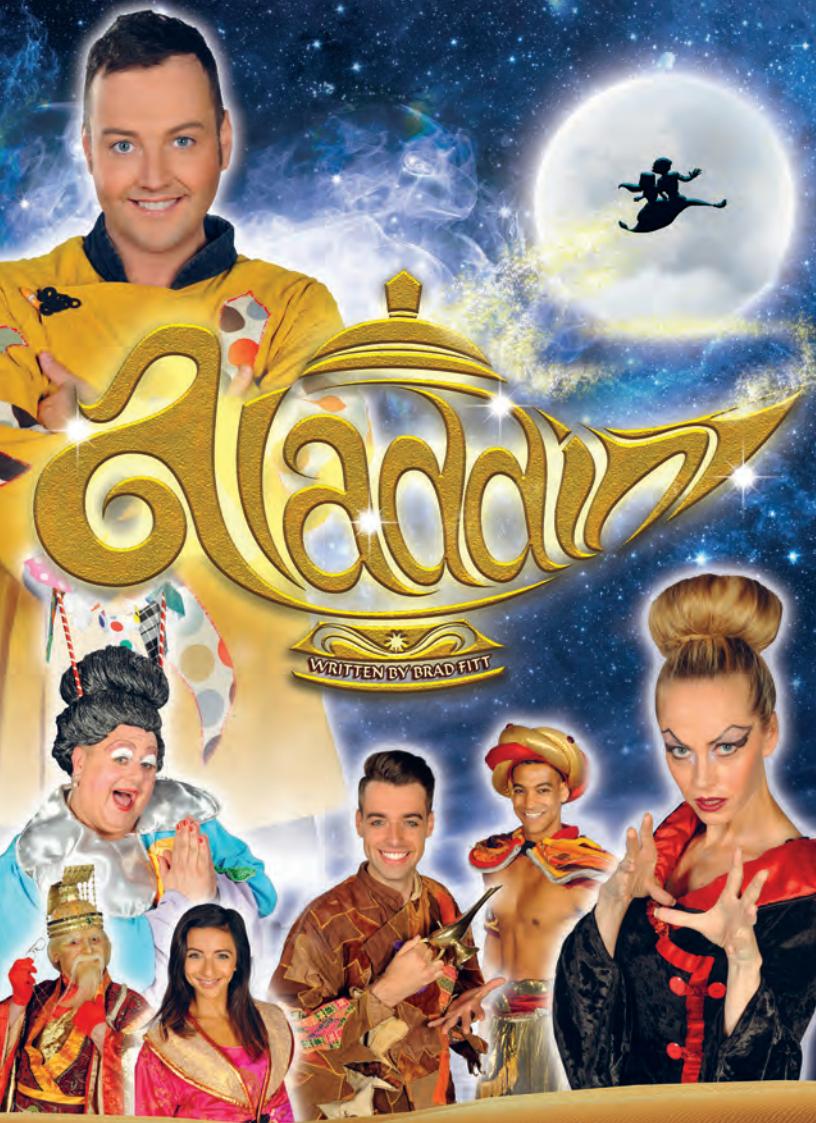


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Season Programme Winter 2017 / Spring 2018

A vertical promotional image for 'Dance To The Music'. It shows two women in sequined costumes: one in gold and one in pink. The text 'Dance To The Music' is written in a stylized gold font above a collage of various performers in colorful costumes, including acrobats and a person in a white suit.

Dance To
The Music

CIRQUE
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Click on the advertised show images to go direct to the show details on our website, where you can book tickets online.

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- you will be presented with a page unavailable message,
- or, you will find that the contents of the web page you have requested have now been replaced with details of another forthcoming Towngate show.

Welcome to the TOWNGATE THEATRE

The Summer holidays are over, but there is a ton of Winter fun coming up at the Towngate!

This Autumn we have an incredible line up of productions for all ages and tastes. We're dusting off our deerstalkers in October when everyone's favourite detective, Sherlock Holmes, comes to the Towngate in the deeply daft theatrical caper – *Sherlock Holmes And The Crimson Cobblestones*! If you liked The 39 Steps, you'll love this!

Further highlights in 2017 include the return of *Mad About The Musicals* which stars *Britain's Got Talent* winner Jai McDowell; *Milkshake!* favourite Jen Pringle will be donning a pair of ruby slippers to play Dorothy in *The Wizard Of Oz*; and the Russian State Ballet will be performing the Christmas classic *The Nutcracker* – the perfect festive ballet which is loved by all generations.

We can't believe how quickly this year is flying by – we're already gearing up for PANTO TIME! If you haven't already heard, this year's magical panto will be the 'genie-ous' tale of *ALADDIN*! Our panto dream team, Simon Fielding and Sophie Ladds will be returning to the Towngate stage from 28 November-2 January, and we are thrilled to welcome back the wonderful Daniel Stockton who stole our hearts last year as Dame Dolly Dumpling. *Aladdin* is continuing to break all previous Box Office records – so if you haven't booked yet, call the Box Office quickly before the best seats fly away!

There's no sign of us slowing down in 2018 – we have a jam-packed season to pull you out of the post-Christmas blues! If you need a laugh then *The Only Way Is Dick* will have you rolling in the Mirren aisles (strictly for ages 18+ only!); or if you loved *The Wam Bam Club* then we have another magical evening with *Cirque Enchantment*; or if you're in the mood for a dark, mysterious, drama then Blackeyed Theatre will be returning to Basildon with *The Strange Case Of Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde*.

Don't forget that Gift Vouchers are available from the Box Office in a variety of amounts to suit all budgets – perfect for Christmas presents! And speaking of Christmas – check out our Festive Menu on the back page - we've got our table booked already for the Towngate Christmas Meal!

We hope you enjoy reading through our new season brochure, and myself and the team look forward to welcoming you to the Towngate soon.

With best wishes,
Anne-Marie Woodley, Theatre Manager
and the Towngate team
#teamtowngaterocks



THE TOWNGATE THEATRE A VENUE FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Our high quality venue provides a range of flexible spaces that can cater for all of your event needs. Whether it's a children's party, a Christmas party, corporate celebration or even a wedding, The Towngate can provide everything from room hire to bespoke catering packages including: buffets, hot meals and homemade cakes and fancies.

Situated in the heart of Basildon town centre, our modern facilities are available for hire seven days a week.

With excellent road and rail links from London and the South East, The Towngate is suitable for parties of 20 to 200+.

For room bookings and event enquiries, please email towngate@basildon.gov.uk or call 01268 465465

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THE BOX OFFICE

THE WEST END SMASH HIT
MUSICAL COMES TO BASILDON

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Monty Python's SPAMALOT™

A new musical *lovingly* ripped off from the motion picture
MONTY PYTHON and the Holy Grail

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EARLY BIRD OFFER UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2017

26 - 31 MARCH 2018

THE WORLD FAMOUS

DREAMBOYS®

Where Dreams Become Reality



"UK'S MOST FAMOUS MALE GLAMOUR SHOW"

After a sold-out performance last year, The Dreamboys are back in Basildon!

The Dreamboys male strip show is perfect for a girls night out with all your friends! If you're looking for the very best girls night out in the UK, look no further than these incredible stripping hunks. An action packed 2 hour show from start to finish, these boys will literally have you begging for more!

This is one action packed show - full of music, muscle, magic and mayhem that will leave you breathless which you simply cannot afford to miss!

Book your tickets now before it's too late!

Suitable for ages 18+ only!



WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: FROM £22.50 – £27.50

Barry Steele and friends The Roy Orbison Story

Barry Steele is widely recognised as one of the world's leading vocalists playing homage to the legendary Roy Orbison. He has stunned audiences with his uncanny similarity and ability to revive the sound of this music giant.

Not only does Barry bring the music of The Big O back to the stage, the show also features hits by George Harrison, Del Shannon, Jerry Lee Lewis, ELO, The Spencer Davis Group, The Traveling Wilburys and of course the Big O, all backed by a big screen and phenomenally talented musicians resulting in a fusion of '60s classics and '80s contemporary musical genius. It's more than a tribute, it's a musical story in time!



FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £20



All Star WRESTLING

BATTLE FOR SUPERSLAM TITLE AND BELT BY ORDER OF THE WRESTLING BOARD OF CONTROL.

A brand new season of Superslam wrestling returns with a fantastic line-up of top International talent from all the major federations around the world. They're here to face the best of British Wrestlers in a 2-hour, non-stop, fun-filled family night out!

If you have seen the show previously, you'll know how much the kids (and big kids!) love it. If you've never been before, give it a try and we're sure you'll be booking a ringside seat when All Star Wrestling returns!



SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER & 1 OCTOBER
& 18 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 3PM

TICKETS: £15
CONCESSIONS: £10
FAMILY (2+2): £45

**FAMILY
FEAST
£20**

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CRIMSON Cobbles

Join us for the world première of this Sherlock Holmes caper delivered at breakneck pace in a hilarious, deeply daft theatrical explosion for adults and family audiences.

Holmes and Watson are called upon to investigate the Whitechapel murders that are sending shockwaves through London. But when the evidence points to only one possible and inconceivable conclusion about the identity of Jack the Ripper, is our super sleuth prepared to believe the unbelievable?

From the playwright behind the hilarious 2014 production of *Around the World in 80 Days*, this witty, laugh-a-minute pastiche of Conan Doyle's investigative pair is a fast paced, physical and raucous night out.

Suitable for ages 12+

SPECIAL SCHOOL
RATE! POST SHOW
Q&A INCLUDED!

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £17.50 - £23.50
CONCESSIONS: £2 OFF
SCHOOL RATE: £12.50

SATURDAY SCAMPS

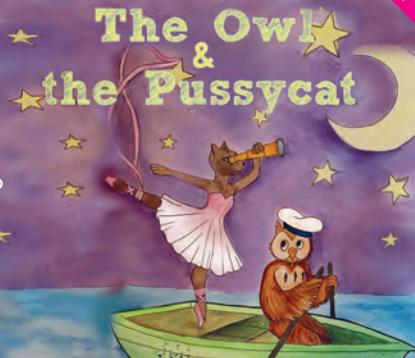
FUN FOR
ALL THE FAMILY
IN THE MIRRORS

They danced by the light of the moon, the moon...

After a sell-out tour with *The Princess & The Frog*, Let's All Dance is delighted to return with this gorgeous new ballet, which takes a fresh and humorous look at the famous Lear poem. Once again, the company combines fantastic dancing, beautiful costumes and crystal clear storytelling to engage and delight young audiences.

"A magical performance. We all loved this stunning show!" Felicity Dreme, Bath

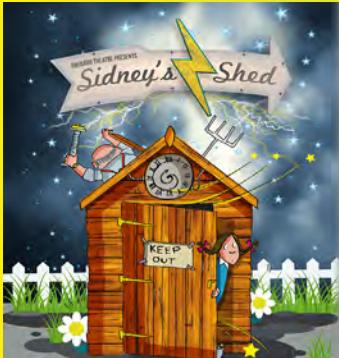
Perfect for 2-11 years, families, and children with additional needs.
Running time: 35 minutes plus photo opportunity with dancers.



SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER @ 1PM & 3PM

ADULT: £10

CHILD (UNDER 16s): £8



Maisie is running from the bullies and thinks she's just found the perfect place to hide. But this is no ordinary shed and Sidney Waffles is no ordinary gardener...

Inventor, explorer and winner of this year's 'Best-Veg-in-Show', the potty flower-potter has made some rather unusual improvements to his allotment - Sidney has created the world's first time travelling shed!

Bursting with historical hilarity, songs, music and prize-winning cabbages, Sidney's Shed is Rhubarb Theatre's new show for gardeners and adventurers of all ages!

Running time: 60 mins (no interval) plus post-show chat with the audiences

SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER @ 1PM & 3PM

TICKETS: £10

CONCESSIONS: £8

This intimate show is set in a library full of books that hold more than stories within their pages. It is a tale of the power of books, and the bravery of a young boy called Tomas. Tomas hates reading and school, but his world is turned upside down the day he meets the Unicorn Lady...

An enchanting and interactive production, I Believe in Unicorns sparks imagination in both young and old. We challenge you not to believe in unicorns after joining Tomas' spellbinding journey.

Running time: 60 mins and age recommendation 6+

"The show is moving and memorable, a glorious example of the magic of storytelling. I didn't like it, I loved it!"

Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo's
I Believe in Unicorns



SATURDAY 10 MARCH 2018 @ 1PM & 4PM

ADULT: £10

CHILD (UNDER 16s): £8

Education and OUTREACH

OWL AND PUSSYCAT PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP!

We invite you to jump into our pea-green boat and join us at 11.45am, prior to the 1pm performance, for a purrrr-fect hour of Saturday Scamps arts and crafts activities for you and your little ones to enjoy!

- Make your own (pea-green) boat - and be in with a chance to win a prize!
- Decorate your own mask
- Join in our treasure hunt
- Be sure to stick around after the show to meet your favourite characters who will be judging the boat making competition and you could be in with a chance to win a very special prize...

This event is open to ticketholders for both the 1pm and the 3pm performance.

SIDNEY'S SHED PRE-SHOW PUPPETRY WORKSHOP!

Sid isn't the only inventor around! Join us in our hand-crafted puppetry workshop where one piece of paper will become your very own creation right in front of your eyes! This workshop is open to everyone, children and adults, and will take place at 11:30am and 1:30pm prior to both performances.

THEATRE OUT OF THE BOX WORKSHOP

Join us in our Mirren Theatre for this drama and devising workshop, ideal for School Groups.

Working in the style of many theatre companies, we invite you to come and open our 'theatre box' and discover how ordinary objects can become extra-ordinary, inspiring stories and in turn, creating theatre!

SHOW IN A DAY WORKSHOP

Learn all about the various backstage positions of a working theatre in this devising and theatre skills workshop.

Man the Lighting Desk, pick your props and costume, call the show from the Stage Management station, control the Sound Desk then, using your new found skills, create and devise your own piece of the theatre on stage!

Workshop dates available upon request.
To register your attendance at a Pre-Show Workshop or to discuss a Show In A Day/ Out Of The Box Workshop, please email:
eando@basildon.gov.uk





'Perfect comedy timing'

★★★★★ British Theatre Guide

'No shortage of laughs... riotous immersive comedy'

★★★★ The Stage

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

Packing 5-star reviews from London's West End and Edinburgh Fringe, this bonkers immersive comedy from the makers of *Faulty Towers The Dining Experience* promises love, honour and disarray...

The Wedding Reception sees Kate and Will expecting a small party to celebrate their wedding - but Kate's mum had other plans! Cue uninvited guests, misbehaving family and secrets better left in the closet...

This unbeatable comedy dining experience is a side-splitting piece of theatre featuring four actors playing nine roles in a whirlwind of laughter, love and tears. There's even a sit-down meal - and maybe some dancing!

STARTERS
Somerset Brie and Asparagus Cheesecake ✓

MAIN COURSES
Outdoor Reared Belly of Pork
Seasoned with olive oil, sea salt, cracked black pepper and fresh thyme, accompanied with a bed of red cabbage and duchess potatoes with a cider jus
or

Vegetarian Toad in the Hole
Linda McCartney Vegetarian Sausages served in a giant Yorkshire pudding with duchess potatoes, green bean bundles and a delicious vegetarian gravy ✓

DESSERT
Red Velvet Fudge Cake
With layers of raspberry sauce and white chocolate fudge icing and with a rich white cream cheese frosting

Tea and Coffee

West Ham legends Tony Gale* and Frank McAvennie* grace the stage at the Towngate Theatre to talk about their brilliant careers at West Ham United! They will discuss games, dressing room and training ground stories, managers, fall outs, what it's like to score against your rivals and everything you ever wanted to know about being a pro-footballer at a successful football club!

They will be joined on stage by football's first 'super agent' Eric 'Monster' Hall who will be the host for the evening and he will tell his own stories about transfer deals, players and so much more.

There will also be a chance to put your questions across on the night to the lads. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for a Meet and Greet and a photograph opportunity before the show. There's only 100 of these tickets which are located in the first 5-6 rows of the Stalls - so be quick before they all go!

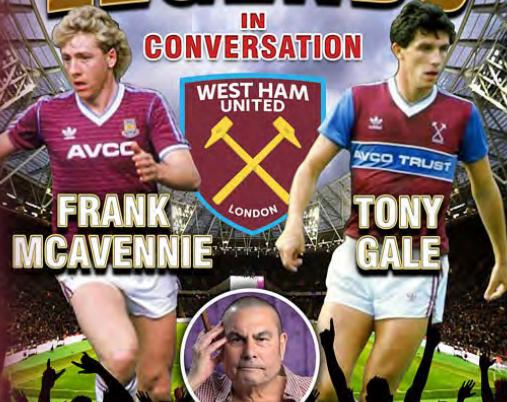
*Please note: Players are available at time of booking but their schedule could change.

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £39.50

10 GUESTS PER TABLE. FULL TABLES MAY BE PURCHASED, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

WEST HAM LEGENDS IN CONVERSATION



along with your host super agent
Eric "Monster" Hall

VIP TICKETS: £35

TICKETS: £25

WHITNEY QUEEN OF THE NIGHT



'A POWERHOUSE PERFORMANCE THAT DELIVERS ON EVERY LEVEL..... GO AND SEE IT NOW!'

A stunning celebration of the music and life of one of the greatest singers of our time. This award winning production features a sensational line-up of musicians and artistes, and together with a powerhouse and breath-taking performance in the spirit of Whitney, deliver a show that exceeds expectation on every level.

Taking us on a magical rollercoaster ride through three decades of classic hits that include, I Wanna Dance With Somebody, One Moment In Time, I'm Every Woman, My Love Is Your Love, So Emotional Baby, Run to You, Saving All My Love, I Will Always Love You, and many more, this show beautifully remembers the most highly awarded female artiste in the world ever!

"Hearts pounding, feet tapping, people were feeling so good. What a night, a must-see for Whitney fans."
The NEWS
(Portsmouth & Southsea)

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £24

CONCESSIONS: £23

M.A. PROMOTIONS PRESENTS
MAD ABOUT THE MUSICALS
2017
SONGS FROM THE GREATEST SHOWS OF THE WEST END AND BROADWAY

Starring
JAI McDOWELL
WINNER OF
'BRITAINS GOT TALENT'
AND
MUSICAL THEATRE'S VERY OWN
MICHAEL COURTNEY

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £24

Tony Stockwell

Psychic Medium

Remarkably compelling, amazingly detailed and always humorous. The popular star of TV's *Street Psychic*, *Psychic Private Eyes* and *Psychic Academy*, Tony demonstrates his belief that those who have passed can communicate with their loved ones - with detailed messages frequently including names, dates and locations and all delivered with emotion, sensitivity and empathy.

The evening may include psychometry, photographs, readings and psychic predictions.

Tony Stockwell is a Spiritualist Medium and spirit communication is part of his own religious belief, but we accept differing opinions exist regarding mediumship. Any demonstration of mediumship is an experiment and results are not guaranteed.



THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £19.50



Join the fant-abba-ulous party of the year as the 40th anniversary of ABBA's greatest hit *Dancing Queen* is celebrated in sequin-spangled style!

You'll be rocking to the retro sounds of – *Super Trouper*; *Waterloo*; *Mamma Mia*; *Gimme, Gimme, Gimme*; *Knowing Me Knowing You* and more – to Lycra-tight perfection!

Record-breaking movies, smash-hit West End musicals, chart-topping albums and singles – ABBA's incredible legacy now lives on in concert with this all-new international smash-hit show.

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

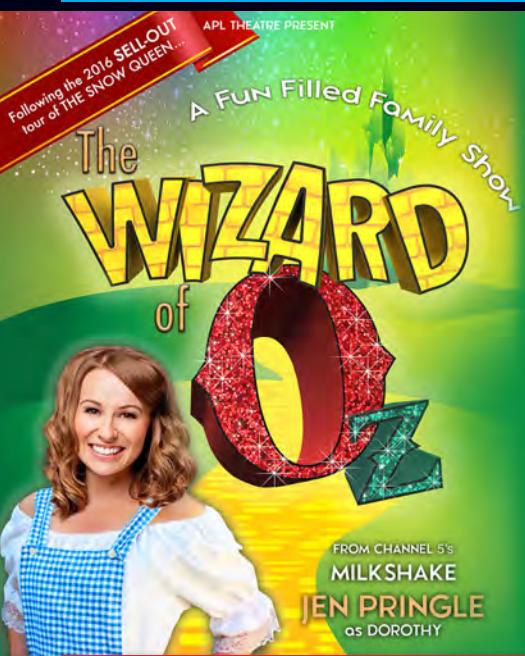
TICKETS: £22.50

CONCESSIONS: £20.50



SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £23
CONCESSIONS: £21



TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER @ 2.30PM & 6PM

TICKETS: £15
CONCESSIONS: £12.50
FAMILY (2+2): £50

Celebrating the Queen & King of Country, Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers...

Leave your 9 to 5 worries at the door and get ready for a night in the company of Country Music Royalty!

This thigh-slapping stage show brings together the beloved glamour and personality of Dolly, along with Kenny's charisma and energy with hit after hit including: *Jolene*, *Ruby*, *9 To 5*, *Lucille*, *Here You Come Again*, *The Gambler*, *I Will Always Love You*, *Coward Of The Country*, plus the smash hit *Islands In The Stream*.

Enjoy a superb score and supreme musicianship as we bring the house down with the ultimate tribute to two country music legends.

The Wizard Of Oz is an enchanting adaptation of the all-time classic.

Developed from the much-loved L. Frank Baum story - this fast paced, colourful musical, which has recently returned from a sell-out international tour, features all the favourite characters and iconic moments, plus an exciting mix of familiar songs and original compositions.

So click your heels together and join Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Dorothy and her little dog Toto, as they journey through the magical land of Oz to meet the Wizard and obtain their hearts' desires.

Watch out for the Wicked Witch of the West as you rediscover the real story of Oz in this fantastic musical treat for the whole family.

Starring Channel 5's *Milkshake!* favourite, **Jen Pringle**, as Dorothy!



FLEETINGWOOD MAC

Fleetwood Mac are a young and exciting new tribute to the legendary band Fleetwood Mac. Setting themselves apart from traditional 'tribute' bands who dress and act as their idols on stage, Fleetwood Mac focus on bringing across the live sound of Fleetwood Mac, with just one guitar, a keyboard, a drum kit, a man on the bass and of course, the vocals!

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER @ 8PM | TICKETS £13.50



HATS OFF TO LED ZEPPELIN

The official UK no.1 winner of the National Tribute Music Awards 2017. Endorsed by Marshall Amplifiers and managed by Warren Grant. If you want silly wigs and impersonations then see another band! If you want to experience the power and passion of a Led Zeppelin concert performed by one of the most exciting live bands in the UK then book now! Featuring Pete Eldridge from the West End show *We Will Rock You*.

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15



THE ROZZERS

The Police were arguably the hottest group on the planet during their short career (1977 - 83). The band's impressive catalogue of hits (*Every Breath You Take, Message In A Bottle, Walking On The Moon*) makes them an ideal group on which to base a tribute act. Fronted by Sting fan, Owen James, The Rozzers deliver an impressive 20+ song set, with Owen's voice delivering each song with uncanny resemblance, tone and phrasing.

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



THE ROLLIN' STONED

Get Stoned on two hours of nostalgia as the Rollin' Stoned play the best of 1964-1969: *Jumping Jack Flash, Brown Sugar, Paint It Black, Not Fade Away, Get Off My Cloud, Mothers Little Helper, Ruby Tuesday, Street Fighting Man, Satisfaction* and many more. The costumes are shamelessly camp, gaudy and fab, the instruments genuinely vintage and the wit irreverent, but the 'tongue in cheek' approach is never at the expense of the music.

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



THE DANCING YEARS

Presented by Trevor Marriott, The Dancing Years is an audio visual nostalgic foot-tapping trip down memory lane, reviving, and reliving the dances, and dance crazes that swept the nation, from the Roaring 1920s, to the Disco dances of the 1970s, many of which have now been long forgotten. The shows finale gives the audience the chance to join in and dance to some of the most famous dances from the respective years.

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER @ 2.30PM | TICKETS: £14 CONC: £12.50



SENSATION

Sensation features the greatest hits of The Who plus songs from *Tommy* and *Quadrophenia* all in one breathtaking show. Jump on the Magic Bus for this amazing musical journey... from *My Generation* to *Who Are You* and all with maximum rhythm and blues. Featuring musicians and singers from many West End and touring productions, Sensation promises a night of non-stop hits from one of the most influential bands of all time.

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15

CREEDS CROSS THE CELTIC JOURNEY



One of the most original and exciting bands to emerge in recent times, the incredible Creeds Cross bring to life the story of the very roots of Irish Music across the world. A blisteringly energetic presentation of the songs and dance that have been so strongly influenced by the Celtic culture.

Featuring some of the world's finest musicians combined with outstanding traditional and contemporary Irish dancing, with fantastic new arrangements of some absolute classics, alongside their own huge songs, The Celtic Journey is a show not to be missed!

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £21
CONCESSIONS: £19.50

The West End hit returns with a brand-new show after last year's sell-out performance.

Relive the tours responsible for introducing rock'n'roll to the UK in the company of incredible singers and a band tighter than a pair of your tightest drainpipe trousers.

In 1960 American rockers Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent flew in from the States and were joined by British heartthrob Billy Fury for the UK's very first multi-artist rock'n'roll tour. Reviewers were appalled by the on-stage antics. Audiences screamed their approval. British youth culture was born.

And there's more - Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly's tours were equally responsible for introducing rock'n'roll to the UK. The five combine in a real doozy of a show!

LIVE & DIRECT FROM LONDON's WEST END

BeBopA Lula

Roy Orbison Eddie Cochran Gene Vincent Billy Fury

Special Guest: BUDDY HOLLY

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £21
CONCESSIONS: £19

A NIGHT OF

DIRTY DANCING

THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE SHOW



SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £23

CONCESSIONS: £21.50

No film has captured the hearts of a generation like *Dirty Dancing*. Relive the cult classic and celebrate the music of one of the greatest movie soundtracks of all time.

Be part of the glorious summer of '63 and experience all your favourite songs such as *She's Like The Wind*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Hey Baby*, *Hungry Eyes* and of course the Oscar-winning (*I've Had) The Time Of My Life*.

It's going to have you dancing dirty in the aisles...

*Please note this show is not affiliated with *Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story On Stage* currently on tour in the UK and worldwide

let's Twist again

NON STOP NOSTALGIA - HIT AFTER HIT



The top rated 50s and 60s music show is back by very popular demand... with new songs for 2017

A full company of critically acclaimed artistes and musicians deliver a show that combines great music, fun and laughter with the greatest hits from the 50s and 60s, to ensure a brilliant night out is had by all!

Join us in a nostalgic evening of fabulous songs. Together with your host-with-the-most, Tony Tremendo, our stunning live band and some of the highest-rated performers in the land. Are you ready to TWIST AGAIN?

'A real winner, the best way to let your hair down and bask in nostalgia'
Brighton Observer

THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £22

CONCESSIONS: £21

Feeling Good

a celebration of the music of

michael
bublé



FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

Featuring Mitchell Rutter, one of the UK's premiere Michael Bublé impersonators, Feeling Good is a musical journey through the story and songs of one of the most important and successful male artists of recent decades.

The show takes you on a journey from Michael's beginnings, through to hitting the big time, and features hits including *Home*, *Haven't Met You Yet*, *The Way You Look Tonight*, *Come Fly With Me*, *Cry Me A River*, *Save the Last Dance*, and of course, *Feeling Good*.

Featuring a unique seven piece live band including a double bass, drums, piano, guitar, trumpet, tenor sax and alto sax.

TICKETS: £22.50

CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH IN CONCERT

Charlie is a performer who covers many areas of the musical landscape - from beautiful ballads to folk, blues, country, rock 'n' roll, pop, gospel and anthem. Anyone who has listened to Charlie's music would agree that he shows a depth of compassion and understanding which seems almost incongruous to his simplistic yet captivating style.

We are sure you will have a very memorable evening, as he has achieved a winning formula which has made an impact on so many professionals and fans alike.



SATURDAY 4 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £21

Alie can run around the world
before the truth has got
its boots on.



-The Truth, Sir Terry Pratchett

THE TRUTH

BY TERRY PRATCHETT ADAPTED BY STEPHEN BRIGGS

William de Worde is the accidental editor of the Discworld's first newspaper. Now he must cope with the traditional perils of a journalist's life - people who want him dead, a recovering vampire with a suicidal fascination for flash photography and a man who keeps begging him to publish pictures of his humorously shaped potatoes. William just wants to get at the Truth, unfortunately everyone wants to get at William. This is adapted from the ever-popular author Terry Pratchett's 25th Discworld novel and is the twelfth time the Thalians have performed a Pratchett play. This amateur production is presented by The Thalian Group.

MIRREN IN THE
STUDIO

THURSDAY 9 - SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER @ 8PM

TICKETS: £11

CONCESSIONS: £9

RARE PRODUCTIONS
Youth Theatre Group

Oliver!

A Musical by Lionel Bart

RARE Productions is delighted to present their youth musical production of Oliver!

'Consider yourself at home' with Lionel Bart's classic Tony and Olivier Award-winning musical. The streets of Victorian England come to life as orphan Oliver Twist falls in with a group of street-urchin pickpockets masterminded by the criminal Fagin. When Oliver's intended mark, Mr. Brownlow, takes pity on the lad and offers him a home, Fagin's henchman Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy plot to kidnap the boy to keep him from talking.

This youth musical production is proudly presented by RARE Productions.

THURSDAY 9 – SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM
SATURDAY MATINEE @ 3PM

TICKETS: £16
CONCESSIONS: £14.50
RESTRICTED VIEW: £10



SUPREME QUEEN



LIVE IN CONCERT

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £22

NEIL SANDS

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



Neil Sands and his brilliant West End cast are back with their 2017 Christmas production which has been described as "like a sparkly Christmas card come to life".

It is a truly spectacular mix of over 60 of your favourite Christmas songs and carols, 40 stunning costume changes, lots of good old fashioned festive fun, and a unique atmosphere that will warm your heart on the coldest winter's day, taking you back to a time when Christmas really was the most wonderful time of the year.

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £14
CONCESSIONS: £12.50

ONE NIGHT OF ELVIS

There are Elvis tributes... and then there's Lee Memphis King.

Lee Memphis King, Europe's most successful Elvis Presley tribute artist, recreates the essence of the King with consummate ease and an almost unbelievable combination of stunningly accurate vocals and incredible passion in every performance.

In this latest production, Lee Memphis King portrays Elvis Presley at his peak celebrating the iconic 'Vegas Years' from 1969 - 1977. Resplendent in the most authentic costumes from Elvis's performance and an orchestra backing this incredible performer prepare to be taken back in time to see Elvis in the way it was.

The show is enhanced by an orchestra of world class musicians and backing vocalists coupled with impressive video screen projection mapping out Elvis's life and music.



THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £22

THE TOWNGATE THEATRE AND SIMON FIELDING LTD
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Aladdin

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DANIEL STOCKTON
AS WIDOW TWANKEY

WADE LEWIN
AS GENIE

NIGEL PEEVER
AS THE EMPEROR
OF CHINA

SAM EBENEZER
AS ALADDIN

SOPHIE LADDS
AS AUNTY BANAZAR

MARIANNA NEOFITOU
AS JASMINE

DIRECTED BY SIMON FIELDING MUSICAL DIRECTOR MATTHEW REEVE CHOREOGRAPHERS AISLING DUFFY & SIMON FIELDING

DATE	PERFORMANCE TIMES		
NOVEMBER 2017			
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Sunday 31		12pm	4pm
JANUARY 2018			
Tuesday 02		12pm	4pm

	Adult	Conc.	Family	Restricted	Group	School
Preview	£15.00	£15.00	N/A	£11.00	£14.50	N/A
Off-Peak	£19.50	£17.50	£70.00	£11.00	£18.50	N/A
Peak	£23.00	£19.50	£80.00	£13.00	£20	N/A
Schools	£19.50	£17.50	£70.00	£11.00	£18.50	£11.00

Concessions: Applies to children under 16 and adults over 60.

Family Ticket: Four tickets (must include a minimum of one adult and one child per family).

Cannot be used in conjunction with Group discounts.

Group Rates: For Groups of 10+ in one transaction - 1 in 10 free!

School Rates: One teacher free for every 10 children.

*Relaxed Performance: Tuesday 19 December @ 5:30pm. Tickets currently only available via the Box Office. For more information please contact eando@basildon.gov.uk

For information on Touch or Signed performances,
please call the Box Office on

01268 465465

Booking fees apply: £1 per ticket, capped at £10.

A ticket must be purchased for every child. Age suitability 3 - 103! We do not recommend bringing children under 3 years old.

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Under 750 Seats



Best Choreography -
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'Pure pantomime magic'
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'JERMAJ IS AMAZING, SEE THIS SHOW!' 'ASTONISHING'
DYNAMO - MAGICIAN IMPOSSIBLE URI GELLER

LUKE JERMAJ

SIXTH SENSE



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £18
CONCESSIONS: £16.50

*'Jermay puts the rest of us
mind readers to shame'*

Derren Brown

Luke Jermay is the most incredible man you've probably never heard of. He can read your mind.

No really; he can read your mind. He doesn't use mind games or psychological tricks; he is not a trickster, there are no smoke and mirrors. He can simply read your mind.

His awe inspiring intuitive abilities have gained him high profile fans such as **Derren Brown**, **Dynamo** and **Uri Geller** who all agree Jermay is astonishing. Luke Jermay's - Sixth Sense has gained critical acclaim with 5-Star reviews from Edinburgh to London's West End.

You'll be amazed at Jermay's incredible powers; he knows your past, present and future, sometimes better than you do. Jermay impossibly knows all, sees all and tells (almost) all in an expert display of telepathy developed to amazing razor sharp accuracy.

Music by Pyotr I. Tchaikovsky
Featuring live Orchestra with over 30 musicians

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £30
CONCESSIONS: £28

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a trip to the theatre for a dazzling production of the most famous Ballet in the world – The Nutcracker. This ballet is an eternal seasonal favourite, directed and choreographed by the former award winning Bolshoi Ballet Soloist, Konstantin Uralsky. Snow flurries, sweets, princes, magic and love are just some of the elements that will be brought together by this renowned Russian company. A highly accessible ballet, full of familiar music such as *The Waltz Of The Flowers* and *The Dance Of The Sugar Plum Fairy*.



CHARLES DICKENS'

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

ADAPTED BY
RYAN PHILPOT

The old miser, Ebeneezer Scrooge, has no time for Christmas or those that celebrate it.

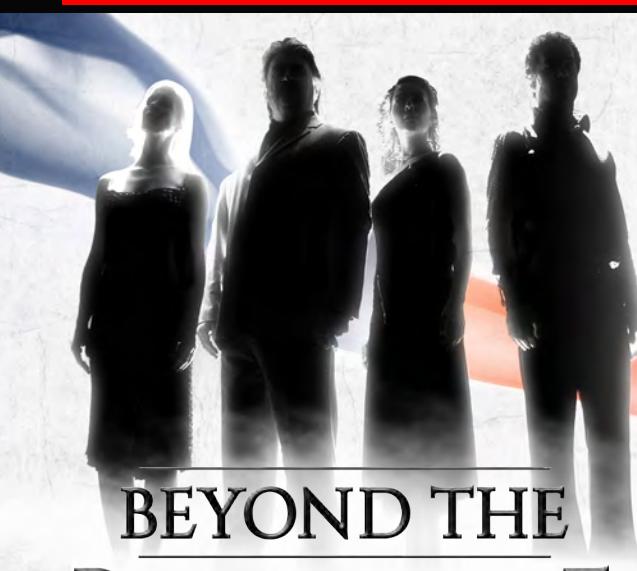
One night he is visited by the ghostly apparition of his seven years dead business partner, Jacob Marley. Marley is condemned, for eternity, to wander the earth shackled by the chains of wrong doing he forged in life. He tells Scrooge that he will be visited by three spirits and therefore afforded the chance to escape the same fate. But will Scrooge choose to amend his ways? Does he deserve a second chance?

Join The Dickens Theatre Company, as they bring to life some of Charles Dickens' favourite characters in their unique telling of the greatest Christmas story ever told... 'God Bless Us, Everyone!'

★★★★★ 'Joyous'
Morning Star

THURSDAY 21 - SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER @ 8PM
SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER @ 6.30PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MATINEES @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £15
CONCESSIONS: £12.50
FAMILY (2+2): £48



Beyond the Barricade has delighted audiences throughout the UK and mainland Europe for more than a decade, with its exciting concert portrayal of the greatest songs in musical theatre, all performed totally live!

Recreating original West End/Broadway musical hit songs with amazing authenticity, this cast of past principal performers from *Les Misérables*, present a blockbuster two hour show, and is now established as the nation's favourite musical theatre concert.

Starring Andy Reiss, David Fawcett, Katie Leeming and Rebecca Vere, together with their own ensemble of talented musicians, Beyond the Barricade features songs from *The Phantom Of The Opera*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Jersey Boys*, *The Lion King*, *Blood Brothers*, *Miss Saigon* and many others, climaxing with a spectacular finale from, of course, *Les Misérables*!

BEYOND THE BARRICADE

SATURDAY 6 JANUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM

EARLY BIRD OFFER: ALL TICKETS £20 UNTIL 30 OCT 2017!

TICKETS: £23

CONCESSIONS: £21 (EXCLUDING EARLY BIRD BOOKINGS)



SKINNY MOLLY

Founded by guitarist/vocalist Mike Estes (formerly of Lynyrd Skynyrd and Blackfoot). Step into Skinny Molly's world with music that swings from the wrecking-ball riffs of *If You Don't Care* to the reflective acoustic vibe of *None Of Me*, this is maximum rock 'n' roll, zero pretension, and when Mike Estes roars: "Hey rock star, just shut up and rock!" on the track of the same name, there's no doubt the Skinny Molly singer is leading by example.

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER @ 8.30PM | TICKETS £13.50



THE JAM'D

The Jam'd have built a huge following and have gained a reputation for being the finest tribute to The Jam.

The brilliance of Paul Weller is laid bare in their energetic performance all of the classics - *Going Underground*, *Down In The Tubestation At Midnight*, *Strangetown*, *A Town Called Malice*, *The Beat Surrender* and many more are included in a varied and extensive set.

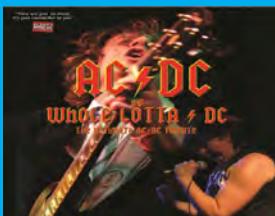
FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



THE SWINGING BLUE JEANS

The four-piece 1960s British Merseybeat band return to the Towngate for one night only! Despite several line-up changes, The Swinging Blue Jeans continue to bring their vintage rock 'n' roll sound to fans all over the country. They'll be belting out all their hit singles including the classics - *Hippy Hippy Shake*, *Good Golly Miss Molly* and *You're No Good*.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER @ 8PM | TICKETS £13.50



WHOLE LOTTA DC

One of the UK's finest tribute bands, Whole Lotta DC are an authentic representation of AC/DC. A thundering rhythm section, the unmistakable vocals and charisma of Brian and Angus's searing lead work and naughty-boy antics recreate a live AC/DC show in stunning fashion. The band recreate that classic AC/DC sound using the same instruments and Marshall Cabs used by the band today.

SATURDAY 6 JANUARY 2018 @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



BUDDY HOLLY AND BILLY FURY

This double bill of rock 'n' roll icons features Marc Robinson as Buddy Holly and Gavin Stanley as Billy Fury. Marc and his band established themselves as the No.1 Buddy Holly tribute band in the UK and success quickly followed across Europe. Gavin has grown up ensconced by the Liverpool's great musical heritage and now performs with the band as the legendary Billy Fury, to packed out audiences across the country.

FRIDAY 12 JANUARY 2018 @ 8PM | TICKETS £13.50



NINE BELOW ZERO

Cult Rhythm and Blues heroes Nine Below Zero are currently touring the UK in support of their brand new album *13 Shades Of Blue*. Nine Below Zero tour with the line-up of: Dennis Greaves (guitar/vocals), Mark Feltham (harmonica), Mickey 'Stix' Burkey (drums) and Ben Willis (bass) as well as additional horn section, keyboards, violin and backing vocalists, creating an exciting new Nine Below Zero Big Band sound.

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY 2018 @ 8.30PM | TICKETS: £17

The Blues Brothers & The Commitments IN ONE FANTASTIC LIVE SHOW!



Committed To The Blues Brothers takes the songs from two cult films, recreates all the atmosphere of a live performance of The Commitments and The Blues Brothers, and puts them together to create a memorable evening of foot-tapping, sing-along entertainment in a 'stage show-concert' experience that electrifies!

In a show suitable for all ages, this 12-piece showband will perform songs from the two films and recreates some of the iconic scenes from the films, lots of laughs, and plenty of crowd participation. So put on your pork pie hats and dark glasses and join us for a night to remember.

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £20
CONCESSIONS: £18.50

Dance To The Music

Starring KRISTINA RIHANOFF and OKSANA PLATERO

Dance To The Music is a new exciting dance show like no other. Created by and starring Kristina Rihanoff - one of the most renowned dancers and choreographers from BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*. Joining Kristina will be Oksana Platero, who was partnered last year with Judge Rinder.

A full cast of dancers, plus two amazing singers, including Chris Maloney (*X Factor* finalist) Dance To The Music will feature all styles of dancing. Experience the evolution of dance from the roaring twenties, going through every decade of dance crazes up to modern day Ballroom and Latin!

All the spectacular dance styles will be presented to you by an incredibly versatile team of dancers, performed to your favourite music hits of all time.

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: FROM £24 - £26
CONCESSIONS: £1.50 OFF
LIMITED EDITION MEET AND GREET: £20

IN THE
MIRREN STUDIO

Luke Coldham by arrangement
with the Towngate Theatre

THE ONLY WAY IS **DICK**

BASILDON'S No.1 ADULT PANTOMIME!

Not Suitable for those with a nervous disposition or those easily offended.

Contains Sexual references & Adult Language.

Kick off 2018 with a trip to the naughtiest (and funniest!) production you're likely to see for the rest of the year!

This Adult panto will have you in hysterics from the opening line until the curtain drops. Join Dick and his Pussy Cat as they venture forth in seeking their fortune and triumph over evil King Rat. With a host of colourful characters to help Dick along the way, you'll be guaranteed an evening of laughter, song and downright madness.

STRICTLY FOR ADULTS ONLY! Contains filth, smut, bad language, sexual references and plenty of innuendo. Not for the faint hearted and definitely not suitable for under 18s.

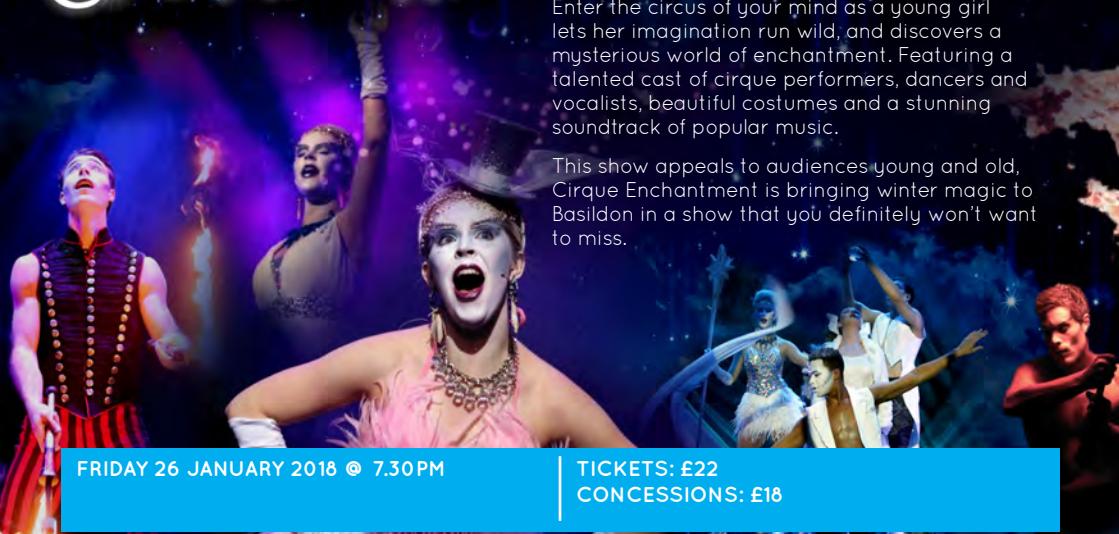
WEDNESDAY 24 – SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2018 @ 8PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MATINEE @ 5PM

ADULTS: £19

CONCESSIONS: £18

SPECIAL GROUP OFFER: BUY 10 TICKETS, GET 1 FREE!

CIRQUE Enchantment



FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £22

CONCESSIONS: £18

This concert-style cirque production features stunning choreography, breath-taking live vocals and mesmerising circus performers. With an eclectic musical soundtrack including current pop, rock and classical, Cirque Enchantment is a magical family show that will delight you this winter.

Enter the circus of your mind as a young girl lets her imagination run wild, and discovers a mysterious world of enchantment. Featuring a talented cast of cirque performers, dancers and vocalists, beautiful costumes and a stunning soundtrack of popular music.

This show appeals to audiences young and old, Cirque Enchantment is bringing winter magic to Basildon in a show that you definitely won't want to miss.

THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN

Music fans are invited to the biggest party of the year as the unstoppable Magic Of Motown show steams into town! Seen by over a million people all over the world, prepare yourself for 40 back-to-back classic Motown hits, glittering costume changes, dazzling dance moves and outstanding musicianship in this explosive concert experience.

Celebrate the sound of a generation as the timeless music of Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, Jackson 5, Lionel Richie, Smokey Robinson and many more are sensationally recreated for you by an exceptionally talented cast and band.

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26

SPECIAL SCHOOL
RATE! POST SHOW
Q&A INCLUDED!
AFTER MATINEE!

Doctor Henry Jekyll is a good man. Successful within his field and respected by his peers, he's close to a neurological discovery that will change the face of medical science forever. However, his methods are less than ethical, and when a close friend and colleague threatens to expose and destroy his work, Jekyll is forced to experiment on himself, whereupon something goes very wrong... or very right. And suddenly Jekyll has a new friend, the brutal Edward Hyde.

A thrilling adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's dark psychological fantasy, *The Strange Case Of Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde* immerses you in the myth and mystery of 19th century London's fog-bound streets where love, betrayal and murder lurk at every chilling twist and turn.

Gripping, stylish and thought-provoking, this is unmissable theatre.

Go on... treat your dark side!

Recommended for age 11+



THE STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL & MR HYDE

BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON
ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY NICK LANE



WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY & THURSDAY 1
FEBRUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM
THURSDAY MATINEE @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: FROM £17.50 - £23.50
CONCESSIONS: £2 OFF
SPECIAL SCHOOLS RATE: £12.50

SPECIAL SCHOOL RATE!
POST SHOW Q&A
INCLUDED AFTER MATINEE!

Something wicked this way comes...

The multi-award winning creators of *Unmythable* and *Norsesome* take on their greatest challenge yet - all the drama, intrigue and madness of *Macbeth* in 80 high-octane minutes. More than 20 characters from this legendary play are brought to life by just two actors.

Out of Chaos makes generous, skilful theatre that has toured the world since 2008, winning three international awards and widespread critical acclaim.

"A fast-moving and thrilling 80 minutes... this two-man Macbeth is a visual feast"

★★★★★ Reviews Hub

Produced by Out of Chaos in association with
Barnsley Civic, mac Birmingham
& Oxford Playhouse.

MIRREN IN THE STUDIO

MACBETH



THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 2.30PM & 7.30PM

TICKETS: £15

CONCESSIONS: £12

SCHOOLS RATE: £10



Magnificent Music Hall

The Paper Moon Theatre Company invite you on a journey down memory lane to the glorious and glamorous heyday of the British Music Hall, a truly golden era.

Helming this splendid afternoon of song, dance, magic and comedy will be an eloquent and elegantly waistcoated chairman who will introduce the artists - all of whom have appeared on BBC's *The Good Old Days*, now being re-run on BBC4.

This production with a talented cast of ten great performers is playing to packed houses and receiving rave reviews. It captures the true Victorian style of this much loved form of entertainment - it is colourful, superbly staged and costumed, and full of audience participation complete with song sheets.

Carefree, cheerful and uniquely British.

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £15

CONCESSIONS: £12

Prepare yourself for a party as the legendary That'll Be The Day, the nation's favourite rock 'n' roll variety show, makes its debut appearance at the Towngate Theatre!

This hugely entertaining rock 'n' roll spectacular features a fantastic line up of gold hits from the 1950s, 60s and 70s, plus loads of hilarious comedy!

Prepare for an unforgettable night of nostalgia, laughs and rock 'n' roll!

'What a great value for money show That'll Be The Day is. Not to be missed!!'
The Daily Mail



THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM

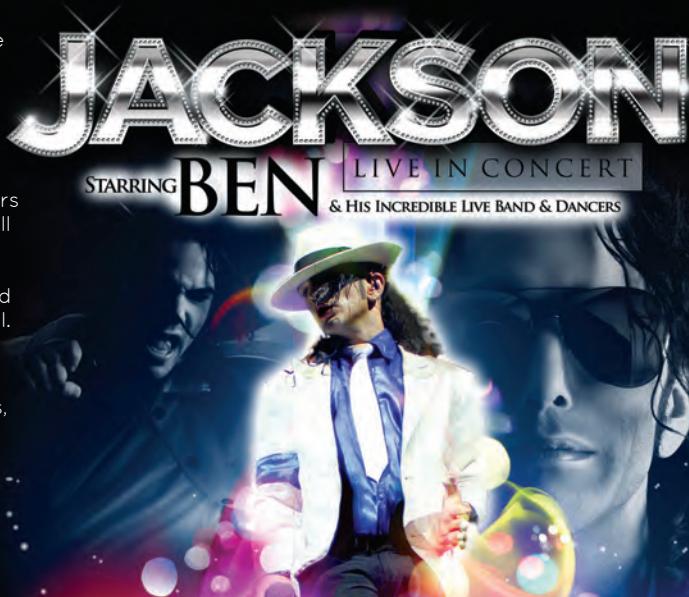
TICKETS: £25
CONCESSIONS: £24

Ben's portrayal of Michael Jackson in his prime has to be the most vocally and visually accurate tribute to the King of Pop to have ever toured UK theatres.

Ben is joined on the stage by his incredible band and dancers who work their way through all the hits. He's got the look, the moonwalk and the voice! His renditions of *Thriller*, *Beat it* and *Billie Jean* are truly sensational.

Jackson Live in Concert features all-live vocals and superb musicians and dancers, fabulous costumes and of course all the signature dance moves associated so fondly with the undisputed King of Pop.

Pure MJ!



THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2018 @ 7.30PM

ADULT: £21
CHILD (UNDER 16): £17

WET WET WET'S GRAEME CLARK

AN EVENING WITH THE THOUGHT COLLECTOR

It's the 30th Anniversary of Wet Wet Wet's first ever album release, and to coincide with that, one of the Wet's chief songwriters and bassist, Graeme Clark, is going on tour.

Wet Wet Wet were one of the UK's biggest bands, selling an astonishing amount of albums and having had 9 top ten albums, 4 of which went to No.1 in the charts. Plus, *Love Is All Around* spent no less than 15 weeks at the top of the charts.

This is Graeme's story about life in the band, how he wrote some of the major hits, and his own live performance of some of the classics and original material.



WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £20

BLACKKEYED THEATRE PRESENTS
TEACHERS
BY JOHN GODBER

Blackeyed Theatre revives its highly-acclaimed production of John Godber's classic comedy about life at a modern comprehensive for Mr Nixon, an unsuspecting new drama teacher. Featuring breathtaking ensemble performances and a bang-up-to-date soundtrack, *Teechers* brings to life an array of terrifying teachers and hopeless pupils through the unique eyes of Salty, Gail and Hobby; three Year 11 students about to leave school for good.

Will Mr Nixon abandon his students for a green and pleasant private school? Who puts the bounce in Miss Prime, the PE teacher? Will Mrs Parry ever find her Koko? And why does everyone smell of spring onions?

Crammed full of unforgettable characters, political left-hooks and razor-sharp comedy, *Teechers* is more relevant today than ever, a modern classic with something vital to say about education for the 'haves' and 'have nots'.

THURSDAY 8 & FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS FROM: £17.50 - £23.50
CONCESSIONS: £2 OFF
SCHOOLS RATE: £12.50

SPECIAL SCHOOL RATE! POST SHOW Q&A INCLUDED!

BLACK MAGIC

THE Little Mix SHOW



SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018 @ 1PM

A highly energetic tribute show that follows in the footsteps of the award-winning girl band, Little Mix.

This iconic 5-star rated show has live vocals and is full of commercial pop-video choreography.

Suitable for kids, tweens, teens and adults alike, The Little Mix Show brings the full pop concert experience to the Towngate Theatre.

There are lots of added extras including dance competitions, free giveaways and even a meet and greet with the girls after the show!

The Little Mix Show features all of Little Mix's chart topping hits including the most recent releases from the Glory Days album. Dance and scream to a packed out playlist of hit songs that includes *Black Magic*, *No More Sad Songs*, *Power*, *How Ya Doin'*, *Wings*, *Shout Out To My Ex* and even a few covers from their time on *The X Factor*.

TICKETS: £14

CONCESSIONS: £12

FAMILY (2+2): £44

seven DRUNKEN NIGHTS THE STORY OF THE DUBLINERS

Seven Drunken Nights brings to life the music of Ireland's favorite sons - The Dubliners. Telling the story of a career spanning 50 years and evoking the spirit of Ronnie Drew, Luke Kelly, Barney McKenna, Jim McCann, Ciaran Bourke and John Sheahan, this talented cast of musicians and singers bring their music to life.

A show that will have you singing and clapping along to *The Wild Rover*, *The Black Velvet Band*, *The Irish Rover*, *Molly Malone*, *Finnegan's Wake*, *McAlpine's Fusileers*, *Raglan Road* and of course *The Seven Drunken Nights*.

This is a celebration of The Dubliners and Irish music itself and an evening of music, humor and 'craic'.



MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £19.50

CONCESSION: £18



DOORS ALIVE

What sets The Doors Alive apart, is their sheer dedication and determination to keep the Doors' music not only alive, but completely authentic and delivered with respect.

All four band members have dedicated their lives to rise to the position that they hold today: the World's busiest and most respected Doors tribute band.

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



BOOTLEG BLONDIE

Europe's Official Blondie tribute band!

Debbie Harris, lead vocalist with Bootleg Blondie, has the looks, the voice and the attitude of the original Blondie bombshell - and like her heroine is typically outrageous on stage wearing dustbin liners, thigh length boots and t-shirts with more holes than t-shirt.

FRIDAY 2 MARCH 2018 @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



THE UB40 EXPERIENCE

Featuring Stars In Your Eyes winner Andi Bagnali as Ali Campbell plus a line-up of hand-picked, world class musicians. The UB40 Experience are the only UB40 tribute that play homage to all members of UB40. Each member of the band has studied the playing techniques, style and sounds of the members of UB40 which they represent so that the real UB40 sound and feel is captured in the overall performance.

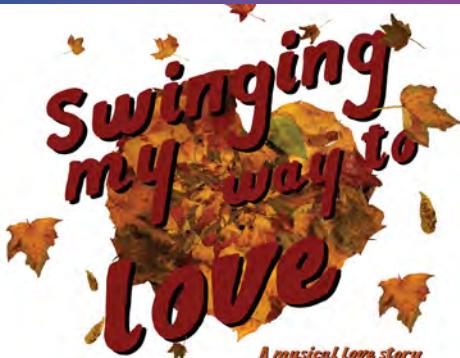
SATURDAY 3 MARCH 2018 @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



TOOREX

TooREX (featuring Bobby T as Marc Bolan) bring back the Glam Rock era of the early seventies with a spell binding show that covers most of Marc Bolan's career from the early hippy period of Tyrannosaurus Rex to the megastar, chart topping days of T-Rex. Complete with full costume changes, retro live equipment, glitter, and more than a dash of star quality, TooREX come incredibly close to the real thing.

SATURDAY 17 MARCH 2018 @ 8PM | TICKETS: £13.50



Swinging My Way To Love is a brand new musical, following Bill Bigsby's big merge with a company in New York. It's make or break at this point - but with the help of his daughter Lucille (who is helplessly in love with Bill's assistant, slow-but-sweet Andrew) and his sister Mae - can they fix the family business... and will love prevail?

Join the cast in this fun-filled musical! Featuring the music of Frank Sinatra to compliment the story, you'll be singing, laughing and smiling the whole day through!

MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018 @ 2.30PM & 7.30PM

MATINEE TICKETS: £16

EVENING TICKETS: £19

So you think
you know about...

DINOSAURS?

With Ben Garrod



Illustration by
Niroot Puttapipat

Did dinosaurs eat their own families?
Was every Tyrannosaurus a fearsome carnivore?
Why did Allosaurus headbutt its prey to death?

SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2018 @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £15.50 CONC: £12.50

FAMILY (2+2): £50

SCHOOLS/GROUPS OFFER: BUY 10, GET 1 FREE

Come and test your knowledge against Ben Garrod (BBC's Attenborough and the Giant Dinosaur). With the help of TV film footage and photos of his own dinosaur digs, he will tell you everything you ever wanted to know about dinosaurs - and more.

This is an interactive show where children will be given the chance to ask questions and show off their dinosaur knowledge. Using footage from the BBC's Planet Dinosaur, Ben will talk about the deadliest predators that ever roamed the planet and the ones that, 65 million years ago, would have walked right where they are sitting now.

AN AUDIENCE WITH IAN WAITE & OTI MABUSE

Rhythm Of The Night...

Ian and Oti deliver a night of Latin and Ballroom numbers with a dance showcase spectacular designed to dazzle you. Oti was a Strictly finalist last year with Danny Mac and Ian is a popular guest on BBC 2's *It Takes Two*.

On the night they will transport you away with wonderful moments, fun filled entertainment and a close up history of all things related to their life.

Don't miss out on our limited number of Meet and Greet tickets! Take photos, have a chat with Ian and Oti and receive a personally signed complimentary programme.



FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018 @ 7.30PM

TICKETS FROM: £25 - £27

CONCESSIONS: £1.50

LIMITED EDITION MEET & GREET: £20



Singalonga Productions invite you to *Be Our Guest* at Sing-a-Long-a Beauty And The Beast! Join us as we celebrate with a screening of Disney's brand new adaptation of the iconic fairy tale, with on-screen lyrics so everyone can join in!

Our Singalonga host will start with a pre-show where they will warm up your voices, teach you some hand actions, show you how to use the famous Singalonga props bag during the film, when to Boo! the arrogant Gaston, and of course judge the fancy dress competition! So come along and celebrate this *tale as old as time*, dress as your favourite character and get ready to feel part of a real fairytale.

SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018 @ 2PM & 7PM

ADULT: £15, CHILD: £10

FAMILY (2+2): £48

GROUP OFFER: BUY 8+ TICKETS & GET 10% OFF

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of ELO's iconic album *Out Of The Blue*, ELO Again really do give you a dramatic taste of what the classic ELO were like with a great sound reproduction, light show and visual effects.

ELO Again provide the full effect of ELO's orchestrations and they certainly know how to entertain, as the hits just keep on coming. Featuring legendary hits such as *Mr Blue Sky*, *Livin' Thing*, *Showdown*, *Telephone Line* plus many more!

"...the best ELO tribute on the planet..."

FRIDAY 20 APRIL 2018 @ 7.30PM

EARLY BIRD £3.50 OFF TICKETS UNTIL 30 NOV 2017!
TICKETS: £23.50
CONCESSIONS: £22.50



Jim Davidson On The Road Again

The people's favourite comedian takes to 'the road again' with a brand-new show which promises to be the antidote to this 'PC' world we now live in. Guaranteed to be outrageous and as truthful as ever.

*'Boy does Jim know how to deliver his gospel...
The audience could have stayed all night...
He speaks with rare honesty'*

★★★★★ The Express

**TUESDAY 24 & WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018 @
7.30PM**

TICKETS: £22.50

Psychic **SALLY** Kisses to Heaven

World renowned psychic, television and theatre star, and the UK's favourite award winning medium, Sally Morgan is back and better than ever with her phenomenal interactive stage show.

Funny, entertaining, touching, sometimes heart-breaking, often controversial; Kisses To Heaven showcases the phenomenal ability of the nation's best loved medium.

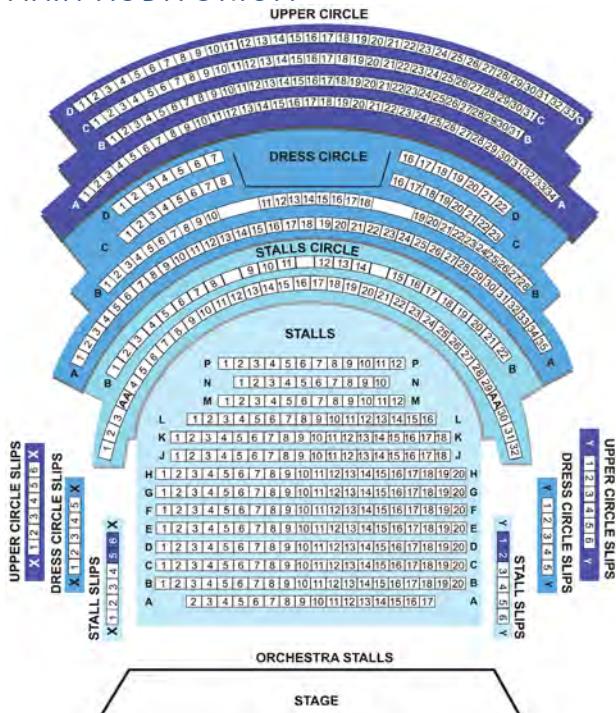
Please note: This show is investigational and for the purpose of entertainment.

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 2018 @ 7.30PM

EARLY BIRD £5 OFF A PAIR UNTIL 31 DEC 2017!
TICKETS: £25 CONC: £23.50
GROUP OFFER: BUY 10 TICKETS, PAY FOR JUST 9

Your guide to the TOWNGATE THEATRE MAIN AUDITORIUM

purchase tickets whenever you choose. Sign-up to buy tickets online and/or join our mailing list.



MIRREN STUDIO



BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Monday - Friday: 9am - 6pm
Saturday: 10am - 4pm
Sunday: One hour prior to the performance.

Box Office: 01268 465 465
Address: The Towngate Theatre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex SS14 1DL

Booking fees apply:
£1 per ticket, capped at £10.
Please note that all children, regardless of their age, must have a ticket purchased on their behalf.

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE / JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Our online box office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and gives you the chance to

To book online simply visit our website, click on a show and follow the online instructions. You will receive a confirmation e-ticket which can be printed off or shown to an usher on your smartphone prior to the performance.

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Towngate Theatre has ground level access to the building with two slip boxes in the stalls. Wheelchair access to these boxes is via a wheelchair lift. Wheelchair spaces should be booked in advance, and notice given if assistance is required. There are two wheelchair accessible toilets on the ground floor level of the theatre.

Allocated disabled parking spaces are situated at the rear of the building.

We are pleased to announce that a new hearing loop has been installed in the Towngate. Neck loops with a hearing aid can be used by switching it to the 'T' position.

PARKING

If parking in the Westgate Car Park, head towards the Argos store in the corner and then through the walkway. Turn right and the Towngate Theatre is on your left.

Please note the multi-storey car park at the Westgate Centre is locked every night at 10pm. However, the surface level car park is open all day, but please check with the parking operator before your journey.

Parking is also available in the Westgate Centre at the rear of the Basildon Centre.

For full travel directions visit the website.

TOWNGATE THEATRE'S

SUMMER SCHOOL BUGSY MALONE

After the success of our Summer School production of *Bugsy Malone*, we are thrilled to announce we will be starting a weekly Youth Theatre programme this Autumn. For further details and the latest updates please contact the Education and Outreach Department on eando@basildon.gov.uk.

Our Easter and Summer Schools 2018 will be announced shortly!



JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE TOWNGATE THEATRE

The Friends of the Towngate Theatre are a dedicated group of volunteers who assist with theatre ushering and other essential Front of House duties. They provide a superb service to our customers and are vital to the ongoing success of The Towngate. We are always looking to expand this team and would be delighted if you would like to join us!

The scheme is open to anyone over the age of 18 and you can commit as much (or as little) time as you wish. If you are a college or university student this would be an ideal opportunity to gain invaluable experience in the Arts and Culture industry.

Training is provided to all volunteers and a buddy scheme is in place for those who have never ushered before.

The benefits of being a Friend of the Towngate include:

- Helping your local theatre
- Actively supporting local arts groups
- Meeting friends with similar interests
- Occasional ticket benefits for volunteers

To find out more about becoming a Friend of the Towngate, call the Box Office on 01268 465465 or email towngate@basildon.gov.uk

TOWNGATE THEATRE

CAFE BAR

Celebrate the Festive
Season with us!

1 NOVEMBER -
23 DECEMBER 2017

Starters

ROASTED VINE TOMATO AND RED PEPPER SOUP ✓

Served with a swirl of green pesto, rough croutons and warm bread

CHARGRILLED VEGETABLE TERRINE ✓

Presented with a mixed leaf lettuce salad and a balsamic glaze

Main Courses

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY

With homemade sage and onion stuffing

OUTDOOR REARED BELLY OF PORK

Marinated with olive oil, sea salt, cracked black pepper and fresh thyme

Accompanied by potatoes basted in duck fat, carrots and parsnips glazed in a honey jus, steamed brussel sprouts served with a crumb of smoked bacon and chestnuts, Yorkshire puddings and a rich smooth gravy

SLOW ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH ✓

Filled with cannellini beans, mozzarella cheese, peppers and tomatoes, topped with a pumpkin and sunflower seed breadcrumb

Accompanied by seasonal vegetables and new potatoes

Desserts

STEAMED CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Served with rich brandy custard or a generous helping of fresh cream

RICH CHOCOLATE AND RASPBERRY TEAR

Accompanied by sugar-dusted autumn berries and fresh cream

WHITE CHOCOLATE BOXES

White chocolate mousse with a hidden raspberry coulis on all butter shortbread

£20 PER PERSON

Includes Tea/Coffee and a Christmas Cracker!

Why not add a Cheeseboard at £5 per person and a bottle of wine from £16?



To reserve your table, please contact us on

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