brought to you by LuvEntertainment, a multiple award-winning provider of comedy since 2009. Providing the very best of established and new comedy talent - both homegrown and international with comedy appeal to all ages and backgrounds.

The tour lineup is not yet known but will appear on The Core Theatre's website when known. Last years comedy performers included: Nabil Abdulrashid (BBC Live At The Apollo, ITV Britains Got Talent) and Kae Kurd (BBC Live At The Apollo, Comedy Central).

See website for line-up.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX. 2HRS **TICKETS:** TBC

THEATRE



TUE 30 MAY, 11.30AM & 2PM
THE WORST PRINCESS

A modern fairy tale turned on its royal head, this bright and bouncy show will have children of all ages cheering along for The Worst Princess!

Feisty Princess Sue escapes the clutches of her twit of a Prince in a funny, feminist twist on the traditional princess tale. This is a story about adventure, mischief and unlikely friendship.

Packed full of music and mayhem the show is based on the best-selling book by Anna Kemp and Sara Ogilvie and presented by Full House Theatre.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £10 **AGE:** 3+

THEATRE



SAT 10 JUN, 7.30PM
THE DOCTOR WILL SEE YOU NOW

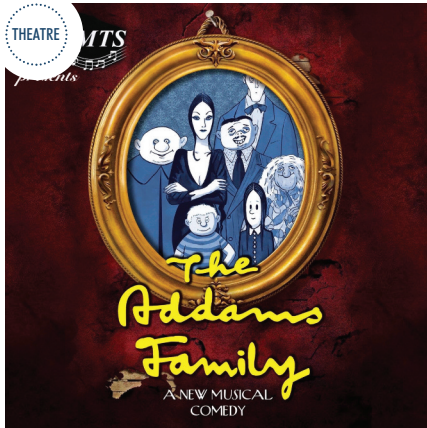
What was it like being a mainstay character on one of the world's longest running soap operas?

Join Alan Fletcher (AKA Karl Kennedy) Ramsay Street's most famous doctor in his nostalgic look at almost three decades of the TV hit series 'Neighbours'.

Includes video footage, live music and hilarious anecdotes Alan takes audiences on a journey through past storylines, bloopers, backstage secrets and the emotional finale plus Q&A. Special meet and greet experience available - call box office.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, PLUS INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £28 (£23 CONC.)

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TUE 13 - SAT 17 JUN, 2PM & 7.30PM
THE ADDAMS FAMILY
A NEW MUSICAL

Local theatre company Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society present The Addams Family a comical feast embracing the wackiness in every family.

Princess of darkness Wednesday Addams has a shocking secret... she's fallen in love with a sweet young man from a respectable family!

Can Gomez keep his daughter's secret until the two families meet for a fateful dinner with hilarious consequences? Join Uncle Fester, Lurch, Pugsley and more for a heart-warming story of love, family and friendship... with a twist!

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



FRI 23 & SAT 24 JUN, 7.30PM
THE ELO EXPERIENCE

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

The ELO Experience are the world's foremost multi award-winning tribute to The Electric Light Orchestra complete with String section, light show and large screen projection.

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

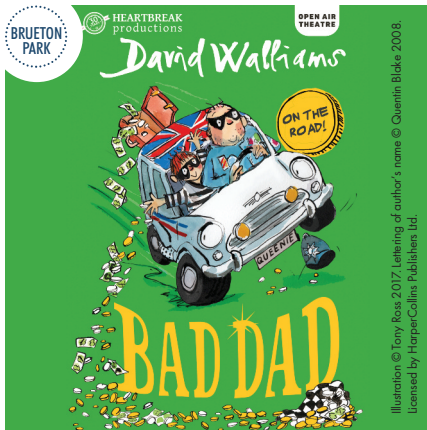


SUN 1 JUL
EXHIBITION OF FIRST FOLIO
BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

The book often referred to as The First Folio was published in 1623, 7 years after the death of William Shakespeare. It's a collection of 36 of Shakespeare's works and was brought together by two of his friends aiming to present the best possible version of his plays. Without it, half of his plays would have been lost to us. Only around 230 copies survived and each copy is unique.

A precious copy of Shakespeare's First Folio will be on exhibition in the Courtyard Gallery for one day and this is a rare opportunity to view this hugely important literary and historical artefact.

SEE WEBSITE FOR TIME AND ACTIVITIES TICKETS: ENTRY IS FREE



TUE 18 JUL, 6PM
**BAD DAD LIVE OUTDOORS
 IN BRUETON PARK**

Bad Dad by David Walliams, adapted for the outdoor stage by Heartbreak Productions.

Bad Dad is a fast and furious, heart-warming tale of a father and son on a thrilling mission to break an innocent man into prison... It's a high-speed cops-and-robbers adventure with heart and soul about a father and son taking on the villainous Mr Big - and winning!

Takes place lakeside in Brueton park, bring your own seat/blanket and picnic. Please see the website for full details on ticketing etc.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £13 (£12 CHILD) AGE: 7+



TUE 25 JUL, 7PM
**SENSE AND SENSIBILITY
 LIVE OUTDOORS IN
 BRUETON PARK**

Classic novel by Jane Austen Sense and Sensibility, adapted for the outdoor stage by Heartbreak Productions who specialise in high quality theatre in unusual spaces. Follow the exploits of Elinor and Marianne as they navigate the loss of their home and security. What will they make of local society they are propelled into? Bring a blanket/chair and weather-appropriate gear, and optional picnic. See the website for full ticketing/arena details.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, INCL. INTERVAL TICKETS: £13 (£12, £8 CHILD) AGE: 9+



THU 31 AUG, 11.30AM, 2.30PM & 5PM
DINOSAUR ADVENTURES

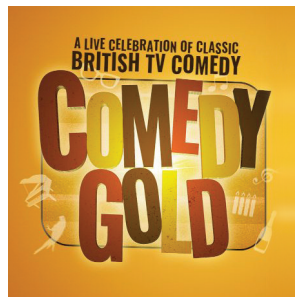
Over 65 million years in the making...

Join our intrepid rangers on a quest to recover the data crystal, restore power to the magical island and save the Dinosaurs!

View incredible species in this unforgettable Jurassic experience for all the family. Audiences will learn amazing Dino-facts, meet beautiful baby dinosaurs and hear their rooooooarrrrrr!

Join one of 3 shows of this captivating, interactive and enthralling world of Dinosaurs... it's totally T-rex-iffic!

RUNNING TIME: 75MINS TICKETS: £14



FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS - AUTUMN

- 7-9 SEP **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS PRESENTED BY COLESHILL ON STAGE**

- 15 SEP **LIONEL RICHIE TRIBUTE**

- 16 SEP **STEP INSIDE THE 60S**

- 21 SEP **PHILOMENA BEGLEY & IRISH MUSIC FRIENDS**

- 23 SEP **SI CRANSTOUN - TWISTIN' THE NIGHT AWAY**

- 29 SEP **COMEDY GOLD**

- 30 SEP **DESI CENTRAL COMEDY SHOW**

- 3 OCT **KEITH SLATERS 60S SHOW**

- 5 OCT **TALON - THE BEST OF THE EAGLES**

- 12-13 OCT **THE ROY ORBISON STORY**

- 14 OCT **LUV COMEDY SHOW**

- 19 OCT **THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY**

- 28 OCT **THE INDIANS ARE COMING! COMEDY SHOW**

- 10 NOV **HENRY'S BLUESHOUSE PRESENT
JAMIE THYER & THE WORRIED MEN**

- 11 NOV **THE BOOGALOO BABES**

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



KEITH SLATER'S 60S



SI CRANSTOUN



BOOGALOO BABES

NEW YEAR NEW SKILLS!

KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR BY LEARNING NEW SKILLS!

Be dramatic, creative, artistic or sing to boost your well-being to banish any winter blues!

SING YOUR HEART OUT!

Sing Solihull is a daytime community pop choir, no sheet music, no auditions, no prior singing skills just have fun singing your heart out whilst making new friends. Singing is great for your mental health and wellbeing and there's no membership required, just turn up!

Sing Solihull meets on Thursdays 1 pm - 2pm (perfect for lunchbreaks) participants learn choral versions of pop songs with occasional public performances led by Choir Director Anya Small.

Sing Solihull members were delighted to be invited to join a massed choir assembled to perform at the opening ceremony of Birmingham's Commonwealth Games, truly amazing experience for all concerned.

Weekly fee £6 in The Studio
(Sing Solihull is part-funded by Solihull BID so is free to BID cardholders).

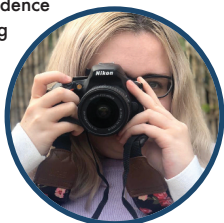


TAKE FANTASTIC PHOTOGRAPHS!

Who doesn't wonder what those unused knobs, dials, dials and fancy timers do on their digital camera?

Popular Tutor Richard Pearce runs Beginner, Intermediate and Advance courses for adults (18+) on Thursdays. Some participants work through all 3 levels, increasing their skills and photographic confidence enjoying fascinating project work and inclusion in occasional exhibitions.

10 weeks
(term time only).
Course fee £100.
See the website for full details.



GET DRAMATIC: YOUNG REP AT THE CORE

The Satellite Young REP is a fantastic opportunity for young people (aged 11-16) to build their skills, confidence and creativity whilst working with a Birmingham REP tutor. Participants will start working on projects in January and collaborate to make meaningful, interesting and entertaining ensemble theatre works.

During Summer 2023 participants will perform at a Satellite Youth Theatre Festival alongside young people from across the West Midlands.

Course fee £75 per term (term time only).
Weekly 4.30pm - 6pm on Thursdays.
(Bursaries are available - see website)
2023 Terms: 5 Jan - 30 Mar & 20 Apr - 20 Jul.



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

We're seeking friendly volunteers for 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.





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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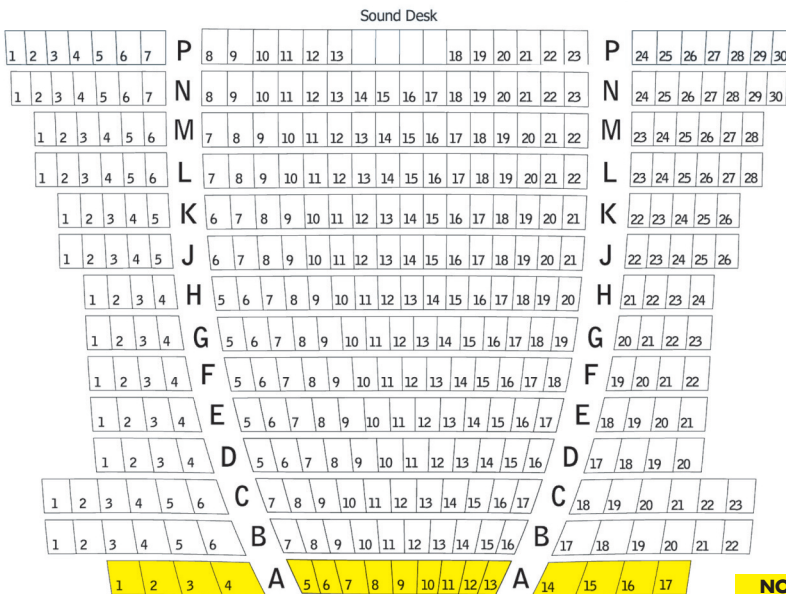
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BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

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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Stage



COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

WED 14 DEC - MON 9 JAN
'TIS THE SEASON TO SPARKLE
CRAFT EXHIBITION BY SOLIHULL COLLEGE STUDENTS

WED 11 JAN - MON 23 JAN
AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY ARTIST TYE FORDE

WED 8 FEB - MON 27 FEB
SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSIONS PROJECT (SEE PAGE 4)

WED 29 FEB - MON 7 MAR
EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S WORK RESULTING FROM CONSULTATION WORK WITH LOCAL ARTISTS NICOLA PRESTAGE, CLAIRE JONES, SOHAN KAILEY & LEE SKINNER

WED 8 MAR - MON 3 APR
AN EXHIBITION OF COMMUNITY WORK PRODUCED DURING HOLI

WED 14 JUN - MON 26 JUN
WORLD REFUGEE WEEK

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

CRUNCH COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP



CRUNCH

LUNCHTIME CRAFT GROUP

WEDNESDAYS 12-2PM



FREE!
NEW
MEMBERS
WELCOME

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!