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AS MUDDLES

# Snow White

SOPHIE LADDS  
AS WICKED QUEEN

DANIEL STOCKTON  
AS NURSE BETTY



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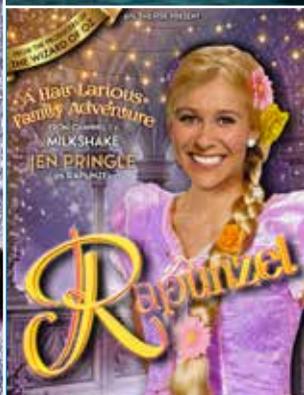
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OUTSIDE THE BOX COMEDY CLUB  
WITH HEADLINER  
**MILTON JONES**



SWAN  
LAKE



A Hair Raising Family Adventure  
Presented by  
MILKSHAKE  
JEN PRINGLE  
as RAPUNZEL



AVENUE

LAST CHANCE TO SEE ★★★★★ LAST CHANCE TO SEE ★★★★★ LAST CHANCE TO SEE ★★★★★

STRICTLY COME DANCE

JOANNE

**SELLADOOR**

PRODUCTIONS

FEATURING THE ICONIC SMASH HITS:  
**MANIAC ★ GLORIA**  
**I LOVE ROCK AND ROLL**  
AND OF COURSE THE SENSATIONAL TITLE TRACK  
**FLASHDANCE... WHAT A FEELING**



*Flashdance*



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DANCING CHAMPION

CLIFTON IN

# Flashdance

THE MUSICAL



Starring *Strictly Come Dancing* Champion **Joanne Clifton**.

Flashdance - The Musical tells the inspiring and unforgettable story of Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night, who dreams of going to the prestigious Shipley Dance Academy and becoming a professional dancer. When a romance complicates her ambitions, she harnesses it to drive her dream.

Based on the Paramount Pictures film (screenplay by Tom Hedley and Joe Eszterhas, story by Tom Hedley) Flashdance is an inspiring musical about the power of holding onto your dreams and love against all the odds. Prepare to be blown away with an astonishing musical spectacle and phenomenal choreography to this iconic score, including the smash hits **Maniac**, **Gloria**, **I Love Rock & Roll** and the award-winning title track, **Flashdance - What a Feeling**.

Sparks will fly and you will dance like you've never danced before!

TUESDAY 9 - SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM  
WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY MATINEE @ 2.30PM

TICKETS FROM: £20 - £39.50  
CONCESSIONS: £2 OFF  
SPECIAL GROUP OFFER: BUY 10, GET 1 FREE!

# Tony Stockwell

## psychic medium



The popular star of TV's *Street Psychic*, *Psychic Private Eyes* and *Psychic Academy*, Tony Stockwell is one of the top intuitive Mediums. With sensitivity and empathy, Tony demonstrates his belief that those who have passed can communicate with their loved ones. The evening may include psychometry, photograph readings and psychic prediction.

*Recent legislative guidelines insist that any Evening of Mediumship should be billed 'for entertainment purposes'. Tony certainly uses his natural wit, showmanship and Cockney charisma to entertain but more important, Mediumship has the potential to change someone's life and instil in them a sense of peace, comfort and purpose. We hope that nobody can fail to come away untouched by the experience.*

**TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM**

**TICKETS: £23**

**A NEW IRISH DANCE SENSATION**

# EMERALD STORM



Feel the immense power and thunderous rhythms of Irish dance brought soaring into the 21st Century with this fresh take on the traditional.

With the sensual fire of Salsa, the smooth coolness of Jazz, and the prim precision of Ballroom, audiences are immersed further with elite vocalists and live instrumentalists in this production of magic and wonder. You'll be taken on a journey to the Celtic Otherworld. A mythological Heaven.

When sinister elements threaten the paradise, the Queen of the Otherworld calls upon mortals - Emerald Storm - to save the mythical land from destruction. This is dance, singing and music at its best.

Will Heaven be saved? Will the mortals succeed?

Emerald Storm will rise!

**WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM**

**TICKETS: £25.50**  
**CONCESSIONS: £23.50**



ROBERT PRATT FOR CHIMES INTERNATIONAL PROUDLY PRESENTS

# THE MATT MONRO STORY

— ONE VOICE —  
FINAL TOUR

**Celebrating the life and music of the legendary Matt Monro.**

The Matt Monro Story is a unique evening of music, warmth and love, keeping the memory of his music alive.

From *Born Free* to *Walk Away* to *Portrait Of My Love*, be prepared to be transported in time by this tribute to one of Britain's most popular and enduring singers, named 'the singer's singer' by his peers.

The show is enhanced by audio visual and narration.

The music of the legend that is Matt Monro lives on.

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £24.50

# The Wind in the Willows



Join us on an exciting adventure along the riverbank with a brand new staging of Kenneth Grahame's family classic.

Meet all your favourite characters including Mole, Ratty and wise old Badger as they do their best to keep the mischievous Mr Toad out of trouble. Will they be able to stop the Wicked Weasel from taking over Toad Hall?

This new take on the tale features a professional cast of performers, catchy new songs and lots of humour that will entertain and delight the whole family!

CALLING ALL TEACHERS!  
FREE PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP  
4 OCTOBER  
Turn to p.35 for more info

MONDAY 22 OCTOBER @ 3PM & 6PM

TICKETS: £16  
CONCESSIONS: £14

RUSSIAN STATE BALLET AND OPERA HOUSE

PRESENTS

"By far the best company  
to bring Russian ballet to  
British audiences"  
Stage Talk Magazine

# SWAN LAKE



Directed by former Bolshoi Ballet Soloist



Music by Pyotr I. Tchaikovsky

Featuring a live Orchestra with  
over 30 musicians

After sell-out performances last  
year, the Russian State Ballet and  
Opera House is back with this  
spellbinding, lavish, full-production  
touring ballet.

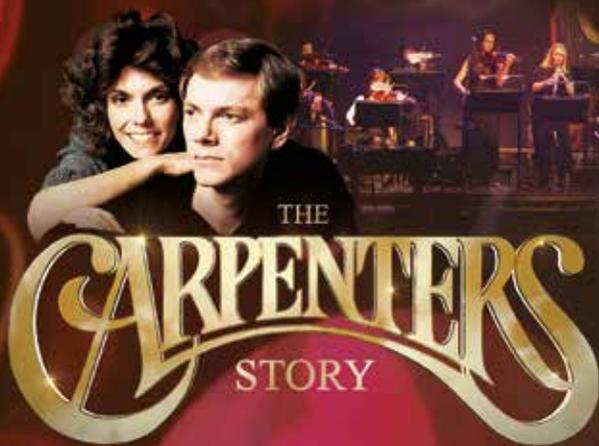
Swan Lake is the compelling  
legend of a tragic romance in  
which a princess, Odette, is turned  
into a swan by an evil curse. Prince  
Siegfried chances upon a flock  
of swans and when one of the  
swans turns into a beautiful young  
woman he is instantly captivated  
- will his love prove strong enough  
to break the evil spell that she is  
under?

A wonderful evening out, the  
memories of which you will cherish  
long after the final curtain falls.

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £31

CONCESSIONS: £29



This highly acclaimed concert-style production continues to captivate audiences across the UK with its spectacular re-creation of The Carpenters' timeless repertoire of music.

The outstanding vocal talents of Claire Furley and pianist Phil Aldridge take centre-stage, accompanied by orchestral arrangements from LIVE musicians and a stage-wide backdrop of state-of-the-art video projection.

Featuring the classic hits (*They Long To Be*) *Close To You*, *Yesterday Once More*, *We've Only Just Begun*, *Superstar*, and many more!

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £27

CONCESSIONS: £25.50

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF  
THE WIZARD OF OZ

A Hair-Larious  
Family Adventure

# Rapunzel

FROM CHANNEL 5's

MILKSHAKE

JEN PRINGLE

as RAPUNZEL

Join APL Theatre in this truly Hair-Larious family adventure.

Rapunzel features magical songs, beautiful costumes and scenery, plus a host of colourful characters to create an enchanting and exciting production that captures the spirit and joy of this wonderful story.

Featuring all of the favourite characters and iconic moments - plus an exciting mix of familiar songs and original compositions - this Hair-Larious show is not to be missed.

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER @ 2.30PM & 6PM

TICKETS: £17

CONCESSIONS: £14.50



Thank ABBA For The Music is a two-hour theatre spectacular that captures all of the magic and excitement of one of pop history's most successful and iconic bands.

With stunning costumes, a 7-piece live band, interactive video projection and of course ABBA's spectacular trademark harmonies, this is the ultimate feel-good party show!

Featuring all of ABBA's greatest hits, including *Dancing Queen*, *Waterloo*, *Mamma Mia*, *Gimme!*, *Gimme! Gimme!*, *Fernando*, *Super Trouper* and many many more!

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26

CONCESSIONS: £24

The  
Thalian Theatre  
Group presents

# The Snow Queen



The Thalian Theatre Group presents an amateur adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's magical story of The Snow Queen.

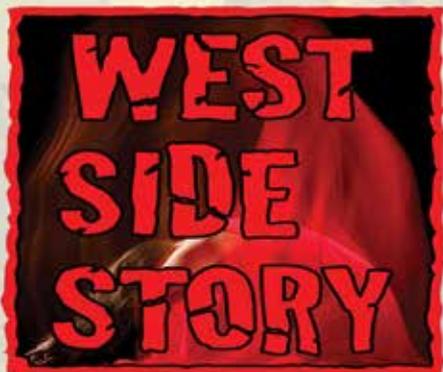
Join the old hobgoblin and his naughty imps as we follow Gerda on her perilous journey to find her best friend Kai, who has been put under a spell and kidnapped by the Snow Queen.

She is helped along the way by a host of interesting characters: a lonely enchantress, talking crows, fierce robbers and eccentric Sorceresses. But will Gerda make it in time?

IN THE  
MIRREN STUDIO

THURSDAY 8 - SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER @  
7.30PM

TICKETS: £13  
CONCESSIONS: £10



## RARE PRODUCTIONS

Rare Productions are delighted to present a new youth adaptation of one of the most popular musicals of all time, West Side Story. Based on the classic romantic tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet*, it centres around two feuding New York street gangs - the Jets and Sharks - who battle for control of the turf on the Upper West Side. The situation becomes even more complicated when a gang member falls in love with a rival's sister.

This youth production is proudly presented by Rare Productions.

THURSDAY 8 - SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER @  
7.30PM  
SATURDAY MATINEE @ 3PM

ADULT: £18  
UNDER 16s: £16.50

## 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. 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](mailto:towngate@basildon.gov.uk) or call **01268 205288**

Neil Sands and his wonderful West End cast are back, bringing an unforgettable afternoon of festive nostalgia. Be transported back on a yuletide sleigh ride filled with 60 all-time favourite Christmas songs and carols.

Described as 'Like A Sparkly Christmas Card Come To Life' with its shimmering stage set, beautiful Christmas trees, glittering fairy lights, and even falling snow. This is the perfect pre-Christmas treat, guaranteed to have you singing along, bringing back many happy memories of Christmases past and warming your heart on the coldest winter's day.



MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £16.50  
CONCESSIONS: £15

# ROCK FOR HEROES



Are you ready to ROCK?! Immerse yourself in the incredible new live music experience with Rock For Heroes. Bringing the perfect combination of your favourite Rock and Pop artists across the eras, in celebration of an incredible cause - Help for Heroes. There will be a collection for this amazing cause after the performance.

Performed by a full live rock band and superb singers, it's the must see show of the year. With music from artists such as Dire Straits, Status Quo, Queen, David Bowie, Madonna, Spandau Ballet, Bryan Adams, Elton John, Simple Minds and so many more.

THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £20  
CONCESSIONS: £18

Oh What a Feeling...  
Motown is coming!

Now in its 18th successive year, this stunning 100% live show combines first class music with the slickest choreography and an amazing band, to deliver truly outstanding performances for the best Motown experience you will ever have!

This show will have you *Dancing On The Ceiling*, with songs from legendary artistes such as Lionel Richie, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, The Jackson Five, The Isley Brothers, Edwin Starr and many, many more.

# THE GREATEST HITS OF MOTOWN HOW SWEET IT IS



FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26  
CONCESSIONS: £24.50

## BEYOND THE BARRICADE

Songs From The World's Greatest Musicals



The UK's longest running Musical Theatre Concert Tour features past principal performers from *Les Misérables*. Delivering over two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End, and of course ending with a stunning finale from *Les Misérables*.

The concert features David Fawcett (Valjean) Andy Reiss (Enjolras & Resident Director for the National Tour of *Les Misérables*) Katie Leeming (Eponine) and Poppy Tierney (Cosette), together with a live band who capture the feel of the original orchestrations of the chosen musicals.

Beyond the Barricade gives Musical Theatre songs a bold concert format treatment as if the audience are watching the original performance.

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY @ 7.30PM  
TICKETS: £25  
CONCESSIONS: £23

GROUP OFFER: BUY 10, GET 1 FREE!  
EARLY BIRD OFFER! ALL TICKETS £22 UNTIL 31 OCTOBER  
(GROUP OFFER NOT VALID ON EARLY BIRD PRICE)

LIVE & DIRECT FROM LONDON'S WEST END

# Be Bop A Lula

A CELEBRATION OF THE ROCK 'N' ROLL GREATS

GENE VINCENT ROY ORBISON

BILLY FURY EDDIE COCHRAN

BUDDY HOLLY

PRETTY MORMAN

ROCKIN' JERRY

BLUE JEAN BOP

OH BOY

SOMETHING ELSE

ROCKIN' JERRY

ROCKIN' JERRY

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WILD CAT

ROCKIN' JERRY

ROCKIN' JERRY

Great Rockin' Tonight

The West End hit starring five giants of rock'n'roll - Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Billy Fury, Buddy Holly and Roy Orbison... 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.

From Cochran's legendary guitar riffs, Vincent's menacingly moody stage presence, Fury's smouldering looks and soaring vocals, Orbison's perfect, lilting tones and Holly's good-time rock'n'roll, Be Bop A Lula is a real doozer of a stage show.

FRIDAY 11 JANUARY @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £24

CONCESSIONS: £22



## NINE BELOW ZERO

Since their formation in 1977 Nine Below Zero have developed a reputation as one of the best blues bands, famous for their no-frills, punchy and direct approach. The band was already well established by the time they signed to A&M Records in 1980 and was forever captured on their classic album 1980s *Live at The Marquee*.

The current eight-piece line-up features Dennis Greaves (vocals/guitar), Mark Feltham (harmonica), Mickey Burkey (drums) and Ben Willis (bass).

SATURDAY 12 JANUARY @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £19.50



## THE MARLEY EXPERIENCE

The ultimate Bob Marley tribute, live and direct from Basildon. Giving you all the classic hits like *One Love*, *Three Little Birds*, *No Woman No Cry*, *Iron Lion Zion*, *I Shot The Sheriff*, *Get Up Stand Up* and many more. Stay tuned for this amazing group that pays tribute to the originator and undisputed King of Reggae Music - The Right Honorable Mr Robert Nesta Marley better known as BOB MARLEY.

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## THE MAGIC WORD

Let's All Dance is delighted to present this gorgeous, classical ballet. Set in a secret magical forest with a beautiful, but selfish, Forest Queen and a Forest Elf, who teaches her the beauty of sharing and the joys of true friendship. Children will be enchanted by the magical dancers, stunning costumes and crystal clear story-telling. With themes of kindness, good manners and friendship, this is a heart-warming tale for all ages.

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER @ 1PM & 3PM | TICKETS: £12 CONC: £10



## D'UKES

D'Ukes are a highly entertaining 6-piece electric ukulele covers band and are one of the longer lasting ukulele bands in Essex. D'Ukes skill in reinterpreting songs using only the ukulele (with a hint of percussion and plenty of humour) amazes audiences. Their repertoire suits all tastes and ages and with their great vocals, slick solos and exciting rhythms they will get the audience singing, dancing and smiling.

SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## SOME KINDA WONDERFUL - STEVIE WONDER TRIBUTE

Celebrating the lifetime genius of Stevie Wonder, the mesmerising vocalist Noel McCalla, and award-winning saxophonist Derek Nash, with a band of top musicians play a wide-ranging catalogue of classic hits. Playing hit-after-hit, from the classics *Isn't She Lovely* and *Superstition*, to beautiful arrangements of *My Cherie Amour* and *Overjoyed*.

FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## FLEETINGWOOD MAC

Fleetingwood Mac are an exciting tribute to the legendary Fleetwood Mac. Fleetingwood 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! Songs you can expect to hear include: *Rhiannon*, *Go Your Own Way*, *Well*, *Tusk*, *Everywhere*, *Don't Stop*, *Edge Of Seventeen*, plus many more!

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## SIMPLY DAN

Simply Dan are an incredible band who faithfully capture the sound of Steely Dan. The band delivers the beauty and virtuosity of Steely Dan while still portraying the fun of a stage show. The band members have performed with such diverse artists as current major vocalist Raye, Graeme Clark (*Wet Wet Wet*), Tony Christie, Pee Wee Ellis, Marcella Detroit and Liberty X just to name a few.

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50

# BALLET THEATRE UK Beauty and the BEAST

Join Ballet Theatre UK with one of the most enchanting love stories of all time, Beauty And The Beast.

Inspired by the original tale, this production tells the story of Belle, a beautiful and intelligent young woman whose father is imprisoned by the Beast, a grisly and fearsome monster who is actually a Prince cursed by a magical Enchantress. The only way the Beast may become human again is if he learns to love and be loved in return. Will they confess their love for one another before it is too late?

Set to a stunning classical score, this production will showcase new choreography by Artistic Director, Christopher Moore.

**SUNDAY 13 JANUARY @ 2.30PM & 7.30PM**

**TICKETS FROM: £18.50 - £28.50  
CONCESSIONS: £2 OFF**

After last year's sell-out smash hit *The Only Way Is Dick*, Coldham Productions are back, naughtier than ever, with their next Adult pantomime, *Rubbin Hood!*

Join Rubbin and his band of Merry Men, as they try to defeat the Sheriff of Shaggingham with a little help from a perverted old friar, Essex's filthiest Dame and one familiar fairy. Featuring everyone's favourites from last year including the star of BBC's *The Voice* and ITV's *Transformation St*, the hilarious Jordan Gray!

Be prepared for a version of Robin Hood like no other! Full of magic, bad language, adult humour, audience participation and sexual references throughout. Guaranteed to be one of the funniest nights you'll have all year!

*Please be advised that this is an adult panto and is unsuitable for under 18s.*



**THURSDAY 17 - SUNDAY 27 JANUARY @ 8PM  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY MATINEES @ 4PM**

**THURSDAY & SUNDAY PERFORMANCES: £21  
FRI & SAT PERFORMANCES: £23.50**



**OUTSIDE THE BOX COMEDY CLUB  
WITH HEADLINER**

# MILTON JONES

Outside The Box Comedy Club returns to the Towngate in 2019, and we are delighted that the hilarious Milton Jones will be back to headline the evening!

Milton Jones is regularly on *Mock the Week* (BBC2), has appeared on *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* (BBC1), *Live at the Apollo* (BBC1) and he has headlined Dave's *One Night Stand* (DAVE). Milton Jones's tours, *Milton Jones and the Temple of Daft* (2015) and *On the Road* (2013), both played to over 100,000 people. He is a previous Perrier Best Newcomer and Nominee, Sony Award winner and British Comedy Award nominee.

Milton will be supported by the brilliant **TOM LUCY** and **MAFF BROWN**.

*Suitable for ages 16+*



THURSDAY 17 JANUARY @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £17.50

# The SEARCHERS *in concert*

2019  
Farewell  
Concert  
Tour



Starring John McNally, Frank Allen, Spencer James and Scott Ottaway.

With such classic hits as, *Sweets For My Sweet*; *Needles And Pins*, *Don't Throw Your Love Away*, *Sugar And Spice* and *When You Walk In The Room*, The Searchers have contributed enormously in establishing the UK as the world's leading country in the music industry.

The Searchers have been touring the globe, entertaining audiences of all ages for more than 50 years and they have now decided to retire. This Farewell 'solo' Concert will not only include all their famous hits, but also many album tracks and well-known favourites, as well as anecdotes and reminiscences of their remarkable career.

FRIDAY 18 JANUARY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26



# MANILOW

A CELEBRATION OF BARRY MANILOW

Very few performers have had the effect on pop culture that Barry Manilow has. This show isn't a tribute act, this is a genuine fan, paying homage to an incredible talent. Tonight we celebrate the legend that is 'Manilow'.

With an incredible live band and stunning backing vocalists, celebrating the timeless songs and melodies of Barry Manilow. With all of his classic hits from *Even Now*, *One Voice*, *Copacabana*, *Could It Be Magic*, *I Made It Through The Rain*, *Mandy* and so many more.

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £20  
MULTIBUY: BUY MANILOW TICKETS,  
GET STREISAND TICKETS HALF PRICE



# STREISAND

THE MUSIC | THE LADY | THE LEGEND

The iconic sound of a legend in music and film, is brought to life in this brand new production, Streisand. Join Winter as she performs some of the most beautifully crafted songs ever written or performed such as *Send In The Clowns*, *Don't Rain On My Parade*, *Woman In Love*, *Evergreen*, *Tell Him*, *The Way We Were* and many more.

Performed by a stunning live band, complete with the depth of double bass, keys and violin. A wonderful evening of music not to be missed.

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £20  
MULTIBUY: BUY STREISAND TICKETS,  
GET MANILOW TICKETS HALF PRICE



# THE MAGNIFICENT MUSIC HALL

The Paper Moon Theatre Company proudly present the return of The Magnificent Music Hall Matinee!

Take a trip down memory lane to the glorious and glamorous heyday of traditional Music Hall, a truly golden era.

Helming this splendid afternoon of song, dance, magic and laughter will be your eloquent and elegantly waistcoated Chairman, complete with gavel and sharp wit together with an 'august' line up of artistes who have all appeared on BBC's *The Good Old Days*, now being rerun on BBC4.

This new spectacular production will delight and entertain, with the songs you love to sing and the jokes you love to hear.

Carefree, cheerful and uniquely British!

MONDAY 28 JANUARY @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £18

CONCESSIONS: £17

FREE PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP!  
Turn to p.35 for more info

Based on the classic children's book series by David McKee, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant is a celebration of individuality and the power of laughter!

Elephants, as everyone knows, are grey. But Elmer is a patchwork of brilliant colours! His fun-loving and cheerful personality keeps everyone in a playful mood, until the day he gets tired of being different and tries to blend in with the herd.

Elmer The Patchwork Elephant Show tells the tale of an elephant that stands out - both with his patchwork-coloured skin and his sense of humour - but ultimately realising that his friends have always valued his unique characteristics.

This classic tale has been adapted for the stage by Suzanne Maynard Miller, with songs by Allison Leyton-Brown. A great show for children of all ages.

## ELMER The Patchwork Elephant SHOW

Created by Jonathan Rockefeller  
Based on the books by David McKee



THURSDAY 31 JANUARY @ 1.30 PM & 4PM

TICKETS: £15

CONCESSIONS: £12.50

THE TOWNGATE THEATRE AND  
SIMON FIELDING LTD  
PRESENT

SIMON  
FIELDING  
AS MUDDLES

# Snow White

WRITTEN BY  
BRAD FITT

28 NOVEMBER 2018 - 5 JANUARY 2019

DANIEL STOCKTON  
AS NURSE BETTY

LIZZIE EMERY  
AS SNOW WHITE

RHYS WHITESIDE  
AS HERIZ THE HENCHMAN

GEORGE ARVIDSON  
AS PRINCE YANNY

SOPHIE LADDS  
AS WICKED QUEEN

DIRECTED AND MUSICALLY STAGED BY SIMON FIELDING    MUSICAL DIRECTOR MATTHEW REEVE    CHOREOGRAPHER AISLING DUFFY

Critical acclaim for  
Aladdin 2017/18



‘Possibly the best Panto  
I’ve ever seen’  
WEST END WILMA



‘Outstanding family pantomime  
enriched by thrilling choreography  
and a genuine sense of adventure’  
THE STAGE

‘The Perfect Panto’  
THE ENQUIRER

DATE	PERFORMANCE TIMES		
<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>			
Wednesday 28			7pm
Thursday 29		1pm	7pm
Friday 30	10am	1.30pm	
<b>DECEMBER 2018</b>			
Saturday 1		1pm	5pm
Sunday 2		1pm	5pm
Wednesday 5	10am	1.30pm	
Thursday 6	10am	1.30pm	
Friday 7		1pm	7pm
Saturday 8		1pm	5pm
Sunday 9		1pm	5pm
Monday 10	10am		5pm*
Wednesday 12	10am	1.30pm	
Thursday 13	10.30am		5pm
Friday 14	10.30am		6pm
Saturday 15		3pm	7pm
Sunday 16		1pm	5pm
Monday 17	10.30am		5pm
Wednesday 19	10.30am		5pm
Thursday 20		1pm	5pm
Friday 21		1pm	5pm
Saturday 22	11am	3pm	7pm
Sunday 23		1pm	5pm
Monday 24		1pm	5pm
Wednesday 26		1pm	5pm
Thursday 27		1pm	5pm
Friday 28		1pm	7pm
Saturday 29		3pm	7pm
Sunday 30		1pm	5pm
Monday 31		12pm	4pm
<b>JANUARY 2019</b>			
Wednesday 2		11am	4pm
Thursday 3			5pm
Friday 4			7pm
Saturday 5		1pm	5pm

	Adult	Concession	Family	Restricted	Group	School
Preview	£15.50	£15.50	N/A	£11.00	£14.50	N/A
Off-Peak	£20.50	£18.00	£71.00	£11.00	£18.50	N/A
Peak	£25.00	£20.00	£83.00	£13.50	£22	N/A
Schools	£20.50	£17.50	£70.00	£11.00	£18.50	£11.00

**Concession** 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)

**Group Rates** For Groups of 10 or more - 1 in 10 free!  
**School Rates** One teacher free for every 10 children

\* Relaxed Performance on Monday 10 December @ 5pm. Primarily for children and adults with learning difficulties, are on the autism spectrum, or for anyone who may benefit from a performance in a more relaxed environment.

A ticket must be purchased for every child. We do not recommend bringing children under 3 years old.

Someone Like You - The Adele Songbook is a stunning live concert performance, celebrating the music of one of our generations finest singer-songwriters.

# SOMEONE LIKE YOU<sup>®</sup>

## THE ADELE SONGBOOK

Hand-picked by Adele herself on Graham Norton's BBC Special, the outstanding Katie Markham leads a super-talented six piece band through all your favourite Adele hits plus much more in this internationally acclaimed show - from powerhouse performances with Force 10 vocals through to intimate torch songs and a spellbinding sit down acoustic section.

The world class show faithfully recreates the magic of the three record-breaking albums 19, 21 and 25 - including *Chasing Pavements*, *Make You Feel My Love*, *Set Fire To The Rain*, *Someone Like You*, *Hello*, *Rolling In The Deep*, *Skyfall* and many more.



SATURDAY 2 FEBRUARY @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £20

# FORBIDDEN NIGHTS

## 2018 SEXY CIRCUS TOUR



Brace yourself for thrilling action and provocative choreography with the ultimate Forbidden strip tease!

Abandon your inhibitions at the door as the talented cast of acrobats, fire acts, aerial artists and world-renowned circus performers flip and spin across the stage in this high-octane show.

This sexy, but classy, evening is guaranteed to get your pulse racing and leave you begging for more.

*Please note: suitable for ages 18+*

THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £24.50  
CONCESSIONS: £22.50

# THE ROLLING STONES STORY

The Rolling Stones have dominated Rock 'n' Roll music since the 1960s and were at the forefront of the British Invasion of bands that conquered the US in 1964. They've recorded some of the most phenomenal Rock 'n' Roll songs of all time - *Satisfaction*, *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, *Not Fade Away*, *Honky Tonk Women*, *Brown Sugar*, *Start Me Up*... to name just a few.

You can now relive all these classic hits in *The Rolling Stones Story*, a high energy concert celebrating the music of the World's greatest Rock 'n' Roll band. You will experience a truly authentic Rolling Stones spectacle; complete with an awesome production, the finest musicians and the world's No.1 Mick Jagger lookalike in Paul Ashworth.



**FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY @ 7.30PM**  
**SPECIAL EARLY BIRD RATE! ALL TICKETS £22**  
**UNTIL 31 OCTOBER**

**TICKETS: £25.50**  
**CONCESSIONS: £24.50**  
**GROUP RATE: BUY 10, GET 1 FREE!**



## All Star WRESTLING

Superslam Wrestling is back by popular demand with another fantastic live wrestling event with guaranteed action from the sound of the first bell!

If you have not been to the show before, we are sure you will enjoy this live-action version of the sport which has generated millions of fans worldwide.

Grab your favourite seats now and enjoy the big time atmosphere at the Towngate!

**SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY @ 3PM**

**ADULT: £17**  
**CHILD (UNDER 12s): £12**  
**FAMILY (2+2): £47**

MUSIC HALL TAVERN UK LTD PROUDLY PRESENTS

# THE FUNNIEST NIGHT OUT OF THE YEAR

STARRING

LEE  
SANDERSON

PAUL  
CARROLL



Whatever your age, come along and join Mrs T and the "girls" from MHT as they return to the Towngate stage to present a truly magnificent night of dazzling costumes, side-splitting laughter and a cast of unique characters singing and dancing all night long!

A feel-good night that will not only entertain and amuse you, but will leave you with unforgettable memories of the funniest night out of the year!

Starring the sensational Paul Carroll as Mrs T, Lee Sanderson as Peggy Lee and featuring the Showcase International Dancers.

SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £27  
CONCESSIONS: £25

# BLACK MAGIC

## THE Little Mix SHOW



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

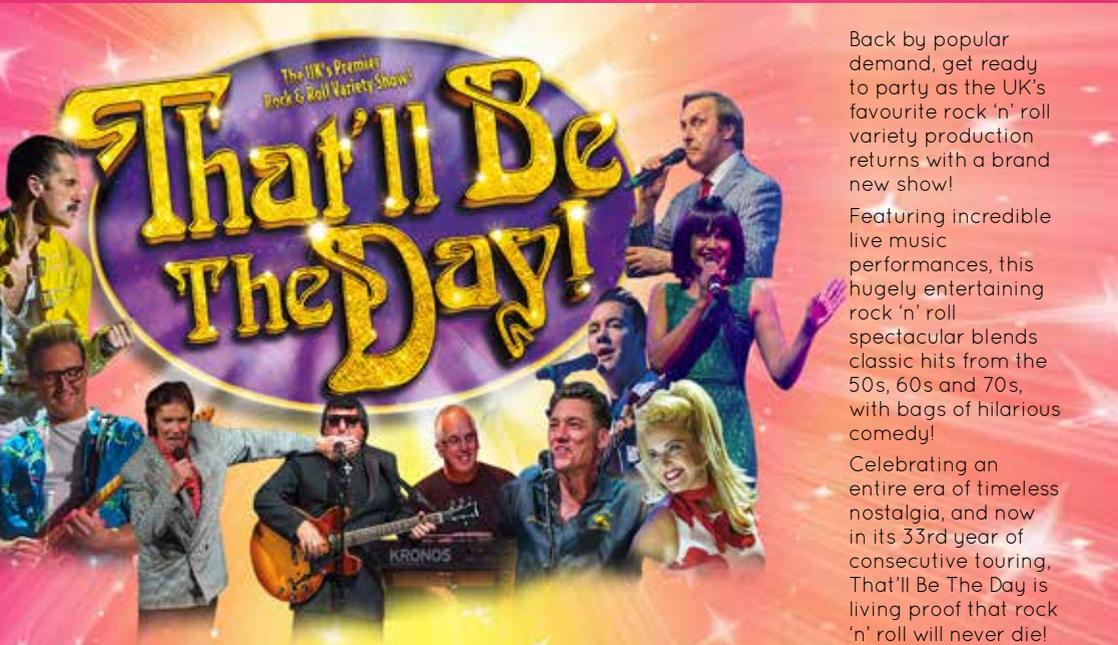
This iconic 5-star rated show has live vocals and is full of commercial pop video choreography. Suitable for kids, tweens, teens and adults alike, The Little Mix Show brings the full pop concert experience to the Towngate Theatre!

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*, *Power*, *No More Sad Songs*, *Wings*, *Shout Out To My Ex* and even a few covers from their time on *The X Factor*.

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

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY @ 2PM

TICKETS: £17  
CONCESSIONS: £15  
FAMILY TICKET (2+2): £56



Back by popular demand, get ready to party as the UK's favourite rock 'n' roll variety production returns with a brand new show!

Featuring incredible live music performances, this hugely entertaining rock 'n' roll spectacular blends classic hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s, with bags of hilarious comedy!

Celebrating an entire era of timeless nostalgia, and now in its 33rd year of consecutive touring, *That'll Be The Day!* is living proof that rock 'n' roll will never die!

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £28  
CONCESSIONS: £27

**A RIP PUPPET LAUGH MONSTER SPECTACULAR** ANDY NORTHEY  
ROARING, BONKING, A MINUTE, BASHING THAT HAS TO BEEN SEEN. LOVE IT. 'NEAR EXETER'

★★★★★  
**A WEST END HIT**  
THE STAGE

**THE BEST MUSICAL OF THE DECADE**  
SUNDAY TIMES

★★★★★  
**THE VERY FABRIC OF AVENUE Q IS GENIUS**  
OFFICIALTHEATRE.COM

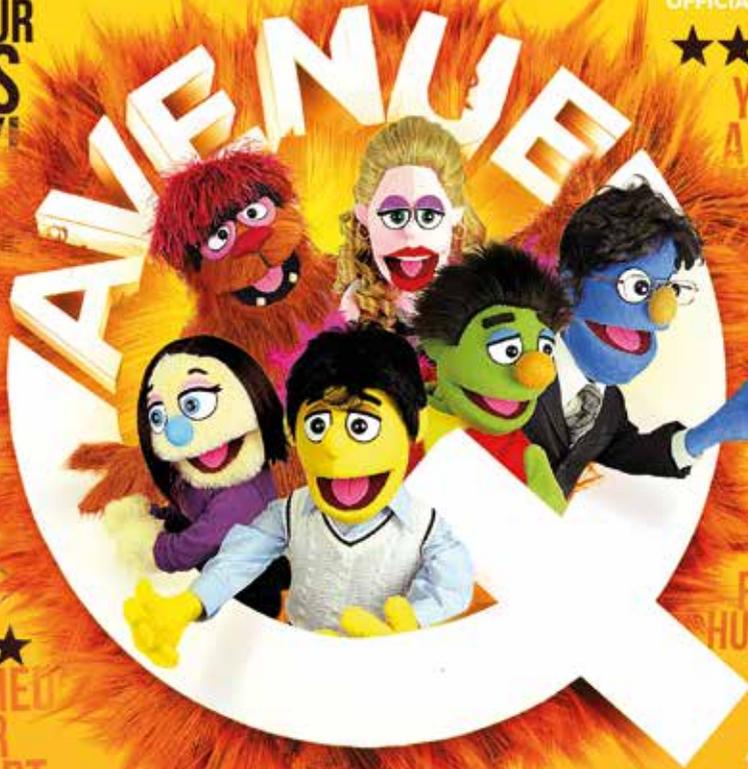
**P!%%% YOUR PANTS FUNNY!**  
INTERNET WEIRDO

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**YOU'D BE A MUPPET TO MISS IT**  
EDINBURGH EVENING NEWS

★★★★★  
**AVENUE Q IS FUNNY LARIOUS**  
GAY TIMES

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**LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT**  
SUNDAY TIMES

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**SUNDAY EXPRESS**  
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**ABSOLUTE RADIO**



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**WE LAUGHED TIL OUR SIDES HURT**  
ENTERTAINMENT FOCUS

**MUSIC & LYRICS BY**  
**ROBERT LOPEZ**  
**AND JEFF MARX**

**IT'S THE PERFECT SHOW TO NEVER TAKE YOUR PARENTS TO SEE**  
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**ADVISORY**  
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**BASED ON AN ORIGINAL CONCEPT BY**  
**ROBERT LOPEZ**  
**AND JEFF MARX**

**SUITABLE FOR AUDIENCES 14+**

**SELLADOOR PRODUCTIONS**  
**RICHARD BARBOURNE LTD**



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Entertainment Focus



**“I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT”**

Sunday Times



**“THE FUNNIEST THING I HAVE EVER SEEN”**

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**“...A WEST END HIT...”**

**“THIS IS A SHOW AND A COMPANY THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH”**

The Stage



**“ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT. WE NEARLY DIED LAUGHING.”**

Absolute Radio

#### WHAT'S ALL THE FUZZ ABOUT?

Winner of the Tony Awards 'Triple Crown' for **Best Musical**, **Best Score** and **Best Book**, Avenue Q is part flesh, part felt and all heart.

Avenue Q is the laugh out loud show that's had sell out runs on Broadway, in the West End and all across the UK and now you can see what all the fuzz is about at the Towngate.

This cheekily charming musical tells the story of the loveable (and unforgettable) characters on a downtown New York street trying to make sense of life's burning issues - like what do you do with a BA in English? How do you find your purpose? And is the internet really just for...nevermind.

Packed with mischief, bad behavior and a little political incorrectness, Avenue Q is truly the musical like no other - so don't let your life suck, book your tickets today!

Created by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez (Co-creator of *Book Of Mormon* and writer of the songs for Disney's *Frozen*).

From the producers of *Footloose*, *Flashdance* and *American Idiot*.

Suitable for audiences 14+

MONDAY 11 - SATURDAY 16 MARCH @ 7.30 PM  
THURSDAY & SATURDAY MATINEE @ 2.30 PM

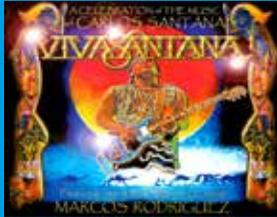
TICKETS FROM: £19 - £32.50  
CONCESSIONS: £2 OFF



### VOODOO ROOM

Voodoo Room pay tribute to the music of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Cream. A stunning power trio featuring some of the UK's finest musicians who perform an incredible show in the true spirit of these legendary superstars. Featuring classics such as: *Hey Joe*, *Sunshine Of Your Love*, *Purple Haze*, *Layla* and many more! With standing ovations the norm, the word on the street is Voodoo Room are not to be missed!

THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



### VIVA SANTANA

Created by inspirational Spanish guitarist Marcos Rodriguez, Viva Santana consists of professional musicians who recreate sounds and atmosphere of Santana's music with chilling accuracy. From *Santana 1*, *Abraxas* and *Moonflower* to the recent hits from *Supernatural*, *Shaman* and *All That I Am* - Viva Santana are much more than a tribute, they're a Supernatural experience!

FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



### THE UB40 EXPERIENCE

The UB40 Experience are renowned as one of the best UB40 tribute acts. The band recreate the UB40 sound and feel, which is captured in their overall performance. Members of the band have played alongside UB40's Brian Travers, Laurence Parry and Tony Mullins in addition to members of Steel Pulse, The Specials plus other top name bands. Book early to avoid disappointment!

SATURDAY 9 MARCH @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



### TOOREX

TooREX (featuring the incredible Bobby T as Marc Bolan) bring back the Glam Rock era of the early seventies with a spellbinding 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 20 APRIL @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



### THROUGH THE DECADES

Through The Decades celebrates the music of Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly. With Darren Page's vocal abilities as Roy Orbison, and Marc Robinson who has played the part of Buddy Holly all over the world; this double tribute delivers all the hits including *I Drove All Night*, *Mean Woman Blues*, *Pretty Woman*, *Heartbeat*, *Peggy Sue*, *It Doesn't Matter Anymore* and *Raining In My Heart*, to name but a few!

FRIDAY 31 MAY @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50

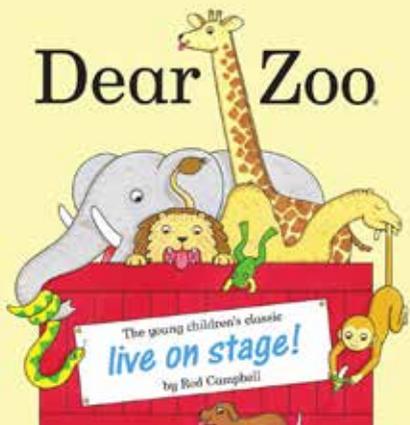


### WHOLE LOTTA DC

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 of Brian, and Angus's searing lead work and naughty-boy antics, recreate a live AC/DC show in stunning fashion. The band deliver a true AC/DC experience using the same Sonor, Gibson, Gretsch and Musicman instruments and Marshall Cabs used by the band today.

SATURDAY 1 JUNE @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50

# Dear Zoo



After a successful debut tour, Dear Zoo the timeless children's classic book returns to the stage in 2019!

Rod Campbell's best-selling lift the flap book has delighted generations of young readers since it was first published in 1982. And has sold more than 8 million copies worldwide.

This production will delight all those who have read the book (both young and old) as it unfolds with child-engaging puppets, music and lots of audience interaction.

Join us at the Towngate to see what the zoo has sent: the perfect pet – in the end!

TUESDAY 19 MARCH @ 1.30 PM & 3.30 PM  
WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH @ 11AM & 2PM  
TICKETS: £15

FAMILY (4 TICKETS): £52  
SCHOOL RATE (TEACHERS GO FREE): £12  
GROUP RATE: 1 IN 10 FREE!

# JIM DAVIDSON

The people's favourite and one of Britain's greatest ever comedians, Jim Davidson OBE, telling it 'like it is'.

Are you fed up with this PC world we now find ourselves in? Well, come and see Jim's brand-new and outrageous show.

Enough is enough, it's time to fight back!

*Please note: This show will contain Adult humour which some may find offensive. Suitable for ages 18+*

**"Showman Jim triumphs... he hit the spot again and again"** Sunday Express ★★★★★



TUESDAY 19 & WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH @  
7.30 PM

TICKETS: £25.50

# JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR OF SAN QUENTIN

The only show to be endorsed by the Cash family is back on top form with a brand new production for 2019. Award-winning front man Clive John dedicates this year to a 50th anniversary tour of the legendary San Quentin State Prison recordings which was televised on Granada Television in 1969. Alongside Clive is his iconic wife June Carter played by Emily Heighway, a world class band (Spirit band) and the JCR horns.

All supported with full video projection, this show is simply the biggest and best celebration of Johnny Cash in the world today. Songs from the San Quentin live album will be performed mixed with all the hits and favourite songs that we all know and love.

FRIDAY 22 MARCH @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £24  
CONCESSIONS: £22

# Meat Loaf



## Rock and Roll Dreams Came True

Starring the phenomenal Peter Young as a “dead ringer” for Meat Loaf, *Rock and Roll Dreams Came True* is a powerful showcase of Meat Loaf’s greatest hits, including *Paradise By The Dashboard Light*, *2 Out Of 3 Ain’t Bad* and the breathtaking *Bat Out of Hell*, to name just a few. If you’re a fan of Meat Loaf, then this is the only show you need to see!

In this epic 2 hour extravaganza, you’ll experience an evening as close to seeing Meat Loaf himself. With the unique musicianship of this 8 piece live band, complete with Mike Corfield as Jim Steinman on piano, video projections, an incredible light show, and stunning choreography, this show promises to have you rocking out to all of Meat Loaf’s greatest hits.

If you’re a fan of Meat Loaf... this show is not to be missed!

FRIDAY 29 MARCH @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £24  
CONCESSIONS: £22

Starring CJ and his incredible band and dancers.

CJ is one of the most experienced, dedicated and well-respected Michael Jackson tribute artists in the world today, and he perfectly captures the electrifying energy of Michael’s live performances with 100% live vocals.

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* brings together 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 4 APRIL @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £23.50  
CONCESSIONS: £21.50



## LET'S HANG ON

THE MUSIC OF FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS

The world’s first and longest-running tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons – which moved Frankie Valli to say “you guys are dynamite” – celebrates 10 years at the top.

Discover how four New Jersey boys from the wrong side of the tracks invented their own sound and sold over 175 million records in a show that spans five decades of hits: *Grease*, *Stay*, *December 1963 (Oh What a Night!)*, *Sherry*, *Beggin’*, *Can’t Take My Eyes Off You*, *Working My Way Back to You*, *Walk Like a Man*, *Big Girls Don’t Cry*, and many more, finally taking the roof off with a spectacular finale, *Let’s Hang On*.

SUNDAY 14 APRIL @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £25.50  
CONCESSIONS: £24.50

FREE PRE-SHOW  
WORKSHOP!  
Turn to p.35 for more info



This child-friendly adaptation of Treasure Island is a funny, high energy, big, bold and bright show with crazy characters, all your favourite songs and a swashbuckling story on the seven seas!

From these highly experienced producers of children's theatre comes lots of laughter, plenty of adventure and a whole host of pirates brought to life by our intrepid crew in search of buried treasure! Joining seasoned 'baddy' Tom Beard as Long John Silver are a host of stars from the world of children's television (CBeebies, Nickelodeon, Cheeky Monkey TV) for a show perfect for children aged 3+.

So jump aboard as we set sail for pirates, mermaids, monkeys and more blummin' pirates!

**MONDAY 15 APRIL @ 1PM & 4PM** | **TICKETS: £15**  
**CONCESSIONS: £13.50**  
**FAMILY (2+2): £52**

# WHITNEY

## QUEEN OF THE NIGHT



★★★★★

'DESERVED THE STANDING OVATION'

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*, *Saving All My Love* and so much more.

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.

*"Mightily impressive..... this top notch show is a celebration of Whitney's music and a fine and fitting way to ensure it lives on"* Simon Duke

**SUNDAY 21 APRIL @ 7.30PM** | **TICKETS: £26**  
**CONCESSIONS: £25**

# TOM JONES

## AND THE SHADES OF THE 60s



Tom Jones & The Shades of the 60s brings Jones' story of his unprecedented rise to fame to the Towngate stage. Relive his transformation from 60s sex symbol to 70s icon, to his rebirth in the 00s and the legendary status he has today. Starring Daniel Chettoe, best known for his outstanding vocal performances on *Britain's Got Talent*, and the iconic trio, The Shades of the 60s.

**TUESDAY 23 APRIL @ 7.30PM** | **TICKETS: £23.50**  
**CONCESSIONS: £21**

# 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! Prepare yourself for 40 back-to-back classic Motown hits, glittering costume changes, dazzling dance moves and outstanding musicianship in this explosive concert.

Celebrate the timeless music of Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, Jackson 5, Smokey Robinson and more.

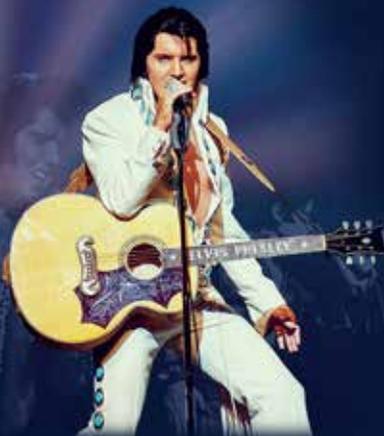
This breath-taking concert spectacular takes you on a musical journey through all your favourite songs, including: *Ain't No Mountain, Signed Sealed Delivered, Grapevine, Get Ready, Dancing In The Streets, My Girl, Blame It On The Boogie, Uptight, Endless Love, My Cherie Amor, All Night Long, Heatwave* and many, many more.

THURSDAY 25 APRIL @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £27.50

# A Vision Of ELVIS

On Tour



Starring Rob Kingsley, winner of The National Tribute Music Awards Official Elvis Show and No.1 Male Tribute, this internationally renowned tribute is the best Elvis Presley concert touring the world today.

Celebrating the show's 10th Anniversary, A Vision of Elvis is an emotional rollercoaster through time engaging audiences with a true Elvis concert experience featuring Elvis's greatest hits.

FRIDAY 26 APRIL @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £25  
CONCESSIONS: £23

# THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO



Following the huge success of *Alice In Wonderland* and *The Jungle Book*, Immersion Theatre are back to present a brand new, larger-than-life musical adaptation of the much-loved classic, Pinocchio!

Based on the fantastical children's book, this magical story leaps off the page and onto the stage in this vibrant re-telling of Pinocchio's extraordinary adventures.

Packed with comedy, audience interaction, and a host of new songs guaranteed to have you singing along from start to finish, this high energy musical promises to be the perfect treat for the whole family - no strings attached!

SATURDAY 27 APRIL @ 1PM & 4PM

TICKETS: £17  
CONCESSIONS: £14.50  
FAMILY (2+2): £56

FREE PRE-SHOW WORKSHOP!  
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# HORMONAL HOUSEWIVES

WRITTEN BY JULIE COOMBE AND JOHN MacISAAC

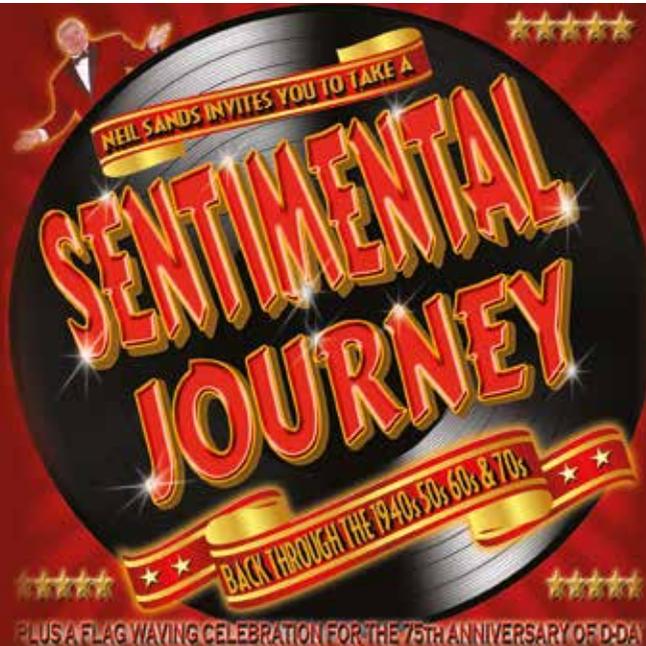
Join the Hormonal Housewives as they blast their witty way through a catalogue of women's bits: weight gain, weight loss, mood swings, moody teenagers, men, Zumba, therapy, housework, homework, electrolysis, men, sex, working out, staying in, going out, bikini waxes, celebrity gossip, eating, not eating, chocolate, wine, more chocolate, social media, more wine, and all the other joys of being a 21st century woman!

No subject is taboo for these girls and no thought is too private as the challenges of modern womanhood are sliced, diced and put to rights.

A seriously funny evening - what these women can't teach you about modern womanhood isn't worth knowing...

SUNDAY 28 APRIL @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £27  
CONCESSIONS & GROUPS OF 6+: £25



Join Neil Sands for his biggest ever matinee show as he takes you for a Sentimental Journey back through the fabulous 40s, the rocking 50s, the swinging 60s and the sensational 70s.

This brand new production for 2019 is guaranteed to have you singing along from start to finish with over 60 all-time favourite songs that have been the time lines of our lives - bringing back so many happy memories of golden days past, and celebrates the 75th anniversary of D-Day in a flag waving finale paying tribute to the veterans of the armed forces.

This feel good afternoon is mixed with stunning voices, dazzling costumes, tons of good old-fashioned fun, and a truly unique atmosphere that will brighten any day.

MONDAY 29 APRIL @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £16.50  
CONCESSIONS: £15

# THE BIGGEST HIT SONGS FROM WEST END & BROADWAY

★★★★★  
"SPINE-TINGLING"

★★★★★  
"OUTSTANDING"

# Les Musicals

## LIVE CONCERT TOUR



Les Musicals Live Concert Tour is the ultimate celebration of Musical Theatre.

Musical Theatre's leading men and *X Factor* stars; Jonathan Ansell (G4 frontman) and Rhydian Roberts have joined forces to create a dramatic and spine-tingling concert. This vocally dynamic evening showcases even more smash hit songs from the greatest musicals of all time, brought to you by two of the world's finest voices.

Come and immerse yourself into the world of Musical Theatre with classics from *Les Misérables*, *Phantom Of The Opera*, *Blood Brothers*, *Wicked*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *West Side Story*, *Miss Saigon*, *Chess*, *We Will Rock You* and many more...

After sell-out shows in 2018, this is certainly a concert not to be missed when it arrives at the Towngate for one night only!

**WEDNESDAY & MAY @ 7.30 PM**  
**MEET & GREET FROM 6PM**

**TICKETS: £25**  
**TICKET PLUS VIP PRE-SHOW MEET & GREET:**  
**£57.50**

# SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK

— THE ROD STEWART STORY —



50 years on from the release of Rod's first album, *Some Guys Have All the Luck - The Rod Stewart Story* is back in theatres in 2019 with a brand new show. Frontman Paul Metcalfe captures all the excitement, energy and charisma that have made Rod one of the most successful artists of all time. Featuring hits such as *Handbags & Gladrags*, *You Wear It Well*, *Stay With Me*, *Twisting The Night Away*, *Maggie May*, *Baby Jane*, *Da Ya Think I'm Sexy*, *Sailing*, *Tonight's The Night*, *The First Cut Is The Deepest* and *You're In My Heart*.

THURSDAY 9 MAY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £24.50



Direct from London's West End, this is the world's favourite George Michael tribute show.

This show will take you on a musical journey from the moving *Jesus To A Child*, to the celebration of *Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me*, to everyone's favourites *I'm Your Man* and *Wake Me Up*. Join us as we present our respectful tribute to one of the greatest musicians of all time with our stunning stage show that's taking the globe by storm.

Relive the passion, the flare and the unique sensitivity of George Michael with *FastLove!*

*This is a tribute show and is in no way affiliated with any original artists/estates/management companies or similar shows.*

FRIDAY 10 MAY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £27

**"An absolute must see"** Manchester's Finest

This inventive and hilarious comedy mystery features 2 fearless actors playing every role in this fast-paced farce.

Follow Sherlock Holmes and his incomparable sidekick Dr. Jane Watson on their journey from the streets of London to the Devonshire Moors as they attempt to solve the mystery of... *The Hound of the Baskervilles!*

Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery, *The Hound of the Baskervilles* is brilliantly brought to life on stage in this acclaimed production.

Book your tickets today for this inventive and hilarious comedy mystery, featuring 2 fearless actors playing every role in this fast-paced farce.



WEDNESDAY 15 MAY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £17.50

# Your guide to the TOWNGATE THEATRE MAIN AUDITORIUM

## 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 purchase tickets whenever you choose. Sign-up to buy tickets online and/or join our mailing list. To book online simply visit our website, click on a show and follow the online instructions.

## 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.

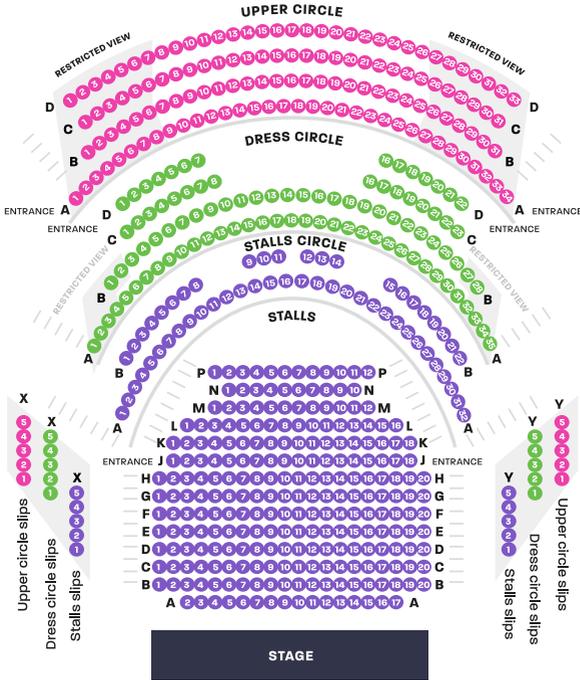
## PARKING

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.

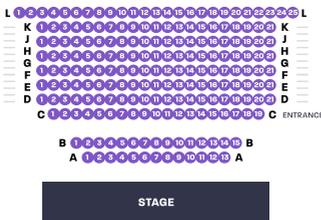
Please note the multi-storey car park at the Westgate Centre is locked every night at 10pm. However, the surface level car park is open all day, but please check with the parking operator before your journey.

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

For full travel directions visit the website.



## MIRREN STUDIO



## BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

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

Box Office: 01268 205 300  
Address: The Towngate Theatre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex SS14 1DL

Tickets can be collected from the Box Office or you

can ask/select to receive an e-ticket which can be printed off or shown to an usher on your smartphone prior to the performance.

If you require your tickets to be posted, this will incur an additional £1.50 charge.

Please note that all children, regardless of their age, must have a ticket purchased on their behalf.

# Education and OUTREACH

The Towngate Theatre strongly believes in the importance of Education and Outreach work in our local community. As part of our developing programme, we consistently seek out opportunities to create unique and engaging theatre experiences that are accessible and enjoyable!

If you would like more information about our Education and Outreach programme email us at [eando@basildon.gov.uk](mailto:eando@basildon.gov.uk)

## FREE PRE-SHOW ASSEMBLY

### THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS - 4 OCTOBER

We are offering local schools the opportunity to book a 15 minute FREE assembly to showcase *Wind In The Willows*, a brand new musical production, coming to the Towngate! Mr Toad and one of his friends will come into your school, perform scenes and songs from the show, answer questions and spread the joy of LIVE theatre to your pupils! This will include LOTS of pupil participation. We can bring everything - all we need is an empty space!

## PRE-SHOW WORKSHOPS!

### THE MAGIC WORD

#### SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER @ 1PM & 3PM

We invite you from 12 noon, for a magical hour of arts and crafts activities

- Make your own Royal Crown, and join us for your very own Royal Coronation
  - Decorate the Forest Elf's giant tree!
  - Join us for a treasure hunt through the forest and help the Queen find her way to the Elf's hut
- The event is open to ticket holders for both the 1pm and 3pm performance.*

### ELMER THE PATCHWORK ELEPHANT

#### 31 JANUARY @ 1.30PM & 4PM

We invite you to join us from 2.45pm in the upper foyer for a magical hour of theatre and craft activities for your little ones to enjoy!

- Make your own Elmer the Elephant Hat!
  - Decorate the foyer with your patchwork drawings!
- COMPETITION TIME:** Come dressed in as many colours as you can to celebrate Elmer the Elephant with a prize for the most colourfully dressed!

### TREASURE ISLAND

#### 15 APRIL @ 2.30PM & 6PM

We invite you to join us from 4.45pm in the upper foyer for a treasure hunt around the theatre, stopping along the way for theatre and craft activities!

### THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO THE MUSICAL

#### 27 APRIL @ 1PM & 4PM

We invite you to join us from 2.45pm in the upper foyer for a trip into the storybook!

- Create your own puppet!
- Decorate the foyer with pages from your storybook!
- Become an actor and help us to act out the story!



## MUSICAL THEATRE MAYHEM

26 OCTOBER 10AM-5PM | 10-18 YEARS

PRICE: £30

The Towngate Theatre has joined with Music Theatre Essex to bring you one jam-packed day full of Musical Theatre Fun! Work with a professional Musical Director (credits include *Shrek! The Musical* and *Blood Brothers*) to learn the songs from popular musicals and develop your performance skills! An opportunity to work with professional Theatre Makers that is not to be missed!

## STORYTELLING

FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 1PM

Come along and join us in the Towngate foyer with your little ones for a FREE creative storytelling session full of theatre magic. Open up the storybook to find out which children's story it will be, and join us on our magical journey complete with props, costumes, puppets and interactive activities! A fantastic opportunity for the little ones to experience their first taste of theatrical fun! These sessions will be on the first Monday of every month at 1pm, with our first session starting on the 1 October!



## YOUTH THEATRE

Towngate Youth Theatre is open to anyone and everyone between the ages of 5 and 18, who has a passion for theatre and the enthusiasm to match! Towngate Youth Theatre features tuition from our own Towngate Youth Theatre Leader, professional guest tutors and the brilliant tutors from HAPA.

Each group: £150 for a full term which will include all show fees and costume fees (where applicable).

### TOWNGATE YOUTH JUNIORS (5-7 YEARS)

10am - 11:30am every Saturday during term time.

### TOWNGATE YOUTH INTERMEDIATES (8-10 YEARS)

11:30am - 1:30pm every Saturday during term time.

### TOWNGATE YOUTH THEATRE (11-18 YEARS)

6.30pm-8.30pm every Wednesday during term time.

# TOWNGATE THEATRE

— CAFE BAR —

*Celebrate the Festive  
Season with us!*

**29 OCTOBER -  
21 DECEMBER 2018**

## Starters

### ROASTED VINE TOMATO AND RED PEPPER SOUP

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

### DUCK & ORANGE PÂTÉ

Served with Melba toast on a bed of  
mixed leaf lettuce

## Main Courses

### TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY

With homemade sage and onion stuffing  
*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

### 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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