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Back in action and raring to go!

The Core Theatre is back! After a long 20 months, I am thrilled to report that our doors have reopened. Since our grand reopening event, 'We Are Solihull', at the start of May we have seen several sold-out shows and received lots of lovely feedback. A big thanks to YOU, our audience, for waiting so patiently, and for your unwavering support.

I would also like to thank The Core team for their commitment to delivering an artistic programme while the main house was closed. From the venue's residency at Artrix to a Solihull-wide summer long outdoor cultural festival, they went above and beyond to ensure that the arts remained accessible to all.

I am delighted to introduce our autumn/winter programme, where you'll find something for every age, taste, budget, and interest. Packed with music, comedy, family shows, cinema screenings, guest speakers, and theatrical productions, we aim to welcome even more of you to The Core by offering a dynamic, alternative, and varied programme.

We're thrilled to 'kick off' a very exciting season with 1966 hat-trick hero,
Sir Geoff Hurst on Tuesday 16 September. Legendary footballer and pundit
Paul Merson will join us in November to discuss life on and off the pitch and, in February, the iconic
Jeff Stelling will entertain us with his trademark charm and hilarious football stories.

We welcome more household names to The Core in autumn including Tony Christie, Stan Boardman and Jimmy Tarbuck. For musical theatre lovers, highlights include Dreamcoat Stars, Dragged to the Musicals, and The Phantoms starring Lee Mead.

Plus, panto is back - oh yes, it is! This year it's bigger and better than ever with a four week run starting on Saturday 6 December. We can't wait to entertain you with a festive and fabulous show!

In September, we launch our brand new comedy club 'Funny to The Core'. Every month, we'll bring you an unmissable line-up of cracking comics! Headliners this season include Lindsey Santoro, Charlie Baker and Hal Cruttenden.

You can keep up to date with us on Facebook (The Core Theatre) and Instagram (@coretheatresol) and by signing up to our newsletter through our website: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to The Core! It's good to be back.

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Jenna Harvey, Culture Programme Manager





Hairspray

Wed 10 - Sat 13 Sep, various times theatre & dance | £22



Coleshill on Stage presents Hairspray, the toe-tapping musical serving up laughs, love, and a whole lot of hair volume! It's 1962 in Baltimore, and Tracy Turnblad, a big-haired, big-hearted teen with even bigger dance dreams, just wants to shimmy her way onto The Corny Collins Show. She's not your typical leading lady; she's plus-sized, proud, and totally unstoppable as she becomes an overnight sensation! With catchy songs like 'Good Morning Baltimore', 'You Can't Stop the Beat', and 'Big, Blonde and Beautiful', this is one beat that you just can't stop!

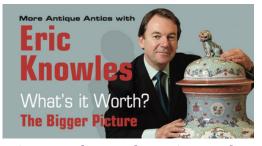


An Evening with Sir Geoff Hurst

Tue 16 Sep, 7.30pm talks & lectures | tickets: £29.50 (£80 VIP)



Back by popular demand, football legend Sir Geoff Hurst embarks on his final farewell tour, talking about his illustrious career as a player for West Ham and England. His good friend and agent Terry Baker, from A1 Sporting Speakers, will be joining Sir Geoff on stage for an intimate conversation full of humour and heart, with an audience Q&A in the second half. VIP tickets include a meet & greet, photo opportunity and autograph.

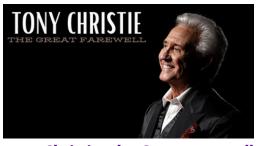


Eric Knowles - What's it Worth?

Wed 17 Sep, 7.30pm talks & lectures | tickets: £22



Meet the expert and bring your treasures for a free evaluation! Expect a witty and entertaining look at the world of antiques with one of its best raconteurs, Antiques Roadshow's Eric Knowles, Audience members can bring their treasures for the chance to be part of an on-stage discussion and evaluation session. If Eric finds an item of interest, he will select it to be part of a collection to be valued during the second half of the show.



Tony Christie: The Great Farewell

Thu 18 Sep, 7.30pm music | tickets: £32 (£80 VIP)



The legendary crooner continues to entertain audiences around the world with incredible showmanship, an unmistakable powerful vocal that has captivated generation after generation and a set list that packs a punch. This show is a commemoration of Tony's triumphant 60+ year career - with no sign of faltering, Tony is living proof that age is just a number and there's beauty in experience. VIP tickets include meet and greet, a tour goody bag and an exclusive viewing of Tony's soundcheck.



The Stars of Irish Country

Fri 19 Sep, 7.30pm music | tickets: £27



Following a hugely successful tour last year to nightly standing ovations, join four of the Emerald Isle's favourite country music stars all in one super show. The show features popular accordion maestro Sean Wilson, energetic Laois man Shawn Cuddy, the talented John McNicholl from Derry, and Co. Down's musical maestro Stephen Smyth. Each of the four stars will showcase their trademark hit sing-along songs in the company of a super live band. This is the ideal night of toe-tapping and hand-clapping Irish Country magic!



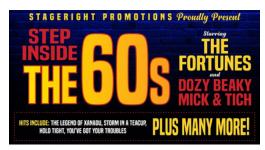
The Witch Who Couldn't Sleep

Sun 21 Sep, 2pm

family | tickets: £12 (£43 family x4 bundle)



Being a witch is super exciting. There's always so much to do and so much fun to be had. And maybe that's why Natascha The Witch can't sleep... can anyone, or anything, help her drift off? A storytime family musical based on a story from Steven Lee's best-selling 'How The Koala Learnt To Hug and Other Australian Fairytales', this gentle, heartwarming show is just what you need to enjoy a cosy, cuddly time together with your family. Perfect for ages 3 – 103!



Step Inside The 60s

Sat 20 Sep, 7.30pm music | tickets: £23



Travel back to the sixties and experience a musical phenomenon with this festival of nostalgia. With a brand new production for 2025, the show with the definite feel-good factor will transport you back to the 1960s. Whether you come to relive your childhood memories or you just simply want to see what your parents have been raving about for all these years, this is the show to see. Full of timeless classics, hits include 'The Legend of Xanadu', 'Storm in a Teacup', 'Hold Tight', 'You've Got Your Troubles', plus many more. Step back in time to when pop music was at its very best.



The Phantoms

Thu 25 Sep, 2pm & 7.30pm music | tickets: £35 (£32 concession)



Enjoy this spellbinding night of music celebrating the most beloved musicals of all time! Featuring former Phantoms direct from the West End production of The Phantom of the Opera alongside West End and TV star Lee Mead, the sensational cast take you on a journey through the best of the West End, Broadway, and beyond from modern smash hits to unbeatable classics. You certainly won't want to miss the music of THIS night!

Disclaimer - The Phantoms starring Lee Mead is in no way connected with and/or endorsed by Really Useful Group or Andrew Lloyd Webber.



The Roy Orbison Story

Fri 26 - Sat 27 Sep, 7.30pm

music | tickets: £30



Go on a musical journey as a fabulous cast take you from 'The Black and White Night' right through to The Traveling Wilburys. Experience the unforgettable sound of a generation as Barry Steele and an extraordinary ensemble of talented musicians pay homage to the timeless music of Roy Orbison. With big-screen projection and the incredible voice of Barry Steele, this 'West End' production has something for everyone!





Old Time Sailors

Thu 2 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £20



Ahoy there! You are invited to board the Sailorette and join the plentiful crew, 'The Old Time Sailors', for a night of foot stomping, dancing and singing! You will be sailing back to the 19th century for an immersive experience of traditional seafaring music performed in a way you have never seen before. The Motley Crew and their plethora of traditional and eclectic instruments will take you back to the time of clashing tankards, and drunken debauchery. So, sing and dance along like a drunken sailor as the band perform centuries old folk and shanty songs!



Dreamcoat Stars

Wed 1 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £27.50



Dreamcoat Stars are back again with their 5th UK tour, bringing incredible live musical entertainment to the nation! Experience a night of musical smash-hits in this star-studded concert featuring brand new songs and arrangements. Feel the spine-tingling vocal power of four sensational singers from the global hit show Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat coming together for an unforgettable evening of musical theatre. This megamix production is guaranteed to leave you wanting more, while singing your favourite songs all the way home!



Buddy Holly and The Cricketers

Fri 3 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £26



Buddy Holly and The Cricketers are back on the road for 2025. All Holly's hits, and some from his rock 'n' roll pals, are played live on stage by these five amazing young actor-musicians, who always delight crowds with their fabulous show. Featuring rock 'n' roll, ballads, energetic performances and some hilarious moments, this is an incredible live Buddy experience. So, whether you're young in years or young at heart, this night with Buddy and the boys really is guaranteed to have everyone singing along to the music!



And Finally... Phil Collins

Sat 4 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £25



And Finally... Phil Collins is one of the UK's top Phil Collins tributes. Frontman Chris O'Connell brings to the stage the charisma and characteristics of the man who fronted Genesis and sold 150 million albums as part of his solo career. This production delivers a highenergy show packed full of Phil's solo hits including 'In the Air Tonight', 'Another Day in Paradise' and 'Sussudio' along with a sprinkling of Genesis hits for good measure. Featuring some of the country's top touring musicians, this is a great opportunity to celebrate the one and only Phil Collins.



Stan Boardman

Wed 8 Oct, 7:30pm comedy & variety | tickets: £25



Stan Boardman is a legendary British comedian, best known for his cheeky humour and larger-than-life personality. Rising to fame in the 1970s, his distinctive Liverpudlian wit, combined with a knack for telling hilarious, sometimes controversial, anecdotes, quickly made him a favourite on the UK comedy circuit. Boardman's comedic style often draws on his working-class roots and his experiences growing up in post-war Liverpool, giving his material a relatable and authentic edge.



Queen Through The Decades

Tue 7 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £27



Following a hit sell-out tour in 2024, The 'Now I'm Here' Queen tribute band are back led by the incomparable Josh Henderson, a vocalist known for his stirring portrayal of Freddie Mercury and powerhouse rock tenor vocals. Journey through the decades with a dynamic live band that captures the essence of Queen's legendary sound. 'Now I'm Here' has honed their craft to deliver an unforgettable Queen experience. Join us for an evening filled with iconic hits as you sing along and immerse yourself in the timeless magic of Queen. Get ready to be rocked to your core at The Core!

APOLLO THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

ROUND THE HORNE

Round the Horne: 60th Anniversary

Thu 9 Oct, 7.30pm comedy & variety | tickets: £19



From 1965 to 1968 there wasn't a bigger radio programme in Britain than Round the Horne. For half-an-hour every Sunday afternoon, audiences of up to 15 million people would gather around the wireless to listen to Kenneth Horne and his merry crew get up to all sorts of mischief. With its infamous movie spoofs and hilarious regular characters, Round the Horne was one of the biggest radio comedy shows of all time and still endures today. So, to celebrate its 60th anniversary, take a step back in time to the BBC's Paris Studios and experience this comedy classic live.



Roy G Hemmings

Fri 10 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £29.50



Roy G Hemmings, formerly of The Drifters, comes to The Core for the very first time in this Motown and The Sound of Philadelphia (TSOP) special. Roy launched his solo career in 1997 and he has been releasing music ever since. Expect a sensational two-hour live show packed with classics from The Drifters, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder and many more. This stage show is a full band ensemble ready to get you on your feet, dancing and singing along to the classics of Motown and TSOP. A must for any fan!



Andy Fairweather Low

Sat 11 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £30



Andy Fairweather Low's pedigree is the stuff rock dreams are made of. He first came to prominence at the vanguard of the new youthful expression of music as the lead singer in Amen Corner. The 1960s saw them clock up hit after pop hit, with songs such as 'Bend Me, Shape Me', 'Hello Suzy' and '(If Paradise is) Half As Nice' internationally remembered to this day. Andy has worked with Eric Clapton, George Harrison, Bob Dylan and many more!



Jonny Cole: Armagudd'n

Wed 15 Oct, 8pm comedy & variety | tickets: £18



Social media phenomenon Jonny Cole extends his tour into 2025 with his biggest and best show yet. After amassing nearly four million views in just a couple of weeks with his brilliant observations on Black Country life, Jonny Cole is bringing songs and saftness to Solihull! There will be more instruments and loads of brand new material - but he'll also be bringing out the old classics too. Don't miss the chance to see the very best of Jonny Cole!

Age guidance: 16+

Age guidance: 13+



Dragged to the Musicals!

Thu 16 Oct, 7.30pm





RuPaul's Drag Race UK's Divina De Campo stars in Dragged to the Musicals – get ready for a night at the musicals like you've never seen before. All the eleganza-extravaganza of the West End combined with the fierce and fabulous world of drag! 100% live vocals – absolutely no lip sync battles on this stage. Just unbelievable vocal talent, sprinkled with sass. Whether you live for Les Mis or you're crazy for Kinky Boots, there's something for everyone in this twist on a classic night at the theatre.



ABBA Gold

Fri 17 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £26.50



ABBA Gold comes to The Core Theatre for the first time in an all-singing, all-dancing hits extravaganza! ABBA Gold have been performing for over 25 years and have played more than 3,500 shows to over 3 million people in 41 different countries and counting! This two-hour live band show will get you up on your feet listening to one of the best tributes to ABBA in the world - it's a must-see for any fan.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Tue 21 - Sat 25 Oct, various times theatre & dance | tickets: £22



Join the St Alphege Musical Production Society on a musical journey as we meet Joseph, discover his dreams, see his brothers and follow his path to greatness. Written by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber, and including hit songs such as 'Any Dream Will Do', 'Close Every Door', 'Those Canaan Days' and much more, this musical is a real treat for all ages!



The Dusty Show

Sat 18 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £27



Welcome to The Dusty Show, the celebration of a true British pop icon. Expect an unforgettable evening of wall-to-wall hits and classics spanning the success of Dusty Springfield's life and music. Singer Louise Ann Masters takes you on a journey to remember, through the years of Dusty's career with authenticity, grace and a stunning vocal performance that is second to none. The Dusty Show is the ultimate decoration of a musical legacy that touches the soul, and a life story that warms the heart. Join us in reminiscing with the very best tribute to the queen of British pop.



Talon - The Best of Eagles

Tue 28 - Wed 29 Oct, 7.30pm music | tickets: £30



Talon have risen from humble beginnings to become one of the most successful theatre touring shows in the UK! Their 2025 tour will once again feature The Eagles' timeless back catalogue including 'Hotel California', 'Take It Easy', 'One Of These Nights', 'Take It To The Limit', and many more! Revered by their peers and loved by their fans, this world class seven-piece band are a phenomenon. They have, over the last quarter of a century, truly transcended the tag of 'tribute'.



Come From Away

Fri 31 Oct - Sun 2 Nov, various times theatre & dance | tickets: £23 (£21 conc.)



Creators Theatre Company make their Core Theatre debut with this multi-award-winning musical that showcases a true celebration of hope, humanity and the power of community. Winner of four Olivier Awards including Best New Musical, this global musical phenomenon shares the incredible real-life story of the 7,000 air passengers from all over the world who were grounded during the wake of 9/11. This joyous story of unity in the face of real-life tragedy was the start of the moment that changed the course of history and its soaring soundtrack will stay with you forever.



The ELO Experience

Fri 7 - Sat 8 Nov, 7.30pm music | tickets: £30



The ELO Experience have been bringing the music of Jeff Lynne and The Electric Light Orchestra to the live stage since 2006. With a sensational string section, stunning light show and large screen projection, enjoy this incredible show which takes you on a magical musical journey through time. The ELO Experience includes the greatest hits from an extensive and impressive back catalogue spanning over 45 years enjoy a celebration of one of the most influential bands ever!



The Upbeat Beatles

Thu 6 Nov, 7.30pm music | tickets: £25



'Get Back' to the swinging 60s with The Upbeat Beatles and relive those 'Fab' days and timeless songs! The Upbeat Beatles take you through the whole of the Beatles' career, from the early days of Beatlemania across the Atlantic to conquer the USA through the 'Summer of Love' and then finally down the 'Long and Winding Road' to the end of the 1960s, for the Beatles' final live performance as a group. Featuring an ensemble cast of professional musicians with West End experience, this is a spectacular show for Beatles fans new and old!



The Full Monty

Tue 11 - Sat 15 Nov, various times theatre & dance | tickets: £23



St Augustine's Musical Theatre Company presents The Full Monty, a story full of heart. A group of unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo stumble across the idea that they could raise some much needed money by stripping, just like the lads who do it for a living. Follow their very precarious journey - right to the end, you'll wonder if these lovable misfits will really pull it off and 'let it go!' With a raucous mix of razor sharp humour and toe-tapping pizzazz, this heart-warming upbeat comedy is a must-see!

Age guidance: 12+



The Irish House Party

Tue 18 Nov, 7.30pm music | tickets: £23



An Irish music show with no twee costumes or backing tracks – instead, you get incredibly talented musicians and dancers who simply want to bring you the sound and fun of Ireland in an intimate and homely setting. The show features All-Ireland champion musicians and world champion dancers who combine a unique blend of light-hearted audience interaction with fascinating stories about the music and the instruments themselves. Don't miss the chance to experience a true taste of an Irish house party live on stage!



An Evening with Paul Merson

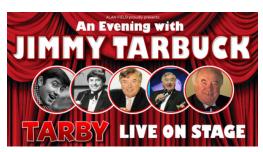
Thu 20 Nov, 7.30pm

talks & lectures | tickets: £35 (£65 VIP)



Best known for his playing days and punditry, Paul Merson takes to the stage for a night of unfiltered stories, laughter, and behind-the-scenes revelations. He'll share stories, not just from his time on the pitch, but also from the challenges he has faced off it. With his quick wit, charisma, and brutally honest storytelling, this is a must-see event for football fans and beyond. VIP tickets include a meet & greet and a photo opportunity before the show.

Age guidance: 14+



An Evening with Jimmy Tarbuck

Wed 19 Nov, 7.30pm talks & lectures | tickets: £32.50



After more than 60 years at the very top of his profession, Jimmy Tarbuck OBE relives many of the most iconic moments of a life on stage and screen. Featuring a huge collection of anecdotes and video clips highlighting a fabulously glittering career, from going to school with John Lennon to playing golf with Bing Crosby and, of course, his rise to fame hosting Sunday Night at the London Palladium. Enjoy stories that retell the incredible journey of a true national treasure.



Sugar Pie Honey Bunch

Fri 16 Jan, 7.30pm music | tickets: £32



Paying homage to the music of The Four Tops, vocal group Soul Satisfaction brings the Motown magic back to the stage in a live concert with powerful vocals, splendid harmonies and high stepping dance routines. Go on a journey through all the hits of the Four Tops along with other classic hits from the golden era, including songs from The Temptations, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Marvin Gaye and many more Motown and soul legends.

Disclaimer: This show is a tribute, concept style show and not affiliated or endorsed by any original artistes, estates, management. Promoter reserves the right to alter the programme at any given time.



The Rat Pack - Las Vegas Live!

Sat 17 Jan, 7.30pm music | tickets: £25



Britain's original and longest running tribute to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. brings the style and excitement of the Las Vegas heyday to The Core Theatre. The acclaimed David Alacey (Lovejoy & Inspector Alleyn) stars as Frank Sinatra alongside West End favourite Tim Harwood as Dean Martin. They are joined by former Coronation Street & Hollyoaks star Ashley Campbell as Sammy Davis Jr. in the original Rat Pack show, now celebrating its 25th record-breaking year. Together they amaze audiences in a fabulous show including all the greatest hits -'That's Amore', 'Mr Bojangles', 'My Way' and more!



Wired For Sound - The Cliff Richard Show

Sun 25 Jan, 3pm music | tickets: £25



Jimmy Jemain is one of the best known Cliff Richard tributes and has travelled extensively across the globe, presenting his fantastic all-live show to excited audiences. Jimmy and his backing band, The Rapiers, combine in this highly polished and entertaining show, giving an unrivalled performance as Cliff Richard & The Shadows. Audiences can look forward to an evening of fabulous nostalgia returning to the early days of pop, featuring all Cliff's hits of that unforgettable era - and all the latest songs of Cliff's illustrious career.



Black Ball 40th Anniversary

Wed 21 Jan, 7.30pm comedy & variety | tickets: £32.50 (£75 VIP)



Come and join snooker greats Steve Davis and Dennis Taylor as they recreate the final frame from the match that gripped a nation - the 1985 World Snooker Final. A record-breaking 18.5 million TV viewers stayed up to watch the legendary match and this is your chance to see the rematch with snooker royalty. Snooker legend John Virgo is your host and referee for an evening guaranteed to include his famed, hilarious snooker impressions. A night not to be missed, there will also be an audience Q&A. VIP tickets include a meet & greet opportunity.

Age guidance: 14+



The Class of '55

Thu 29 Jan, 7.30pm music | tickets: £29



Get ready to rock and roll as the Class of '55 reunites for an unforgettable night celebrating the legendary sounds of Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash, and Jerry Lee Lewis! This spectacular production promises to transport you back in time with all the electrifying energy of a live band that will have you dancing in your seat. Join us for a night filled with laughter, memories, and the timeless tunes that continue to inspire and entertain. Don't miss your chance to relive the magic of rock and roll history!



The Neil Diamond Story

Fri 30 – Sat 31 Jan, 7.30pm music | tickets: £28



Described in Las Vegas as one of the world's finest vocal tributes to Neil Diamond, Bob Drury has been astounding audiences with his vocal likeness for fifteen years, performing throughout the UK, Europe, Nashville and Las Vegas. Covering Neil Diamond's journey from struggling songwriter to international mega-star, the show includes hits from every stage of a staggering career spanning five decades including 'Sweet Caroline', 'Cracklin' Rosie', 'America', 'Love on the Rocks', 'Play Me', 'Hello Again', 'Forever in Blue Jeans' and 'Beautiful Noise'. A fantastic evening guaranteed!



An Evening with Jeff Stelling

Thu 5 Feb, 7.30pm





Get ready for a night of football, fun, and fabulous stories! We invite you to an unforgettable evening with Jeff Stelling, the legendary anchor of Sky Sports Gillette Soccer Saturday. Jeff will bring his trademark charm and wit as he regales you with behind-thescenes tales, hilarious anecdotes, and stories about his journey to becoming the voice of football weekends. The evening will include an audience Q&A, plenty of laughs and a few surprises! VIP tickets include a meet & greet and photo opportunity.



Legends of American Country

Mon 2 Feb, 7.30pm music | tickets: £26.50



Now seen by over 350,000 fans live, multi-award-winning show The Legends of American Country returns for another fantastic night of toe-tapping Country nostalgia! This tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline and more with countless other well-known singalong hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza. The show features a fantastic live band that will create an authentic Tennessee sound guaranteed to transport you all the way to Nashville and back in one night. If it's country music you like then this is the only show in town!



Elvis - The Ultimate Experience

Fri 6 Feb, 7.30pm music | tickets: £29



Supported by a full live band, Ben Thompson is one of the select few Elvis artistes who has the ability to successfully recreate all the eras of the 'king of rock and roll'. In 2018, Ben was crowned Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Champion of Graceland, recognised as the 'world championships of Elvis'. Elvis – The Ultimate Experience will be a non-stop extravaganza of all the classic Elvis hits, including 'Jailhouse Rock', 'Heartbreak Hotel', 'Love Me Tender', 'Suspicious Minds', 'All Shook Up' and 'Blue Suede Shoes' and many more! Age guidance: 14+



The Mumford & Sons Story

Sun 8 Feb, 7.30pm music | tickets: £30



A tribute to the award-winning folk-rock band Mumford & Sons, this show recreates the incredible tale of the floor-stomping band who took the world by storm. Four masterful live musicians come together in waistcoats, skinny jeans and bushy beards to celebrate the best of Mumford & Sons' iconic music and their explosive rise to fame. With all the very best hits, including 'Little Lion Man', 'I Will Wait', 'The Cave', 'Rushmere' and many more, this is a stomp and holler not to be missed!



A Midsummer Night's Tease

Fri 13 Feb, 7.30pm

cabaret & burlesque | tickets: £20 (£27.50 VIP)



A Midsummer Night's Tease opens its doors and cordially invites you to an evening of tantalising tease and captivating cabaret. Featuring some of the finest talent from the UK's burlesque and cabaret scene, A Midsummer Night's Tease promises you a night to remember. Expect burlesque, magic, variety, aerial, fire performance and so much more. Whether you love Valentine's Day or loathe it, we have something for you! Suitable for adults only.

Age guidance: 18+



Living the Life of Riley

Thu 12 Feb, 7.30pm

theatre & dance | tickets: £26



Living the Life of Riley is a feel-good family comedy, which is heart-warming, heart-breaking and hilarious. Serious issues combined with serious laughter bring the Riley Family to life in front of your eyes. It's raw, it's real, it's raucous. It's Mrs Brown's Boys meets Coronation Street! Audiences say 'The trials and tribulations of family life with serious issues and serious laughter, a fabulous cast and amazing show' and 'A rollercoaster of emotions, love, laughter but tissues to the ready, this is a must-see show!'



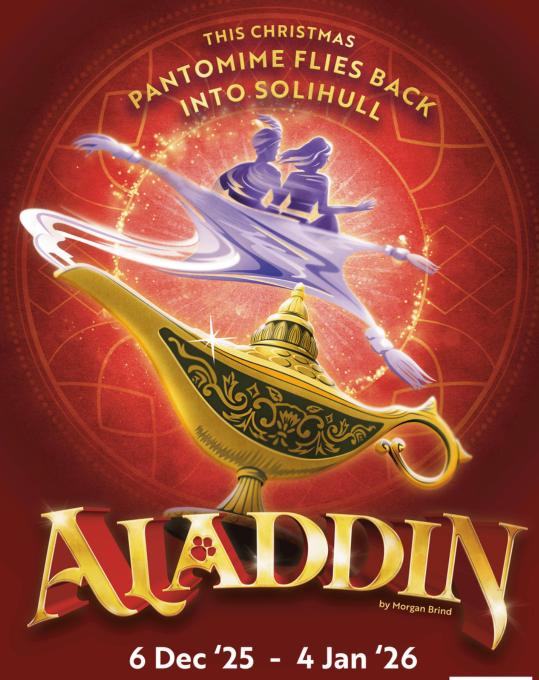
Valentine's Night - Music of Burt Bacharach

Sat 14 Feb, 7.30pm

music | tickets: £25



Fall in love again with the timeless music of Burt Bacharach. Million-selling hits for Dionne Warwick, Dusty Springfield, Tom Jones, The Carpenters, Cilla Black, Gene Pitney and more, performed by incredible West End vocalists and the sensational Magic Moments Orchestra. Hits include 'What the World Needs Now', 'Walk on By', 'The Look of Love', 'Anyone Who Had a Heart', '24 Hours from Tulsa', 'I Say a Little Prayer for You' and many more.



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Pantomime returns to Solihull!

Sometimes you get even more than you wished for...

Aladdin wishes the Princess would notice him, the Princess wishes she could lead a normal life. Aladdin's mother wishes she could remember what she came in here for...

And there's something very peculiar about that ancient clapped out rusty thing. (The lamp... not his mother.)

Let us whisk you away this Christmas to the town of Shangri-La where the sorcerers are sinister, the caves full of surprises and the genies have been bottling things up for a bit.

With spectacular sets, breathtaking special effects, gorgeous costumes and mountains of mayhem, the awardwinning Little Wolf Entertainment are bringing Panto back to The Core Theatre with our most lavish, actionpacked family adventure so far!

It doesn't take a genie-us to know one of your three wishes should be to see Aladdin at The Core Theatre, Solihull.

"Hilarious... fabulous festive fun for all the family!"

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6 Dec '25 - 4 Jan '26

DATE	MORNING	MATINEE	EVENING
6 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
7 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
8 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
9 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
10 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
11 Dec	NO PERFORMANCES		
12 Dec		1.45pm	7pm
13 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
14 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
15 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
16 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
17 Dec	10am	1.45pm	
18 Dec	NO PERFORMANCES		
19 Dec		2pm	7pm
20 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
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25 Dec	MERRY CHRISTMAS!		
26 Dec		2pm	7pm
27 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
28 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
29 Dec		12.30pm	4.30pm
30 Dec		12.30pm	5.30pm (RP)
31 Dec	llam	3pm	
01 Jan	NO PERFORMANCES		
02 Jan		2pm	7pm
03 Jan		12.30pm	4.30pm
04 Jan		12.30pm	4.30pm

School Performances - Contact the Box Office			
Bronze	All Seats £24		
Silver	£26 Full Price, £24 Conc, £96 Family (2+2)		
Gold	All Seats £28		

(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 available online. There is a lift to first floor. Booster seats are

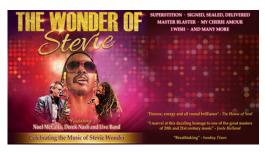


Flowers and Friendship Bracelets

Sun 15 Feb, 2pm & 6pm family | tickets: £22.50



Get ready for a dazzling explosion of music, dance, and excitement as Flowers and Friendship Bracelets returns to The Core! Come and join us for the ultimate pop concert and celebrate the biggest hits from the hottest artistes of the moment in this family tribute show. 'Shake it Off' with our very own Taylor Swift, sing along to 'Flowers' with Miley Cyrus, and dust off your best dance moves with Olivia Rodrigo and Sabrina Carpenter! Watch the girls delight the audience in this incredible concert with a huge pop party to finish the show. So, grab your tickets today-and don't forget those friendship bracelets!

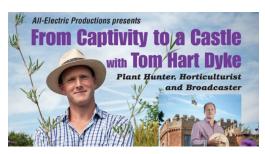


The Wonder of Stevie

Thu 19 Feb, 7.30pm music | tickets: £29.50



The ultimate celebration of the genius of Stevie Wonder! Voted one of Britain's top soul singers, mesmeric vocalist Noel McCalla, award-winning saxophonist Derek Nash (Jools Holland's R&B Orchestra) and their world-class band present a catalogue of Stevie Wonder classics. The Wonder of Stevie perform hit after hit, from dance floor classics 'I Wish' and 'Superstition' to beautiful arrangements of 'My Cherie Amour' and the much-loved 'Isn't She Lovely' and 'Don't You Worry 'bout a Thing'.



From Captivity to a Castle - Tom Hart Dyke

Wed 18 Feb, 2pm talks & lectures | tickets: £18



The hazardous and colourful story of plant hunter Tom Hart Dyke, who first shot to international prominence in the year 2000, when he was kidnapped in the Colombian jungle on an expedition that went dangerously wrong. Since his release from captivity, Tom has been busy commandeering his granny's 18th century walled garden, within the grounds of Lullingstone Castle, to create his jungle dream. The story of this capture and subsequent plant hunting expeditions to develop his World Garden into what it is today is told with passion and great humour.



The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Fri 20 Feb, 11.30am family | tickets: £16



On a grassy hill in the country, there lived The Three Billy Goats Gruff! They never stop eating and now they've got to go find more food. Join the Three Billy Goats on their adventure, as they bravely cross the rickety bridge to greener pastures. But who will they meet along the way as they trip trap over the bridge? With lots of catchy songs, funky dances and a rapping troll to boot, Lost The Plot Theatrical are proud to present this smash-hit children's musical. An interactive, family fun show and the perfect treat for little ones and the big kids that bring them!



Hometown Glory - A Tribute to Adele

Fri 20 Feb, 7.30pm music | tickets: £27



A candlelit concert with an award-winning Adele tribute show starring Natalie Black. This stunning replica live concert show has toured the globe since 2011 and is a must-see, not only for any Adele fans, but also anyone wishing to enjoy an evening of hitpacked entertainment. Natalie's unrivalled likeness in both vocal quality and appearance will make this a night to remember. All the most-loved Adele songs, from her four platinum-selling albums, feature: 'Set Fire to the Rain', 'Make You Feel my Love', 'Someone Like You' and so many more.



Ireland The Show

Mon 2 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £28



Join an all-star Irish cast of highly talented performers accompanied by the fabulous Keltic Storm band and world champion Gael Force Irish dancers for the unmissable Ireland The Show. The show will feature all the well-known ballads and singalongs. Add to that a string of hilarious stories from our award-winning comedian Gary Gamble, topped off with energetic reels and jigs from our fiddler maestro and the talented Keltic voice of Elaine Boyle, this is a one-stop show for you that's guaranteed to take you to Ireland and back in one night!



The SpongeBob Musical

Thu 26 - Sat 28 Feb, various times theatre & dance | tickets: £18 (£12 child)



SOSage Factory present The SpongeBob Musical, a show full of toe-tapping, catchy songs to get you in the mood from the word go! The SpongeBob Musical takes audiences on a journey to Bikini Bottom, where SpongeBob SquarePants faces a crisis - the imminent eruption of a volcano threatening his home and community. Joined by friends like Patrick and Sandy, SpongeBob embarks on a whimsical journey to save the day. The SpongeBob Musical is a celebration of friendship, resilience, and the beloved characters from the Nickelodeon animated series.



Women in Rock

Fri 6 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £25



Get ready to turn up the volume for Women in Rock the ultimate live tribute to the trailblazing women who changed rock music forever. From the powerhouse vocals of Janis Joplin and Tina Turner to the anthems of P!nk, Alanis Morissette, and HEART, this highoctane show delivers hit after hit in one unforgettable concert. Expect iconic tracks like 'Piece Of My Heart', 'You Oughta Know', 'Black Velvet' and more, with explosive vocals, epic harmonies, costume changes, and non-stop audience energy!



The Counterfeit Sixties Show

Sat 7 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £25



Relive the sounds of the swinging 60s, as The Counterfeit Sixties Show brings alive the magic of the era with their tribute to over 25 bands from this unforgettable time. The show encompasses all things 60s, from the clothes to television history including TV shows, adverts and clips from the original bands. The fantastic music of The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who and The Kinks - to name but a few - are all recreated in this stunning show. Join us for a night of 60s nostalgia!



Celebrating Barry - The Ultimate Manilow Show

Thu 12 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £28.50



Experience this incredible celebration to the music of legendary singer-songwriter Barry Manilow as portrayed during his amazing 'Live in Concert' shows in Las Vegas. Multi-award-winning tribute artiste Wayne Denton brings a fabulous voice, stage presence and charisma to the performance. Join us for this non-stop extravaganza of classics hits including, 'Copacabana (at the Copa), 'Could it Be Magic', 'Mandy', 'Bermuda Triangle' and more. This will be an evening of music and passion not to be missed!



Totally Tina

Sun 8 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £30



Come shake a tail feather with the UK's supreme Tina – Justine Riddoch – and her talented cast. This breathtaking recreation of a live Tina Turner concert celebrates the golden anniversary of the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll's signature tune 'Proud Mary'. Tina's noholds-barred take of the song established a reputation for fearsome live performances – and those neverending legs! Supported by her dazzling dancing girls in sequins, Justine recreates the famous live performances that propelled Tina to stadium concert stardom.



Declan Nerney Live in Concert!

Fri 13 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £26.50



Declan was born in the heart of Ireland during a unique period in the Irish music scene, where the magnificent showband boom was about to explode. Growing up, he was heavily influenced by Joe Dolan, Philomena Begley, The Capital Showband and many more. Declan went on to have a super career that has spanned over four decades at the top of Irish Country Music, winning many accolades along the way and scoring countless hits with his catalogue of trademark songs. Join Declan and his super live band for a nostalgic night of music, song and laughter.



Taylor Fever

Sat 14 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £25 (£33.50 VIP)



Taylor Fever is the ultimate tribute to global icon Taylor Swift, delivering an electrifying concert experience with world-class performers, dazzling lighting, and breathtaking effects. Our show features four incredible dancers alongside the main act with sets, costume and sound that will transport fans into the full Eras Tour experience. Authenticity and quality set this show apart from others, making it a fantastic experience for all the family. VIP tickets include an exclusive postshow meet & greet and a poster.



Celebrating Celine

Fri 27 Mar, 7.30pm music | tickets: £29



Celebrating Celine is the ultimate live concert experience honouring the legendary music of Celine Dion. This spectacular production brings to life the passion, power, and unforgettable songs that have defined Celine's extraordinary career. Starring the phenomenal powerhouse vocals of Lisa Harter as 'Celine' and featuring an incredible live band, this is a show not to be missed. From timeless ballads like 'My Heart Will Go On' to high-energy anthems like 'River Deep, Mountain High', this show is a heartfelt celebration of one of the world's most beloved voices.



Me and My Girl

Tue 17 - Sat 21 Mar, various times theatre & dance | tickets: £22



The sun will have his hat on in March 2026! Step into the sparkling world of 1930s London with Me and My Girl, brought to life by Knowle Musical Society. This timeless family-friendly British musical comedy has charmed audiences for generations. Full of wit, warmth and wall-to-wall laughter, this show tells the rags-to-riches tale of Bill Snibson, a cheeky Cockney fellow who discovers he's the long-lost heir to an aristocratic fortune. Whether you're a lifelong musical lover or stepping into the theatre for the first time, Me and My Girl offers a heartwarming, high-energy night out for all ages.



Richard Jones - The Sound of Magic

Sat 28 Mar, 7.30pm

theatre & dance | tickets: £25 (£22 child, £60 VIP)



Richard Jones, The Military Illusionist, captivated the nation's heart and mind, earning his spot as the first and only magician to conquer the stage of Britain's Got Talent. Now, he's ready to raise the bar even higher. With his unparalleled talents and a bag of never-before-seen tricks up his sleeve, Richard will have you questioning the very fabric of reality! VIP tickets include a meet & greet, photo opportunity, poster signing and exclusive close-up magic. An £80 family of four ticket bundle is also available.

Shows in the Studio at The Core



Jekyll and Hyde

Fri 5 Sep tickets: £16

Box of Frogs - Improv Comedy

The Ultimate Pop Show

Funny to The Core - Lindsey Santoro

Live at The Core - Apollo Greats

Live at The Core - Richard Blackwood

Funny to The Core - Charlie Baker

Harvest - A Celebration of Neil Young

Funny to The Core - Hal Cruttenden

The Fleetwood Mack Experience

Talking Heads by Alan Bennett

The Ultimate Tribute Show -

Pop Gods of the 80s & 90s

Teena's Tinsel Time Tunnel

Santa's Christmas Party

Sat 6 Sep tickets: £20

Sat 13 Sep

tickets: £12

Sat 4 Oct

tickets: £20

Sat 11 Oct

tickets: £20

Fri 17 Oct

Sat 1 Nov tickets: £20

Fri 7 Nov

tickets: £20

Sat 13 Dec

Sun 14 Dec

tickets: £18

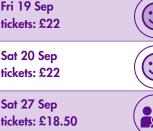
tickets: £12.50 (£43 family x4 bundle)

Fri 19 - Wed 24 Dec

tickets: £17.50

tickets: £16 (£14 conc.)





















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The Core Theatre is excited to welcome innovative event specialists

The Wine Events Company to present their unique 'Movie with Wine' experience. You can expect: Classic 80s movie Interactive sommelier-led wine tasting Five themed wines High jinx The time of your life! Your movie will be paused at appropriate moments to pour your next themed wine. Over 18s only. Alcohol free options available on request. Bookings through The Core Theatre Box Office. £32.95 pp.



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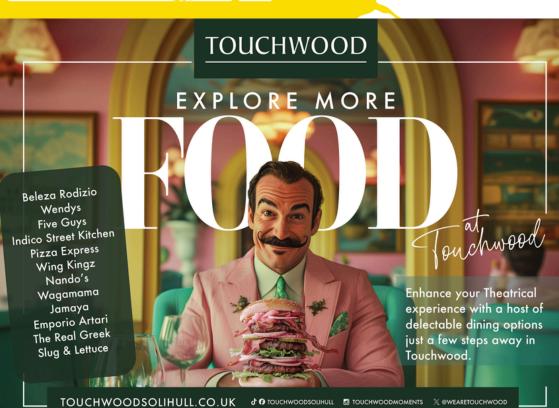


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Autumn Film Programme

All films £6

Rear Window (PG)

Mon 15 Sep, 2pm

1954 thriller. A wheelchair-bound photographer spies on his neighbours and becomes convinced one of them has committed murder.

Knives Out (12A)

Mon 15 Sep, 7pm

2019 murder mystery comedy. When a renowned crime novelist is found dead, the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc is mysteriously enlisted to investigate.

Hong Kong Cinema: Alone No More (12A)

Tue 16 Sep, 11am

2024 drama. A lonely man's chance encounter with a dog opens the door to new friendships and a renewed sense of purpose in this Cantonese-language drama.

Charade (PG) Wed 24 Sep, 2pm

1963 comedy thriller. Harassed by three men linked to the death of her husband, a woman turns to a handsome stranger for help and ends up embroiled in a world of lies.

Juror #2 (12A) Mon 29 Sep, 2pm

2024 thriller drama. While serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, a man finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma - one he could use to sway the verdict.

Death Becomes Her (12A)

Mon 6 Oct, 7pm

Mon 13 Oct, 2pm

1992 cult comedy fantasy. A fading actress and her former rival both become obsessed with a potion that promises eternal youth, leading to a darkly comedic battle for immortality.

Psycho (15)

1960 classic horror film. A secretary on the run for embezzlement takes refuge at a secluded motel owned by a repressed man and his overbearing mother.

Sinners (15) Mon 13 Oct, 7pm

2025 horror film. In 1930s Mississippi, twin brothers return home to leave their troubled past behind, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back.

Hong Kong Cinema: Peg O' My Heart (15) Tue 14 Oct, 11am

2024 psychological thriller. When an unorthodox psychologist tests new treatments on a patient suffering from psychosis, the unexpected results threaten to drive them both insane.

How To Train Your Dragon (PG)

Mon 27 Oct, 2pm

2025 fantasy adventure. As an ancient threat endangers both Vikings and dragons alike on the isle of Berk, Hiccup the Viking forges an unlikely friendship with a Night Fury dragon.

They Shall Not Grow Old (15)

Wed 5 Nov, 2pm

A critically acclaimed 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson following the experience of British servicemen during WWI.

Hong Kong Cinema: In Broad Daylight (15)

Mon 17 Nov, 11am

2023 drama based on true events. In Broad Daylight reveals a little-known truth about residential care homes for the disabled that hides beneath the headlines.



NT Live at The Core

National Theatre Live screenings are back on the big screen at The Core Theatre! Here's what's coming up...

NT Live: Inter Alia

A new play from the team behind Prima Facie, Inter Alia is a searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity. Starring Rosamund Pike. Wed 24 Sep & Wed 5 Nov, 7pm

NT Live: Mrs. Warren's Profession

Imelda Staunton joins forces with her real-life daughter Bessie Carter, playing mother and daughter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary moral classic. **Mon 27 Oct, 7pm**

NT Live: The Fifth Step

Jack Lowden and Martin Freeman star in this critically acclaimed and subversively funny new play by David Ireland, set at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. **Wed 28 Jan, 7pm**

NT Live: Hamlet

Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet (Hiran Abeysekera) dares to ask the ultimate question – you know the one. **Wed 4 Mar, 7pm**





Encore Café Bar

Where food deserves a round of applause!

We are truly proud of our food menu at Encore, prioritising locally sourced and high-quality ingredients, all made fresh to order. Our recently refreshed menu offers exciting new choices and daily specials, including delicious handcrafted Italian pizzas!

Our freshly made afternoon teas are the perfect way to celebrate a special occasion, catch up with friends, or get yourself into the festive spirit. If you need to cool down after a day of sunshine or one of our health & fitness classes, Encore is the ideal spot to grab a refreshing Marshfield Farm ice cream or a freshly prepared smoothie.

Attending a show in our main theatre? Our staff are eager to welcome you - our fully licensed bar will be open serving drinks, snacks, and sweet treats 90 minutes before the curtain goes up. Don't forget to place your interval orders when you arrive to beat those busy queues!

So, whether you're here for a show, a class, or just a coffee, we're here to welcome you.



How to find us

The Core Theatre Solihull is part of The Core building in Theatre Square, Touchwood. Theatre Square is reached either from Touchwood, or by a walkway from Homer Road, up the side of The Core building. The nearest car park is Touchwood - the 'Orange zone' will bring 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/park elsewhere. The postcode for Touchwood car park is B91 3GJ. Solihull Station is a 5 minute walk away and bus and rail services run regularly to/from Birmingham and other areas. More information on how to get here is available on our website

Box Office & Tickets

Opening hours are currently 9.30am - 2.30pm Mon - Fri (10am start on Wed) subject to change - see website. The counter reopens 90 minutes before a main theatre show starts, 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**. Booking fees apply to all sales online, via phone and over the counter. For more information speak to Box Office or visit our website.

Tickets can be sent via email, added to your Apple/Google Wallet or printed/collected at Box Office. Postage can be added for an extra £2.50 per order, it takes at least 7 - 10 working days for tickets to be processed and sent through the post.

cinema bambino at



Baby-friendly film screenings are coming to The Core with Cinema Bambino! Every month, we'll be putting on a morning showing of a popular new film in a relaxed environment for parents and guardians to enjoy with their babies (under 18 months). The lights will be turned up and the volume will be lowered so that everyone can enjoy their trip to the cinema!



Tue 2 September: We Live In Time (15)
Mon 6 October: The Penguin Lessons (12A)

Please note that ticket price includes admission for one adult and one babe in arms. Adults will not be admitted unless accompanied by a baby. Please visit our website for full details, inc. 2026 dates.

Access

The main theatre auditorium has raked seating with two aisles. There are no handrails down the aisles but we have fitted 'grab rails' at each end of seat rows to assist and support audiences whilst using the stairs.

Rows A-G are best approached from ground floor entrance - Rows H-P are accessed via a staircase of 24 steps or lift. Access is provided via the Core passenger lift (suitable for wheelchairs) which is a glass lift located in the foyer on the right hand side of the main doors. This takes you up to the first floor within easy walking distance of the theatre entrance on the upper level, making the back of the Theatre accessible to all (except wheelchair users who cannot transfer).

Front row seats are at ground level and are reserved for those with mobility or access needs until the rest of the auditorium is approaching sell-out. Please call Box Office with your ticket requirements and make known any concerns or needs you may have at the point of booking.

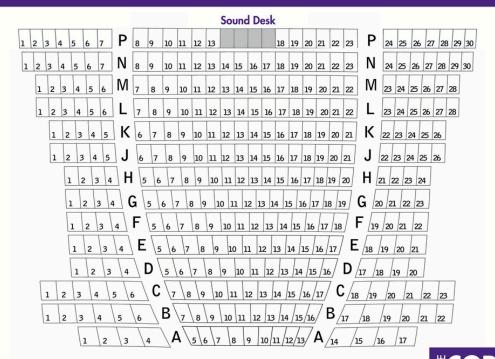
Staff will advise and assist you to obtain the best possible seating to ensure your visit is both accessible and enjoyable.

The Studio is a multi-use performance area located on the ground floor just off the foyer and Encore café bar. Access is flat with double-width entry doors.

There are wheelchair accessible toilet facilities on ground floor (left of Encore café bar) and first floor (near the Upper Floor Theatre entrance). There are baby changing facilities on the ground floor and also in the Children's Library. Our hearing assistance system is a fixed loop and is available in the main theatre and at Box Office - please switch hearing aids to position 't'.

Carer's tickets are available to book via the Box Office on **0121 704 6962** - more information on our carer's seat policy is available on our website.

Information contained in this brochure is correct at the time of printing, however details are subject to change - please visit our website **www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk** for the most up to date information.









courtyard gallery diary

Wed 3 - Sat 20 Sep

Studio Kavachi Exhibition

Wed 24 Sep - Sat 11 Oct

Art at The Heart - Artists of Tomorrow

Wed 15 Oct - Sat 1 Nov

Art at The Heart - Diwali Exhibition

Wed 5 - Sat 22 Nov

Alan Reuilier

Fri 12 Dec - Sat 10 Jan

Solihull College Bootcamp Exhibition

Wed 14 - Sat 31 Jan

Cris Wong Art Studio Exhibition

Wed 4 - Sat 21 Feb

Catherine Holland

Wed 25 Feb - Sat 14 Mar Iryna Kulikova



