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WHERE THE FUTURE BEGINS | 1949 - 2019

Season Programme Summer / Autumn 2019



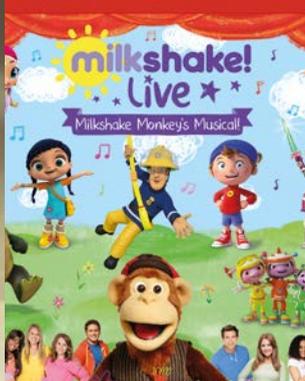
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# BASILDON AT 70

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SAVE THE DATE



## AT 70 MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 31 AUGUST 2019**

Jazz vibes, school choirs, piano sing-alongs and banging DJs, the At 70 Music Festival has it all!

Bring your family and friends along to the Town Centre on Saturday 31 August for a jam-packed day of quality music.

Headliners and more details to be revealed soon.

Are you a local musician or group interested in taking part? Get in touch - [basildon70@basildon.gov.uk](mailto:basildon70@basildon.gov.uk)

## AT 70 ARTS FESTIVAL

**MONDAY 23 - SATURDAY 28**

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

Fancy learning a new skill or creating a piece of art to keep forever?

The Foundation for Essex Arts are busy curating a week of diverse arts workshops, performances and installations at the Towngate Theatre this September.

The full programme will be available soon.

Are you a local artist interested in getting involved? Contact TFEA on [foundationessexarts@gmail.com](mailto:foundationessexarts@gmail.com).

For more information on Basildon at 70 please visit [www.basildon.gov.uk/basildon70](http://www.basildon.gov.uk/basildon70).

## TOWNGATE SUMMER SCHOOL

**12 - 24 AUGUST**

All places £150  
Ages 10+

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

Download your application form from

[www.towngatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.towngatetheatre.co.uk)



# Les Musicals

LIVE IN CONCERT



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

Jonathan Ansell (*G4* frontman) and Jai McDowall (*Britains Got Talent* winner) have joined forces to create a dramatic concert. This dynamic evening showcases 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*, *The Greatest Show man*, *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 in its second exciting year.

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY @ 7.30PM  
MEET & GREET FROM 6PM

TICKETS: £25  
TICKET & 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 artistes 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



A TRIBUTE TO  
**GEORGE MICHAEL**

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

**Cultural Highlight of 2018 – Mayor of London (Presumably drunk!)**

**“Fantastic, farcical, clever fun... a romp of a play”**

Living Edge Magazine

**“The Hound of the Baskervilles is an absolute must-see!”**

Manchester's Finest

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.

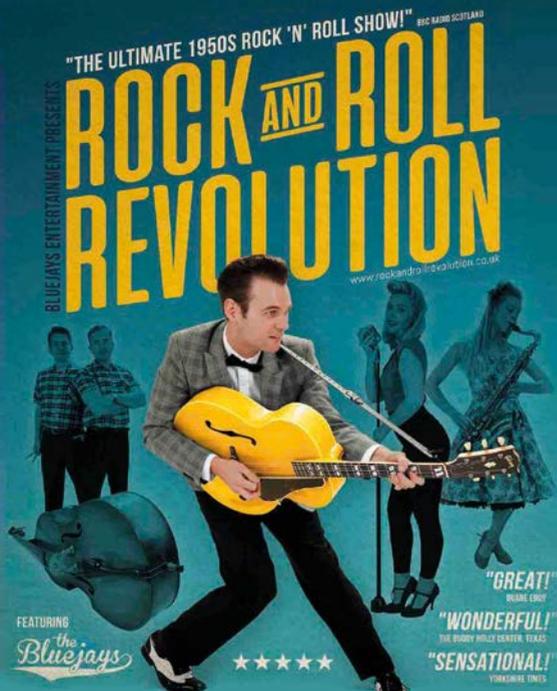
Book your tickets today for this inventive and hilarious comedy mystery feature 2 fearless actors playing every role in this fast paced farce.

*Suitable for ages 16+*



WEDNESDAY 15 MAY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £17.50



Award-winning band The Bluejays (featuring stars of Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story, Dreamboats & Petticoats and Million Dollar Quartet) take you on a jiving journey through the fabulous fifties.

Packed with over 40 classic hits including *Rock Around The Clock*, *That'll Be The Day*, *Jailhouse Rock*, *Johnny B. Goode*, *Tutti Frutti*, *C'mon Everybody*, *Stupid Cupid*, *Great Balls of Fire* and *La Bamba*, all performed live on stage, Rock and Roll Revolution will transport you back to the era when music changed the world forever!

From the early days of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis, via the brief but brilliant careers of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and Eddie Cochran, right through to Rock 'n' Roll's heyday with artists such as Cliff Richard, Connie Francis, and Bill Haley and his Comets, – Rock and Roll Revolution is a whistle-stop tour through music's most defining decade!

THURSDAY 16 MAY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £22



Milkshake Monkey can't wait to put on a spectacular new musical for you all! But when stage fright hits, his favourite Milkshake friends come to help, creating the most dazzling show you have ever seen!



Be part of this fantastic production as you learn the amazing songs and dances with your favourite Milkshake friends, and watch as the music, the lights, the costumes and stage come together. With great Milkshake friends, anything is possible.

SUNDAY 26 MAY @ 11.30AM @ 2.30PM

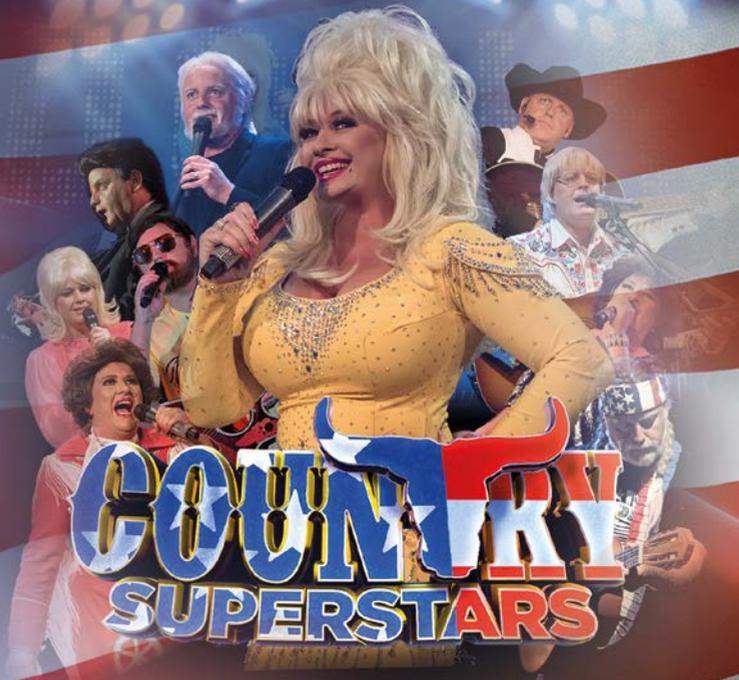
UNDER 18 MONTHS: £2, CHILD: £16.50  
ADULT: £17.50  
FAMILY (2+2): £64

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This truly unique show is hosted by Sarah Jayne who has been performing as Dolly Parton for over 25 years, and is Europe's leading tribute to the Queen of Country – Dolly Parton.

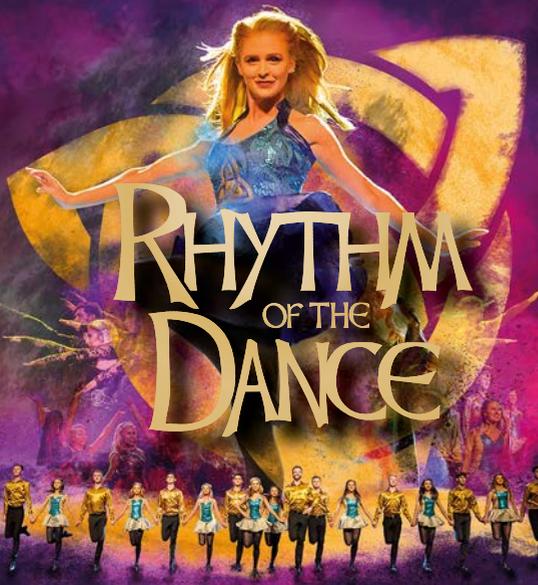
Sarah Jayne and award-winning vocal impersonator Andy Crust take us on a journey back through time, meeting some of the most influential icons who shaped Country music history. The show features tributes to Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Billie Jo Spears, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson, Tammy Wynette, Garth Brooks, John Denver, Glen Campbell and – new for 2019 – Shania Twain!

This County music extravaganza also features support from the fantastic Tennessee Allstars Band.



**THURSDAY 20 JUNE @ 7.30PM**

**TICKETS: £23  
CONCESSIONS: £21.50**



This dance and music extravaganza contains a wealth of Irish talent; an exciting 2-hour trip through hundreds of years of Irish dance and music, featuring 22 award-winning World and Irish dance champions with 25 dazzling costume changes.

Experience flailing fiddles, flutes, inspiring dances, and live vocalists, all complimented by a top live Irish trad band of multi-instrumentalist musicians, and a sensational sound and light show as seen on TV from China to California, from Siberia to Sydney.

Worldwide, toes are tapping and hands are clapping to the feet of Rhythm of the Dance!

Enjoy the 20th Anniversary tour of Rhythm of the Dance, five million fans across fifty countries already have!

**FRIDAY 21 JUNE @ 7.30PM**

**TICKETS: £27  
CONCESSIONS: £25**

Get ready for a two-hour adventure into the world of Carole King, celebrating her fascinating musical journey and world-class songwriting.

With a professional cast of leading vocalists and musicians, this concert-style revue show has audiences captivated from the very first note.

The show features countless Carole King hits such as *You've Got A Friend*, *Beautiful* and *It Might As Well Rain Until September*, plus classic songs from The Drifters and Neil Sedaka - many of which were written by Carole King herself. Ignite your love for one of the greatest songwriters of our time, whose hits are still recognised and treasured by all ages today.

# The CAROLE KING Songbook



FRIDAY 19 JULY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26.50  
CONCESSIONS: £24.50

# Rock'n'Roll PARADISE

## Where Legends Live Forever

Rock 'N' Roll Paradise are celebrating their 10th year on the road with their incredible Lost Legends Tour. This show continues to grow and change, bringing to the stage an amazing number of tributes to the icons of Rock and Roll over the years.

Backed by the dynamic Paradise Band, the Legends will include Buddy Holly, Gene Vincent, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Johnny Cash, the Big Bopper, Eddie Cochran, the Everly Brothers, Ricky Nelson, Connie Francis, Brenda Lee - and the King himself, Elvis. Will the jukebox choose your favourite?

If you're ready to Rock and Roll with the best show on the road, Paradise is on its way!

SATURDAY 20 JULY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £23  
CONCESSIONS: £21

## SMALL FAKERS

### THE SMALL FAKERS

Formed in 2007, the Small Fakers are the UK's only tribute to mod legends, the sensational Small Faces. Hits galore at every show including *All Or Nothing*, *Itchycoo Park*, *Lazy Sunday* and many more, mixed in with B-sides and fan favourites from the Small Faces' back catalogue. A visual and musical feast for all Small Faces fans!

SATURDAY 11 MAY @ 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



### SKINNY MOLLY PLUS SUPPORT

Founded by guitarist/vocalist Mike Estes, formerly of Lynyrd Skynard 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, 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.

THURSDAY 20 JUNE @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50

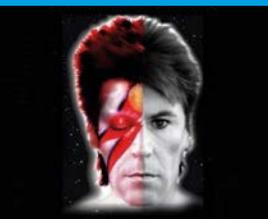


### ARE YOU EXPERIENCED? THE JIMI HENDRIX TRIBUTE

Catch Are You Experienced? when they come to Basildon, and relive the excitement and explosive stage show of the Jimi Hendrix Experience. Let the band take you through all the favourites like *Hey Joe*, *Voodoo Chile*, *All Along The Watchtower*, *Foxy Lady* and *Little Wing*, culminating in the guitar-burning finale of *Wild Thing*.

A must see for any Hendrix fan!

FRIDAY 28 JUNE @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



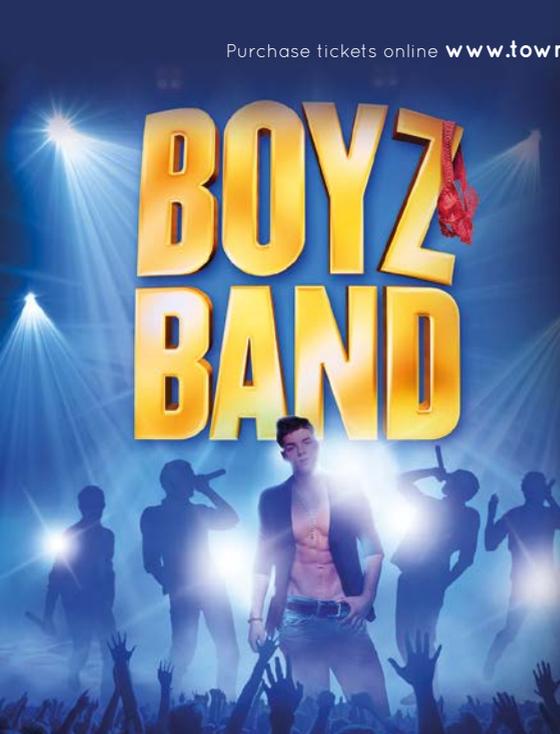
### ALADDINSANE

Whether portraying the 70s era Ziggy Stardust, the Thin White Duke or Bowie's 80s/90s songs many who have seen this live show simply called it 'spot on'. The band's recreation of every song is highly praised every time they appear, their performances showcase a vast repertoire of material.

Aladdinsane entertain the audience with a string of hits and often include classic album tracks from the golden years of this unforgettable legend.

FRIDAY 12 JULY @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50

# BOYZ BAND



'Everybody, everywhere...' It's time to Rock your Body Right!

BoyzBand is a non-stop 90s party, bringing together the world's greatest hits from the most popular and iconic boy bands of the decade, in an all-singing, all-dancing, rollercoaster ride of hits.

When The Lights Go Out... you won't be able to help but get on your feet and Keep On Movin' all night long!

BoyzBand features the biggest pulse-racing, heart-melting songs from bands including Boyzone, Westlife, 5ive, N\*Sync, Take That, East17, Backstreet Boys, Another Level, Hanson, Boyz II Men, A1 and 911. So you can sing, dance, cry and scream along for just one more night.

Performed by five of the UK's hottest male talents, their charismatic combination of sex appeal, belting vocals and moves will leave you breathless. Let them Entertain You for a night of 90s memories you'll Never Forget.

No matter your age, you never forget your first boy band crush!

SUNDAY 21 JULY @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £23

CONCESSIONS: £21

GROUPS (8+): £21

One of the most enduring shows of all time, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers and the coat of many colors.

Told entirely through song with the help of a main character Narrator, the musical follows Joseph as he is sold into slavery by his brothers. While imprisoned, Joseph discovers his ability to interpret dreams, and he finds himself in front of the Pharaoh. Joseph's solution to Egypt's famine elevates him to Pharaoh's right-hand man and reunites him with his family.

This magical musical is full of catchy songs including *Those Canaan Days*, *One More Angel in Heaven*, *Benjamin Calypso*, *Any Dream Will Do* and *Close Every Door*.

This youth production is proudly presented by Helen Arber Performing Arts.

An Amateur youth production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd

**HELEN ARBER PERFORMING ARTS**

presents...

# JOSEPH

AND THE  
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

YOUTH GROUP PRODUCTION

LYRICS BY  
TIM RICE

MUSIC BY  
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY - SATURDAY 3 AUGUST  
@ 7PM, SATURDAY MATINEE @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £19.50

CONCESSIONS: £18.50

IN THE MIRREN STUDIO



# REMODE

With their powerful, rocking style, Remode not only cover their role models, but also arouse emotions that can only be experienced at a Depeche Mode concert.

With an impressive stage presence and captivating authenticity, Remode can make even the most critical voices sing along. The fan community expects a great deal from Depeche Mode, and much more from a tribute band. Remode faces this challenge head on, without compromise.

**FRIDAY 23 AUGUST @ 8PM**

**ADVANCE TICKETS: £19  
DOOR TICKETS: £22**

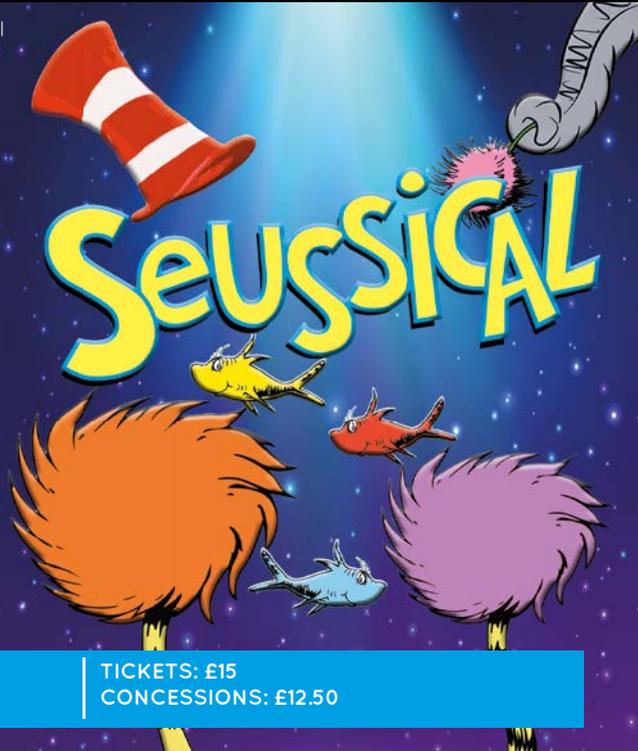
Seussical is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life all of our favourite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie, and a little boy with a big imagination-Jojo.

Seussical is fun for the whole family! Proudly presented by Towngate Summer School and Towngate Youth Theatre.

*This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe).*

*All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe.*

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



# Seussical

**FRIDAY 23 & SATURDAY 24 AUGUST @  
7.30PM, SATURDAY MATINEE @ 2.30PM**

**TICKETS: £15  
CONCESSIONS: £12.50**

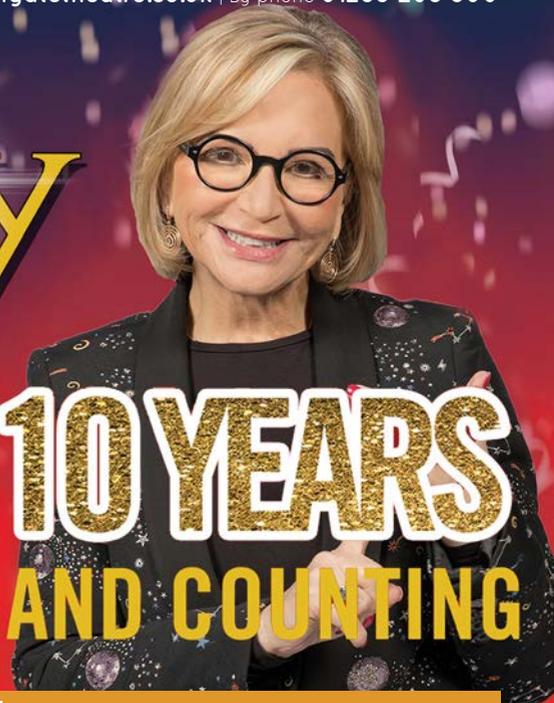
# Psychic SALLY

Following her appearance on *Celebrity Big Brother* the nation's favourite Psychic is back on tour with her all new show *10 Years and Counting*.

Wowing audiences young and old across the country for over 10 years, Sally's show will have you on the edge of your seat, as she brings guess mediumship into the 21st century.

With her love, laughter and warmth, this show is a unique evening not to be missed. Book your tickets now to see this phenomenal psychic in action.

*The show is investigational and for the purpose of entertainment.*



## 10 YEARS AND COUNTING

MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30 PM

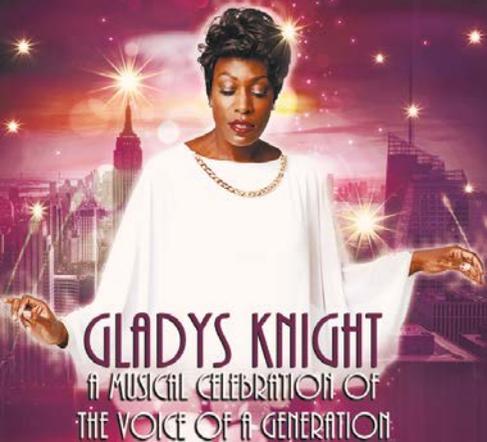
TICKETS: £27

CONCESSIONS: £25.50

GROUP RATE: BUY 10, GET 1 FREE

A BRAND NEW PRODUCTION

## MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO GEORGIA



DO YOU REMEMBER...THE WAY WE WERE

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £25

CONCESSIONS: £23

Born in Georgia in 1944, the legendary Gladys Knight began singing with her siblings at age 8, calling themselves 'The Pips'. The group opened for many R&B legends in the 1950s before heading to Motown. There started the legend that became, Gladys Knight & The Pips. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and in 2007, Knight received the Society of Singers ELLA Award. She is currently listed on Rolling Stone's list of the Greatest Singers of All Time.

Capturing the essence of the multi award-winning Ms Gladys Knight, Hayley Ria Christian portrays her, capturing the true magic that Gladys Knight provides on stage.

Featuring the hit songs like *Baby Don't Change Your Mind*, *Help Me Make It Through the Night*, *Try To Remember/The Way We Were*, *Part Time Love*, *Licence To Kill* and her signature tune, *Midnight Train To Georgia*.

This production is definitely not a tribute but a faithful portrayal and pays homage to the Empress of Soul.....the one and only Ms Gladys Knight.

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Featuring eight top flight musicians and a world class crew, this concert-based production authentically recreates the atmosphere of a Pink Floyd live performance, including impressive video projection on a large circular screen and a stunning light show.

With over 50 years of hits by this legendary band, the highly acclaimed show also features over two hours of songs from both iconic albums *Dark Side Of The Moon* and *Animals* as well as *Wish You Were Here*, *Shine On You Crazy Diamond*, *Another Brick In The Wall* and *Comfortably Numb*.

With outstanding musicianship, superb vocals and incredible production, this spellbinding show is a true celebration of all things Floyd and appeals to fans of all ages.



FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £25.50

THE WORLD FAMOUS  
**DREAMBOYS**



PROSECCO OFFER!

The Dreamboys are back with a brand new show and UK tour for 2019!

The Dreamboys are without a doubt the UK's most famous and successful show of its kind. Their breath-taking show has been perfectly created for hen nights, birthday parties and girls nights out.

If you're looking for the very best girls night out in the UK, look no further than these incredible hunks. An action packed 2 hour show from start to finish.

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30 PM

STALLS: £29.50

STALLS CIRCLE/DRESS CIRCLE: £26.50

UPPER CIRCLE: £24.50

The UK's No.1 and worlds' busiest swing and jive band, The Jive Aces present their biggest theatre show to date - the Big Beat Revue!

Featuring special guests, vintage pinup dancing, singing and tapping troupe, The Satin Dollz; the low down baritone sax of Lottie B and the smooth accordion of Grazia Bevilacqua, this show features the best in 40s and 50s jive, rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll.

With classic tunes from artists such as Louis Jordan, Louis Prima and Keely Smith, Big Joe Turner and Bobby Darin with the flair of an Alan Freed rock 'n' roll extravaganza, this show will have you out of your seat with its larger than life big-beat sound!

# The *★* JIVE ACES

## Big Beat Revue



FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30 PM

TICKETS: £20



The ever-popular master of matinee nostalgia, Neil Sands, is back with a very special one-off All Star Old Time Variety show.

A wonderful afternoon of great nostalgic entertainment with an all star cast including the world's number one ukulele virtuoso, Andy Eastwood, and recreating some showstopping harmonies from the 1940s the fabulous Victory Sisters

Travel back to a time of great entertainers and wonderful songs in an afternoon not to be missed that will fill you with wonderful memories of the golden days of entertainment.

CREAM TEA AVAILABLE  
PRIOR TO SHOW

MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER @ 2.30 PM

TICKETS: £16.50  
CONCESSIONS: £15

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The world's official No.1 tribute to the legendary rock band return to the stage in 2019 for more stunning vocals, tight harmonies and awesome guitar riffs!

Described as 'flawless' by The Express, The Illegal Eagles are internationally renowned for their outstanding ability to recreate the Eagles' distinctive sound with both flare and incredible authenticity. Having toured for over two decades they remain true Eagles fanatics!

Their latest production delivers all of the Eagles' classic hits including *Hotel California*, *Take It To The Limit*, *Life In The Fast Lane*, *Take It Easy*, *Lyin' Eyes*, *Desperado* and many more!



# THE ILLEGAL EAGLES



THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £29

IN THE MIRREN STUDIO

WILLIAM  
SHAKESPEARE'S

# Macbeth

An Essex playhouse, 1850.

Unforeseen circumstances leave a Dickensian theatre company stripped down to just three actors. Undeterred, the troupe valiantly take on the multitude of roles in Shakespeare's most bloody tragedy.

At just 70 minutes, this engaging and fast-paced adaptation of *Macbeth* is the perfect introduction to Shakespeare for a modern audience.

With themes of ambition, power and revenge, this dynamic production captivates to the bitter end.

Recommended age 10+

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WEDNESDAY 25 & THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER  
@ 1.30PM & 8PM, FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER @  
11AM & 1.30PM

TICKETS: £14  
CONCESSIONS & STUDENTS: £12  
STUDENT GROUP OFFER: BUY 10, GET 1 FREE

# WANNABE



WANNABE – The Spice Girls Show, is a musical stage show celebrating the career of the world's biggest girl band, the Spice Girls.

From the chart stomping *Spice Up Your Life*, through to the hip shaking *Who Do You Think You Are?*, WANNABE takes you on a Spice World journey that will make you zig-a-zig-ahhhh.

Swing it, shake it, move it, make it down however you can, to the smash hit touring sensation, not to be missed! All are welcome the biggest 90s party in town!

Hi, si, ja, hold tight!

**THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM**  
**FRONT 3 ROWS: £27**  
**FRONT 3 ROWS FOR GROUPS OF 8+: £25**

**ALL OTHER SEATS: £25**  
**ALL OTHER SEATS FOR GROUPS OF 8+: £23**

Wednesday 27 November 2019 - Sunday 5 January 2020

The award-winning team returns  
with

A FAMILY  
ADVENTURE  
PAVED WITH  
GOLD



# Dick Whittington

Following the record-breaking success of Snow White 2018/19  
we are delighted to confirm that Basildon favourite

**Simon Fielding**

will be returning to the Towngate stage, alongside the incredibly talented

**Sophie Ladds**



Critical acclaim for  
**Snow White 2018/19**



‘Pitch-perfect pantomime’  
THE STAGE



‘A hilarious script... a wonderful  
set, brilliant acting and most  
importantly a lot of heart’  
WEST END WILMA

‘A sprinkle of Panto magic to  
brighten your festive period’  
THURROCK INDEPENDENT



DATE	PERFORMANCE TIMES		
<b>NOVEMBER 2019</b>			
WEDNESDAY 27			7.00PM
THURSDAY 28			6.00PM
FRIDAY 29	10.30AM	1.30PM	
SATURDAY 30		1.00PM	5.00PM
<b>DECEMBER 2019</b>			
SUNDAY 1		1.00PM	5.00PM
MONDAY 2	10.00AM	1.00PM	
TUESDAY 3	10.00AM	1.00PM	
THURSDAY 5	10.00AM	1.00PM	
FRIDAY 6	10.00AM		7.00PM
SATURDAY 7		1.00PM	5.00PM
SUNDAY 8		1.00PM	5.00PM
MONDAY 9	10.00AM		5.00PM*
TUESDAY 10	10.00AM	1.00PM	
THURSDAY 12	10.30AM		6.00PM
FRIDAY 13	10.30AM		6.00PM
SATURDAY 14		2.00PM	6.00PM
SUNDAY 15		1.00PM	5.00PM
MONDAY 16	10.30AM		5.00PM
TUESDAY 17	10.30AM		5.00PM
THURSDAY 19	10.30AM		5.00PM
FRIDAY 20		1.00PM	5.00PM
SATURDAY 21	11.00AM	3.00PM	7.00PM
SUNDAY 22		1.00PM	5.00PM
MONDAY 23		1.00PM	5.00PM
TUESDAY 24		12 NOON	4.00PM
THURSDAY 26		1.00PM	5.00PM
FRIDAY 27		1.00PM	5.00PM
SATURDAY 28		2.00PM	6.00PM
SUNDAY 29		1.00PM	5.00PM
MONDAY 30		1.00PM	5.00PM
TUESDAY 31		12 NOON	4.00PM
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>			
THURSDAY 2		12 NOON	4.00PM
FRIDAY 3			6.00PM
SATURDAY 4		1.00PM	5.00PM
SUNDAY 5		12 NOON	4.00PM

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	Adult	Concession	Family	Restricted	Group	School
Preview	£16.00	£16.00	N/A	£13.00	£15.00	N/A
Off-Peak	£21.00	£19.00	£74.00	£13.00	£19.00	N/A
Peak	£26.00	£22.00	£90.00	£15.00	£23.00	N/A
Schools	£21.00	£18.00	£72.00	£12.00	£19.00	£12.00

Concession Applies to children under 16 and adults over 60  
 Family Ticket Four tickets (Must include two adults 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 9 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.

PLEASE NOTE: A ticket must be purchased for every child, regardless of age. We do not recommend bringing children under 3 years old.



# ROY CHUBBY BROWN

After 50 years in show business, Roy 'Chubby' Brown has proven himself time and time again!

30 totally different DVDs in 30 years, 2,000+ live shows worldwide, 4 books, countless original songs and millions of fans are testimony to the fact that he is 'Britain's King Of Comedy'.

Suitable for ages 18+

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM

FRONT 3 ROWS: £28, CONCESSIONS £2 OFF  
ALL OTHER SEATS: £26, CONCESSIONS £2 OFF

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The Three Degrees are an American female vocal group, formed in 1963 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The group has remained a trio with original members, Helen Scott and Valerie Holiday since Sheila Ferguson left many moons ago.

The Three Degrees are well known for their soulful voices, beautiful gowns, and fabulous stage shows. They are known all around the world for songs like *When Will I See You Again*, *Dirty Ol' Man*, *Take Good Care Of Yourself*. They have been continuously touring for more than 40 years and still touring to this day.



## The Three Degrees 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £27

# PAUL ZERDIN'S PUPPET PARTY



## WINNER OF AMERICA'S GOT TALENT

Paul Zerdin and his dysfunctional puppet family are back by popular demand with a brand-new UK tour. As well as starring everyone's favourites Sam, Albert and Baby, there'll be his new bodyguard, an urban fox, some hilarious audience participation - and a talking ice cream - all using a mixture of master puppeteering, state of the art animatronic wizardry and a unique blend of edgy comedy.

It's a quirk of British theatre that a man can get a standing ovation for spending the best part of 75 minutes on a stage talking to himself. It goes without saying that Paul's skills are top notch - there's not a hint of movement from his lips and he has a strong command of a range of different voices but it's his control of the puppets and sense of timing that brings his characters to life!

Don't miss out on your chance to see the winner of *America's Got Talent* and one of Britain's finest entertainers.

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £22



## ROLLIN' STONED

Get ready for two hours of nostalgia as the Rollin' Stoned play all the hits including *Jumping Jack Flash*, *Brown Sugar*, *Paint It Black*, *Ruby Tuesday*, *You Can't Always Get What You Want*, *Two Thousand Light Years From Home*, *Let's Spend The Night Together*, *Street Fighting Man* and *Satisfaction*. The costumes are shamelessly camp and the wit irreverent, but the 'tongue in cheek' approach is never at the expense of the music.

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## 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.

Evoking the swinging days of The Doors at their peak with hits including *Set Your Night On Fire*, *Swim You To The Moon*, *Love You Madly*, *People are Strange*, *Road House* and *When The Music's Over*.

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## DIZZY LIZZY

Dizzy Lizzy featuring 'H' as Phil Lynott and guitarist Brian Tattler (Diamond Head) celebrate the life and times of Thin Lizzy and Phil Lynott.

Front man and Phil Lynott look-alike Haldin, is the former Babylon Zoo star (#1 hit *Spaceman*) The band will play a best of Lizzy set including *Whisky In The Jar*, *Still In Love With You*, *Jailbreak To Rosalie*, *Dancing In The Moonlight* and more.

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## A BAND CALLED MALICE

A Band Called Malice was formed when frontman Andy Coultas wanted to recreate the sound of The Jam with the attitude and feel of the original line up. They will take you back to the late seventies and early eighties when The Jam played as one of the most iconic and influential bands in music history. If you like The Jam then you will love A Band Called Malice, and are guaranteed to have an unforgettable evening!

SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## PURPLE ZEPPELIN

Purple Zeppelin are proud to pay tribute to the two greatest Rock Bands of all time, Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin. This show promises to be a night not to be missed, complete with Ritchie Blackmore's Lute, Jimmy Page's twin neck Guitar and Theremin, and a very special Violin Bow Solo! Come and experience the excitement of Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin in one mesmerizing show!

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50



## PIEFACE - TRIBUTE TO THE SMALL FACES, THE FACES AND HUMBLE PIE

With an emphasis on fun and energy, Pie Face assure audience engagement. Highlights include - *Tin Soldier*, *Afterglow*, *Itchycoo Park*, *Lazy Sunday*, *Stay With Me*, *Maggie May*, *Natural Born Woman* and more. The set is peppered with hits, including an amazing version of Python Lee Jackson's *In A Broken Dream* - early 'Rod the Mod' at his best!

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER @ 8PM | TICKETS: £15.50

Purchase tickets online [www.towngatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.towngatetheatre.co.uk) | By phone 01268 205 300

# MERCURY

## The Ultimate Queen Tribute

20<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
1999 - 2019

Celebrating 20 years on the road, this dynamic theatre production fully emulates rock's most flamboyant front man, recreating the distinctive Queen experience.

Including performances of Queen hits, like *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Radio Ga Ga*, *We Are The Champions*, *We Will Rock You* and many more, this show will captivate any audience.

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £22.50

IN THE MIRREN STUDIO

COMEDY CLUB HEADLINER

# Reginald D Hunter

As seen on *Live at the Apollo*, *Mock the Week* and *Have I Got News For You*, Reginald is one of the most in demand comedians today. He is unique in his style and always has a point his comedy that will make you laugh and think at the same time.

Plus Support from

**JACOB HAWLEY** (as seen on BBC Three)

**MAFF BROWN** (Writer for *Mock the Week*)

**ELEANOR TIERNAN** (As seen on Comedy Central)

Please note this is a comedy club night and not a tour show for Reginald. Acts are subject to change. If the line up does change, acts will be replaced with a suitable replacement.



THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER @ 8PM

TICKETS: £20

# THE SOUND OF SPRINGSTEEN

The Sound Of Springsteen take to the stage this year after 2 years of getting the show together for this tour.

With a passion for the work of 'The Boss', the 8 piece tribute brings their years of live performances and recording to rock you with Bruce Springsteen's greatest hits and deep cuts. With songs like *Born In The USA*, *Glory Days*, *Streets of Philadelphia* and many more, this is a night of passion for Springsteen fans.

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

STALLS & STALLS CIRCLE: £24.50  
DRESS & UPPER CIRCLE: £22.50

This stunning and elegant review of the life of Cilla Black soars its way through the 60s.

Starring Liverpool born singer Victoria Jones as Cilla, performing songs including *You're My World* and *Anyone Who Had A Heart* while the Shades trio swing through a decade of hits by Cilla's friends and co-stars such as *I Only Want to Be With You* and *River Deep Mountain High*.

An unforgettable show that journeys its way through Cilla's life and brings audiences to their feet in celebration.

Relive the 60s in style and come to see the girl power show that is delighting audiences all over the UK.



THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £20  
CONCESSIONS: £18

IN THE MIRREN STUDIO

## GUTTED

Gutted, a black comedy, explores the lives of three women who work in a fish factory in 1980s Dublin.

Told through comic monologue, raw powerful language, movement and dance, the women give us a snapshot of the characters and challenges in their lives at the time, many of which remain as relevant today as they were over 30 years ago.

Suitable for ages 14+



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THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER @ 8PM

TICKETS: £17

## The Nutcracker



The Nutcracker by Russian State Ballet and Opera House.

Featuring a live Orchestra with over 30 musicians.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a trip to your local theatre for a dazzling production of the most famous ballet in the world - The Nutcracker.

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*. The Nutcracker is an eternal seasonal favourite, directed and choreographed by the former award winning Bolshoi Ballet Soloist, Konstantin Uralsky.

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £31  
CONCESSIONS: £29

Superslam Wrestling is back by popular demand with another action-packed live wrestling event!

Guaranteed action from the sound of the first bell will excite the kids from start to finish - and will be the talk of the classroom for weeks afterwards!

If you have not been to the show before, make a date for Sunday afternoon - 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!



## ALL STAR WRESTLING

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER & SUNDAY 19 JANUARY  
2020 @ 3PM

TICKETS: £17  
UNDER 12s: £12



## THE SALZBURG Mozart GALA

With its selected choice of masterpieces, the Salzburger Mozart Gala is a must-see for Classical music enthusiasts. Includes excerpts of works such as *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, *Don Giovanni* or *Le Nozze Di Figaro*. Full of joy and musical finesse, this homage to the Salzburg genius is guaranteed to be an unforgettable experience.

Concert visitors may look forward to a refreshing and sonorous evening.

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £30  
CONCESSIONS: £28

## CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH - THE FAREWELL TOUR

In 2019, UK Country music legend, Charlie Landsborough, plans to retire from touring to concentrate on writing and recording music. Before his retirement Charlie will be embarking on an extended tour of Britain.

Known as the UK's premier Country music singer, Country music is only one part of his live shows.

Charlie's gigs are a night of beautiful ballads, Folk, Blues, Country, Rock 'n' Roll, Pop, Gospel and anthems.



WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26

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Back by popular demand after a sold out performance in 2018!

Let's Get Ready... to Go Loco, Down in Acapulco!

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 ultimate celebration of the sweet sound of Motown!

# THE GREATEST HITS OF MOTOWN HOW SWEET IT IS



THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26  
CONCESSIONS: £24.50



Come join us for One Night In Dublin and be transported to 'Murphys Pub', where the house band, The Wild Murphys, will be performing great Irish songs by the likes of The Pogues, The Dubliners, The Fureys, The Saw Doctors and many more.

Performed by Middi and his award-winning Irish band The Wild Murphys, widely regarded as one of the best Irish bands in the UK.

You'll not be able to help yourself singing along to fantastic Irish classics such as *Galway Girl*, *Tell Me Ma*, *Dirty Old Town*, *The Irish Rover*, *Brown Eyed Girl*, *Seven Drunken Nights*, *Sally MacLennane*, *When You Were Sweet Sixteen*, *Whiskey In The Jar*, *Wild Rover* and *Molly Malone* to name just a few.

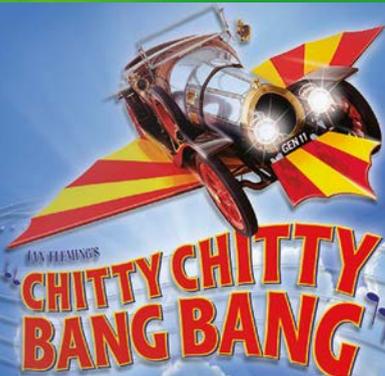
FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £21.50  
CONCESSIONS: £20

The Players Theatre Company are flying back to Basildon as they bring an amateur production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to the Towngate in half term.

Take a fantastic musical adventure with an out-of-this-world car that flies through the air and sails the seas. Based on the beloved 1968 film version of Ian Fleming's children's book, and featuring an unforgettable score by the Sherman Brothers (*Mary Poppins*), Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is one family-friendly blockbuster that audiences will find *Truly Scrumptious*.

Filled with amazing stage spectacle and unforgettable songs, including the Academy Award-nominated title song, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a high-flying, fun-filled adventure for the entire family.



WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER -  
SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY MATINEE @ 3PM

TICKETS: £15.50-£23.50, U16s: £15.50-£18.50  
FAMILY (2+2): £72, GROUPS 20+: £18.50



## THE ronnie scott's ALL STARS

In this, the 60th Anniversary of one of the world's most iconic music venues, the Ronnie Scott's All Stars take to the road to celebrate the Ronnie Scott's Story.

Direct from London's world-famous jazz club and combining world class live jazz alongside rare archive photos and video footage, The Ronnie Scott's All Stars, take you on a guided, musical tour of this music institution.

Featuring classic music from the jazz greats, alongside projected images and footage, and tales of old Soho, The Ronnie Scott's Story is a glimpse into this unique world and its incredible history.

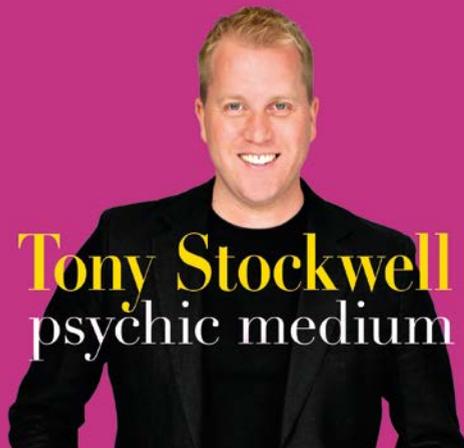
Hosted and performed by the award-winning Ronnie Scott's All Stars, this is a unique evening celebrating the music and history of Ronnie Scott's and is a must for any music fan.

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £25.50  
CONCESSIONS: £24

The popular star of TV's *Street Psychic*, *Psychic Private Eyes* and *Psychic Academy*, Tony Stockwell is one of the top Intuitive Mediums, and has worked with international mediums such as Colin Fry, James van Praagh and Lisa Williams. Tony demonstrates his belief that those who have passed can communicate with their loved ones with detailed messages all delivered with emotion, sensitivity and empathy. The evening may include psychometry, photographs 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.*



WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £21.50



Allow the all-new musical extravaganza, The History Of Rock, to propel you back to the best days of music in a celebration of the very best of Classic Rock. Travel through the ages from Chubby Checker's iconic *Twist*, the unforgettable instrumentals of Jimi Hendrix in the 60s, to Led Zepppelin, Cream and many more Classic Rock tunes of the 70s, 80s and 90s.

This is a must for any fan of Rock to experience the iconic music of 4 decades brought back to life by an exceptional 7 piece band of the finest session musicians and performers. With accompanying visual footage of the original bands and artists and incredible concert staging and lighting, The History Of Rock will take you back to the golden age of music.

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

FRONT 5 ROWS IN STALLS: £23.50  
ALL OTHER SEATS: £19.50

When Kay is abducted to the Snow Queen's frozen palace, his best friend Gerda sets out to rescue him... but will she reach the Snow Queen before it's too late?

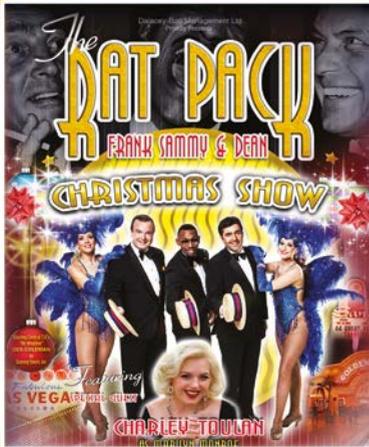
Anton Benson Productions are proud to present a magical new adaptation of the timeless Hans Christian Andersen story that inspired *Frozen*, brought to life by an ensemble of actor-musicians, illusion and puppetry. Star casting to be announced.

A magical theatre experience for all the family, suitable for ages 5+.



SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER @ 11.30AM & 2.30PM

TICKETS: £15  
CONCESSIONS: £12.50  
UNDER 12 MONTHS: £4



Swing into the Christmas season with The Rat Pack and their famous Christmas Concert, as they bring the style, glamour and excitement of the Las Vegas heyday to vivid life.

Including all the great hits - *My Way*, *Mr Bojangles*, *New York New York*, *Amore*, *Fly Me To The Moon* and seasonal classics such as *Winter Wonderland*, *Let It Snow* and of course *White Christmas*. Special Guest, Charley Toulan, will perform many of the great songs associated with Marilyn Monroe, including: *Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend*, *My Heart Belongs To Daddy* and *Happy Birthday*.

This stylish yuletide treat for all the family, features the fabulous Buddy Greco Band under the direction of BBC Musical Director Mac Shone and The Stunning L.A Showgirls.

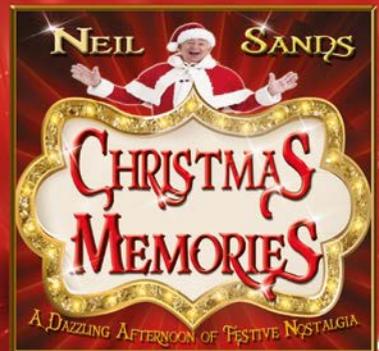
SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £24.50  
CONCESSIONS: £22

CREAM TEA AVAILABLE  
PRIOR TO SHOW

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 of 60 all-time favourite Christmas songs and carols.

With its shimmering stage set, beautiful Christmas trees, glittering fairy lights, and even falling snow, this is the perfect pre-Christmas treat, guaranteed to having you singing along from start to finish, bringing back many happy memories of Christmases past and warming your heart on the coldest winter's day.



MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER @ 2.30PM

TICKETS: £16.50  
CONCESSIONS: £15

BLACKEYED THEATRE IN  
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PARK ARTS CENTRE PRESENTS  
A WORLD PREMIERE

"I AM NO BIRD; AND NO NET ENSNARES  
ME: I AM A FREE HUMAN BEING WITH  
AN INDEPENDENT WILL"



# JANE EYRE

BY CHARLOTTE BRONTË  
ADAPTED BY NICK LANE

**"ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE, AUDACIOUS COMPANIES WORKING IN  
CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH THEATRE"**

THE STAGE

A gothic masterpiece of tempestuous passions and dark secrets, Jane Eyre tells the thrilling story of an orphan girl and her journey from a childhood of loneliness and cruelty to a life at Thornfield Hall and an unlikely relationship with the mysterious Mr Rochester. Falling in love, she gradually uncovers a hidden past to the gloomy, forbidding Thornfield Hall, a terrible secret that forces her to make a heart-wrenching choice.

Don't miss Blackeyed Theatre's brand new stage adaptation of one of the greatest works of English fiction. Captivating, brooding and intensely powerful, Jane Eyre is a moving and unforgettable portrayal of one woman's quest for equality and freedom, and lives as one of the great triumphs of storytelling.

*Recommended for age 11+*

TUESDAY 12 & WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER @  
7.30 PM  
WEDNESDAY MATINEE @ 2.30 PM

TICKETS FROM: £19.50 - £24.50  
CONCESSIONS: £2 OFF  
SCHOOL RATE: £14.50

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all of ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other. The hugely popular show, combines the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes, and dazzling performances by an all-star cast that'll have you thanking ABBA for the music again and again!

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 spectacular show.

# THANK YOU *for the* MUSIC

THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO ABBA



THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £26



## THE ROY ORBISON STORY

The one and only Barry Steele takes on the role of 'The Big O,' in The Roy Orbison Story®.

Get ready for a night of 60s and 80s hits as the Roy Orbison Story® celebrates the musical legacy of The Big O and his friends. The production also features the chart busting hits originally made famous by Jerry Lee Lewis, Procol Harum, Del Shannon, ELO, Tom Petty, Chris Isaak, The Spencer Davis Group and a stunningly brilliant accolade to the original super group, The Traveling Wilburys.

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER @ 7.30PM

TICKETS: £24

IN THE MIRREN STUDIO

*"Christmas? A poor excuse for picking a man's pocket every twenty-fifth of December!"*

It's also an excuse for the Dickens Theatre Company to bring you their joyously authentic staging of this Victorian classic!

It is 1866 and two of Dickens' closest theatrical companions find themselves trapped in the footlights' glare. With the rest of the cast stuck on a train, actress Frances Ternan and Dickens' faithful tour manager George Dolby take on the daunting challenge of portraying over 30 characters.

But, who will play Scrooge?

*Recommended age 8+*

## A CHARLES DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

ADAPTED BY  
FRAN WILKETT  
DIRECTED BY  
JOE WICKLAND  
MUSIC BY  
PAUL RIBBE



THURSDAY 5 & FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER @  
1.30PM & 7.30PM,  
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER @ 3PM & 7.30PM

TICKETS: £14  
CONCESSION & STUDENT: £12  
SCHOOL OFFER: BUY 10 TICKETS, GET ONE FREE!

A COLDHAM PRODUCTION BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE TOWNGATE THEATRE

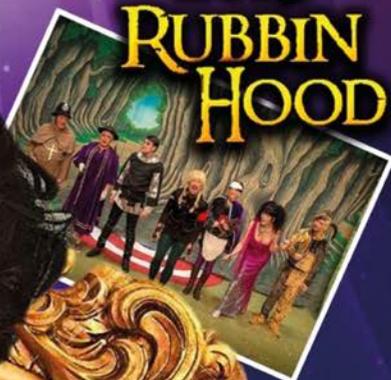
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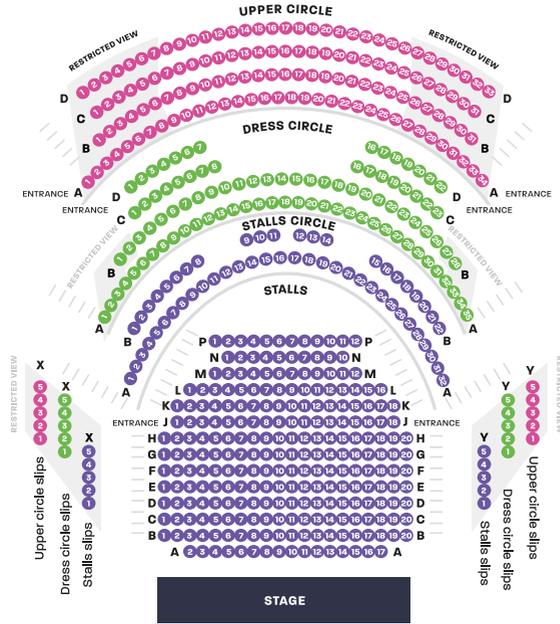
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NOT FOR THOSE EASILY OFFENDED OR THOSE WITH A NERVOUS DISPOSITION

# 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

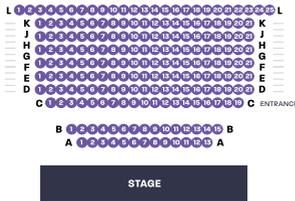
If parking in the Westgate Car Park, head towards the Argos store in the corner and then through the walkway. Turn right and the Towngate Theatre is on your left.

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

Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 5.30pm  
Saturday: 10am - 3pm  
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.

Concession rates (unless specified) are applicable for 60+ and Under 16s.

Please note that all children, regardless of their age, must have a ticket purchased on their behalf, including babes-in-arms (unless specified otherwise).

# Education and OUTREACH

As part of our Education and Outreach scheme we are reaching out to local schools to offer them a unique insight into the world of theatre and to help to enrich the curriculum and learning of their students. We offer exclusive schools rates for shows as well as pre-show workshops and Q&A's.

For more information about our Schools Scheme or to enquire about a workshop please [eando@basildon.gov.uk](mailto:eando@basildon.gov.uk)

## E&O WORKSHOPS!

### BESPOKE SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Join us for a bespoke skills workshop with the aim of introducing and developing student's skills and knowledge on the world of theatre-making. A specialist theatre practitioner will come to your school and deliver a workshop on a topic of your choice; a fantastic opportunity to enrich the curriculum!

Workshops include, but are not limited to:

- Devising Theatre
- Practical Practitioner (Brecht, Berkoff, Stanislavski)
- Bringing a Script to life
- Physical Theatre

A brilliant way to introduce lower Key Stage 3 students to performance or use as a tool to support and develop GCSE students with their practical skills ahead of their exams.

Workshops are 90mins long and are held at your school.

### STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS

Open up the magical storybook and dive into a world of adventure and discovery. Practically explore elements of a story, stopping to look at the characters and themes in more detail along our way. Combining drama, music, movement and literacy skills, this is the perfect workshop to enrich and accompany the national curriculum for Early Years, KS1 & KS2.

Workshops can be based on an area of study the class is currently working on, or on a book of your choosing. Workshops are up to 60 mins long and are held at your school.

For prices and more information please email our Education and Outreach Leader at [eando@basildon.gov.uk](mailto:eando@basildon.gov.uk)

## 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.



## 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.

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

- 10am - 11:30am every Saturday during term time.
- £150 for a full term this will include all show fees and costume fees.

Our classes cover all areas of singing, dancing and drama. We put on 3 yearly shows, 1 show in the spring in the main theatre and 2 smaller showcases in the Summer and at Christmas.

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

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- £150 for a full term this will include all show fees and costume fees.

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- 6pm-8pm every Wednesday during term time
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