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WELCOME



Hello and welcome to a brand-new season at the Corn Exchange!

It is hugely exciting to be introducing my first season as Director, having been honoured with the role in July. We're pleased to present to you

the wonderfully diverse range of events and activities that the team have been working hard to curate.

Before we turn our attention to the spring, I want to point you to all the amazing festive celebrations taking place before the end of the year. Our annual *Festival of Light* returns to Newbury on Sunday 10 December; we're also delighted to welcome back our creative team, Plested Brown and Wilsher, to bring magic, mayhem and mischief to the Corn Exchange with this year's fun-filled pantomime Beauty and the Beast. It's a tale as old as time, but with plenty of surprises, so be sure to grab those last-minute tickets! We're thrilled to have raised over £9,620 for our Panto Pay It Forward scheme, so that those in our community who wouldn't otherwise be able to, can come and experience the joy of panto.

We have been working hard to ensure our spring programme is diverse and inclusive, so we hope that everyone can find something they will enjoy. I am especially pleased to welcome











Vamos Theatre's *The Boy on the Roof*, family shows such as **Peppa Pig's Fun Day Out** and The Bubble Show as well as comedians Rosie Holt. Reginald D Hunter. Mark Watson and many more.

We also have many music shows such as *The* Dolly Show, Women in Rock, Awake My Soul -The Mumford & Sons Story

Our courses, classes and workshops have some new additions this season including *Tots* Act, Post-Natal Pilates and Sunday Family Wellbeing Sessions.

At The Base we are thrilled to be able to present Wildlife Photographer of the Year 59 on loan from the Natural History Museum. London, for the sixth year running, as well as a range of courses and workshops covering a multitude of artforms so that you can try something brand new!

Finally, if you haven't visited our Café or Balcony Bar, do pop along and check us out. Whether you want to relax at our Cocktail Club or enter a team into our Theatre Quiz Night; we host a number of social activities to break up your week. As we continue our ambition to work closely with local suppliers and partners. make sure to try a freshly homemade lunch, cake or a visit to our quest pop-up food traders.

Whatever your reason to visit, we are sure that you will feel enriched and we can't wait to welcome you.

Jessica Jhundoo-Evans DIRECTOR

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Wildlife Photographer of the Year

Fri 1 Mar – Sun 14 Apr

Open Wed - Sun, 10am - 5pm

Songs & Stories in the Gallery Thu 14 Mar & Sat 6 Apr

Relaxed Day Thu 21 Mar & Thu 11 Apr

Tickets £0* Base Pass holder (see page 4), Full Price £10.95 (£9.25 concs, £8.75 groups 10+, £6.75 under-16s, FREE under-5s) The 59th instalment of the world-renowned exhibition, on loan from the Natural History Museum in London, comes to The Base this spring.

The world's most prestigious photographic event of its kind celebrates the very best nature photography and photojournalism, using the unique emotive power of photography to inspire wonder and create advocates for the natural world.

The exhibition's truly stunning images allow visitors to experience nature in vivid detail and get up close to some of the world's most extraordinary species, the lives they live and the challenges they face.

*Terms and conditions apply, see our website for full details.

THE BASE



WINTER CRAFT FAIR

Sat 25 Nov

10am - 4pm

Tickets Pay-what-you-can, see website for details

Enjoy browsing high-quality handmade crafts at The Base's Winter Craft Fair fundraiser!

Come along and visit the magical Gallery grotto where you will be able to browse unique handmade gifts and hear from the makers directly about their craft.

All ticket proceeds will go to The Base charity [1199188].



GENerate STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

Fri 12 – Sun 28 Jan

Open Wed - Sun, 10am - 5pm

Free entry (suggested donation on door)

Marvel at the next GENeration of artists' creations.

Featuring artworks created by students from local schools, sixth forms and colleges, this curated exhibition showcases and celebrates the imagination and creativity of young artists.



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

PANTOMIME | Fri 24 Nov - Sun 31 Dec

Tickets £29.75 - £16

There'll be magic, mayhem and mischief aplenty in our pantomime, as Plested Brown and Wilsher take us on another fun-filled adventure!

When Belle wanders from her allotment, she finds herself trapped in an enchanted castle. But nothing is guite as it seems... Can the Beast break the curse that holds him? Will Belle follow her heart to a happily ever after? And when the last petal falls, will true love conquer all?

Plested Brown and Wilsher have delighted Newbury audiences for the past four years with their hilarious and fresh takes on much-loved pantomime tales. They return this Christmas with another epic adventure, brimming with #NewburyPanto fun, including roaringly funny jokes, beastly amounts of magic, and a hit list of songs for all ages.

Please see the website for full details of performances and prices.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

OUTDOOR Sun 10 Dec

Procession starts at 4.30pm

Free (no booking required)

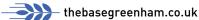
Newbury Town Centre

Suitable for all ages

Join us for the Festival of Light and help transform Newbury town centre into a twinkling wonderland.

Soak up the atmosphere and watch hundreds of twinkling lanterns as the procession travels through Newbury town centre in our popular, annual Festival of Light.

The procession will travel along Northbrook Street before arriving in the Market Place with live music and a festive atmosphere. This popular winter event brings together the local community to celebrate the festive season. Lantern holders will gather at the clock tower on Northbrook Street from 4pm, ready for the candle-lit procession to begin at 4.30pm.



CAFÉ BAR



Have you visited our Café and Balcony Bar? These locations offer an open and comfortable space to meet with friends, family or colleagues. We have plenty of natural light, a buggy parking area, quiet corners for working during the day, plus ambient lighting and a relaxed vibe by night. We offer a range of snacks and drinks to enjoy whether for pleasure or business.







EATING & DRINKING

We are thrilled to announce that we have been awarded the Bronze Plastic Free Newbury at least three single-use plastic items from our venue. Visit our 'classic sweet kiosk' which stocks firm sweetie favourites, without the waste.

We are extending our menu to include some delicious new lunchtime favourites!

Pop in for a loaded jacket potato or one of our paninis, freshly made to order with a range of tasty fillings. This autumn we are excited to introduce our Margherita Pizza Panini and Pepperoni Pizza Panini, served with nachos

and a fresh salad. For the little ones we have our Tots menu, offering a range of yummy, Award for our efforts to remove healthy snacks to enjoy before or after a film, show, or whenever you're in town.

> For autumn, we are serving up a range of seasonal drinks with added syrups including Pumpkin Spice. Toasted Marshmallow, Gingerbread and Hazelnut, along with the option of whipped cream. For the grown-ups there is the option to add a splash of Baileys, Malibu or Caramel Rum. We also have a broad selection of teas, coffees and homemade sweet treats and pastries made by local bakers.

Plus, keep an eye on our website and socials for details on our upcoming street food partnerships and seasonal menu offers.

You can find up-to-date menu details at cornexchangenew. com/eating-drinking

VENUE HIRE

Are you hosting or organising a celebration or work event? Talk to us about how we can help to make your event one to remember using our in-house creative expertise in our auditorium, cinema or Balcony Bar.

For further information email hires@cornexchangenew.co.uk

SEASONAL SOCIALS



We are pleased to present our programme of Seasonal Socials in our Café and Balcony Bar spaces, bringing creativity and culture through from our stage into the front of house area. Find out more about each of our Seasonal Social events, as well as the delicious food and drink that will accompany them, at cornexchangenew.com/seasonalsocials

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Sat 18 Nov 10am - 5pm

Get in the Christmas spirit and shop for festive gifts and treats made by skilled independent crafters and makers, while enjoying seasonal refreshments from our Café Bar.



SKETCHBOOK CLUB

Sundays 11am

Bring a sketchbook and anything you like to draw, doodle or create with, and join like-minded people for a relaxing morning of creativity.

BOOK CLUB

Third Sunday of the month

2pm

Come together with friends old and new to chat about our latest Book Club read. Book your spot on the website or by calling the Box Office.

THEATRE FILM AND TV QUIZ

Wed 7 Feb & Wed 17 Apr

7pm

Gather your friends, grab a drink from our bar and prepare to show off your theatre, film and TV knowledge in our popular quiz! Age Guide 16+



COCKTAIL CLUB

Thu 15 Feb, Thu 14 Mar & Sat 13 Apr

7_{pm}

Join our Cocktail Club for an evening tipple or two!

Unwind with a selection of delicious cocktails while enjoying an evening of live entertainment from talented local performers or activities around the Corn Exchange. Age Guide 18+ only



OPEN MIC IN THE **BALCONY BAR**

First Sunday of the month

6pm - 8pm

Come along to Newbury's latest open mic evening and support local performers as they showcase their talents in our Balcony Bar. From live music and spoken word, to close-up magic and more, get in touch if you'd like to enquire about performing at this friendly event. Age Guide 16+

SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

Sat 9 Mar 10am - 5pm

Come along and browse ecofriendly makers, businesses and charities celebrating greener living. Connect with others and get ideas for making sustainable changes, while enjoying refreshments from our Café Bar. Small changes can make a big difference!

OUR CINEMA

You may not realise it, but tucked away on the top floor of the Corn Exchange is our 40-seat cinema. Open six days a week, we show the best of arthouse, independent and British films, including family films, blockbusters and live screenings of theatre, dance and music performances.

Our cinema is the perfect place to come to switch off from the distractions of home, while you watch your film and perhaps enjoy some refreshments from our Café Bar. We also offer regular special screenings including Silver Screens for the over-60s, Subtitled Screenings, monthly Dementia Friendly films, Relaxed



Screenings and regular Ageing Creatively
Cinema Club events. For families, we have
weekly Parent & Babies screenings, as well
as a Saturday morning Family Film & Craft
offering and regular Tots Cinema screenings.
Find out more at cornexchangenew.com/film

LIVE & ENCORE SCREENINGS

See live and encore performances from some of the most famous stages in the world, streamed to our cinema and auditorium screens.

Enjoy productions from the likes of the National Theatre, Royal Ballet, Exhibition On Screen, Royal Opera House and special live music events. From the comfort of your local theatre!



Coming up in 2024 we have NT Live: Dear England and Vanya as well as a host of Royal Opera House screenings such as Manon, Rusalka and Madama Butterfly.

Head to **cornexchangenew.com/ live-screenings** to see all of our upcoming screenings.



VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FAIR

COMMUNITY Sat 13 Jan

10am – 2pm

Free entry (no booking required)

Volunteer Centre West Berkshire presents its 50th anniversary recruitment fair.

The Volunteer Centre West Berkshire is once again bringing 55 local charities together, all of whom will be showcasing their work and looking for volunteers to support what they do.

Come along to the Corn Exchange and enjoy chatting to local people.



RARE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

COMMUNITY

Thu 18 & Fri 19 Jan 7.30pm Sat 20 Jan 2pm & 6.30pm

Tickets £20.25 (£19.25 concs, £18.25 under-16s)

The UK's largest amateur musical theatre youth group returns to our stage!

Troy Bolton, the star athlete at a small-town high school, falls for new student Gabriella Montez. When they return to campus, the pair audition for the upcoming school musical. Meanwhile, jealous Sharpay Evans conspires to squelch their chances. The two must struggle to make it to auditions while also meeting their existing obligations to the basketball team and the academic decathlon.



MILES JUPP: ON I BANG

COMEDY | Wed 24 Jan

Tickets £25

Age Guide 16+

Running Time 2 hours (including interval)

TV star Miles Jupp visits Newbury with a story to tell.

Since Miles' last tour at The London Palladium in 2017, he's been in *The Full Monty* on Disney Plus, *The Durrells* and Why Didn't They Ask Evans? on ITV, Frankie Boyle's New World Order and Have I Got News For You

Yet one sunny day in the middle of all this, he suddenly suffered a brain seizure. This led to the discovery of a tumour the size of a cherry tomato, and a rather pressing need to undergo major neurosurgery. He shares his tale of surprise, fear, luck, love and qualified medical practitioners.

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THE DOLLY SHOW

MUSIC

Thu 25 Jan 7.45pm

Tickets £28.75

Running Time 1hr 55mins (including interval)

As seen on BBC One, This Morning and ITV's The Lorraine Show.

West End star Kelly O'Brien performs the beloved hits of country legend Dolly Parton, brilliantly recreating the vitality and voice of the little lady from Tennessee. The show includes up-tempo numbers like 9 to 5, Baby I'm Burning and Islands in the Stream, as well as powerful ballads such as I Will Always Love You and Jolene.

WOW. KELLY IS AS FEROCIOUS AS DOLLY! MICHAEL BUBLÉ



DIRTY DUSTING

THEATRE Fri 26 Jan 7.30pm

Tickets £25 25

Age Guide 16+

Running Time 2 hours (including interval)

Dirty Dusting returns to Newbury for its 10th anniversary tour!

Crissy Rock (Benidorm), Leah Bell (Stage Award Winner) and Vanessa Karon star as Gladys, Olive and Elsie, three 'vintage style' cleaning ladies who, threatened with redundancy, chance on a way of earning some extra cash.

A wrong number requiring an adult chat line rings into the office and gives them a great idea... Why not start their own adult chat line? After all, their age and appearance won't matter on the telephone and providing they can keep this a secret from their boss Dave (Paul Dunn), they could be onto a winner.



WOMEN IN ROCK

MUSIC Sat 27 Jan 7.45pm

Tickets £26 25

Age Guide 12+

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Women in Rock have been trailblazing their way across the globe with their sell-out show that sets them apart from any other.

Women in Rock are ready to take you on a journey through five decades of the world's greatest female rock legends. Featuring soaring vocals, slick choreography, striking costumes and backed by a band of world-class musicians. Women in Rock has built a reputation as one of the most enjoyable and dynamic music shows currently touring the UK and global theatre scene.

This spectacular show pays homage to artists such as Suzi Quatro, Janis Joplin, Cher, Tina Turner, Pink, Blondie, Heart, Pat Benatar, Belinda Carlisle and Joan Jett. The set list is one classic after another and has something for everyone.



MARK WATSON: SEARCH

COMEDY Thu 1 Feb 8pm

Tickets £22.25

Age Guide 14+

Running Time 1hr 50mins (including interval)

Enjoy an evening of comedy with Mark Watson, straight from Melbourne International Comedy Festival and Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Mark Watson's 12-year-old son has just got a phone. His 70-year-old dad has been through the most frightening experience of his life. Both a dad and a kid himself, around the midpoint of his life, the Taskmaster star and multiple award-winner, now also famous as one-third of YouTube cult sensation No More Jockeys, returns.

He'll consider the search for meaning that we're all on, with or without Google. There'll be a lot of jokes, and a show that's different every night.



FEBRUARY



UK PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE

MUSIC Fri 2 Feb 7.45pm

Tickets £28.25

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Come and share the passion for Pink Floyd's music in this authentic tribute to all things Floyd!

Celebrating 30 years since the iconic *Pulse* tour, this highly authentic show recreates the atmosphere of Floyd live - featuring top-level musicians, a stunning light show and over two hours of incredible music.

The new show includes many songs from the Pulse set, featuring tracks from The Division Bell, The Wall, Animals, The Dark Side of the Moon and Wish You Were Here. The Syd song for 2024 is Astronomy Domine.



TOP SECRET: THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE

FAMILY Sat 3 Feb 2pm

Tickets £14.25 (£12.25 concs)

Suitable for all ages

Running Time 1hr 40mins (including interval)

Fusing the mystery of magic with wondrous and miraculous feats of science.

Hang on to your seats as we transform the Corn Exchange into a real life science laboratory where you can experience the non-stop actionpacked interactive science experiments that will capture the imagination. Top Secret is a fast-moving colourful magical science show filled with mystery, suspense, and lots and lots of mess!

Top Secret will inspire and educate every young budding magician and scientist, as well as proving fun and exciting entertainment for all of the family.

There is a pre-show workshop available for this show, for more information please visit page 4 of the Learning Centre brochure.



PEPPA PIG'S FUN DAY OUT

FAMILY

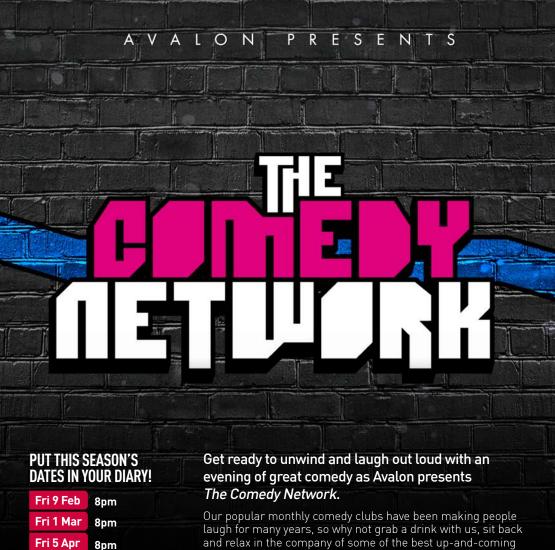
Wed 7 & Thu 8 Feb

10am, 1pm & 4pm

Tickets £18.25

Running Time 1 hour (approx)

Peppa Pig is back in her oinktastic brand-new live show, Fun Day Out!



Fri 5 Apr

Tickets £16.25 (14.25 concs)

Age Guide 18+ only

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and relax in the company of some of the best up-and-coming comedians on the circuit.

Avalon has an unrivalled reputation for finding new comedy talent and has many household names on their books, including Russell Howard, Bill Bailey, Al Murray, Noel Fielding, Lucy Porter, Chris Ramsey, Roisin Conaty, Dave Gorman, Jenny Eclair and many more. Previous line-ups have included Simon Brodkin, Steve Bugeja and Flo & Joan.

Whether you are looking for a great night out with friends or a fun way to celebrate a special occasion, start your weekend in style at The Comedy Network.

Please check the website for the latest line-up.



THE NO MO **CHEMO SHOW**

COMMUNITY Sat 10 Feb

6.45pm

Tickets £21.25

Age Guide 18+

A night of music and laughter supporting Breast Cancer Now.

Join Newbury's Jody & The Jerms, Oxford's 9-piece spectacle The Shapes and up-and-coming band, recently featured on BBC Introducing, HööF. Also catch comedians Nick Helm and Paul F Taylor, as well as some special quests and compere.



THE HIGHLAND JOKER PRESENTS THE BUBBLE SHOW

FAMILY Sun 11 Feb 2pm

Tickets £15.25 [£12.25 concs]

Age Guide 3+

Running Time 1 hour (no interval)

Join Mr. Bubbles with his extraordinary soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes!

The Bubble Show is a unique blend of magic, storytelling, science and bubble art. Enjoy bouncy bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, smoke bubbles, square bubbles, giant bubbles, and even fire bubbles!

Actor, storyteller, and Guinness World Record holder, The Highland Joker is one of the top bubble artists in the world, bringing you an interactive, fun, international award-winning bubble extravaganza!

'FLAWLESSLY SIMPLE AND FULL OF WONDER' **DEADLINE NEWS. EDINBURGH**

FEBRUARY FEBRUARY



MUSIC THEATRE **INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS** THE LITTLE MERMAID

COMMUNITY 14, 15 & 16 Feb 2.30pm

Sat 17 Feb 1pm & 6pm **Tickets** £20.25 (£16.25 concs)

Disney's The Little Mermaid comes to Newbury this February half term in a colourful community production!

With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs including Under the Sea. Kiss the Girl. and Part of Your World.



PRESENTED BY SDJ PRODUCTIONS CRACKING

Tue 20 Feb 7.45pm

Tickets £14.25 (£12.25 concs, £10 schools)

Age Guide 14+

Running Time 1hr 35 mins (no interval)

A new dark comedy by Shôn Dale-Jones, in this completely made-up true story.

When the world goes mad, do we inevitably go mad too? When Shôn playfully cracks an egg on his mother's head, he has no idea real-life internet trolls will appear on his doorstep.

Cracking takes on the battle between love and hate, asking what's funny and where we draw the line. Part stand-up, part theatre, Cracking is a funny, touching and thought-provoking solo performance that sews together fact and fiction into one seamless whole, making us wonder what's real, what's not and what's gone wrong.



JOSH PUGH: EXISTIN' LA VIDA LOCA

COMEDY Wed 21 Feb 7.30pm

Tickets £19.75 (£17.75 concs)

Age Guide 14+

Running Time 1hr 50mins (including interval)

Viral sensation Josh Pugh returns with a show about enjoying yourself and doing your best.

A brand-new stand-up show from Edinburgh Award nominated comedian Josh Pugh, back after a sell-out debut UK and Ireland Tour. As seen on Hypothetical (Dave), BBC New Comedy Awards, Head Judge (BBC), Mock The Week (BBC), The Last Leg (Channel 4), As Yet Untitled (Dave), Live at The Moth Club (Dave) and Match of the Day X (BBC).

'A STEALTHY, CLEVER AND HEARTWARMING SHOW' THE GUARDIAN

'A MUST-SEE STAND UP ROLLING STONE



BACK INTO HELL A TRIBUTE TO MEAT LOAF AND JIM STEINMAN

MUSIC Fri 23 Feb 7.30pm

Tickets £30

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Celebrate the iconic music of Meat Loaf and Jim Steinman with this rock extravaganza.

Let us take you Back Into Hell, where rock and roll dreams come true.

Join these world class musicians as they recreate legendary anthems such as Bat Out of Hell, I'd Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That), Paradise By the Dashboard Light, You Took the Words Right Out of My Mouth (Hot Summer Night), Two Out of Three Ain't Bad, Dead Ringer for Love and many more.

FEBRUARY MARCH



REGINALD D HUNTER: THE MAN WHO COULD SEE THROUGH S**T

COMEDY Sat 24 Feb 8pm

Tickets £26 25

Age Guide 18+

Running Time 1hr 50mins (including interval)

As seen on Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News For You and 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.

In these supercharged socio-political times the challenge is more and more becoming separating what's true and what's real. Lucille Hunter proudly proclaimed 'It's easy to see through s**t, the hard part is pretending you haven't.' Join Reginald D. Hunter to explore these phenomena in this progressive work in a pre next-variant world.

**** **'COMEDY OF A RARE SCOPE'**



CHRIS McCAUSLAND: YONKS!

COMEDY Wed 28 Feb & Thu 29 Feb 8pm

Tickets £24.75

Age Guide 16+

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Chris McCausland is hitting the road again with another masterclass in stand-up comedy that has literally been vonks in the making!

You might have seen him on Scared of the Dark, Would I Lie to You, Have I Got News for You, The Royal Variety, QI, Blankety Blank, The Last Leg. and tons more.

He's been called an 'overnight success' - even though he's been doing this for yonks!

The last tour was a sell-out, so don't miss out!



QUEENZ: THE SHOW WITH BALLS!

VARIETY Sat 2 Mar

4pm & 8pm

Tickets £28 25

Age Guide 14+

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Dance the night away with these dazzling divas!

Direct from their smash-hit run in London's West End, these dazzling divas deliver a night of fun and fabulousness as they dance like Britney and sing like Whitney.

Get ready for jaw dropping live vocals and a setlist full of pop party anthems, including Queen of the Night, Born This Way, Raining Men, I Will Survive, I Wanna Dance With Somebody, musical mashups and so much more! You'll be feeling fierce and fabulous before you know it!



EMILIO SANTORO AS ELVIS

MUSIC Fri 8 Mar 7.45pm

Tickets £29.75 (£27.25 concs)

Running Time 2 hours (including interval)

Internationally acclaimed, 21-yearold Emilio Santoro brings his awardwinning Elvis Presley theatre show to the UK.

Emilio has won both European and World Championships as Elvis and wowed America's Got Talent viewers with his appearance in the 2022 Final

Supported by his own live band, The Memphis Moonboys, Emilio celebrates Elvis' younger years in spectacular style. Put on your Blue Suede Shoes and get All Shook Up for the greatest rock and roll hits of all time including Jailhouse Rock, Devil in Disquise, Can't Help Falling in Love, Hound Dog, Always on My Mind and many more.

VAMOS THEATRE PRESENTS CN THE ROOF

THEATRE

Thu 7 Mar 7.30pm

Tickets £17.25 (£12 under-25s, £10 schools)

Age Guide 12+

Running Time 1hr 10mins (no interval)

Accessible to d/Deaf audiences without a signer.

Vamos Theatre is presented in a co-commission with London International Mime Festival and a co-production with New Wolsey Theatre. Boy on the Roof is the latest production from Vamos Theatre, the UK's leading full mask theatre company.

At 73 Cooper St, Brian Baxter wishes his son wasn't so irritating. Liam Baxter can't switch off, can't sit still, he's disruptive at school, chaotic at home and he just wishes someone understood him.

Three doors down, Albert keeps himself to himself, sticks to his routines. At 91, he knows what he likes and likes what he knows. But Albert misses his wife and just wishes that someone, somewhere would have time for him.

When Liam and Albert's paths cross, no one can fathom what on earth they have in common. But the boy and the man share more than they know, and what slowly grows is a friendship that both of them need, even if the rest of the world can't see it.

CROONERS



Sat 9 Mar

7.45pm

Tickets £28.50 (£24.50 concs)

Running Time 2hrs 20 mins (including interval)

'A SIMPLY SUPER SHOW FOR ANYONE WHO LOVES THE BIG BAND SOUND AND A FUN EVENING OUT'

THE REVIEWS HUB

A rip-roaring comedy music show with a splendiferous injection of Big Band swing.

Packed with personality and humour, *Crooners* brings your much-loved Big Band hits to the stage. Featuring a brand-new show chock-full of hilarious one liners, laugh-out-loud silliness and superb musical numbers with the outstanding 9-piece, The Mini Big Band, live on stage.

The show pays homage to some of the greatest crooners of all time with a splendiferous injection of Britishness. Featuring humour, tap dance and some of the most quintessential songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr, Matt Monro, Nat King Cole and Bobby Darin. Expect Come Fly With Me, Fly Me to the Moon, Mack the Knife, My Way, That's Life and many, many more.

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ZOIELOGIC DANCE THEATRE PRESENTS MANMADE

COMMUNITY Tue 12 Mar 7pm

Tickets £11.25 (£9.25 concs)

Join us for a celebration of boys' dance and local talent.

ManMade is an all-male youth dance platform that brings together young people from both primary and secondary schools across Newbury.

First launched in 2010. ManMade has brought together over 1,400 students developing their performance skills and creative expression.

Let's celebrate young talent, local schools and boys dancing.



NEW OLD FRIENDS IN ASSOCIATION WITH YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE PRESENT **HOUDINI'S GREATEST ESCAPE**

THEATRE Thu 14 Mar 7.30pm

Tickets £22 25

Running Time 2hrs 10mins (including interval)

Join us for award-winning physical comedy, sparkling wit and just a touch of chaos.

Just as his death-defying escapology stunts have him and his wife Bess on the cusp of a career-defining performance for King Edward, Houdini finds himself framed for murder by a gang of criminals in cahoots with the chief of police.

Can Harry & Bess escape the plot and clear their names? And how is their rival, The Superstar Spiritualist medium, involved? The show features 'real' magic illusions designed by Pete Firman of Netflix's Good Omens and BBC One's The Magicians.

New Old Friends return to the Corn Exchange following recent hits including Crimes on Centre Court, Crimes Camera Action and Crimes in Egypt.

Reviews of previous New Old Friends shows:

'HILARIOUS'

'HAS THE CROWD IN STITCHES'

THE STAGE **REVIEWS HUB**



FAMILY

Fri 15 Mar 1.30pm & 4.30pm

Sat 16 & Sun 17 Mar

11am & 2pm

Tickets £16.25 (£14.25 under-18s)

Age Guide 3+

Running Time 55 minutes

WARM. WITTY AND BEAUTIFULLY MADE... A FANTASTIC FAMILY **FAVOURITE**' **LONDON THEATRE**

'FUN, DAFT AND A LITTLE SCARY!' TIME OUT

Adapted from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's award-winning picture book.

Follow the Gruffalo's Child on her adventurous mission in Tall Stories' enchanting adaptation of the much-loved picture book.

One wild and windy night the Gruffalo's Child ignores her father's warnings about the Big Bad Mouse and tiptoes out into the deep dark wood. She follows snowy tracks and encounters mysterious creatures – but the Big Bad Mouse doesn't really exist... does he?

Let your imagination run wild with songs, laughs and scary amounts of fun for everyone aged 3 to 103.

There is a pre-show workshop available for this show, for more information please visit page 5 of the Learning Centre brochure. he Gruffalo's Child© Julia Donaldson and Axel Sch

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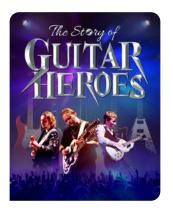
SPRING EQUINOX

COMMUNITY Tue 19 Mar Act 1 7pm, Act 2 8.30pm

Tickets £13.25 per act, £22.50 for both acts

A celebration of dance from companies across West Berkshire.

Presented by ACE Dance Studios, youth dance companies, community projects and specialist performing arts colleges come together for an innovative and inspiring evening of dance. Audiences can come and watch one of the acts or both at a discounted rate, as the dance platform showcases two 'mini' dance shows across one evening. This is a great opportunity to watch the wealth of talent on your doorstep.



THE STORY OF **GUITAR HEROES**

MUSIC Thu 21 Mar 7.45pm

Tickets £28.25

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

One of the UK's premier live concert experiences!

Prepare to be blown away by the most amazing guitar riffs of the last 50 years! Highly acclaimed for its world-class musicianship and use of over 30 authentic guitars.

This ultimate guitar-fest features iconic hits from Jimmy Page, Hank Marvin, Jimi Hendrix, Brian May, Chuck Berry, Eric Clapton, Mark Knopfler, Van Halen, Slash and many more.

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TIME OUT



THE SPIRITUALS

MUSIC Fri 22 Mar 7.45pm

Tickets £28

Running Time 2 hours (including interval)

Featured on BBC's Songs of Praise. The Spirituals perform a perfect evening of gospel music.

Born out of suffering but gloriously uplifting, Gospel Music forms the root of almost every music genre. The Spirituals' sound is gloriously rich, pure and spine-tingling. Their first EP with the lead single Wade in the Water has gained over twelve million views on YouTube. The reimagining of spiritual anthems and songs is their speciality and fans across the world love it!



THE GREATEST MAGICIAN: AN EVENING OF WONDERS

MAGIC Sat 23 Mar 7.45pm

Tickets £26.75, (£22.75 concs, £39.25 VIP)

Age Guide 12+

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Be transported to a jaw-dropping world of light-hearted hilarity, wonderment and mystery.

Following a complete sell-out run in 2022, James Phelan, the magician most infamous for jamming the BBC switchboard after correctly predicting the lottery, presents an all new show for 2023. This dazzling, magic show will leave you aching with laughter and dizzy in disbelief. The show is directed by the late Paul Daniels in his final theatrical project and rated five-stars stars across the board.

LEAVES EVEN THE MOST SEASONED MAGIC GO-ERS FLABBERGASTED

FRINGE MAGAZINE



NICK COPE FAMILY MUSIC

FAMILY Sun 24 Mar 11am

Tickets £17.25

Age Guide 3+

Running Time 1 hour (no interval)

Join the star of CBeebies' Popcast, for his popular family music show.

Nick is back with his live legendary performance! He has a fanatical army of little and not-solittle fans from all over the world. He sings his uniquely crafted songs while playing his guitar accompanied by a backdrop of his beautifully animated projections. Nick reaches people's hearts with songs of the everyday, igniting children's imagination in an organic, educational and fun way.

The show appeals to children and adults alike. If you haven't heard his songs or seen his shows before, come along and find out what you've been missing.

For children under 18 months please purchase a £1 babe-in-arms ticket from the Box Office.



MARCH / APRIL **APRII**



AWAKE MY SOUL: THE MUMFORD & SONS STORY

MUSIC Thu 28 Mar 7.45pm

Tickets £26 75

Age Guide 11+

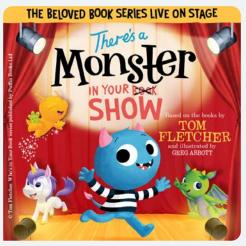
Running Time 1hr 50mins (including interval)

An incredible live concert celebrating one of the most famous British folk-rock bands of the 21st century!

Awake My Soul is the amazing live concert celebrating Mumford & Sons and their unique sound. You'll be taken on the story of their musical journey from West London dive bars to sell-out stadium tours, multi-platinum albums and a private performance for Barack Obama.

The show features a spectacular live fourpiece band, bringing Mumford & Sons' distinct sound to the stage, with all their very best music including Little Lion Man, I Will Wait and Awake My Soul.

This is a stomp and holler not to be missed!



THERE'S A MONSTER IN YOUR SHOW

FAMILY Tue 2 Apr 1.30pm & 4pm Wed 3 Apr - Fri 5 Apr 11am & 2pm

Tickets £17.25 (£15.25 concs. £13 schools)

Suitable for all ages

Running Time 55 minutes

A high-energy adventure featuring lively original music, this show is the perfect introduction to live theatre.

Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures for big imaginations are leaping from page to stage, as the beloved Who's in Your Book? series makes its debut as a brand-new musical show.

Expect plenty of fun for your little ones as their favourite characters, including Monster, Dragon, Alien and Unicorn, come to life in a show that is packed with playful moments to enjoy together.

There's a Monster in Your Show... and he can't wait to meet you!



WOMAN LIKE ME: THE LITTLE MIX SHOW

MUSIC Sat 6 Apr 7pm

Tickets £17

Suitable for all ages

Running Time 2hrs 5mins (including interval)

The best-selling pop concert experience comes to Newbury.

This show brings back-to-back chart-topping hits, incredible voices, and the electrifying energy of Little Mix to life on stage, captivating fans old and new in an unmissable celebration of their phenomenal music career.

Woman Like Me features the ultimate playlist of Little Mix's greatest hits, including Black Magic, Secret Love Song, Power and, of course. Woman Like Me. 'Mixers' and fans of all ages will be singing along to their favourite anthems and will leave the show feeling empowered, uplifted, and ready to embrace their own uniqueness.



THE MUSEUM OF MARVELLOUS **THINGS**

Thu 11 Apr 2pm

Tickets £15.25 (£12.25 under-18s)

Age Guide 3+

Running Time 50 minutes

Welcome to The Museum of Marvellous Things, where the impossible can happen!

With giant puppets, magical effects, interactive storytelling, live original music and a chance to make your own special puppet. This is a fun-filled family show based on the picture book by Kristina Stephenson (creator of Sir Charlie Stinky Socks).

Meet sensible, serious Norbert Norris and wild, wonderful Tilly T. Pott, as they give you a sneak peek inside their amazing museum and ask you to fill it with magic!

So...come on in, let the magic begin!

There is a pre-show workshop available for this show, for more information please visit page 5 of the Learning Centre brochure.

APRII APRII



ROSIE HOLT: THAT'S POLITAINMENT!

COMEDY Fri 12 Apr 8pm

Tickets £22 25

Age Guide 16+

Running Time 1hr 50mins (including interval)

Rosie Holt takes this brand-new show on the road, to tightrope the thin line between politics and entertainment.

The worse the political career, the more lucrative the subsequent entertainment opportunities. Can Rosie Holt's viral hit MP follow 'politainers' Dorries, Farage and Rees-Mogg and leap from the pages of Hansard to Heat?

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PRESENTED BY CHAMELEON MUSIC MARKETING **SHAPE OF YOU:** THE MUSIC OF ED SHEERAN

MUSIC Sat 13 Apr 2pm

Tickets £27.25 (£24.25 concs, £17.25 under-16s)

Suitable for all ages

Running Time 2 hours (including interval)

Bringing all of Ed Sheeran's classics and George Ezra's music to our stage.

The hit stage production, *Shape of You*, features the amazing music of one of the world's greatest singer-songwriters, Ed Sheeran. Featuring trademark loops, heartfelt singalongs, beatbox reps, emotional acoustic compositions and an extraordinary band.

The show draws from the multi-million selling albums Divide, Multiply, Equals, and new album Subtract and his collaborations album, including the songs Thinking Out Loud, Sing, Lego House, Bad Habits, Overpass Graffiti, Eyes Closed and many more.

This matinee performance, led by Daniel East, also includes an opening set featuring the best-loved songs from the incredible George Ezra.



PRESENTED BY KVN DANCE COMPANY **COPPELIA**

DANCE Thu 18 Apr 7.30pm

Tickets £28.25

(£26.25 concs, £24.25 under-18s, £16 schools)

Age Guide 6+

Running Time 2 hours (including interval)

See Coppelia as you've never seen her before!

Following sold-out performances in London, KVN Dance Company comes to Newbury with Kevan Allen's magical reimaging of the beloved classical ballet, Coppelia.

This retelling explores eccentric toy maker Dr Coppelius' intent behind creating a life-size clockwork doll, Coppelia, and the impact this has on his relationship with the community of villagers and on Swanhilda's relationship with her fiancé, Franz.

Fusing classical ballet with contemporary dance and hip-hop, Coppelia features the full classical Delibes score imaginatively remixed by Rickard Berg and nominated for the Critics' Circle National Dance Award for Outstanding Creative Contribution.



THE SIGNATURES: **NORTHERN SOUL LIVE**

MUSIC Fri 19 Apr 7.45pm

Tickets £28 75

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Experience the UK's best Northern Soul Live Show.

Recently featured on BBC 6 Music's The Craig Charles Funk and Soul Show, this highly talented ten-piece band will be joined by guest vocalists Stefan Taylor and original Northern Soul artist Lorraine Silver (Lost Summer Love). a cherished favourite from Wigan Casino.

Performing Northern Soul classics and promising a timeless journey that captures the essence of the movement which refused to stay underground.

APRIL APRII







FAMILY Sat 20 Apr 10.30am, 12pm and 1.30pm

Tickets £13.25 (1 baby and accompanying adult, £6.75 additional adults)

Age Guide 6 – 18 months

Running Time 25 minutes plus 15 minutes play after the show

This show is suitable for children with hearing impairments, other special educational needs and uses integrated Makaton.

An interactive, playful show for you and your baby.

Blink. Blink again. What do you see? Day by day your world is filling up with colour, little one. Reds and blues, yellows and greens. Twinkling lights that glisten and gleam.

Your reflection is staring back at you. Wide-eyed and full of hope. Mirrors, lights, colours and sounds. The world is your Kaleidoscope.

Inspired by research into how a baby's sense of sight develops and how they instinctively begin to categorise colour, watch as a multi-coloured kaleidoscope is brought to life for you and your baby.

LEGENDS: THE DIVAS

MUSIC Sat 20 Apr 8pm

Tickets £30 (£28 concs)

Age Guide 12+

Running Time 1hr 50mins (including interval)

Three icons of music. Six decades of hits. One amazing concert.

Celebrate the soundtrack of your life with this brand-new show featuring three of the most acclaimed and beloved divas of modern times - Diana Ross, Whitney Houston, and Beyoncé Knowles.

Accompanied by a full live band, take a journey through six decades of the trio's biggest hits, along with some very special iconic classics.



SAY IT AGAIN, SORRY? PRESENTS... THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING... **EARNEST?**

THEATRE Thu 25 & Fri 26 Apr 7pm

Tickets £24.25 [£22.25 concs]

Age Guide 12+

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Fans of The Play That Goes Wrong and Noises Off will love this.

When a traditional production of Oscar Wilde's classic play gets underway, everything seems to be going perfectly to plan... that is, until the lead actor fails to arrive on cue.

Filled with wicked Wildean wit and bursting with Bunburying, join us for a hilarious and unpredictable twist on the world's favourite comedy classic.

'A MASTERCLASS IN COMEDIC THEATRE' THE SKINNY



ANDY PARSONS: BAFFLINGLY OPTIMISTIC

COMEDY Sat 27 Apr 8pm

Tickets £19.25 (£17.25 concs)

Age Guide 14+

Running Time 1hr 50mins (including interval)

Following a run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Andy is back on the road with his brand-new stand-up show.

For those who worry that we are going to hell in a handcart. Parsons will at least make you enjoy the ride' - The i. As seen on Netflix, Amazon Prime, BBC iPlayer, Live At The Apollo and Mock The Week, come and enjoy the ride at the Corn Exchange Newbury.

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'LAUGH OUT LOUD FUNNY' **SUNDAY TELEGRAPH**





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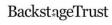






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- Centre and The Base are accessible
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