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FRI 9 - SAT 31 DEC '16

The Core Theatre
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TICKETS
£16 - £19

Dick Whittington

**TRADITIONAL
PANTOMIME
FUN FOR ALL
THE FAMILY!**



Starring

**MALCOLM
STENT**

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DATE	MORNING	MATINEE	EVENING
Friday 9 Dec			7pm
Saturday 10 Dec		2.30pm	7pm
Sunday 11 Dec	11am	3pm	
Monday 12 Dec	N O	S H O W S	
Tuesday 13 Dec	School	School	
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Friday 16 Dec		2.30pm	7pm
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Tuesday 20 Dec	11am	3pm	
Wednesday 21 Dec	11am	3pm	
Thursday 22 Dec		2.30pm	7pm
Friday 23 Dec		2.30pm	7pm
Saturday 24 Dec	10.30am	2.30pm	
Sunday 25 Dec	N O	S H O W S	
Monday 26 Dec		2.30pm	7pm
Tuesday 27 Dec	11am	3pm	
Wednesday 28 Dec	11am	3pm	
Thursday 29 Dec		2.30pm	7pm
Friday 30 Dec		2.30pm	7pm
Saturday 31 Dec	10.30am	2.30pm	

Show time approx. 2 hours, 30 mins including interval.

TICKET PRICES

Red	£16 All Seats
Green	Full Price £19, Concession £17 Family £68 (2 + 2) Group Discount 1 in 10 FREE
Gold	Full Price £19, Concessions £17
Blue Ⓢ	School Bookings Only - contact Box Office

**SEE ALSO OUR
SORCERER'S
APPRENTICE
SHOW ON PAGE 30**



Join Dick and his cat on their adventures as they run away to London looking for their fortune but end up at the docks setting sail for... well... goodness knows where! Dick makes some good friends including Sarah the Cook, but oh dear!... that pesky King Rat has stowed away on board too with some of his sneaky gang!

Action, adventure, secrets, songs, dancing, trickery, romance, swash-buckling sailors and rogue-ish rats aplenty in this sparkling pantomime show at the newly refurbished and renamed Core Theatre Solihull (formerly Solihull Arts Complex).

Now in it's 25th year, this much-loved show is written by and stars Malcolm Stent accompanied by a professional ensemble cast of actors and dancers. With it's unique local references, intimate auditorium - where no-one is more than 15 rows from the front, and amusing audience interactions the show delights audiences and critics year after year. Perfect for family audiences aged from 2 to 102!

Dining is available in the ground floor ENCORE eatery, or the new first floor theatre bar called OVATIONS.

A 'Meal Deal' can be purchased in advance at the time of booking tickets (this option pops up online). A Meal Deal includes; gourmet Pieminister pie (choice of flavours) plus creamy mash, peas, gravy and a choice of drink (wine/beer/soft drink) all for just £10. Excellent value and perfect for a cold December day!

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WELCOME! TO THE CORE

This shared building has been redesigned and refurbished and is now called The Core. This reflects the new community nature of the activities, advice and services now located within this lovely shared space. Our venue has been completely refurbished and is now called The Core Theatre, Solihull. We are thrilled with our plush new seats, carpet, curtains and new facilities.

There's never been a better time to arrive early to meet friends, dine in our new ENCORE eatery or meet up for a drink in OVATIONS, a new upstairs pre-show and interval bar.

The Core Theatre branding will replace Solihull Arts Complex in everything we produce, so look out for it in print, publicity, advertising and social media.

There's never been a better time to pop in and take a look around at what's on offer.

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SEE PAGE 34
for details of our
special opening activities
on 20 & 21 May.



THEATRE THU 5 MAY, 7.30PM **A BLACK COUNTRY NIGHT OUT**

Performing 2 hours of mirth and merriment, laughter and song you don't have to be from the Black Country to enjoy A Black Country Night Out. The cream of Black Country performers will raise the roof with laughter.

After a triumphant debut, musical comedian Jonny Cole makes a welcome return joining the Black Country's funniest husband and wife duo 'Dandy'. Special guests are The Ronaldos, talented musicians who perform classic songs in their unique style and Fizzog, Edinburgh Festival residents.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18

MAY

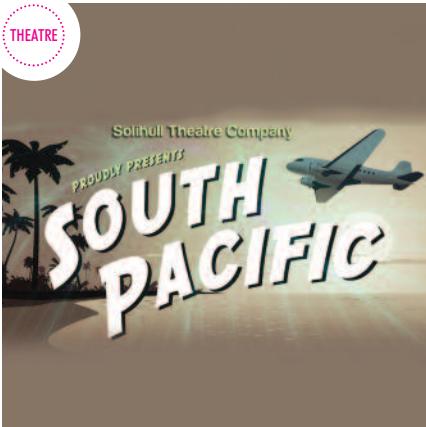
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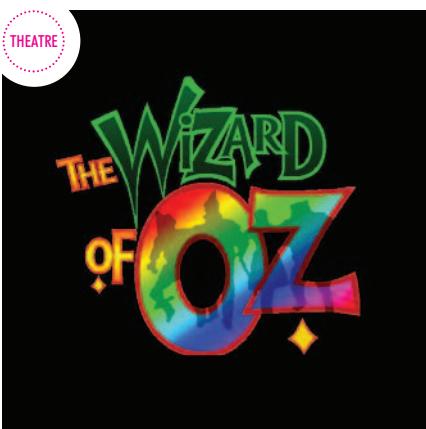
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THEATRE



FRI 6 MAY, 7.30PM

THE UPBEAT BEATLES

A brand new show from rooftop to rooftop - this is no ordinary Beatles show! Over two hours of non-stop music - from *She Loves You*, to *I Am The Walrus* and beyond - this band will have you dancing in the aisles from the very beginning.

Breath-taking harmonies, punchy musicianship and an acute attention to detail make for an uncanny resemblance to the originals - plus a touch of good old scouse humour, of course! No other Beatles tribute band comes this close to the real thing - book now!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18.50

TUE 10 MAY, 7.30PM & 2.30PM SAT

SOUTH PACIFIC

This popular musical presented by Solihull Theatre Company returns to The Core this Spring!

Set against the dramatic background of an idyllic South Pacific island during WW2, this musical intertwines themes of romance, duty and prejudice to create a fun and thought provoking story.

Classic Rodger's and Hammerstein's songs like '*Nothing Like a Dame*', '*Wash that Man Right Outta Your Hair*' make this is a must see show by the popular society presenting last years hit "*Witches of Eastwick*".

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £16 ALL SEATS SHOWS

TUE 17 - SAT 21 MAY, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

THE WIZARD OF OZ

After a tornado whisks away a young Kansas farm girl, Dorothy, to the magical land of Oz, she starts her quest to find the mighty Wizard of Oz who can help her get home.

Along the way she meets a Scarecrow, a Tin Woodsman and a Cowardly Lion who help her on her journey. Find out what happens in this fun, song and dance show for all ages presented by Coleshill Operatic Society.

Great sing-alonga songs like '*Follow the Yellow Brick Road*', and the classic... '*Somewhere Over the Rainbow!*'

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 15MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £12 - £16

THEATRE**THU 26 MAY, 7.30PM**

WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN - CARPENTER'S TRIBUTE

Karen Carpenter had arguably one of the most distinctive female singing voices ever and many have tried to copy it, but all have lacked that little something. Now touring, in the form of Toni Lee, Karen is reborn!

'We've Only Just Begun' is the ultimate Carpenter's show, eclipsing all others by playing to sold-out venues around the world with an 8-piece big band, big production and audiovisuals. Find out why this show sells out effortlessly and remind yourself of their great feelgood songs.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 15MINS APPROX**TICKETS:** £22**THEATRE****THU 2 JUN, 2.30PM & 7.30PM**

PINOCCHIO

BY BALLET THEATRE UK

Join Ballet Theatre UK's beautiful tale of a wooden puppet carved from pine but with only one wish... to become a real boy. Set to a stunning classical score, with sparkling costumes, this original show will delight ballet audiences young and old. Offering high quality dance on a smaller stage giving audiences a fantastic view and providing a wonderful introduction to ballet to first time or young attenders.

"Glittering costumes, expressive dancers... a pleasure to witness" **Dance Europe Magazine**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL**TICKETS:** £18 FULL (£17 CONC. £12 CHILD)**THEATRE****SAT 4 JUN, 11AM & 2PM**

THE CHRIS & PUI SHOW

They're back! Incy Wincy, Twinkle, Old MacDonald, Humpty, Granny Humpty and many more of your favourite Chris & Pui characters will be dropping in along with the toys - Tom, Momo, Stuffy and Miss Mouse.

Bring your character toy along too but please look after it!

Catch the 'Gingerbread Man', marvel at the 'Ugly Duckling' becoming a beautiful swan and watch as Miss Mouse attempts to zoom zoom zoom to the cheesy moon!

With songs, comedy sketches, a dash of magic and heaps of joining in.

RUNNING TIME: 80MINS **TICKETS:** £12 ADULT (£10 CHILD)

£40 FAMILY TICKET (2+2) VIA BOX OFFICE N/A ONLINE



MON 6 JUN, 7PM

THEO'S COMEDY SKOOL

Theo's Comedy Skool returns offering novice and first time comedians the chance to eventually take to the stage in a live show.

Comedian and writer Theo Theobald will lead you through 5 weekly workshops on writing, rehearsal and performance, increasing your comedy skills and confidence whilst developing your stage persona.

This is a fabulous way to develop your stage skills and experience with other first-timers and it's FUN! There will be a live show on 9 July in the studio.

COURSE STARTS: MON 6 JUN 7PM - 9PM FOR 5 WEEKS

COURSE COST: £80 (FOR ADULTS AGE: 18+)



FRI 10 JUN, 8PM

ALL FOLK'D UP



Introducing the most exciting young Irish band to appear in a generation!

With their sound rooted deep in Irish Folk and Celtic rock, All Folk'd Up take you on a fabulous journey into the depths of traditional Irish music and American folk as well as rock and modern classics.

Making a name for themselves touring the length and breadth of Ireland they're now embarking on their first ever UK Theatre tour. Check out 'The Live Sessions' video showreel on their website www.allfolkdup.com

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £17.50

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SAT 11 JUN, 8PM

T.REXTASY

After a sell-out show in 2015 with a waiting list as long as Marc Bolan's hair, T.Rextasy are back!

Danielz and the rest of the band return to the venue in June 2016 for a much-anticipated show which, like all his previous shows will undoubtedly sell out.

If you were around for the originals in the 70s or would like to have been, then find out why this show has such a huge following... they really ARE that good!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS

TICKETS: £19

STUDIO



TUE 14 JUN, 2PM

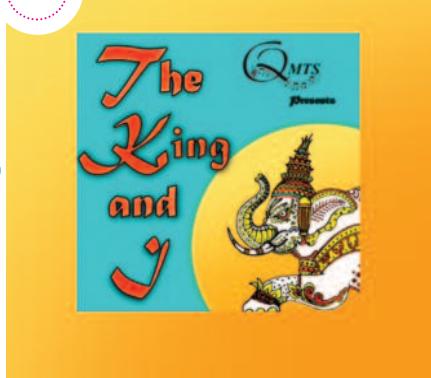
MALC STENT IN THE AFTERNOON

His guests vary each show, sometimes singers, sometimes guitarists etc. His stories will take you back and hopefully make you smile too. Malcolm's warmth and local interest ensures his popularity never wanes and his audiences remain as loyal now as they were 25 years ago! Spend an afternoon with Malc and be home by teatime!

See also shows in the Autumn season, on 20th September and 8th November - all are on sale now. Add a pre-show or post-show meal of pie, mash and peas with beer/wine or a soft drink for only £10 extra.

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



TUE 14 - SAT 18 JUN, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

THE KING AND I

Presented by local society Queensbridge Musical Theatre Society (QMTS) Rodgers and Hammerstein's wonderful show 'The King and I' features sparkling song and dance and simply marvellous songs that capture the style and elegance of the era.

Based on the novel by Margaret Landon, with original choreography by Jerome Robbins, the show takes you on a faraway musical journey. Find out what happens when Anna arrives to work for The King of Siam with marvellous classic songs like 'Shall We Dance'.

RUNNING TIME: APPROX 2HRS, 30MINS

TICKETS: £13 - £15

STUDIO



FRI 24 JUN, 8.15PM

STEVE HALL

Steve Hall is a stand-up comedian and writer. One third of comedy trio *We Are Klang*, he also supported Russell Howard on his sell-out national tour *Wonderbox* and previous tours including Dave Gorman's *Screen Guild Tour*.

As a writer, Steve co-wrote the last 4 series of Russell Howard's *Good News* and *Comedy Central* shows plus 2 series for BBC Radio 4's *The Now Show*. He's a regular guest on *The Frank Skinner Show* on Absolute Radio.

Steve is supported by Jack Berry, an Edinburgh Fringe regular.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 20MIN SUPP.

TICKETS: £10

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THEATRE



TUE 28 JUN, 7.30PM

THE KILKENNYS



Renowned for their musicianship and vocal abilities, The Kilkennys have gained a reputation for revitalising traditional Irish music and adding their own touch of passion and youthful energy. Formed at a very young age, The Kilkennys have toured all over Ireland and worldwide.

Davey Cashin, Rob Campion, Tommy Mackey and Davey Long are excited about bringing their brand of Irish music to a UK audience after their Tribute to the Clancy Bros. Tour. Join them for a great evening of music and song!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £18

THEATRE



FRI 1 JUL, 7.30PM

BUDDY HOLLY'S WINTER DANCE PARTY

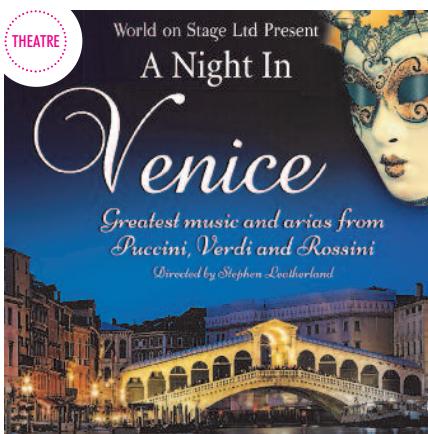
Buddy Holly would have been 80 years old this year! To this very day Buddy Holly and his music are respected worldwide and so Marc Robinson and the Counterfeit Crickets bring you a show proud to celebrate the man and his music. Four West End Artists pay tribute to Buddy Holly, Big Bopper, Ritchie Valens and Dion Di Mucci plus the four piece band The Counterfeit Crickets in a recreation of that last USA tour. Marc Robinson starred in the original 'Stars in their Eyes' and 'Buddy' The Musical.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS

TICKETS: £18.50 - £19.50 (£10 CHILD)

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THEATRE



THU 7 JUL, 7.30PM

A NIGHT IN VENICE WITH JONATHAN ANSELL

This glittering 'Opera Extravaganza' recreates all of the romance and glamour of Venetian soirees, the masked balls and society bustle. Night in Venice includes some of the great music of Verdi, Puccini and Rossini.

Performed by the European Baroque Ensemble, featuring superb singers performing arias from Aida, Madame Butterfly, Turandot and many more.

Starring Jonathan Ansell, from G4 and Maria Kesselman (BBC Radio 2's Friday Night Is Music Night). Wear a mask for £1 off your programme!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS,10MINS INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £21

STUDIO

**SAT 9 JUL, 8PM****COMEDY SHOW LIVE FINALE**

Participants from Theo's Comedy Skool take to the stage after their 5 week comedy course where they've (hopefully) honed their comedy skills, rib-tickling stage persona, and written their own material under the watchful eye of Theo.

Hosted by Theo the show promises to be a pot pourri of original material. There's something for everyone across the comedy spectrum and you might just be witnessing the first steps of the next major comedy sensation!

See course details on page 7.

RUNNING TIME: TBC **TICKETS:** £8 ADVANCE, £10 DOOR
(SUGGESTED AGE RANGE 15+ AS CONTENT IS UNKNOWN)

PARK

LIVE IN
THE PARK

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**TUE 19 JUL, 7PM IN BRUETON PARK****THE TEMPEST - OUTDOORS**
BY HEARTBREAK PRODUCTIONS

Gather round Heartbreak Productions' stone circle to meet druids, bards and revellers who will perform a mystical rendition of Shakespeare's final play, The Tempest. Using masks, dance and song they'll transport you to Prospero's magical isle where the tale unfolds.

More than a love story, this outdoor production explores man's conflict with nature, freedom and power, betrayal and forgiveness. Bring your own seat/blanket and picnic etc. Ask staff or see website for full details of park shows.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £10 (£9 SEN, £6 CHILD)
IN ADVANCE, £11 (£10 SEN, £7 CHILD) ON THE GATE (SUITABLE AGE: 8+)

THEATRE

**WED 20 JUL, 7.30PM****KING PLEASURE AND
THE BISCUIT BOYS**

King Pleasure & the Biscuit Boys have been touring worldwide for almost three decades and recording endless CDs. Dazzling musicianship, riveting stage performances, more than 50 TV appearances (including bizarrely... five episodes of Teletubbies!) and 75 radio broadcasts have established them as the Kings of Swing.

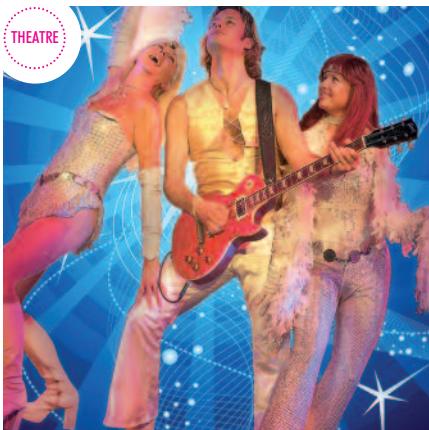
They're the genuine article, in full working order, dedicated to shaking you up and swinging you into the middle of next week with a bourbon voice and a rip-roaring band sound!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS APPROX.

TICKETS: £16

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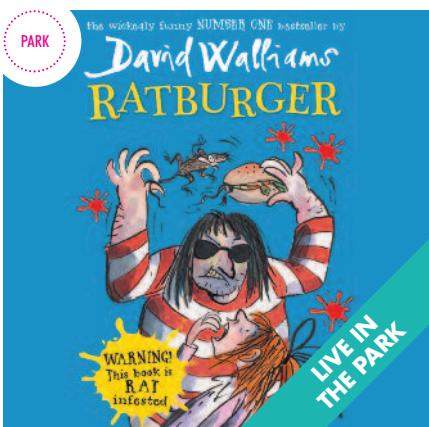
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PARK



THU 21 JUL, 8PM

ABBA - THE SHOW BJORN OUT OF SMACKEE

Barry Walker and Smackee's scintillating production of 'Abba The Show' represents all that is best from one of the world's most popular hit recording groups. Performing all the hits and more in this dynamic two hour presentation, taking you back to the days when flares were all the rage, and glitter was great!

So dust off those flares, and start working on those groovy moves and remember... YOU can dance, YOU can jive, having the time of your lives!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL

TICKETS: £17

SAT 23 JUL, 7.30PM

THE NEALES

The Neales are the four part family harmony group that won the hearts of the nation in Britain's Got Talent 2015. The Solihull-based father and his three sons evoked tears, smiles and warmth on their journey to the Live Final, finishing as the highest placed band in last years competition.

The Neales blend of vocals, charm, and family togetherness, appeal to all ages and all audiences.

The show will feature a support from the talented Ella Shaw, as well as a meet and greet after the show!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £15

TUE 26 & WED 27 JUL, 7PM IN BRUETON PARK

RATBURGER

HEARTBREAK PRODUCTIONS

After their sell out adaptation of Mr Stink (which David Walliams described as "Magnificent!"), Heartbreak Productions have adapted his 'Ratburger' for the outdoor stage. Blending dark reality with hilarious aspects of modern life, the tale of Zoe, her lazy stepmother and their terrible neighbours was voted the top children's book of 2012.

Bring a seat/blanket and optional picnic to Brueton Park in Solihull. Please see website regarding terms/facilities for outdoor shows which DO sell out. Doors open 6pm.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. 20MIN INTERVAL

TICKETS: £10 (£9 CHILD) IN ADVANCE, £11 (£10 CHILD) ON THE GATE (SUITABLE AGE: 5+)

THEATRE



THU 28 JUL, 7.30PM

JETHRO - 40 YEARS THE JOKER

Every once in a while there comes along a true comedian who gains cult status with the British public... such as Jethro!

Armed with nothing more than a microphone and delivered to you in a warm Cornish accent, Jethro has the rare ability to paint hilarious pictures in the mind of his audience.

Over 4 million DVD sales prove the dedication of his army of followers, and their love of the unpredictable, irreverent twaddle that reduces his audience to tears of laughter night after an unforgettable night! Includes support act.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



SAT 30 JUL, 7.30PM

BE BOP A LULA ROCK 'N' ROLL LEGENDS

A wonderful night of Rock 'n' Roll from some of the most iconic artists to ever grace the UK. Celebrating the music of Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Billy Fury and Roy Orbison, this show will get you bopping in your seats and dancing in the aisles!

So come and see all of these artists brought back to life in this fantastic night of celebration.

Be Bop A Lula... You know you want to!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS

TICKETS: £20

THEATRE



SUN 31 JUL, 7.30PM

RHYTHM OF THE DANCE



This marvellous live show celebrates the rich history of Ireland and the art of Irish dance, from the disciplined Celtic Step to the sensual, ancient Sean Nos dance style.

Rhythm of the Dance creates a new era in Irish entertainment, presenting 30 dancers, a traditional Irish band, and the handsome Young Irish Tenors.

Internationally rated as one of the most popular Irish Step Dance shows on tour, critics, audiences, and millions of fans around the world, hail this live show a must see!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £24 (£22 CONC)

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YOUNG ACTORS STUDIO



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LAZYTOWN LIVE ON STAGE



MON 1 - THU 4 AUG, 10AM - 3.30PM **YOUNG ACTORS STUDIO** **THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL**

Summer Drama course in partnership with K22 Productions. Explores the creative and performance potential of all children in a safe, fun theatre environment through drama dance and music.

Helps young people to develop their imaginations, communication skills and self-esteem too. 4 day course for boys and girls aged 8-16 who'll watch and work with actors in a real show. See website or call box office for details of content, lunchbreaks etc.

COURSE FEE: £100 PER CHILD (30 PLACES AVAILABLE)
BRING A PACKED LUNCH/DRINKS OR BUY THEM FROM ENCORE EATERY

THU 4 AUG, 2.30PM **TREASURE ISLAND**

A family musical show with audience participation presented by Katch 22 Productions.

Sail the high seas in this classic treasure tale me-hearties!

Good family fun with sea shanty songs and audience participation. 15 minute warm up workshop involving the whole audience is followed by an interval then a 1 hour show. Actors will be joined on stage by young people who have completed an intensive Summer Course at The Core Young Actors' Studio. See website or ask staff for further details.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR PLUS INTERVAL
TICKETS: £8

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FRI 5 AUG, 1.30PM & 3.30PM **LAZYTOWN - LIVE ON STAGE**

Sportacus, Robbie Rotten, Stephanie & Ziggy return!

Go, go, go, get up LazyTown – enjoy a non-stop, highly-interactive and energetic treat, jam-packed with singing, dancing, spectacular acrobatics, music and fun.

Currently on Channel 5, Milkshake, Cartoon Network and Boomerang, LazyTown is a hit all over again. From the producers of Ben 10 Live, The Smurfs, Barney and Friends meet your favourite LazyTown characters and learn how to be a real super hero in fantastic stage show for ages 3 to 103!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR
TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



THU 25 AUG, 2.30PM

SPECTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

Join TV astronomer and author Mark Thompson on a fascinating journey around the Universe as he sets out to prove that Matter matters!

You'll explore the strange and magical properties that make up you, me and everyone you know. Along the way there'll be: Vortex generating dustbins, vanishing beakers... and even exploding Pringles tubes!

Think science is boring... think again!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR

TICKETS: £8 (SUITABLE AGE: 6+)

THEATRE



THU 1 SEPT, 7.30PM

THE STARS FROM THE COMMITMENTS

With Dublin's finest mix of gritty soul and irresistible Irish charm. Due to popular demand since 1993 the fantastic Stars From The Commitments have continued to spread the word of Dublin Soul. The 9-piece soul band from Dublin have performed more than 1,500 shows worldwide to hundreds of thousands of people at festivals, clubs, theatres, high profile corporate events, VIP parties - they receive rave reviews. Their last show in Solihull sold out effortlessly and this BIG show remains impressive.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £24

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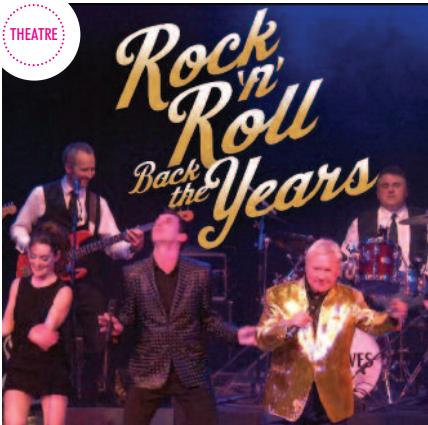
THU 8 SEPT, 7.30PM

THE BARNHART/HUXLEY HOT FIVE & MALCOLM STENT

The righteous reeds of George Huxley and Matt Palmer meet the flirtatious flute and vibrant vocals of Anne Barnhart (USA), aided and abetted by swinging drummer Nick Ward and the ebullient pianist/vocalist/racconteur Jeff Barnhart (USA) to bring you an evening of unforgettable jazz the way it's meant to be. These talented musicians provide the jazz with jokes by comedian and compere Malcolm Stent. Expect spontaneous, on-edge, one-time only sounds from this talented quintet! Not to be missed!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS

TICKETS: £15

THEATRE

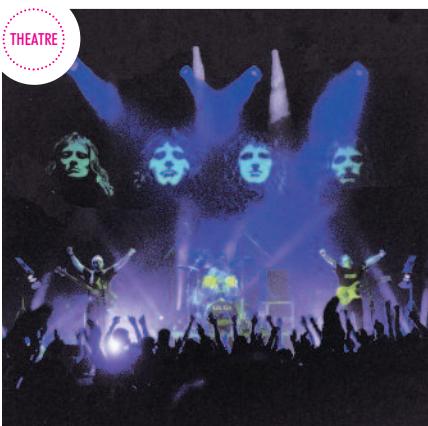
SAT 10 SEPT, 7.30PM

DAVID HAMILTON'S ROCK 'N' ROLL BACK THE YEARS

Fab '50s and swinging '60s show hosted by DJ and broadcasting legend David Hamilton, plus amazing live band The Fugitives and sensational singers, Ash Denver and the Tiffany Girls.

This fabulous show will make you smile, laugh, and most definitely make you feel like dancing and singing along. The show brings you the hits of yesteryear and evokes memories of a bygone age, steeped in nostalgia and sprinkled with humour and unforgettable music from this magical era.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 10MIN INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £20

THEATRE

THU 15 SEPT, 8PM

GAGA QUEEN TRIBUTE

Performed by a multi-award winning band who have headlined the 'International Guitar Festival' on several occasions, this is a Queen show like no other.

From numerous Queen Conventions to TV appearances, GaGa have consistently proved why they are so highly rated by critics and audiences alike. There are no wigs, no make-up and definitely no false moustaches but instead a host of massive Queen songs played like they were meant to be.

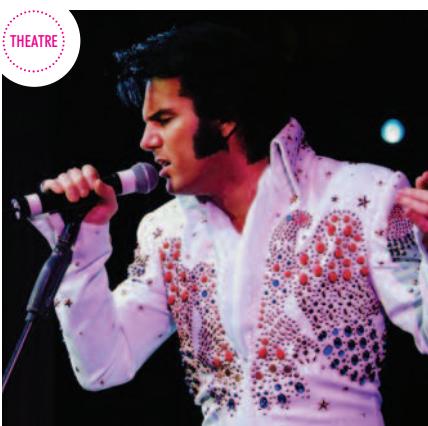
"Stunning" - Official Queen Fan Club

"Superb" - Brian May

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £15

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THEATRE

FRI 16 SEPT, 7.30PM

THE WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS SHOW

Chris Connor is back! Direct from the West End, world-leading Elvis performer Chris stars in this huge production with his 12-piece energetic live band The Sweet Harmonies!

Voted 'The Worlds Best' in a world-wide Elvis Presley fan poll, audiences are left speechless by his voice, looks, movies and mannerisms. It really is as if Elvis is performing in front of your very eyes.

You won't want to miss the Elvis show of the year and early booking is recommended.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £22.50 (SUITABLE AGE: 10+)

THEATRE**SAT 17 SEPT, 7.30PM****THE MOVE**

The Move are one of Britain's pioneers in rock'n'roll having shared the bill on tours with The Who and Jimmy Hendrix while also having the honour of being the band whose song *Flowers In The Rain* launched Radio 1.

Original members Bev Bevan (ex ELO, Black Sabbath) and Trevor Burton (Steve Gibbons, The Trevor Burton Band) have put together a fantastically talented band to recreate hits of the Move plus other wonderful songs from that era including; '*Blackberry Way*', '*Fire Brigade*' and many more.

With support band Ricky Cool.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS**TICKETS:** £20**THEATRE****SUN 18 SEPT, 7.30PM****TAPE FACE**

The Boy with Tape on His Face is TAPE FACE! The show the world can't stop talking about. This is stand-up comedy with no talking, drama with no acting and punch lines with no words.

The Boy with Tape on His Face brings you a multi-award winning spectacle that needs to be seen to be believed. Join TAPE FACE as he conjures uproarious and moving tableaux using only the most everyday of objects and the most popular of songs. Bigger, brighter and more of his unique and special brand of silent comedy.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS**TICKETS:** £16**TUE 20 SEP, 7.30PM MALC IN THE AFTERNOON SEE P8 FOR INFO.****THEATRE****WED 21 SEPT, 7.30PM****MICHAEL ENGLISH AND HIS BAND**

An accomplished musician and songwriter, the good looking Kildare man is now a huge name on the dancing/concert circuit with his energetic performances which always leave the crowds wanting more. Michael has now established himself as one of Ireland's top Irish Country music entertainers.

Michael's current album, *Dance all Night* has been phenomenally successful and features many of his recent hit singles like '*Ding, Dong, Sing my Song*', '*Friday at the Dance*' & '*A Million Memories*'.

TICKETS: £21.50

THEATRE



THU 22 SEPT, 7.30PM

A CELEBRATION OF JOHN DENVER

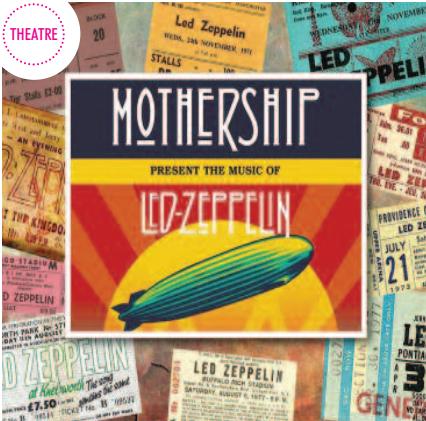
Weaving a magical journey through John's musical career featuring popular hits such as *Annie's Song*, *Rocky Mountain High* and *Country Roads*.

John Denver's massive 41 albums and countless awards are testament to his enduring popularity and the talented Wayne Denton is backed by impressive musicians with moving footage to lift Country music hearts of all ages!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



FRI 23 SEPT, 7.30PM

MOTHERSHIP - LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE

Led Zeppelin tribute band MOTHERSHIP present a brand new multi-media show celebrating the music of the greatest rock band in history. This production is more of an 'event' than a gig, including video projection, light show and the voices of Robert Plant and Jimmy Page.

The main event is a two and a half hour performance of the classic Zeppelin, including classics; *Black Dog*, *The Song Remains The Same* and more, plus rarer tracks like; *The Rover*, *Achilles Last Stand* and *The Wanton Song*.

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RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS

TICKETS: £15 (£13 CONC.)

THEATRE



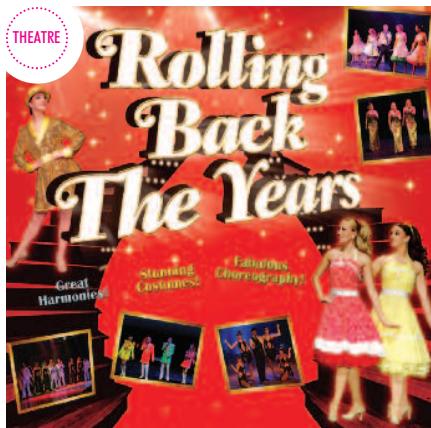
SAT 24 SEPT, 7.30PM

LEO GREEN PRESENTS SOUNDS OF THE 50s LIVE!

Following his hit BBC Radio 2 series, Leo Green presents Sounds of the 50s Live.

Leo's musicians and singers perform hits from the likes of Elvis, Buddy Holly, James Brown, Sam Cooke, Bill Haley, Frankie Laine, The Drifters, Julie London, Peggy Lee, Cliff Richard, Jackie Wilson and many others, all woven around Leo's stories and sax playing. Enjoy the greatest songs from the greatest decade of music - as Leo's hit Radio 2 show (started again April '16) transfers from the studio... to the stage!

TICKETS: £20



THEATRE

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jazz since 1960



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THEATRE

**MON 26 - TUE 27 SEPT, 2.30PM & 7.30PM**

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS

The ultimate feel good show from the producers of 'Memory Lane' and 'All our Yesterdays'. Taking the audience on a breathtaking musical journey through the 50s, 60s, and into 1970s. Including songs by Buddy Holly, Cliff Richard, Frank Sinatra, Dolly Parton, The Beatles, Elvis Presley, Abba and many more.

Beautifully costumed and choreographed performed by 'West End' and international vocalists, plus the excellent 'Memory Lane' dancers. NB: Matinee shows have reduced seating capacity and sell out quickly.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL**TICKETS:** £15 (£14) EVENING, £14 MATINEE**THU 29 SEPT, 7.30PM**

THE RONNIE SCOTT'S STORY

Combining world class live jazz from the Ronnie Scott's All Stars Quintet, with narration and rare archive photos and video footage, The Ronnie Scott's Story is a visual and musical celebration of the club.

Charting the clubs rise from a basement bar through to the landmark performances by jazz icons, to become the internationally acclaimed jazz venue it is today. Mixing music from the jazz greats with tales of old Soho, celebrating the world's most famous jazz venues, its music, and history.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 30MINS**TICKETS:** £19**FRI 30 SEPT, 7.30PM**

WESTROCK

Classic American rock multi-million selling songbook with its awesome guitar sounds, smooth layered harmonies and soul-crunching rhythms and melodies.

This production will take you on a magical, nostalgia-packed journey across America's classic rock sound, featuring massive hits like *Reelin' in the Years*, *Hotel California*, *Don't Stop*, *Sweet Home Alabama* and *Africa*, from such legendary artists as The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac and Journey.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS**TICKETS:** £20

SEPT

Box Office 0121 704 6962

STUDIO

Abigail's Party

FRI 30 SEPT & SAT 1 OCT, 7.30PM

ABIGAIL'S PARTY

Solihull Theatre Company present Mike Leigh's wickedly sharp satirical comedy play Abigail's Party in the Studio.

1970's suburbanites Laurence and Beverly invite their new neighbours for drinks, including Susan, whose teenage daughter, Abigail, is throwing a party. As the small-talk and nibbles subside, the strains and tensions rise in this classic comedy of manners, couples, alcohol and one-upmanship!

The 1970s TV version starring Alison Steadman is still a much-loved tense yet witty drama.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 10MINS

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



TUE 4 OCT, 7.30PM

THE UNIQUE KOMEDY UKULELE ORCHESTRA

Is it possible for anyone to brilliantly combine music from Mozart to Monty Python, Bach to the Beatles, Chick Corea to Rossini? The answer of course is... The Unique Komedy Ukulele Orchestra (TUKUO). After three hugely successful European tours they're back!

Unique Komedy Ukulele Orchestra with their vocal harmony blend combines talent with their own brand of typical British humour, brilliantly daring and inventive arrangements and the unbelievable sound of their miniature instrument of choice.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £22

STUDIO



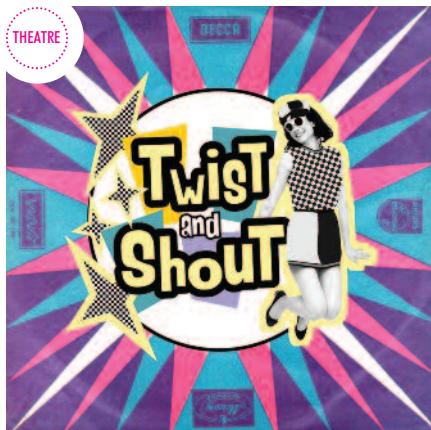
WED 5 OCT, 2PM

KEITH SLATER'S SINATRA CELEBRATION

'Sinatra Celebration' is a show packed full of classic hit songs from 1930s to 1994 plus archive film, photo, graphics and projection bring to life the story of one of the worlds favourite artistes.

Keith Slater has toured extensively around the UK, appeared on national TV and Radio. He regularly works with artists known by Solihull audiences such as Carl Chinn, Malcolm Stent, Don Maclean and award winning bands 'Inheritance' and 'Vivo' where he sings, plays guitar, drums, violin and harmonica.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS TICKETS: £10



THU 6 OCT, 7.30PM

TWIST AND SHOUT

A nostalgic look at the golden age of British pop when skirts got shorter and hair got longer! Sing and dance along with this West End cast to the music of The Beatles, Hermans Hermits, Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Rolling Stones, Cilla Black, Manfred Mann, Dusty Springfield, Lulu, Sandy Shaw and many more...

40 songs backed by a four-piece band featuring fab performances and beautiful bespoke costumes, Twist and Shout will transport you back to the sights and sounds of the 'Swinging Sixties'.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £17



FRI 7 OCT, 7.30PM

THE RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN SONGBOOK

An international cast present a spellbinding homage to Rodgers & Hammerstein. Featuring songs from musical classics such as; 'The Sound of Music', 'South Pacific', 'The King and I', 'Carousel' and 'Oklahoma!'

This magical concert show celebrates the *golden age* of musical theatre and a writing partnership that has been called the greatest of the 20th century.

The show features leading performers from the West End along with a live band of highly talented musicians.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £17



SAT 8 OCT, 7.30PM

DIRE STREETS

Fronted by finger picking guitar ace John Brunsdon and his band of accomplished musicians, they play with an attention to detail and musicianship that marks them as the stand-out Dire Straits tribute in the UK.

Dire Streets cover tracks from early classics like *Sultans of Swing* and *Lady Writer*, through to the mega-hits of the 80s and Brothers in Arms, taking in all the classic album and live versions from the legendary Alchemy, Live Aid and Mandela concerts.

www.direstreets.co.uk

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £16

THEATRE



TUE 11 OCT, 2PM

VIRGINIA IRONSIDE - GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY

Virginia Ironside is still an agony columnist - for the Independent - and writes a column for the Oldie, but she also performs her own one-woman show, Growing Old Disgracefully. Her show explains why unlimited free drugs, fun funerals, grandchildren and sex - or, even better, no sex - make the sixties the best (and funniest) time of your life.

Directed by Nigel Planer, this 'grannie stand-up' show sold out in Solihull last year and she returns for this matinee show for those who prefer to be home by teatime!

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 50MINS INC. INTERVAL TICKETS: £11 (SUITABLE AGE: 16+)

THEATRE



THU 13 OCT, 7.30PM

THE WEST END OF BROADWAY

Crescendo Musical Theatre are a talented group of local performers, recreating the hit songs from West End and Broadway musicals.

Joined by guest performers 'Crescendo Youth', they will bring you a night of musical magic, from the 1940's through to current day with sparkling song choices to appeal to a wide audience from a host of marvellous hit shows from the British and American stage.

If you love music, or musicals... sit back and enjoy!

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS

TICKETS: £15 (£14)

THEATRE



FRI 14 OCT, 7.30PM

MALCOLM STENT AND THE TIMONEERS SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY

Although they later played with more members, the original Timoneers band was founded by just three members... Hearty Wakeman, Mike Cox and Malcolm Stent.

Playing a mix of their songs and your favourite sing-a-long pop songs all wrapped up in Malcolm's own brand of imitable humour will send you home with your toes tapping and a huge grin on your face. Relive those fun times or take a chance that you'll love them as they perform much-loved songs interspersed with memories and mirth.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS TICKETS: £19

THEATRE

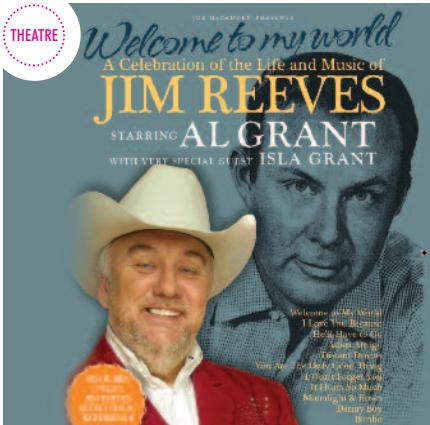
**SAT 15 OCT, 7.30PM****AN EVENING OF
GENESIS MUSIC**

MAMA faithfully reproduce the sights and sounds of the high octane, contemporary Genesis rock concert with fantastic musicianship. From Genesis' early Peter Gabriel years, through the Phil Collins' era of the 70's and 80's and right up to the 'We Can't Dance' album.

Singer, John Wilkinson, delivers Phil Collins vocals with passion and precision. On keyboards expect wizardry from John Comish plus superb guitars provided by Mark Comish and Dave Jones with the excellent James Cooper on drums.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 30MINS**TICKETS:** £17 (£15 CONC)

THEATRE

**TUE 18 OCT, 7.30PM****THE LIFE & MUSIC
OF JIM REEVES**

Al Grant presents a unique insight into the life and music of the legendary singer Jim Reeves, with a wonderful concert of his classic hit songs. With narration of Jim's life, together with video screen footage, this will be a unique evening of songs and story.

Al is backed by some of Ireland's finest musicians and joined by special guest singer-songwriter Isla Grant. He'll perform all of Jim Reeves' classic hits, including; *It Hurts So Much*, *Moonlight & Roses* and of course, *Welcome To My World*.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 40MINS INC. INTERVAL**TICKETS:** £19

THEATRE

**WED 19 OCT, 7.30PM****LIVING WITH LUKE**

Danson and Luke Thunderbold are no ordinary father and son. For Luke is autistic and the 'Autistic Shadow' gets between them every single day, making communication a struggle. So what's a dad to do? Wrestle 'the shadow' that's what!

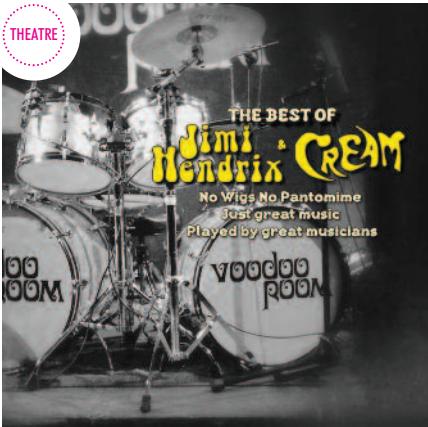
Staged entirely in a wrestling ring and featuring Danson Thunderbold as himself, the play has been critically acclaimed and now touring nationally. Written and directed by Paul T Davies, adapted from the blogs by Danson Thunderbolt.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 10MINS PLUS Q&A**TICKETS:** £16 (£14 CONC)

(SUITABLE AGE: AROUND 14+) MAY CONTAIN SWEARING

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE**THU 20 OCT, 8PM****VOODOO ROOM**

Paying tribute to both Jimi Hendrix & Cream - Voodoo Room are a stunning new 'Power trio' featuring some of the UK's finest musicians.

They perform an incredible, high energy show, capturing the essence of this brief but momentous period in modern musical history.

Expect iconic tunes of Hendrix and Cream, with the energy and virtuosity that is at the heart of this incredible music. The band formed in 2012 and their success ensures standing ovations the norm for this must-see event.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL**TICKETS:** £16**THEATRE****FRI 21 OCT, 7.30PM****SING-A-LONG-A GREASE**

Want to be a T-bird or a Pink Lady but never quite felt cool enough to pull it off? Then don those outfits and let your inhibitions go for a night when you are the star ...and GREASE is the word!

Your Sing-a-long-a Grease host leads a vocal warm-up and shows you how to use a free fun pack then sit back and enjoy Danny & Sandy and the gang, while singing (and dancing) along to the lyrics on the screen. Fancy dress is strongly encouraged and full audience participation essential. You will not regret it!

RUNNING TIME: 160MINS**TICKETS:** £15 (£10)**THEATRE****SAT 22 OCT, 7.30PM****SI CRANSTOUN - GOOD ROCKIN' TONIGHT**

Si Cranstoun has stepped up from King of the Vintage scene to huge radio and TV success with the release of his debut album 'Modern Life'. Compared to Jackie Wilson and Sam Cooke, his music is a blend of Northern soul, Motown and vintage pop with catchy hooks performed with a huge energy and verve of a bygone era equally matched by his hot six-piece band. Together they capture the look and feel of golden times.

"Wow!... How good is Si Cranstoun!" - **Chris Evans Radio 2**

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS PLUS INTERVAL**TICKETS:** £16

THEATRE

**WED 26 OCT, 2.30PM & 7.30PM****ROMEO & JULIET**

Join Ballet Theatre UK with their passionate and innovative re-creation of the world's greatest love story, Romeo and Juliet. Celebrating 400 years of William Shakespeare's legacy the tragic tale of star-crossed lovers is told with astonishing grace and heart-breaking intimacy. From their meeting at the Capulet's ball to their tragic final embrace.

Stunning costumes and innovative staging accompanied by beautiful music, the show is an ideal introduction to first time or young ballet audiences.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 20MINS INC. INTERVAL**TICKETS:** £18 FULL (£17 CONC, £12 CHILD)

STUDIO

**THU 27 OCT, 11.30AM & 2.30PM****THE ADVENTURES OF SINBAD**

The old Librarian stumbles on a magical ancient book that contains amazing adventures. As he reads the stories they come to life in the Library! Follow Sinbad the Sailor as he embarks on his travels and encounters a whale, a giant bird and an ogre!

Paul Batten of Theatrix Arts performs using puppets, changing scenery, music and sound effects. Children then meet the puppets and create their own puppet in a workshop afterwards (includes materials).

RUNNING TIME: 2HR SHOW INCLUDING WORKSHOP**TICKETS:** £6 (£7 CHILD) (SUITABLE AGE: 4+)

THEATRE

**THU 27 OCT, 8PM****JO CAULFIELD**

Graham Norton's writer and warm-up artiste, co-founder of the 'Hampstead Clinic' comedy club. She's a Comedy Store regular and appears on The Stand Up Show. Jo won a BAFTA for her part in Channel 4's 'V Graham Norton' show.

Dubbed 'funniest woman in Britain', she lives up to the title with razor-sharp witted urban comedy, acerbic observations and scandalous one-liners, all excellently written and impeccably delivered.

She's incapable of doing a bad show!

RUNNING TIME: 90MINS**TICKETS:** £14 (£12 CONC)

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Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



SAT 29 OCT, 7.30PM

THE BON JOVI EXPERIENCE

The Bon Jovi Experience, are widely respected as one of the top Bon Jovi tribute band featuring ITV's international 'Stars and their Doubles' finalist frontman Jon By Jovi.

They're the world's only tribute to be endorsed by and to have actually performed with the man himself, Jon Bon Jovi, so if you want the best in business, next to Bon Jovi themselves, look no further. They perform all the hits: 'Livin' On A Prayer', 'Keep The Faith', 'You Give Love A Bad Name' and many more.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £18.50

STUDIO



SAT 29 OCT, 8PM

MORGAN & WEST PARLOUR TRICKS

Time travelling magic duo Morgan & West present a brand new show chock full of brain-bursting, gasp eliciting feats of magic.

The dashing chaps offer up a plateful of illusion and impossibility, all served with wit, charm and no small amount of panache. Be sure to wear a hat - Morgan & West might just blow your mind.

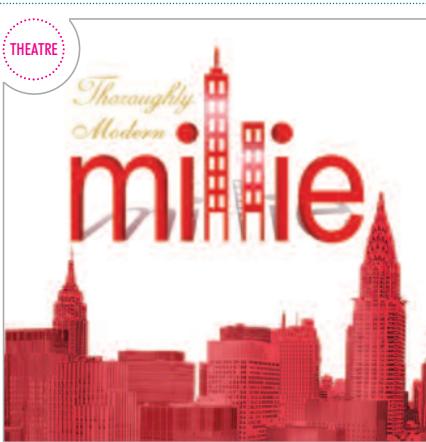
"Looking very dapper, Victorian magicians Morgan and West are an extremely appealing double-act..." - **The Stage**

"They're clearly hugely talented." - **The Daily Mirror**

TICKETS: £12 (£10 CONC)

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THEATRE



TUE 1 - SAT 5 NOV, 7.30PM & 2.30PM SAT

THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

This enchanting toe-tapping musical is set in New York City in the swinging twenties when the city was full of intrigue and jazz and society was changing rapidly.

Young Millie Dillmount moves to the city for a new life and her musical story of her new life and loves is full of zippy, zingy songs and bright dance numbers. Performed with gusto by the popular St. Alphege Musical Production Society (STAMPS).

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £15 - £16

TUE 8 NOV, 7.30PM **MALC IN THE AFTERNOON** SEE P8 FOR INFO.

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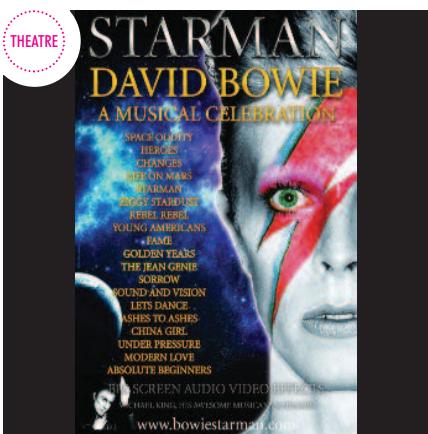


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THEATRE



WED 9 NOV, 7.30PM

LIVE FLORAL DEMONSTRATION

STARDUST BY ELIZABETH GRAHAM

The Christmas demonstrator Elizabeth Graham is an International Floral Designer working extensively across UK and Europe. She works in churches including Westminster Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral. She has arranged a bouquet for the Queen and was awarded a medal at RHS Chelsea Flower show.

Solihull Flower Club raffles the stunning arrangements at the end of these informative and fun demonstrations.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £13.50

THU 10 NOV, 7.30PM

AN EVENING WITH GERVASE PHINN

Gervase Phinn has toured for over 10 years as a hilarious raconteur, best selling and award winning author, Radio and TV personality. He loves a live audience and shares his funny and poignant tales of life as a schools inspector dubbed "the James Herriot of schools".

With his keen ear for the absurd and sharp eye for the ludicrous, Gervase Phinn shares stories of his experiences as a school inspector. His shows have received rave reviews all across the country beloved by parents and teachers.

RUNNING TIME: TBC

TICKETS: £18.50

FRI 11 NOV, 7.30PM

STARMAN - THE DAVID BOWIE STORY

Ziggy Stardust, Aladdin Sane, Thin White Duke, Major Tom and more. The many personas of David Bowie... all delivering lasting songs of a generation.

From *Rebel Rebel* to *China Girl*, *Let's Dance* to *Young Americans*, *Ashes to Ashes*, *Life On Mars*, *Changes*, *Heroes*, *Sound & Vision*, *Golden Years*... Bowie's celebrated career is performed in this highly charged show starring Michael King. A voyage of Bowie with fine musicians and singers plus big screen audio visual footage and various costume changes.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL **TICKETS:** £20

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STUDIO



THEATRE



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FRI 11 NOV, 8PM

ELLIE TAYLOR: INFIDELIETY

Ellie Taylor star of BBC 2's *Mock the Week*, BBC 1's *The John Bishop Show*, Radio 4's *The Now Show* and C4's *8 out of 10 Cats* is back with a new stand-up show dealing with that pesky bit of marriage known as monogamy. In her new show 'Infidelity' catch one of the huge comedy stars of the future now! Plus support act.

"Radiates natural charisma... blessed with great flair"

- **The Guardian**

"Smart, self-mocking and telegenic, it's hard to see what else is going to stand in Taylor's way." - **The Scotsman**

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £12

SAT 12 NOV, 7.30PM

FOSTER & ALLEN

For over three decades in the music business, Foster & Allen always manage to scale new heights! They'll be touring the UK extensively, performing all their hits including: 'Bunch of Thyme', 'Maggie', 'After All These Years', 'I Will Love You All My Life'... and many more, the list is endless.

Foster & Allen's style and easy listening sound remains as fresh and exciting as ever. They really enjoy the business they are in, especially the live concerts.

RUNNING TIME: 110MINS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £27

THEATRE



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TUE 15 - SAT 19 NOV, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL

This funny musical show based on the hit movie with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton. Following the working lives of three office girls and their boss. All have reasons to dislike him... if only they could get rid of him!

Find out what happens in this feisty fun, and oh so fabulous show!

Presented by STAGS based on the book by Patricia Resnick. This popular Society's Solihull premiere of Sister Act in 2015 was hugely popular and sold out early so book now for this show to avoid disappointment.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS APPROX.

TICKETS: £15 - £17 MATINEE PERFORMANCE: SAT 19 NOV, 2.30PM

THEATRE



TUE 22 & WED 23 NOV, 7.30PM

JUST JOE

Joe Brown is unique, a genuine one off with a history that spans music hall, skiffle, Rock 'N' Roll, Theatre, Films, TV, Radio and even Circus!

Now for the first time ever... Just Joe, the man by himself, uncut, solo, uncensored, an audience with. JUST JOE sees Joe retell his early days, growing up in an East End pub to touring with the likes of Eddie Cochran, Billy Fury and Gene Vincent before headlining shows with The Beatles.

Enjoy the tales, the incomparable music and sublime musical maestro that is Joe Brown.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 45MINS

TICKETS: £25

STUDIO



WED 23 NOV, 2PM

THE STORY OF FRED AND GINGER

Robert Habermann made his Solihull debut playing 'Songs from the Musicals & Film' and returns with his show 'The Story of Fred & Ginger'. Telling the story of the great dancing pair and singing the fantastic songs they performed in their wonderful films.

The show not only covers the eight great films they appeared in together but also the music of their separate own careers. Songs performed will include; *Top Hat*, *A Fine Romance*, *Night and Day*, *That's Entertainment* and many, many more.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS, 10MINS

TICKETS: £10

THEATRE



THU 24 NOV, 7.30PM

THE NICK ROSS ORCHESTRA PRESENT SOUNDS OF THE GLENN MILLER ERA

There are those who watch listen and tap along to the melodies, others who follow with a silent foot-beat, still others who sing along softly, and those who simply smile. But common to all are the memories... the gorgeous nostalgia.

Recapture the sounds of a bygone era as the Nick Ross Orchestra presents an unmissable evening of music and song - the Classic Big Band Sound of the 1940s featuring the sublime music made famous by The Glenn Miller Orchestra and many more of the era.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS TICKETS: £20

NOV

Box Office 0121 704 6962

THEATRE



FRI 25 NOV, 7.30PM

BLAKE

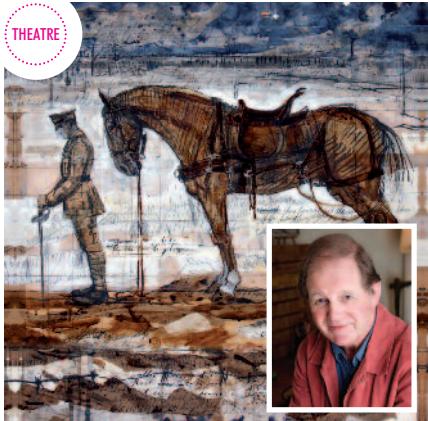
Hot on the heels of IL DIVO and Collabro, Brit-Award-winning BLAKE are back with their most uplifting live show yet! Inspired by the lush trio harmonies of The Three Tenors and The Bee Gees they'll perform from their pop/classical albums, including: 'Bring Him Home', and 'Nessun Dorma' and an eclectic vocal mix of classical, pop, rock & musical harmony plus much-loved banter.

This show is called *Songs of Stage & Screen* and includes songs from movies and musicals like 'Memories' and 'Over the Rainbow', all sung in vocal harmony.

RUNNING TIME: 2HRS INC. INTERVAL

TICKETS: £22

THEATRE



SAT 26 NOV, 7.30PM

WAR HORSE: ONLY REMEMBERED, WITH MICHAEL MORPURGO

War Horse: Only Remembered is a reading by its author Michael Morpurgo with songs from John Tams and Barry Coope in this heartfelt journey from peaceful Devon to the devastating consequences of the Great War made real by a horse who didn't have the human frailty of taking sides.

A moving journey set to haunting music to appeal to fans of award-winning author Michael Morpurgo or War Horse. This epic story will take approximately 1 hour 20 minutes to tell. True to the war - there will be no interval.

RUNNING TIME: 1HR, 20MINS

TICKETS: £21 (£16 CHILD)

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THEATRE



FRI 9 - SAT 31 DEC, VARIOUS START TIMES

DICK WHITTINGTON TRADITIONAL PANTOMIME

Join Dick and his cat on their adventures as they run away to London looking for their fortune. Dick and his friends set sail but oh dear!... that pesky King Rat has stowed away on board too with some of his sneaky gang!

Action, adventure, secrets, songs, dancing, trickery, romance, swash-buckling sailors and rogue-ish rats aplenty in this sparkling pantomime show. This much-loved show is written by and stars Malcolm Stent accompanied by a professional ensemble cast of actors and dancers.

TICKETS: SEE P3 FOR DETAILS/PRICES/START TIMES



**SAT 17 - SAT 24 DEC, VARIOUS START TIMES
THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE**

Charlie Hubble is a little boy with a very big dream, he wanted to be a world-class magician. So, he saves up his pocket money to buy The Big Book of Magic for Trainee Magicians. Then he sets off to Mr Zacoors Toy Shop to buy his spellbook little-knowing that someone has a very special job for him...

Blunderbus Theatre specialise in great shows for little people and this warm, funny family show in the Studio is for ages 2 - 6. The seasonally-adapted script includes a certain bearded man in red!

RUNNING TIME: 55MINS NO INTERVAL
TICKETS: £10

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS 2017

**THU 19 JAN
THE PITMEN POETS**

TICKETS: £17.50



**SAT 18 MAR
ROY ORBISON & FRIENDS**

TICKETS: £21



**FRI 3 - SAT 4 FEB
LET'S HANG ON -
FOUR SEASONS SHOW**

TICKETS: £22.50



**FRI 21 APR
AN EVENING OF
DIRTY DANCING**

TICKETS: £20



**SAT 11 FEB
TALON ACOUSTIC
COLLECTION**

TICKETS: £16



**THU 4 MAY
THE BARRON
KNIGHTS**

TICKETS: £20



**WED 15 - SAT 18 FEB
LES MISERABLES
SCHOOLS EDITION**

TICKETS: £12 - £14

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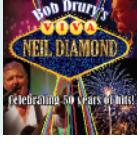
**THU 18 MAY
BACK TO THE 60'S**

TICKETS: £18.50/£17.50



**SAT 25 FEB
VIVA NEIL DIAMOND**

TICKETS: £15



**SAT 27 MAY
DON'T DRIBBLE
ON THE DRAGON**

TICKETS: £10



WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

FOR AGES 2 TO 102!

BHANGRA TOTS & BOLLYWOOD TOTS FAMILY DANCE WITH SOHAN KAILEY

Fun sessions for little ones aged 2 - 5 to enjoy Bhangra & Bollywood music and dance with their parents. Wiggle, giggle & dance to Bhangra, jolly Bollywood, meet Bhangra Bunny, jump on board the Bhangra train and play fun musical instruments. Themed sessions helps children to learn whilst playing, builds confidence, promotes balance, movement, imagination and creativity. Parents/guardians stay with their child at all times and are most welcome to join in too!

**WEEKLY SESSIONS IN THE STUDIO: MONDAYS, 10-10.45AM
FROM 6 JUNE, £5 PER CHILD.**

TURNING PAGES CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS WITH ARTIST HELEN LANE

Two different book-themed craft and activity workshops on most Wednesdays during summer break for boys and girls. Subjects include; Jungle Book, The Little Mermaid and Harry Potter etc. Each session is different so children can attend one or both and will be a mix stories, games, craft and art (puppets, mobile, books, bunting etc.) to take home.

**TICKETS: £5 PER WORKSHOP - LUNCH SUPERVISION £2 EXTRA.
WED, 10AM-12PM & 1-3PM FOR AGES 4-10.
ON 27 JULY & 3, 17, 24, 31 AUGUST.**

ARTS LAB ALL DAY WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST HELEN LANE

Create a giant book. Young people will plan their story, create their own characters to travel through time, explore the jungle, swim the English Channel with sharks etc using cartoons, collage, illustrations, pop ups, art work and lots more.

**TICKETS: £10 INCL. LUNCH SUPERVISION IF REQUIRED.
WED 10 AUG, 10AM-3PM - FOR AGES 10+.**



THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOL 4 DAY YOUTH THEATRE COURSE

You don't need previous experience or talent to enjoy learning and working on stage as part of a youth theatre class. It's great fun, exercise and a brilliant chance to work with professionals. See page 12 or website for more info.

**FOR AGES 8-16 YEARS. MON 1 - THU 4 AUG, 10AM-3.30PM
COURSE FEE £100 PER CHILD.**

LIGHT 52 PHOTOGRAPHY COURSES WITH RICHARD PEARCE

Always popular these Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced courses for adults are great fun, enable you to learn at your own pace and rotate around the year - see website or call Box Office to book.

AUTUMN ART & CRAFT FOR ADULTS WITH ARTIST HELEN LANE

Short courses for adults - an introduction into a new skill or a refresher for those who have previous art or craft experience. Subjects such as Lino printing, textiles, cushion covers etc. full details online or via box office. Held in the Courtyard Gallery for adults aged 18+.

COST £45 PER COURSE.

COURSE 1- LINO PRINTING: Plan, prepare and make block prints onto papers and fabric to use for making cards, fabric books etc.
MONDAYS 26 SEPT, 3 & 10 OCTOBER, 7-9PM.

COURSE 2- TEXTILE TECHNIQUES: Learn textile techniques inc. hand & machine embroidery, quilting, patchwork and much more.
MONDAYS 7, 14, 21 NOVEMBER, 7-9PM.

HEALTH & FITNESS CLASSES

Summer is a great time to get out and about trying new things! Try our participation classes for health, fitness, relaxation, making friends, fun, exercising... whatever the reason, there's a class to fit the bill including: Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, gentle Yoga, Over 50s dance classes. Various classes take place in the Studio on Mondays and Fridays - aimed at adults. See website for info or check times and prices with Box Office.

NEW!

PRE-SHOW MEAL DEALS AT ENCORE

Our venues café bar has been refurbished and is now called ENCORE. With fantastic new facilities there's never been a better time to arrive early to meet friends or family, sit back, relax... and enjoy our new pre-show dining. Encore serves hot breakfasts, snacks, lunches, plus OVATIONS, a new upstairs pre-show and interval bar is open prior to performances, take time to have a look around.

If you're bringing a large group to a show ask staff in advance about private dining.

SPECIAL OFFER PRE-ORDERED MEAL & DRINK ONLY £10!

FANCY
A MEAL
DEAL?

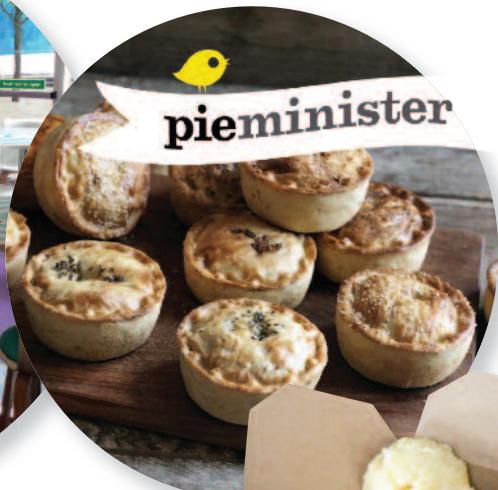
A mouth-watering Pieminister pie,
served hot with creamy mash, mushy or garden peas and rich gravy.

Meal deal includes choice of a wine/beer/soft drink.

There's a choice of five pies, plus occasional tasty seasonal specials.

A table will be reserved for those who
have pre-ordered.

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HOW TO BUY A PRE-SHOW MEAL: Pre-pay for meals when buying your show tickets at: www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk (a meal option will pop up before payment) or Box Office: 0121 704 6962 - ask for a 'Pre-show Meal'. Present tickets at the food counter and order no later than 30mins prior to show start. If you've already bought your show tickets you can buy Meal deal tickets from Box Office up to the day before to obtain the offer price, or simply turn up on show day and order items at normal menu prices.

**OVATIONS
BAR**

**TAKE A LOOK AT OUR SHINY NEW BAR ON THE FIRST FLOOR,
A GREAT PLACE TO MEET FRIENDS BEFORE A SHOW,
HAVE A DRINK, A SNACK AND A CHAT.**





ENCORE



As part of our refurbishment the café bar has been completely rebuilt, the bar and counter relocated and a whole new kitchen built in a more central useable area. This allows diners a bright clear view across Theatre Square and has given our Catering Team the chance to extend and improve our menu, our capacity and given us modern, sleek and user-friendly furniture for our daytime and evening users.

ENCORE REGULARS

Our regulars love our friendly staff, our menu and our great value prices so we're delighted to be able to add to our range of offers including these shown below. Take a break and treat yourself to a tasty cooked breakfast, using premium ingredients and free range eggs or savour a scrumptious afternoon tea and cake... there's bound to be something to appeal.

CAKE & COFFEE DEAL

BETWEEN 2PM - 6PM

ONLY £3.50

FOR ANY HOT DRINK + ANY CAKE!

Choice of tea or coffee and any gorgeous counter cake (includes our slices, scones, cookies, traybakes or 'specials... take your pick!).

EXCLUDES ALCOHOL.

AT
THIS PRICE YOU
CAN AFFORD
TO TREAT A
FRIEND TOO!



BREAKFAST ROLL DEAL

ORDER BY 11AM

CHOOSE
BACON OR SAUSAGE
ON A BAP WITH A MUG OF
TEA/FILTER COFFEE
OR JUICE FOR
ONLY £2.50

VEGGIE SAUSAGE AVAILABLE.



FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST

ORDER BY 11AM

**USING ONLY PREMIUM INGREDIENTS
WE ARE TRULY PROUD OF OUR
BREAKFASTS!**

Sausage, bacon, fried or scrambled egg, tomato mushroom, hash brown, beans and toast. Add your choice of coffee/tea or juice and pay only

ONLY £5.50 for the lot!

VEGGIE OPTION IS AVAILABLE AT £5.

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**LOYALTY CARD
BUY 9
GET 10TH FREE**

Get a loyalty card stamped each time you buy a speciality tea or coffee and we'll give you the **10TH DRINK FREE!**

ASK STAFF FOR DETAILS.

LOYALTY STAMPS EXCLUDE SMALL FILTER COFFEE/TEA AS THESE ARE ALREADY DISCOUNTED.

THEATRE AUDIENCE IN ROWS H-P CAN PRE-ORDER INTERVAL DRINKS AT OVATIONS BAR BEFORE THE SHOW AND IT WILL BE READY WAITING AT THE BREAK SAVING TIME AND QUEUES. THOSE SEATED IN ROWS A-G CAN DO THE SAME IN THE GROUND FLOOR ENCORE BAR.

**OVATIONS
BAR**

NEWS FROM THE CORE

CELEBRATING AT THE CORE

We are delighted to announce that alongside an official opening by the Mayor of Solihull on Friday 20 May at 11am, there will be a 'Family Day' on Saturday 21 May, from 10am until 2.30pm.

There will be plenty of entertainment and activities taking place across both days, including: guided tours of the building, songs from Britain's Got Talent finalists The Neales, Family History taster sessions, 'Steppin Out' dance for the over-50s, a Book Doctor drop-in, Poetry On Demand, an artist in residence in The Courtyard Gallery, a Job Shop drop-in, and a chance to find out more about the many services now housed at The Core (plus chance to taste our award-winning Pieminister pies in the new Encore eatery).

We will share the full programme for the grand opening events on the website when finalised.



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www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk

THE CORE IS A BIG READ VENUE

During the summer holidays if you visit the Core you will see Book Benches on display as part of the The Big Read the follow up project to 'The Big Hoot' project that took place in Birmingham last year. The Core is one of two Solihull venues who are taking part in the project as it spreads further afield throughout the region.

Benches will be on display throughout the building designed by local schools and inspired by books, comics, poems and prose as well as The Core's own specially commissioned bench by artist Milan Topalovic. Last year Milan was the winner of 'The Big Hoot - Favourite Owl Design' poll carried out by the Birmingham Mail.

Not only will you be able to see the finished Book Bench but Milan Topalovic will be in residence, designing and painting our Book Bench in the Courtyard Gallery between Tuesday 31st May - Friday 17th June. Come and see Milan at work and share your ideas with him during this time. There will also be templates of the Book Bench where you could create your own design.

During the Summer holidays there will be a host of activities going on at The Core alongside the Big Read Book Benches from Storytelling, arts and craft workshops to The Big Read Challenge.

www.thebigread.org.uk





BOX OFFICE & TICKETS

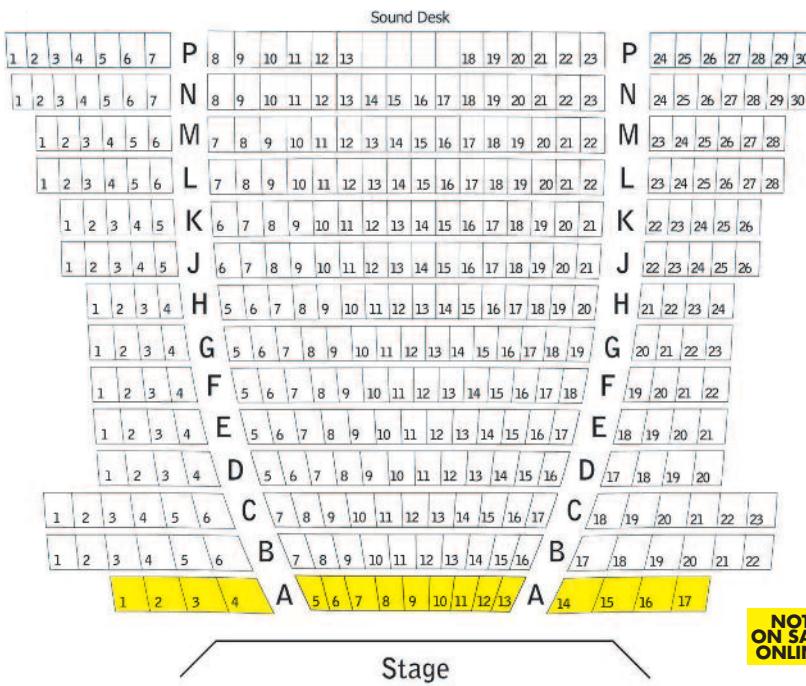
Tickets are on sale anytime online at www.thecoretheatresolihull.co.uk with seat selection for most shows.

Box Office currently opens Mon-Sat between 10.30am-4pm. They re-open 90mins before curtain-up on show nights. Call Box Office on **0121 704 6962** for tickets and reservations. Charges may apply but you can visit the office to avoid these. When booking by post please make cheques payable to Solihull MBC. Where £1.50 postage charge is not added, tickets will remain for collection.

The Core Theatre, Box Office, Theatre Square, Touchwood, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3RG

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SEATING PLAN



HOW TO REACH US

The venue adjoins Touchwood and the 'Orange zone' in Touchwood car park brings you up near the glass doors to Theatre square. Taxi drop-off is no longer free - a minimum charge applies. High sided vehicles cannot enter Touchwood and should drop off and park elsewhere.

Solihull station is a 5-min walk away and bus and rail services run regularly to/from Birmingham and other areas.

Please follow us...



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COURTYARD GALLERY DIARY

WED 4 MAY - MON 16 MAY

· ART WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, EXHIBITION BY SOLIHULL COLLEGE ·
SPONSORED BY SOLIHULL LIONS

WED 18 MAY - MON 6 JUN

· 'FACES AND PLACES' EXHIBITION BY THE G&Q ART CLUB ·

WED 8 JUN - MON 4 JUL

· EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK BY CALTHORPE CRAFTERS ·

WED 6 - MON 18 JUL

· SOLIHULL COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION ·

WED 7 SEP - MON 3 OCT

· AN EXHIBITION BY GRAHAM BLAINE ·

WED 5 - MON 17 OCT

· DORRIDGE ART CIRCLE EXHIBITION ·

WED 19 - MON 31 OCT

· SOLIHULL EMBROIDERER'S GUILD ·



WED 2 - MON 14 NOV

· AN EXHIBITION BY THE JOHN HOPKINS GROUP ·

WED 16 - MON 28 NOV

· AN EXHIBITION BY RUNNING STITCH TEXTILE GROUP ·

HIRING THE COURTYARD GALLERY

Entry to the Gallery is free and it's open all day whenever the building is open. It's popular with evening theatre audiences who browse the works before the show and during the interval. The Courtyard Gallery is located just off the main foyer of The Core, to the left of the box office.

Email hirethevenue@solihull.gov.uk or call **0121 704 6961**
for details of hire fees and availability.