



Winter 2024/Spring 2025 Season

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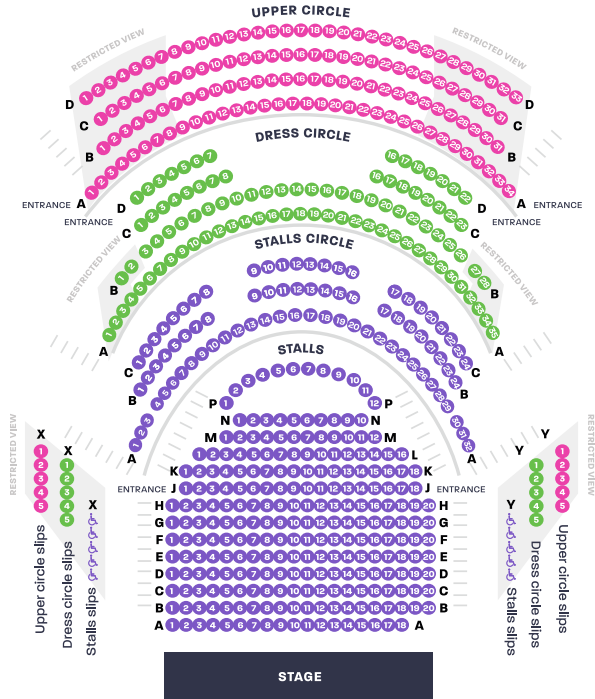
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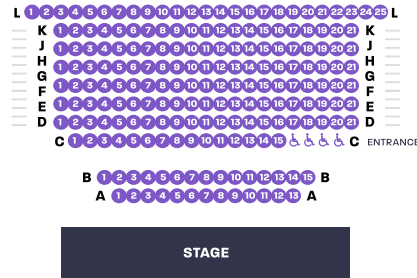
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Your guide to the **Towngate Theatre**

MAIN AUDITORIUM



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BOX OFFICE INFORMATION

Box Office: 01268 205 300
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Tickets will be sent to your device as an e-ticket, which can be shown to an usher on your mobile device or printed off for use. Alternatively you can ask/ select Collect at Box Office.

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

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

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

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE / JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Our online box office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and gives you the chance to purchase tickets whenever you choose. Sign-up to buy tickets online and/ or on 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 offer a hearing loop, neck loops with a hearing aid can be used by switching it to the 'T' position.

PARKING

There is plenty of daytime car parking within a short walk of the Towngate, both surface and multi-storey. You can find information on the nearest car parks on the How To Find Us page on our website.

Please be aware that the Towngate Theatre is not affiliated with any Pay and Display car parks in the local area, so we would thoroughly recommend that you check the rules and regulations of your intended car park prior to your visit.

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THE 'SHAKE IT UP BABY' TOUR!

The Magic Of The Beatles

Thursday 3 October, 7.30pm

Come together, right now – it's time to shake it up baby with the concert show of the year!

The sensational 2024 **The Shake it Up Baby Tour** features an incredible cast that not only look and sound like **John, Paul, George, and Ringo**, they also generate that same, famed **incredible excitement** that was the trademark of the greatest group the world has ever seen – with the **Fab Four's** unique sense of humour thrown in for good measure too.

Enjoy **She Loves You, A Hard Day's Night, Help!, I Feel Fine, Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, Hey Jude, Here Comes The Sun, Get Back** and so many more non-stop chart toppers. Join us on a **magical musical tour** that takes you back to the golden era of pop music – featuring **hit after hit after hit!**

Tickets: £29



A Tribute to The Carpenters

Saturday 5 October, 7.30pm

It's time to **get over that rainbow** and make **the smallest of dreams come true** with A Tribute to the Carpenters.

Featuring **Gordy Marshall's, The British Carpenters**, starring the fantastic **Sally Creedon** as Karen Carpenter and with an incredible cast made-up of musicians straight from **London's West End**.

Join us for one very special night, **on top of the world**, to **create a dream come true**, celebrating the **legendary music** of the Carpenters.

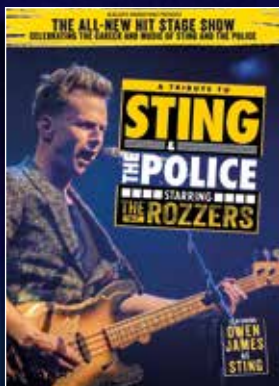
Bringing to life all the hits including, **Close to You, Top of the World, Rainy Days and Mondays, Please Mr Postman, Goodbye to Love** and many more as we recreate the soundtrack of our lives.

Tickets: £29



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Mirren Must Sees



A tribute to Sting & The Police starring The Rozzers

Saturday 5 October, 8pm

The Rozzers, fronted by **Sting** look and sound-a-like **Owen James**, have been entertaining audiences as the **No. 1** tribute to **Sting** and **The Police** for over a decade.

The **Police** were arguably the biggest band on the planet between 1977 and 1983, achieving **5 number one** hits on both sides of the Atlantic. **Sting** then went on to be one of most **acclaimed solo songwriters** of his generation.

From **Roxanne** and **Every Breath You Take** to **Fields of Gold** and **Englishman in New York**, all the hits are reproduced with stunning authenticity and vocal accuracy. Be sure to catch them in Basildon in 2024!

Tickets: £21



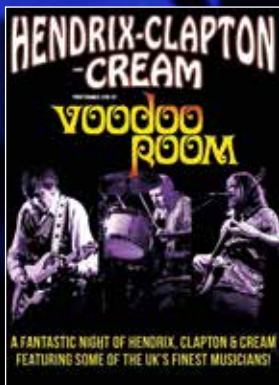
Wrong Jovi

Saturday 19 October, 8pm

Wrong Jovi are widely considered to be “**the best Bon Jovi tribute band in the world!**” In their many years of touring, the band have performed across the world and featured on the BBC prime-time TV show, **Even Better Than The Real Thing**.

Performing a set of greatest hits including **Livin’ On A Prayer**, **Always, You Give Love A Bad Name** and **Wanted Dead Or Alive** as well as live favourites and rarities such as **Blood On Blood**, **Dry County**, **Wild Is The Wind** and **This Ain’t A Love Song**, Wrong Jovi ensure that this show is the ultimate tribute to **New Jersey’s finest stadium rock band!**

Tickets: £19



Voodoo Room: A Night of Hendrix, Clapton & Cream

Friday 25 October, 8pm

A very welcome return to this **stunning power trio** featuring some of the UK’s finest musicians, who perform an incredible live show in the **true spirit of these legendary superstars**. No wigs, no gimmicks – simply **great music** played by **great musicians!**

See and hear classics such as: **Little Wing**, **White Room**, **Hey Joe**, **Sunshine Of Your Love**, **Purple Haze**, **Layla** and many more!

With **standing ovations** the norm, the word on the street is that **Voodoo Room** are **not to be missed** – so book early!

Tickets: £19

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THE ACCLAIMED WORLD NO.1 PARANORMAL SHOW

Most Haunted THE STAGE SHOW

PRESENTED BY
YVETTE FIELDING
& THE MOST
HAUNTED
TEAM

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THEY'RE
HERE

★★★★★
BE AFRAID.
BE VERY AFRAID

Most Haunted The Stage Show

Wednesday 9 October, 7.30pm

Most Haunted is the **original** and **most successful** worldwide **Paranormal investigation series** ever made, and it premieres its **spine-chilling theatre show** in 2024.

Presented by **Yvette Fielding** – the First Lady of the Paranormal – together with **Karl Beattie** and the **Most Haunted team**, you will be taken on the **darkest, most terrifying journey** of your life.

Theatre audiences will be **shaking in their seats**, as Yvette and the team present **Most Haunted’s All-Time Top 10 Scares**, complete with **unseen video footage** from **Haunted Castles, Manor Houses, Hospitals and Prisons**.

Most Haunted Live will take the **theatrical experience** to a **whole new level**, with audience members taken back to the **Victorian age of séance** and **Ouija board** and invited to **conduct their very own ghostly investigation**.

In this show, no one is safe and “**Seeing is believing**”...

Recommended Age 14+

Tickets: £30.50

John Barrowman

Friday 11 October 7.30pm

John Barrowman, **Laid Bare** in his newest show - **unwavering** and **uncensored** about his **passion for life** and his **profound love of song and story**.

Every song, whether a **Broadway classic** or a **contemporary hit**, showcases **John’s inimitable style** and his **dazzling voice**. Bringing his **stories, personal anecdotes** and **infectious energy** to a show that promises to leave you **inspired and uplifted**, long after the **final curtain falls**.

Laid Bare is more than a concert - it’s a **celebration of artistry, passion** and the **joy of music**.

Main Event Tickets, Front 5 Rows: **SOLD OUT**
Main Event Tickets, All Other Seats: **£35**

Additional Exclusive & Limited VIP Tickets

Pre-Show Q&A Soundcheck: **£50**

Pre-Show Q&A Soundcheck and Post-Show Meet & Greet: **£80**



You must purchase a ticket for the Main Event alongside any Additional VIP ticket. Please visit our website or call the Box Office for further information



Psychic Sally
Wednesday 16 October, 7.30pm

The nation's favourite psychic is back on tour! Sally has been wowing theatre audiences around the world for over 12 years. Her show will have you on the edge of your seat, as she continues to bring mediumship into the 21st century.

Whether you know her from her hit TV series, through watching her on **Celebrity Big Brother** or reading one of her best-selling books, there is nothing quite like seeing Sally live on stage.

With Sally's 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.

Tickets: £29

BRITAIN'S BEST LOVED PSYCHIC. LIVE ON STAGE.
PSYCHIC SALLY

★★★★★ "amazing"
★★★★★ "absolutely incredible"



Queenz
Drag Me to The Disco!
Saturday 19 October, 4pm & 8pm

Queenz are back with a **BRAND-NEW SHOW!**

Join the gals for an electrifying, live vocal, drag-stravaganza, where **Dancing Queenz** and **Disco Dreams** collide for the party of a lifetime.

After two trailblazing years of touring the country, a run in **London's West End**, and accumulating countless **5-star reviews**, Queenz has rapidly ascended as one of the world's most successful drag shows.

Featuring more sequins and surprises than ever before, the gals are ready to drag you to the dancefloor and serve up the ultimate celebration of powerhouse popstars and dazzling disco divas.

Please note: Contains Adult Content and Cast are subject to change, Recommended Ages 14+

Tickets: £28
Concessions: £26

★★★★★ 'JOYFUL' THE IFC
★★★★★ 'MINDBLOWING' BROADWAY WORLD
★★★★★ 'BEAUTIFUL' THE SCOTSMAN



Country Superstars
Thursday 17 October, 7.30pm

Endorsed by **Dolly Parton** on **BBC's The One Show**, this is the World's biggest Country Music tribute show.

TV and West End Dolly star **Sarah Jayne** has been performing as Dolly Parton for 30 years and is **Europe's leading tribute** to the Queen of Country. She is joined by award-winning Vocal impersonator **Andy Crust**.

The show features award-winning impersonations of **Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Billie Jo Spears, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson, Tammy Wynette, Garth Brooks, John Denver, Glen Campbell, Canadian Country superstar Shania Twain** and includes **The Country Superstars Band**.

Tickets: £25
Concessions: £23.50

★★★★★ "I WISH THEM THE BEST AND APPRECIATE THEM DOING DOLLY AND KENNY SO WELL FOR SO LONG" DOLLY PARTON
★★★★★ "THEY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE POPULAR" NEWS CHR OES NASHVILLE
★★★★★ "EUROPE'S LEADING DOLLY AND KENNY" KENNY ROGERS

AS SEEN ON **itv** PRIME TIME
AS FEATURED ON **the one show**

COUNTRY SUPERSTARS
Theatre Tour

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The Glam Rock Show
Thursday 24 October, 7.30pm

Get ready for a night of **Glam Rock!**

Girls grab your boys it's time to go wild, wild, wild! as we transport you back to the golden age of Glam, with all the songs you know and love!

Starring son of **Sweet** legend – **Brian Connolly Jr**, it's time to **Get It On!** as this sensational cast and live band recreate the soundtrack of a generation.

Bringing you the biggest hits from the likes of **The Bay City Rollers, Sweet, T.Rex, Mud, Slade, Bowie, Suzi Quatro, Wizzard** and many more.

Keeping the **glam rock fire burning** – this is not to be missed!

Tickets: £30

STARRING THE SON OF SWEET'S **BRIAN CONNOLLY JR**

THE GET IT ON! GLAM ROCK SHOW

Featuring the biggest hits from **T.REX, MUD, SLADE, BOWIE, SUZI QUATRO, WIZZARD, SWEET** and many more.

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Sweet Caroline

Friday 25 October, 7.30pm

Get on board for one night only, as we invite you to celebrate the life and work of Neil Diamond with the ultimate tribute, Sweet Caroline. Starring renowned tribute artist **Gary Ryan**, as seen on **Stars in Their Eyes!**

From Brooklyn to Hollywood, Neil Diamond has left a legacy of great songs which have been covered by every great vocalist. Spanning all genres from the Reggae of **Red Red Wine**, through the Country of **Cracklin' Rosie** and the Hollywood music of **The Jazz Singer**.

Enjoy all the hits such as, **Forever In Blue Jeans, America, Love On The Rocks** and - of course - the unforgettable **Sweet Caroline**.

The good times never seemed so good!

Tickets: £30

Mirren Must Sees

The UB40 Experience

Saturday 26 October, 8pm

The No.1 tribute to UB40 featuring **Stars In Your Eyes** winner Andi Bagnali as Ali Campbell, plus a line-up of hand-picked, **world class musicians** – the band are set to be one of the **biggest** and **best** tribute bands in Europe.

The UB40 Experience are the only tribute that play homage to all members of UB40. The playing **techniques, style and sounds** of UB40 are captured in this **electrifying 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.

Tickets: £21



The Guns N' Roses Experience

Friday 8 November, 8pm

The Guns N' Roses Experience bring **80s Guns** to life with a full-on, **high octane** show!

With a true Guns N' Roses sound and stage show, GN'RE meticulously recreate every **visual detail** and every **musical note** to capture that **reckless spirit** of the original Guns N' Roses legendary live performances.

The Guns N' Roses Experience perform a **bone-crushing** 2 hour set with all the essentials covered, **Welcome to the Jungle, Sweet Child o' Mine, Knocking on Heaven's Door, Rocket Queen, Live and Let Die** and so much more.

Tickets: £20



The Ed Sheeran Experience

Friday 28 February 2025, 8pm

Jack Shepherd has been performing as Ed Sheeran since 2014, in doing so becoming the **most established Ed Sheeran tribute act** on the globe! With his **ginger hair, tattoos** and **stage presence** similar to Ed's, it's hard to find a reason not to love Jack.

Jack has been featured on the **BBC, Capital FM, Heart FM** and much more and recently even received the comment "I've seen a thing on you Jack and think what you do is awesome" from Ed Sheeran himself.

This solo show consists of **all the hits** with everything played live on a **replica Loop pedal** to Ed's and all the same **custom guitars** with **precise accuracy!**

Tickets: £20



The Rocket Man

Saturday 26 October, 7.30pm

Catch a star if you can and wish for something special as we ask you... are you ready for Love?

This is the **world's favourite celebration** to a musical **icon**. Join us as **Jimmy Love** and his amazing live band take you down the **Yellow Brick Road** with two hours of glorious Elton hits – including **Saturday Nights Alright, Crocodile Rock, I'm Still Standing, Philadelphia Freedom** and many, many more.

We take you on a journey through Elton's **life and career**, the **highs** and the **lows** with many a **laugh** brought to **life**, live on stage.

The Rocket Man – a **magical night** in tribute to **Sir Elton John**.

Tickets: £29



151321 THE MANFREDS



The Manfreds Hits & More in '24 Tour Sunday 27 October, 7.30pm

Following the huge success of their **60th anniversary tour** in 2023, The Manfreds will be back in Basildon this October.

They are considered one of the **finest** and **most respected** bands from the **1960s** era.

As a result, their records have a **timeless quality** and, some 60 years on, The Manfreds, with original front man **Paul Jones**, will be performing many of their hits - including **Do Wah Diddy Diddy**, one of the most **popular** and **instantly** recognisable songs of the 60s, along with a mix of **Jazz** and **Blues covers** and **tracks** from their **individual solo albums**.

Tickets: £29.50



Footloose

the musical

YOUTH EDITION

Rare Productions presents Footloose: Youth Edition Thursday 31 October – Saturday 2 November, 7.30pm Saturday matinee, 3pm

Footloose tells the story of **Ren McCormack**, a teenager from **Chicago** who moves to a small town where **dancing and rock music have been banned**. Ren faces resistance from the conservative town leaders, including **Reverend Shaw Moore**.

Determined to bring **joy back to the community**, Ren rallies his peers to **fight for their right to dance**. And along the way, he falls in love with **Ariel**, the **rebellious daughter** of the Reverend. Footloose is a **celebration of self-expression** and the **power of youth**.

A Youth Production proudly presented by Rare Productions.

Tickets from: £16 - £24

TOWNGATE

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Towngate Live!

Sunday 27 October, 7pm
Friday 8 November, 7pm
More to come in 2025! Check out our website for future dates

We. Are. LIVE!

Join us for our **monthly live music night** in our Gielgud Room, where we will be hosting an evening of **original** music from both **local** and **national** artists!

Our music nights are completely **FREE** to attend, **book your space early** to avoid missing out!

Visit our website to check out the **amazing artists, musicians and bands** who will be performing over the next few months, we promise **you won't want to miss this!**

Tickets: FREE

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Aled Jones Full Circle Tour 2024 Sunday 3 November, 7.30pm

Prepare to hear Aled Jones as you've **never heard him before**. He was the boy treble who **captivated the world** selling **over seven million albums**. His recording of **Walking in the Air**, from the animated film **The Snowman**, firmly established him as a **household name** and an **integral part** of the **nation's festivities**.

Equally at home on the **classical stage**, or starring in **musical theatre** productions in **London's West End**, his credits include lead roles in **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**, **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** and **Irving Berlin's White Christmas**.

Now, **after 40 years** in the business, he's looking back on a **remarkable career**, that will feature **never-before-heard music**, **tales from the decades** and his **story told in his own words**.

Limited VIP Tickets: Meet & Greet plus Goody Bag: Stalls Row A: £82
Limited Goody Bag Tickets: Stalls Row B: £52
All Other Tickets: £32

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Rhythm Of The Dance Christmas Special 25th Anniversary Tour Monday 4 November, 7.30pm

Rhythm of the Dance is celebrating **25 years** of bringing worldwide audiences to their feet this year, and returns to Basildon with a brand-new **Christmas production** in 2024!

Join us on this **festive journey** and let the **magic of Christmas** begin with all your **favourite festive songs** being performed live by **world class musicians, star vocalists** and **world champion dancers**.

Prepare to be taken on a **special journey** that is **Irish in essence** with that added touch of **Christmas magic**.

Tickets: £35



Radio GaGa Thursday 7 November, 7.30pm

Be part of a **night like no other**, as we bring you the concert you've been dreaming of! The **ultimate celebration** of the biggest band to have ever graced the stage, the iconic **Queen**.

Break free with us and **shake all over like a jellyfish** as Radio GaGa recreates two magical hours **live on stage**, celebrating the **magic, fun** and **showmanship** of the band's touring days.

Playing all your favourite hits including **Don't Stop Me Now, I Want to Break Free, We Are the Champions, We Will Rock You, Bohemian Rhapsody** and more.

Like all good things, **on you we depend**, so stick around because we have missed you and we say... Radio, **someone still loves you!**

Tickets: £30

Neil Sands Christmas Memories Tuesday 5 November, 2pm

Neil Sands and his wonderful cast are back with the new 2024 production of their hit show - a **spectacular spirit lifting, heartwarming** afternoon of **festive nostalgia**.

Join them for a **dazzling sleigh ride** of yuletide memories, filled with over 60 of your all-time favourite **Christmas songs** and **Carols** that will have you singing along from start to finish.

Described as **'Like A Sparkly Christmas Card Come To Life'** with its **shimmering stage set, stunning costumes, beautiful Christmas trees** and even **falling snow**. This is the perfect pre-Christmas treat, warming your heart on the coldest winter's day, taking us all back to a time when Christmas was **'The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year'**.

Tickets: £18
Concessions: £16.50



An Evening of Burlesque Friday 8 November, 7.30pm

A scintillating night out of **sparkling entertainment**, the UK's longest-running **Burlesque show** is back in Basildon this November - and it's bigger than ever!

Join us for the **good old-fashioned night out** as we bring you the **ultimate variety show**, blending stylish **cabaret, comedy, music, circus** and **burlesque** to light up all your senses.

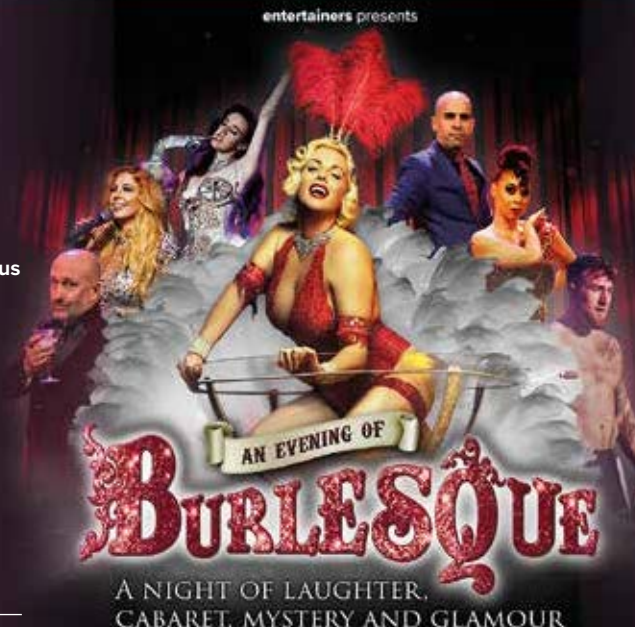
An Evening of Burlesque is an extravaganza of glitz and glamour! Expect **fun, feathers, fan dancing, fabulous costumes** plus specialty **Artistes, Cabaret and Circus Stars, Comedians, World Guinness record holders** and **Champagne Showgirls!**

It's the perfect night for everyone!

Recommended for ages 18+

Tickets: £30.50

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IMPERIAL CLASSICAL BALLET
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SWAN LAKE
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Swan Lake

Saturday 9 November, 7.30pm

Swan Lake, a timeless ballet with exquisite dancing. Featuring a live Orchestra with over 30 musicians.

After last year's successful tour, Classical Ballet & Opera House return to enchant you with their delightful production of Swan Lake.

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 while out hunting. 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?

From the opulent splendour of the palace ballroom to the moonlit lake where majestic swans glide in perfect formation, this compelling tale of tragic romance has it all.

Tickets: £35

Concessions: £33

Fairytale of New York

Wednesday 13 November,
2.30pm & 7.30pm

After three sell out tours, the ultimate Irish-inspired Christmas concert is back for 2024.

From the producers of Seven Drunken Nights-The Story of The Dubliners, immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Irish culture. This concert features all the festive favourites including Driving Home for Christmas, Step Into Christmas, Oh Holy Night and, of course, The Fairytale of New York.

.....and just when you think the party couldn't get any better, this world class concert performs the greatest Irish sing-a-long songs of all time including The Galway Girl, The Irish Rover, Dirty Old Town and The Black Velvet Band.

Imagine a St Patrick's Day party... on Christmas Day!

Tickets: £29

Concessions: £27 (matinee only)



★★★★★ BBC
★★★★★ "It's like St Patrick's Day... on Christmas Day"
★★★★★ WHAT'S ON

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SHOWADDY WADDY



50th Anniversary Tour
UNDER THE MOON OF LOVE - HEY ROCK N ROLL - 3 STEPS TO HEAVEN
All the Jukebox Hits and many more!

Showaddywaddy

Thursday 14 November, 7.30pm

This tour marks the 50th Anniversary of Showaddywaddy!

'The Greatest Rock & Roll Band In The World' is a bold statement but Showaddywaddy has lived up to that title for the last 5 decades!

Formed in 1973 in Leicester from several local bands, they have sold more than 20 million records and have toured all corners of the World extensively.

Their 50th Anniversary Concert will be a dynamic and uplifting show featuring their greatest hits, many of which reached number one in the pop charts of Europe. Under The Moon of Love, Three Steps to Heaven, Hey Rock & Roll, When, Blue Moon, Pretty Little Angel Eyes and many, many more.

So come and join the Dancin' Party... You've Got What It Takes!

Tickets: £26

Concessions: £24

How Sweet It Is

Friday 15 November, 7.30pm

The UK's favourite 100% LIVE Motown show delivers first class music with slick choreography and an amazing band for a stunning 'not to be missed' Motown experience.

Seen by over one million people, this show will have you Dancing On The Ceiling with songs from legendary artistes such as The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, The Jackson Five, The Isley Brothers, Edwin Starr and many, many more!

"OUTSTANDING, would not have shamed the original Motown guys" Lancashire Telegraph, Alan Simpson

Get Ready... to Go Loco, Down in Acapulco!

Tickets: £32

THE GREATEST HITS OF MOTOWN HOW SWEET IT IS



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Step Into Christmas

Saturday 16 November, 7.30pm

Step Into Christmas for the most magical show of the year!

This Christmas feel-good show brings all the magic of the season to life, with all your favourite songs you will know and love!

Including All I Want For Christmas Is You, Last Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock, Stay Another Day, Let It Snow, White Christmas, Do They Know It's Christmas, A Winter's Tale, Merry Xmas Everybody and many more!

It's the time when every Santa has a ball! Our amazing cast give you their hearts and do not take them away in this warm-hearted family spectacular.

Tickets: £31



ELO Again

Saturday 11 January 2025, 7.30pm

ELO Again are back with their stunning 'Re-Discovery Tour' celebrating the truly universal music of Jeff Lynne and the Electric Light Orchestra.

ELO Again really give you a dramatic taste of what a legendary ELO concert would have been like back in their heyday, the whole experience is professionally re-enacted with a great sound reproduction, light show and visual effects.

They perform all the big hits – Mr Blue Sky, Livin' Thing, Sweet Talkin' Woman, Shine A Little Love, Confusion, Last Train To London, Roll Over Beethoven, Wild West Hero, Don't Bring Me Down, The Diary Of Horace Wimp, Telephone Line, Turn To Stone plus many more!

Front 4 Rows: £31.50

All Other Seats: £29.50

Man in the Mirror

Friday 10 January 2025, 7.30pm

Join us for a Thriller of an evening, as we celebrate the legendary music of the KING OF POP. This is the 'Man in the Mirror' – the brand new must-see, electrifying tribute concert to Michael Jackson.

Starring CJ, one of the world's greatest Michael Jackson tribute artists and supported by a talented cast of performers and musicians who capture the essence of Michael Jackson's unique style and charisma like no other, in this scintillating production that will keep you on the edge of your seats.

Featuring all his greatest hits you know and love, including Thriller, Billie Jean, Beat It, Smooth Criminal and, of course, Man in the Mirror. Complete with dazzling choreography, stunning visual effects, light show and authentic costumes. This is the show that pays tribute to Jackson's musical legacy.

Tickets: £31

Concessions: £30



Thank You for the Music

Thursday 16 January 2025, 7.30pm

Calling all Dancing Queens, this is your night to say, Thank You For The Music!

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all 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 our all-star cast.

Join us for the party of the year as we bring you all the hits, including Waterloo, Dancing Queen, Super Trouper, Mamma Mia, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Gimme, Gimme, Gimme, The Winner Takes It All and many many more!

Tickets: £30



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MARVIN GAYE
SONGBOOK

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WEST END STAR
NATE SIMPSON

Marvin Gaye Songbook

Friday 17 January 2025, 7.30pm

Wake up and let's get down tonight as we celebrate the Prince of Motown!

The Marvin Gaye Songbook respectfully recreates every magical hit, live on stage, taking you on a musical journey back to a golden era of chart-topping songs.

Brought to life starring West End and X Factor star Nate Simpson – fresh from playing Bob Marley in hit West End musical *Get Up, Stand Up!* – we will get you hot just like an oven as we pay tribute to the one and only, Marvin Gaye.

Featuring all the hits, from *I Heard it Through the Grapevine*, *Sexual Healing*, *What's Going On?*, right through to *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, *Too Busy Thinking About My Baby* and many more.

Tickets: £30

Sleeping Booty

Friday 17 January –
Sunday 2 February 2025

Essex's No.1 Adult Panto is back at the Towngate Theatre with Coldham Productions' next naughty instalment, *Sleeping Booty!*

Full of everything you could wish from a magical panto but takes a whole new meaning to 'it's behind you!'

Guaranteed to be the funniest and filthiest nights out at the Theatre!

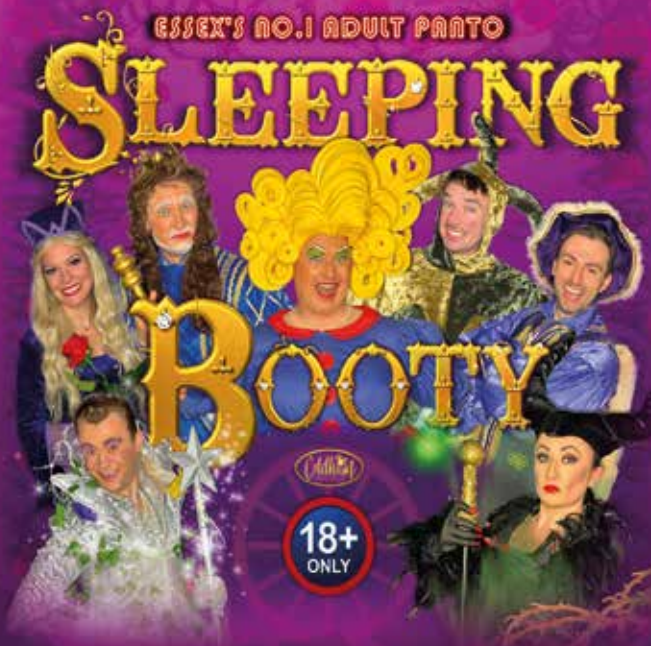
Please be advised that this may not be appropriate for those who are easily offended or with a nervous disposition. Recommended for ages 18+

In the Mirren Studio

Tickets from: £25 - £27

Weekday Group Offer – Buy 10 tickets, get the 11th FREE!

Valid on Tuesday- Thursday performances only



John Partridge: Dancing Man

Saturday 18 January 2025, 7.30pm

With a casting history to shame most actors on the UK circuit, this is a show **not to miss!**

John Partridge has a career that spans **over 4 decades**. Making his professional debut at 16 in **Andrew Lloyd Webbers' CATS**. He has gone on to appear in more than 20 West End Shows, countless number one tours, television, film, recording... he is even an **award-winning published author and cook!** He is the epitome of what we call in the trade '**A Triple Threat!**'

Dancing Man comes directly from a **sell-out preview performance** and **West End run**.

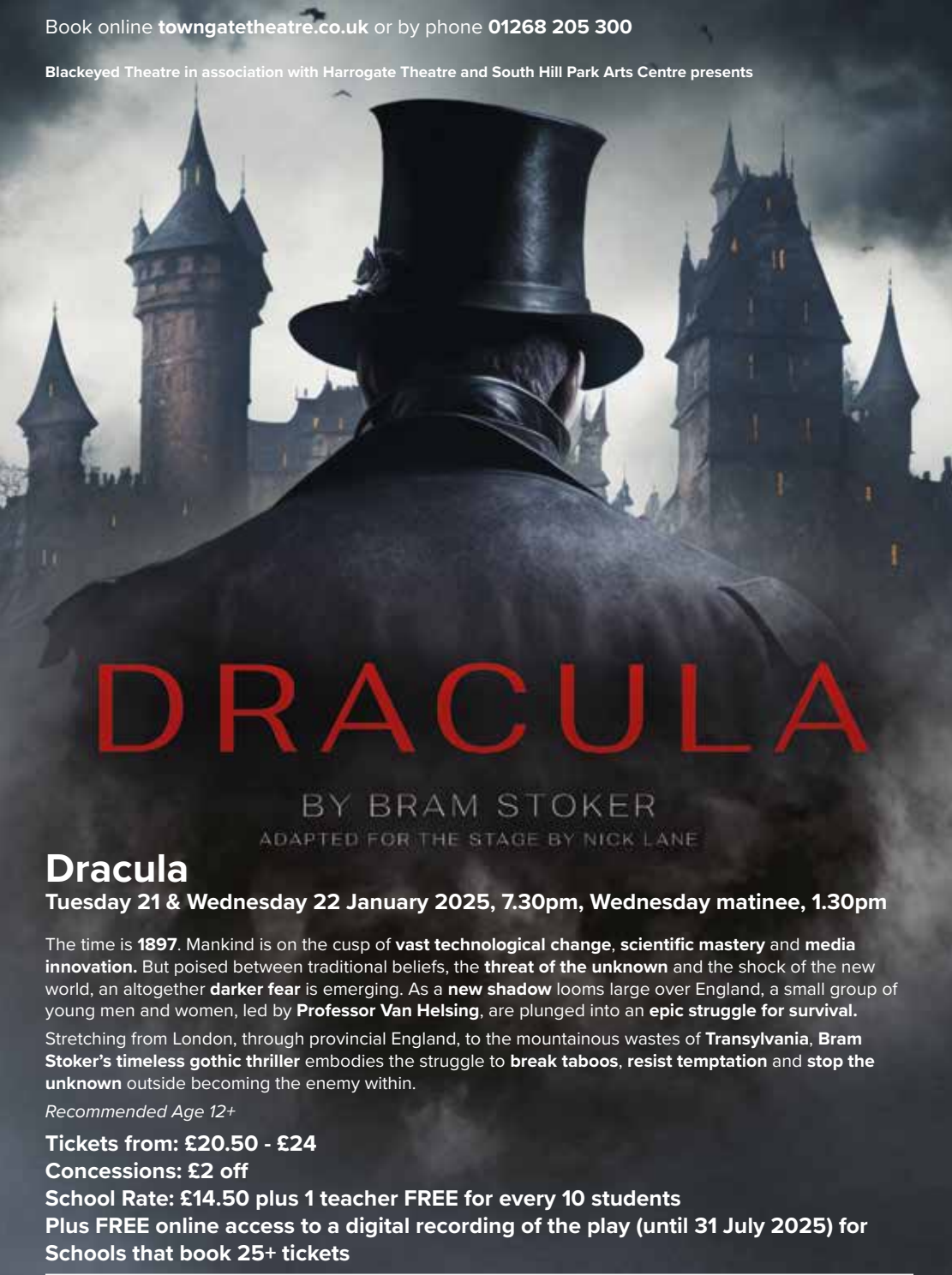
Featuring music from **Cabaret**, **La Cage aux Folles**, **Singin' in the Rain** to name but a few. John tours the UK after recently finishing the UK Tour and West End run of **Everybody's Talking About Jamie**.

Join him as he weaves his way through his own **musical journey**, his **inspirations**, his **family history**, his **highs and lows**, with **heart and humour**... and of course **singing and dancing!**

A night of **theatrical prowess** from one of the West End's **very best leading men**.

Tickets: £28

Concessions: £26



DRACULA

BY BRAM STOKER
ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY NICK LANE

Dracula

Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 January 2025, 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee, 1.30pm

The time is **1897**. Mankind is on the cusp of **vast technological change**, **scientific mastery** and **media innovation**. But poised between traditional beliefs, the **threat of the unknown** and the shock of the new world, an altogether **darker fear** is emerging. As a **new shadow** looms large over England, a small group of young men and women, led by **Professor Van Helsing**, are plunged into an **epic struggle for survival**.

Stretching from London, through provincial England, to the mountainous wastes of **Transylvania**, **Bram Stoker's timeless gothic thriller** embodies the struggle to **break taboos**, **resist temptation** and **stop the unknown** outside becoming the enemy within.

Recommended Age 12+

Tickets from: £20.50 - £24

Concessions: £2 off

School Rate: £14.50 plus 1 teacher FREE for every 10 students

Plus FREE online access to a digital recording of the play (until 31 July 2025) for Schools that book 25+ tickets

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MRS ROBINSON • THE SOUND OF SILENCE
THE BOXER • BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER
and many more!

Simon & Garfunkel Through The Years

Thursday 23 January 2025, 7.30pm

Simon & Garfunkel: Through the Years is the most **authentic sounding concert** to the unforgettable music of Simon & Garfunkel. Made up of **Dan Haynes** and **Pete Richards**, Bookends have **toured the globe extensively** with their concerts being described as 'simply **breath-taking**'.

Performing the songs in a **truly captivating way**, against a backdrop of **iconic imagery**, their delicate recreation of the unmistakable sound of the **American folk-rock duo** is something of a **masterpiece**.

Hear many of the hits such as **The Sound of Silence**, **Mrs Robinson**, **The Boxer** and Bookends' own beautiful rendition of the unforgettable **Bridge Over Troubled Water**.

Tickets: £28

Fastlove

Friday 24 January 2025, 7.30pm

Direct from London's West End, this is the world's favourite **George Michael** celebration!

Make **new memories** whilst reliving **old classics** – **this one is for the fans** as we celebrate one of the greatest musicians the world has ever seen, and we say **thank you!**

This show has it all – the **power, emotion** and **star quality** in this stunning production with full video and light show, as we respectfully recreate the **soundtrack to your life**.

Playing all the hits, from Wham! right through his glittering career, including, **Wake Me Up, Too Funky, Father Figure, Freedom, Faith, Knew You Were Waiting, Careless Whisper** and many more.

Fastlove: **for the fans.**

Tickets: £30

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NOVEMBER 2024

Thursday 28			7:00pm
Friday 29		1:00pm	6:00pm
Saturday 30		1:00pm	5:00pm

DECEMBER 2024

Sunday 1		12:00pm	4:00pm
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Tuesday 3	10:00am	1:30pm	
Thursday 5	10:00am	1:30pm	
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JANUARY 2025

Thursday 2		1:00pm	5:30pm
Friday 3		1:00pm	5:30pm
Saturday 4		1:00pm	5:30pm
Sunday 5	11:00am	3:00pm	

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Preview	£18	£18	-	£17	£15	-
Schools	£23	£20	-	-	£14	£14
Off-Peak	£23	£21	£82	£21	£15	-
Peak	£28	£24	£98	£25	£17	-

Concession Applies to children under 16 and adults over 60
 Family Ticket Four tickets (Must include 1 or 2 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: Monday 9 December @ 5pm.
 Carers Go Free valid on this performance only

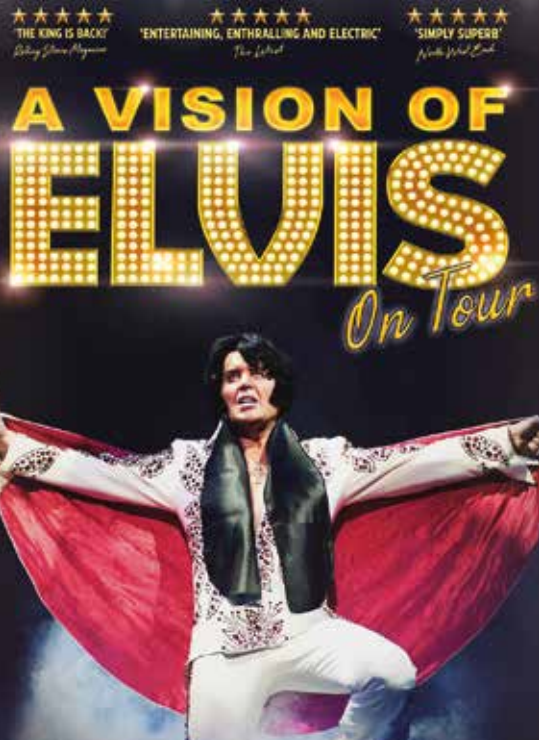
Please Note: A Concession ticket must be purchased for every child, regardless of age. We do not recommend bringing children under 3 years old.

For great discounts and reservations on Schools or Groups bookings and to book for the Relaxed Performance, please call

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A Vision of Elvis

Saturday 25 January 2025, 7.30pm

Celebrate the music of the King of 'Rock' n "Roll' with the UK's supreme Elvis, Rob Kingsley, and his talented cast.

This **breathhtaking recreation** of a live Elvis Presley concert takes you on an **epic audio-visual journey** like you've never seen before including hits like **It's Now or Never, The Wonder of You, Burning Love, In The Ghetto, Suspicious Minds, American Trilogy** and many more.

Officially Endorsed by **Elvis Presley Enterprises (EPE)** and Officially Endorsed by **Mr Ed Bonja** – Elvis's Photographer and Road Manager (1970-1977) who said: *"On stage, Rob Kingsley looks extraordinarily like Elvis - he sings like Elvis, but most importantly, he seems to capture the very soul of Elvis. His charisma, his gestures – hell, he even walks like Elvis!"*

Tickets: £27.50
Concessions: £25.50

The Makings of a Murderer 2

Thursday 30 January 2025, 7.30pm

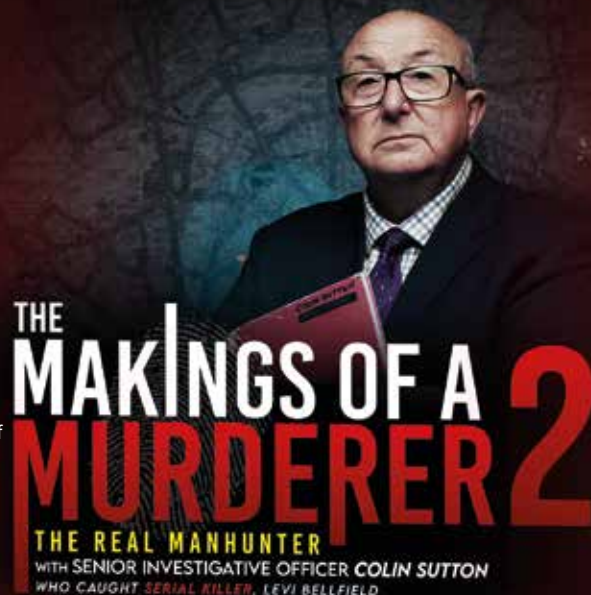
Following **sell-out shows nationwide**, the **UK's top true crime theatre tour** is back with a **brand-new lineup!** Featuring Senior Investigating officer **Colin Sutton**, who caught serial killer **Levi Bellfield** and **'Night Stalker' Delroy Grant**.

Join us for a **chilling, thrilling night** as Colin, who was **Head of a Metropolitan Police murder squad** tells us the stories of how he caught some of the UK's most evil murderers.

In this all-new show, Colin - who the ITV drama series **'Manhunt'**, played by **Martin Clunes**, is based on - will talk you through his **remarkable career**. A unique and one-off night at the theatre – for **true crime fans** and **theatre-goers** alike.

Recommended for ages 18+

Tickets: £31



Winter 2024/Spring 2025 Season

FEATURING ALL THE HITS FROM A TO ZIGGY

BOWWEE

EXPERIENCE

Bowie Experience

Friday 31 January 2025, 7.30pm

Bowie Experience is a **spectacular concert** celebrating the sound and vision of **David Bowie**. A must see for all Bowie fans, the latest production features all the hits from **A to Ziggy**.

Bowie Experience continues to amaze audiences with an **astounding attention to detail**, bringing the **golden years** of David Bowie to the stage. So, **put on your red shoes** and **Let's Dance!**

"Unmistakably Bowie!"

"Absolutely fantastic"

Front 5 Rows: £31.50
All Other Seats: £29.50

Bye Bye Baby

Saturday 1 February 2025, 7.30pm

Bye Bye Baby is a **jaw-dropping tribute** to the musical phenomenon **Jersey Boys** and the timeless, iconic music of **Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons**.

Enjoy a night to remember with incredible **four-part harmonies, roof raising falsetto** and **energetic and stylish choreography**, all backed by their excellent 4-piece band.

Includes over 30 of Valli's greatest hits including **Sherry, December '63 (Oh What A Night), Grease, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, Beggin', Working My Way Back To You** and many more!

Front 4 Rows: £30.50
All Other Seats: £28.50

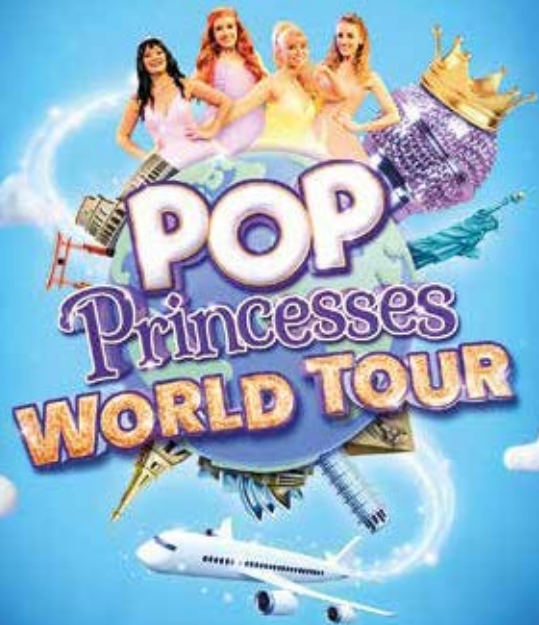
BYE BYE BABY

CELEBRATING FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS



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Join the magical Pop Princesses on a brand new round-the-world adventure!



Pop Princesses

Sunday 2 February 2025, 3pm

A magical show where beautiful Princesses become Pop Stars. They just love to sing! It's the perfect mix!

This is the children's pop concert with a big difference. The four fabulous fairytale Princesses are back, and this time they are on their first World Tour! Come and join them on this epic adventure.

Featuring a soundtrack of top pop hits from artists such as Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor, Miley Cyrus, Dua Lipa and Lizzo, plus a few of the best songs from all your favourite films and musicals.

Come and join the fun!

There's a limited number of VIP tickets which includes a pre-show Meet and Greet (from 2pm) plus a photo – book now so you don't miss out!

VIP Tickets (Front 3 Rows): £26
All Other Seats: £19.50

Pre-Book My First Afternoon Teal! Visit website for info

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★★★★★ "MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE" ★★★★★ "LUTHER IS IN THE ROOM"



Luther Live

Friday 7 February 2025, 7.30pm

The World's premier show in celebration of The Velvet Voice! Experience all the hits from his amazing career, culminating over 40 million album sales and eight Grammy awards, including many of the greatest dance anthems and love songs ever written. Fronted by international Luther Vandross tribute Harry Cambridge and his 10-piece band

Featuring the hits Never Too Much, Here And Now, Give Me The Reason, I Really Didn't Mean It, Stop To Love, So Amazing, The Best Things In Life Are Free, Always and Forever, Endless Love, Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now, Your Secret Love, Shine, The Closer I Get To You, Love The One You're With, Any Love, Superstar, Until You Come Back to Me, Dance With My Father and many, many more.

Tickets: £29.50

Rave On

The Ultimate 50s & 60s Experience

Thursday 6 February 2025, 7.30pm

Charting the meteoric rise of Rock and Roll, Rave On is a thrilling tour through music's most revolutionary decades. Prepare to be enthralled with an evening of vibrant vintage costumes, colourful staging and back-to-back hits!

Featuring note-perfect renditions of the most loved songs from the 50s and 60s, Rave On is performed by an incredibly talented, era-obsessed group of young musicians. Rave On features hits from the likes of Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, Connie Francis, Neil Sedaka, Little Richard, Roy Orbison, Lulu, The Beach Boys and many more.

Tickets: £27



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Lost in Music

Saturday 8 February 2025, 7.30pm

The Original Disco Show!

Embark on an electrifying journey through the sensational 70s. Our world class band and dazzling vocals are set to transport you straight to the heart of disco fever.

Get ready to re-live timeless hits from icons like Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge and Chic.

Dress to impress in your most fabulous disco attire as we pay homage to the golden age of disco. From the irresistible beats of Never Can Say Goodbye to the pulsating rhythm of Boogie Wonderland, we've got an unforgettable lineup that'll keep you grooving all night long.

Tickets: £31



Winter 2024/Spring 2025 Season

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN WHO HAVE MADE
THEIR MARK ON THE WEST END STAGE

DEFYING GRAVITY

WEST END WOMEN

Defying Gravity West End Women Friday 14 February 2025, 7.30pm

Defying Gravity – West End Women is a celebration of women who have made their mark on the West End Stage.

Featuring the best loved songs from the West End and Broadway, performed by a cast of incredible vocalists and an all-female band, this is a must-see for anyone who loves musical theatre.

With songs from **Wicked**, **Les Misérables**, **Mamma Mia**, **Waitress** and more – join us for an unforgettable evening of stunning vocals, backstage anecdotes and fascinating insights into the world of our West End Women.

Tickets: £31.50
Restricted View: £29.50

Cirque Enchantment Saturday 22 February 2025, 7.30pm

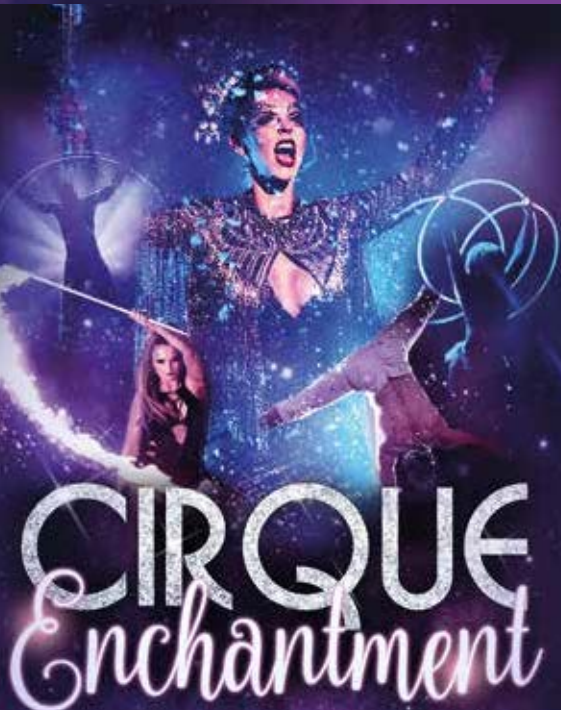
A mystical world of frozen beauty and magical adventure

This magical production features superb choreography, breathtaking live vocals and mesmerising circus performers. With an eclectic and iconic musical soundtrack including **Wings**, **Mad World**, **Sweet Dreams**, **The Show Must Go On**, **Relight My Fire**, **I'll Put A Spell On You** and many more.

Cirque Enchantment sees a little girl with a big imagination enter a frozen circus wonderland with a mysterious path of good versus evil – meeting an array of weird, wonderful and talented characters along the way.

This stunning family show will offer a much-needed escape from reality this Winter!

Tickets: £34
Under 12s: £24



Give Me The Night Thursday 27 February 2025, 7.30pm

George Benson's greatest hits live on stage!

It's time to throw out all your blues and hit the city lights for a night of **George Benson** classics, as we pay tribute to the American soul superstar who helped make r'n'b soul what it is today.

There's music in the air and lots of lovin' everywhere. Give Me The Night brings you hit after hit: **Never Give Up On A Good Thing**, **Love Times Love**, **In Your Eyes**, **Lady Love Me (One More Time)**, **Shiver**, **The Greatest Love of All**, **Turn Your Love Around**, **On Broadway**, **Feel Like Making Love** and many, many more.

Starring world-renowned leading man **Nat Augustin**, this show is not to be missed!

So, give me the night!

Tickets: £30

Don't Stop Believin' Friday 28 February 2025, 7.30pm

Jump aboard the midnight train – heaven is a place on Earth – called Basildon! - as the greatest end-of-the-night anthems spectacular roars into town!

Guaranteeing a crazy, crazy night of non-stop, singalong favourites, it's the latest smash-hit show from the producers of **Lost in Music**. Thirty of the biggest end-of-night anthems are brought to life in full colour with a sizzling cast, fantastic costumes and amazing light show.

The biggest party night EVER features **Summer of '69**, **I Love Rock 'n' Roll**, **Eye of the Tiger**, **Livin' on a Prayer**, **Sweet Child O' Mine**, **China in Your Hand**, **You Shook Me All Night Long**, **Sweet Home Alabama** and so many more.

Hold on to the feeling and Don't Stop Believin'!

Tickets: £30





The Magic of The Bee Gees

Saturday 1 March 2025, 7.30pm

Direct from London's West End, now in their 10th spectacular year...

It's time to **put on your dancing shoes** for the night out of the year you have been waiting for, as we celebrate the songs of music royalty - **The Bee Gees!**

With a **brand-new show** for 2024, complete with **stunning light and video show**, prepare to experience the **distinct sound** of one the **greatest bands** to have ever graced the stage in this **unforgettable concert spectacular**.

Join us for this **breath-taking concert spectacular**, taking you on a musical journey through all your favourite songs, including **Night Fever, Stayin' Alive, More Than a Woman, You Should Be Dancing, How Deep is Your Love** and many more!

This fabulously authentic production ensures the Gibb brothers' **incredible legacy** of classic hit songs is well and truly **stayin' alive!**

Tickets: £29.50

The Little Mermaid

Sunday 2 March 2025, 11.30am & 2.30pm

Following the success of *Alice in Wonderland*, multi award-nominated **Immersion Theatre** invite you on an **underwater adventure** like no other in their most **spectacular family musical** yet, *The Little Mermaid!*

Packed with **dazzling sets, colourful characters, astounding choreography, original music**, and heaps of **audience participation**, this brand-new show sees the adventurous Little Mermaid embark on an **unforgettable adventure** that will have audiences of all ages **enchanted and enthralled** from start to **FIN-ish!**

This **energetic musical extravaganza** promises a **whale** of a time whether you're 4 or 104!

Suitable for ages 4+

Tickets: £17

Concessions: £14

Family (2+2): £58

Babes in Arms (available from Box Office only): £2



Pretty Vacant

Thursday 6 March 2025, 7.30pm

For the first time all the **hits, attitude and fashion of Punk and New Wave** are brought to the stage by this incredibly talented cast of **musicians, singers and dancers** that will take you on a rollercoaster ride you will never forget. **Kevin Kennedy (Coronation Street, We Will Rock You, Rock of Ages West End)** will be lending his extraordinary talents as narrator of the show.

Featuring hits originally performed by **The Sex Pistols, The Clash, Blondie, The Damned, Ramones, Buzzcocks, Sham 69, The Undertones, Tom Robinson Band, Ian Dury and The Blockheads, The Police, The Jam, Generation X, Siouxsie and The Banshees, The Pretenders, Joy Division, The Stranglers, The Rezillos**, and many, many more.

Tickets: £29

Concessions: £27

Country Roads

One Night of Country Classics
Thursday 13 March 2025, 7.30pm

Come with us to the **place you belong**, for a night of the **very best Country classics!**

Leave your **9 to 5** worries at the door and get ready as – for one night only – we celebrate the **Kings and Queens of Country music**.

Enjoy the very biggest country songs of all time; **9 to 5, The Gambler, Walk The Line, Ring Of Fire, King Of The Road, Crazy, Rhinestone Cowboy, Jolene, Dance The Night Away, Walkin' After Midnight** and many, many more.

The stars of hit show *Islands in the Steam* return in this **brand-new production** for 2025 that's now **bigger** than ever!

It's a night like no other – join us for a **celebration**, live on stage, of the **music of a generation...** in one night of **Country Classics**.

Tickets: £30



Shakespeare's Macbeth

Thursday 13 & Friday 14 March 2025, 1.30pm & 7pm

Dickens Theatre Company present **The Bard's bloodiest tragedy!** This fresh new adaptation of 'The Scottish Play' returns to the Towngate in 2025.

Set against a back-drop of **wars, witchery and treasonous plotting** and with the infamous Porter acting as narrator, an ensemble of 6 actors create a **cauldron of characters**, as **Macbeth and Lady Macbeth** make their perilous descent towards Hell.

Reservations and Workshops for Schools
For School bookings/reservations, please email towngateboxoffice@basildon.gov.uk
For Workshop/Q&A/Participation Session enquiries, please email towngate@basildon.gov.uk

In the Mirren Studio

Tickets: £19

Concessions: £17

School Rate: £15 plus Teachers & LSA go free!

Tap Factory

Friday 14 March 2025, 7.30pm

After mesmerizing audiences across five continents with **over 800 shows**, Tap Factory is thrilled to return to the Towngate with their **10th Anniversary Tour!**

Prepare to be captivated as eight extraordinary male performers deliver a sensational blend of **dance, acrobatics, music and comedy**, creating a show that appeals to audiences of all ages.

Brace yourself for an **electrifying display of high-energy dance, explosive percussion and jaw-dropping acrobatics**, seamlessly woven together with live music and mesmerizing choreography.

This **mind-blowing experience** will **ignite your senses** and make your **toes tapping**.

Fast and furiously funny, for all the family!

Tickets: £29.50



SEEN BY MILLIONS! BACK WITH ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR!



The Magic of Motown

Saturday 15 March 2025, 7.30pm

Seen by millions, **The Magic of Motown** is back with its **20th Anniversary Tour!**

It's no surprise that this show is one of the biggest success stories in British theatre history. Get ready for the **biggest Motown party of the year**.

You will be going **loco down in Acapulco** as we take you back down memory lane with all the Motown classics from artists such as **Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, The Jackson 5, Smokey Robinson** and many, many more.

Celebrate the **sound of a generation** with one very special night of The Magic of Motown!

Tickets: £31.50

Su Pollard Still Fully Charged

Sunday 16 March 2025, 7.30pm

Meet **Su** and her **accompanist** live on stage to celebrate her **50 years** in show business.

From humble beginnings on TV's **Opportunity Knocks**, through her years in **Hi-de-Hi!**, to her West End and touring roles in **Godspell, Annie** and **Little Shop of Horrors**, and her more recent TV appearances on **Celebrity Masterchef, Gimme Gimme Gimme** and **Would I Lie To You?**— it's been an action-packed half-century of sheer entertainment. **And she's only getting started!**

Directed by **Paul Boyd**
Musical Director **Steve Edis**
Written by **Su Pollard** and **Paul Boyd**

Please note: Contains some swearing, recommended for ages 12+

Tickets: £27.50

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STILL FULLY CHARGED



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A SKY FULL OF STARS
A TRIBUTE TO
COLDPLAY

A Sky Full of Stars: A Tribute to Coldplay

Thursday 20 March 2025, 7.30pm

Join us for an **unforgettable evening** celebrating the music of **Coldplay** in A Sky Full of Stars.

Immerse yourself in the sounds of one of the **world's most beloved bands** as we take you on a journey through **Coldplay's greatest hits**. From the anthemic **Viva La Vida** to the ethereal **Fix You**, and the electrifying **A Sky Full of Stars**, this show promises to capture the **essence** and **energy** of a true Coldplay concert.

Whether you're a **longtime fan** or **new** to Coldplay's music, this tribute show will leave you with **memories as vibrant** as the **band's iconic melodies**.

Get your tickets now and be part of A Sky Full of Stars - a night that will truly **shine bright!**

Tickets: £28

Tina Live

Friday 21 March 2025, 7.30pm

This fully **live, energetic** show charts the life and career of one of the world's **iconic performers** - Tina Turner, The Queen Of Rock.

Full of hits including **Private Dancer**, **Nutbush City Limits**, **Proud Mary**, **River Deep Mountain High** and **Let's Stay Together** to name but a few, this show is the ultimate night out.

Starring **Julie Nevada** as TINA. **Powerful vocals, live band, backing singers** and fabulous **professional dancers** with **electrifying dance routines** makes TINA LIVE, **Simply The Best** night out of the year!

Tickets: £27.50

Concessions: £25.50

A TRIBUTE TO TINA TURNER



Tina Live

Winter 2024/Spring 2025 Season

Mirren Must Sees



The Jam'd

Friday 21 March 2025, 8pm

The Jam'd are the UK's leading tribute to **The Jam**. The Jam'd put on a performance from the **heart and soul**, drawing on all their **memories, experiences** and **love** of one of our country's biggest bands in their day!

Every effort is placed into reproducing the **sound, arrangements** and **energy** of a Jam gig. Those who saw The Jam live will remember the **electricity, aggression, passion**, and even **fashion** on stage. For The Jam'd, it is a **passion, a mission**, and an **honour** to play for fans of "the best band in the world!"

Tickets: £20



ZZTOPPD Aftourburner Tour

Friday 28 March 2025, 8pm

ZZ TOPPD formed in 2020 and have firmly established themselves as the **no.1 ZZ TOP** tribute band in the UK. In 2023, the band embarked on their hugely successful **Eliminatour** tour, and they then went **Mad And Nationwide** in 2024. Now in 2025, the band are back in Basildon with their new **AfTourBurner** Tour.

With a two-hour show featuring a setlist spanning ZZ TOP's **53-year career**, **multiple costume changes** and the **iconic furry, spinning guitars**, this is the closest thing you'll get to the **original Texas power trio**.

Have mercy!

Tickets: £20



Creedence Clearwater Review

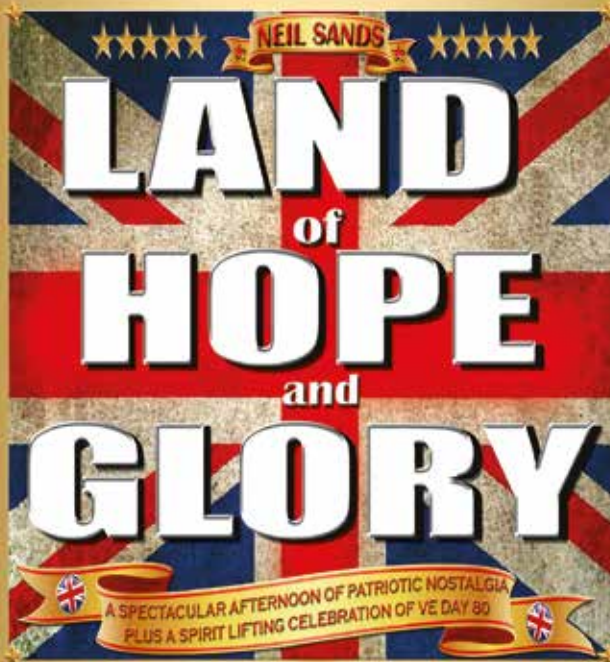
Saturday 29 March 2025, 8pm

The UK **#1 Creedence Clearwater Revival** Tribute Show bring you **The Green River Tour** celebrating Creedence Clearwater Revival's **#1 Album Green River** and their **#1 hit single Bad Moon Rising**. Experience a two-hour nostalgia trip back to **1969**, the heady days of **Woodstock** and one of the most important musical periods in history, along with all the greatest hits including **Proud Mary, Have You Ever Seen The Rain, Fortunate Son** and many more.

Review are established as the **definitive tribute** among theatre audiences - with an **authentic, honest** and **power-packed celebration** of the Creedence legacy.

Tickets: £22

Pre-Book an Afternoon Teal Visit website for info



Neil Sands Land of Hope & Glory

Tuesday 1 April 2025, 2pm
Neil Sands and his wonderful cast are back in this **patriotic and nostalgic afternoon** especially produced to coincide with the **80th anniversary** of the end of **The Second World War, VE Day 80**. Filled with **marvellous and memorable songs**, including **Last Night of The Proms, Old Time Sing-alongs, Great British Show Tunes**, and favourites from the **40s, 50s and 60s**.

This promises to be their **biggest** and most **spectacular** production ever. Over two hours of **timeless nostalgia**, including a **spectacular 1940s style VE Day party** with enough **bunting, flags and fun to light up the brightest stage**, followed by a **flag waving finale** in a heartwarming tribute to the **veterans of the armed forces**.

Tickets: £18
Concessions: £16.50

The Overtones

Thursday 3 April 2025, 7.30pm

The Overtones' incredible new show features all the **tight harmonies, pitch-perfect voices** and **synchronised dance moves** that made them a household name, only this time it's intimate, **Up Close and Personal**.

It's been an incredible journey for the **No.1, multi-platinum selling group** - The Overtones are guaranteed to **give you a night to remember, singing and dancing** along to some of the most loved **soul, disco and doo-wop classics**, whilst sharing their most **exclusive and intimate stories**.

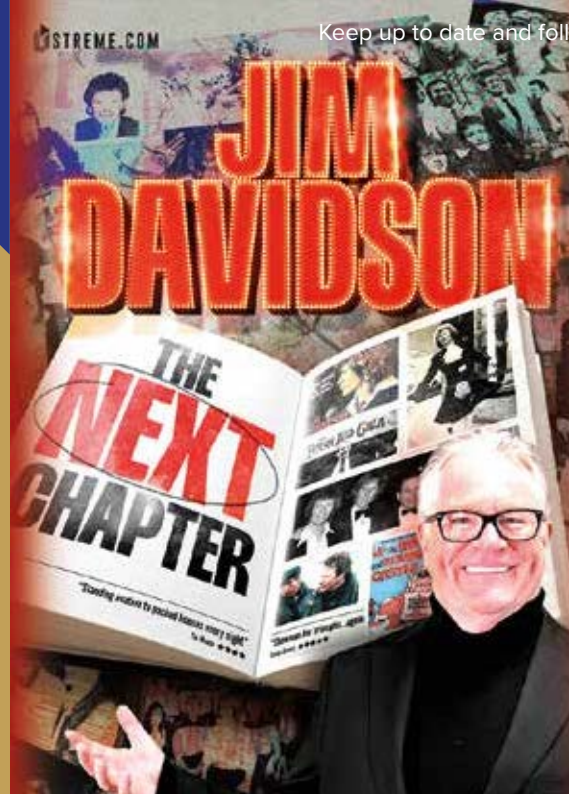
Experience the **tantalising new show** featuring classic songs by some of the **greatest artists and groups** of all time, plus some **Overtones original favourites** and **brand-new tracks**.

Tickets: £29
Under 16s: £18

THE OVERTONES



Winter 2024/Spring 2025 Season



Jim Davidson

The Next Chapter Tour 2025
Friday 4 & Saturday 5 April 2025,
7.30pm

As we turn to this brand-new chapter for 2025, Jim invites you to join him for another evening of **rip-roaring, grown-up comedy**. Witness the **'General'** in his latest comedic triumph and support him in the ongoing saga against those who seek to rewrite British comedy culture with their radical sensibilities... and he's got another wedding to pay for!

Join Jim Davidson in this **gripping tale** where laughter triumphs over division. The battle for comedic heritage is far from its final chapter!

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

Tickets: £29.50

Dinosaur Adventure Live

The Big Jurassic Storm

Sunday 6 April 2025, 1.30pm & 4pm

Are you ready for a **brand-new adventure** with Dinosaur Adventure Live?! When a satellite tasked with controlling the island's weather systems malfunctions, **chaos erupts**.

The island's **tropical climate spirals** leading to one big Jurassic Storm. If not stopped, it will **erase all existence** of the island... **forever!**

The mission: find the **code** hidden deep within the island, **reboot the satellite** and **save the Dinosaurs** before it's too late.

The **adventure of a lifetime** awaits... bring the family on a **T-REX-IFFIC** journey with our brand-new dinosaurs, meet their **ROAR-SOME** babies and help the rangers **save the Island**.

Are you brave enough to face the **Jurassic Storm?**

Tickets: £16
Family (4 tickets): £58



Winter 2024/Spring 2025 Season

Seven Drunken Nights

The Story of The Dubliners
Wednesday 23 April 2025, 7.30pm

Direct from the West End and riding high on the success of world tours, Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of the Dubliners brings the ultimate feel-good Irish show Basildon in 2025!

In partnership with Tourism Ireland and in association with legendary Irish pub O'Donoghues, we invite you to join a talented cast of seasoned musicians dedicated to bringing the music of this iconic group back to life.

This critically-acclaimed production spans half a century, invoking the spirit of Ronnie Drew, Luke Kelly, Barney McKenna, John Sheahan, Ciaran Bourke and Jim McCann.

Come join us for an unforgettable night out and see why fans are singing high praise for this amazing production direct from the West End.

Stalls/Stalls Circle/Dress Circle: £28.50
Upper Circle: £26.50
Concessions: £2 off



Shaun Ryder

Happy Mondays... and Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays Tour 2025
Friday 25 April 2025, 7.30pm

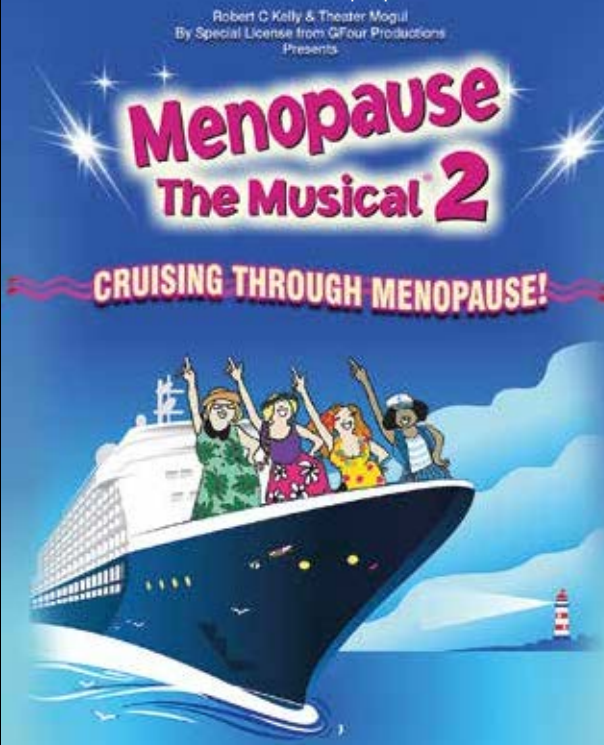
Happy Mondays and Black Grape frontman, Shaun Ryder, is hitting the road for a new, spoken word tour! The star of *Celebrity Gogglebox* and *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here*, among many others – he redefined the sex'n'drugs'n'rock'n'roll lifestyle during the halcyon age of Madchester.

He's touring in support of his new book: *Happy Mondays – and Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays*. Fans can look forward to a carnival of excess, wild tales, and improbable truths, as they enjoy the talents of a unique rock'n'roll star.

Please note: This evening is likely to feature anecdotes and language of an adult nature, recommended for ages 16+

Limited VIP Tickets with Meet & Greet:
Stalls A, B & C: £82
Limited Goody Bag Tickets: Stalls D, E & F: £52
All Other Tickets: £32

Happy Mondays...
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Menopause the Musical 2

Cruising Through Menopause!
Saturday 26 April 2025, 4.30pm & 7.30pm

The final UK tour of the smash-hit Menopause the Musical 2 - Cruising Through Menopause returns in 2025! In this hilarious sequel to sell-out hit Menopause the Musical®, we fast forward five years to catch up with the same four characters for tales of their lives, loves and losses as they set off on the high seas.

Hot flushes, mood swings, memory lapses and weight gain - this is a truly funny, heartfelt and reassuring look at the “joys” of menopause. When your life is a bumpy ride full of twists and turns, it's hard to find and keep true friends. But step on board and we'll take you on a trip of self-discovery, love and friendship all backed by a soundtrack of hysterical parodied hits!

Age advisory 16+

Tickets: £32.50

The Roller Boys

Sunday 27 April 2025, 6pm

Experience the electrifying fusion of music, skating, and extreme stunts with The Rollerboys. Watch sparks fly off their wheels with the all-singing, all-dancing, roller-skating sensation!

From international arenas to stellar performances on Britain's and Holland's Got Talent, the Rollerboys have conquered it all.

Prepare for the thrill of high-flying flips, spins and jaw-dropping tricks. Whether they're tearing up the ramps or serenading the crowd, the Rollerboys will put on a show unlike anything you've seen before. The soundtrack will have you buzzing with a 360 of top hits from across the decades.

Get your skates on and book your tickets now!

Tickets: £24

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Mirren Must Sees



WiFi Wars

Saturday 26 April 2025, 2.30pm

Wi-Fi Wars returns to the Mirren with their **live comedy game show** where you all play along! Log in with your **smartphone** or **tablet** and compete in a range of **games, puzzles** and **quizzes** to win the show and **prizes!**

Hosted by comedian **Steve McNeil** (team captain on UK TV's hit comedy/gaming show "**Dara O'Briain's Go 8 Bit**") and aided by **Guinness World-Record-Breaking** tech whizz, the award-winning **Rob Sedgebeer!**

Recommended for ages 6+

*Please ensure your smartphone or tablet is **fully charged** prior to the show!*

Tickets: £11



DS:UK... in Tribute to Dire Straits - Brothers in '85 Tour

Thursday 8 May 2025, 8pm

DS:UK began touring in 2016 and have quickly become regarded as the **quintessential** tribute band among **Dire Straits fans**, with their **incredible attention to musical and sonic detail**, the **humour, fun** and **interesting history** that they pack into their shows.

Their 2025 Brothers in 85 tour pays tribute to the **worldwide Brothers in Arms tour**, with the band bringing fans the **ultimate 1985 Dire Straits experience** and all of those **legacy songs** that you want to hear - including **Sultans of Swing** and **Money For Nothing!**

Tickets: £21



You've Got A Friend

Saturday 10 May 2025, 8pm

You've Got A Friend is a **celebration** of the music of two iconic songwriters and performers, **Carole King** and **James Taylor**.

This production features many of their **beautiful compositions** – some recorded by the **artists themselves**, and others that became **hit records for other artists**. The show is a **timeline of their music** and contains many **backstage stories** and **anecdotes**.

Audience members have often commented on the **authenticity** of their renditions, and how it brings back **so many memories** for them.

Don't miss this **thoroughly uplifting** and **enjoyable** show.

Tickets: £21.50



Tony Stockwell

Wednesday 7 May 2025, 7.30pm

The popular star of TV's **Street Psychic**, **Psychic Private Eyes** and **Psychic Academy**, Tony Stockwell has a long established credibility as one of the top intuitive Mediums.

Tony demonstrates his belief that those who have passed can communicate with their loved ones with **detailed messages** frequently including **names, dates** and **locations** and all delivered with **emotion, sensitivity** and **empathy**.

The evening may include **psychometry, photograph readings** and **psychic predictions**.

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.

Tickets: £25.50

Craig Revel Horwood Revelations – Songs Boys Don't Sing Tour 2025

Saturday 14 June 2025, 7.30pm

Craig Revel Horwood is a **national treasure**. The longest-serving judge on BBC One's **Strictly Come Dancing** is the **master of the Glitter Ball**.

After starting as a **dancer**, he worked on the nation's **biggest musicals** and became a **choreographer, director** and **best-selling author**.

Craig's also a **remarkable singer**, and to celebrate the release of his debut solo album, **Revelations**, he'll reveal his own, hidden talent during a **Fab-U-Lous** night of **big songs, tall tales** and **glamour**.

Limited VIP Tickets with Meet & Greet:

Stalls A-C: £87

Limited Goody Bag Tickets: Stalls D-F: £52

All Other Tickets: £37

2025 FUTURE HIGHLIGHT!

TOWNGATE PARTICIPATION

WORKSHOPS, SESSIONS AND EVENTS CURATED FOR SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, CHARITIES, AND CORPORATE TEAMS

Our goal is to boost creative participation in the arts at grassroots level, working with local partners to offer the best in creative programmes in the borough.

This is our programme of all-year round events and sessions.

We aim to offer something for everyone - so come and get involved!

Our new participation programme aims to provide a high-quality programme of events and opportunities for our communities by partnering with and supporting local arts organisations and businesses to develop work. We want to not only engage but represent our local communities and artists by facilitating a programme that entertains, encourages, and encapsulates Basildon and its heritage.

The Towngate believes that the voices and stories of those in Basildon and its communities are what makes the borough so vibrant. We are looking to open up our space to more community groups and charities and engage in more arts activity with our local communities.



To BOOK A GROUP WORKSHOP or for any queries regarding our TOWNGATE PARTICIPATION, please contact

thomas.mason@basildon.gov.uk | 01268 205300

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