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# WELCOME



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Thu 5 Mar,  
10am

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BOOKING OPENS  
Thu 12 Mar,  
10am



## Welcome to a brand-new season at the Corn Exchange and our first programme of workshops and courses in the newly completed Old Library!

Pinch us! We've finally done it! I am delighted to present to you, as part of this season's brochure, the new courses and classes programme which will be delivered from our shiny new venue, the Old Library.

As I write, we are weeks away from opening the Old Library to you all. Every visit and donation over the past two years has helped us get to this point and we are so grateful to each and every one of you for your support, patience and curiosity.

We know that you are as excited as we are to explore this new creative hub and we look forward to welcoming you to a class, for a freshly made coffee and snack or simply to have a chat and take a look around.

The Old Library will be the permanent home of our Youth Theatre and Youth Dance Company; if you know of any young people excited to explore performance, find out more on pg 2 of the Old Library brochure. Our new larger downstairs area will be able to provide more space for those who take part in our movement classes.

In other offerings, the summer programme at the Corn Exchange will provide all sorts of treats for the senses – for families, check out **Sisters360** (pg 9) for a colourful and energetic skateboarding sensation! Shakespeare lovers can enjoy the comic retelling of all 37 of his plays with **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)** (pg 12) in May.

We're thrilled to welcome back Gandini Juggling, alongside juggling master Wes Peden, with their contemporary pop-punk juggling show **Rollercoaster** (pg 11). For even more circus thrills, **The Curtain Calls** (pg 28), is a brand-new show from the leading school of circus, Circomedia.

In May half term, families are in for a treat with Rebel Sparks' **Take Flight** (pg 23), an aerial theatre show for babies, followed by **Sir Charlie Stinky Socks** (pg 23), presented by Practically Perfect Pictures who return following the success of *The Museum of Marvellous Things* in 2024. For the T-Rex fans, you won't want to miss **Dino Tales: Jurassic Rescue** (pg 23) where you and the kids will be jumping for Jurassic joy! There are pre-show craft workshops available for **Sir Charlie Stinky Socks** and **Dino Tales** (pg 4 in Old Library brochure).



Sir Charlie Stinky Socks



Original Theatre and Reading Rep Theatre present **The Importance of Being Oscar** (pg 24). Following its hit London run, we're excited to welcome it for two nights only! We are also pleased to present three nights of Bryony Kimmings' **Bog Witch** (pg 26), a hilarious and heartfelt piece of performance art.

For the comedy murder mystery fans, **Locomotive for Murder: The Improvised Whodunnit** (pg 30), is a must-see from Edinburgh Fringe favourites, Pinch Punch.

Celebrating their 40th anniversary, Ballet Cymru returns to our stage once again this season with their enchanting take on the fairytale classic, **Sleeping Beauty** (pg 32).

We have three fantastic, free outdoor performances planned for Newbury this summer, so make sure the dates are in your diaries so that you don't miss out (pg 36 and 37)!



June kicks off in style at The Base, Greenham, with their annual **Festival of Arts & Crafts** (pg 14). Join us for a bustling weekend market packed with creative stalls, alongside an art exhibition and inspiring taster workshops that run throughout the two-week Festival.

Don't miss world-renowned ceramicist Jin Eui Kim bringing his **Simplicity and Complexity** (pg 15) exhibition that explores themes of illusion and reality through mesmerising ceramic sculptures. Inspired by the exhibition, we've curated a **Summer of Clay** programme (pg 8 and 9 of The Base brochure), designed to spark creativity and offer new ways to explore clay and connect with the exhibition.

Thank you for all of your invaluable ongoing support.

We cannot wait to welcome you soon!

**Jessica Jhundoo-Evans**  
DIRECTOR

## OLD LIBRARY

### NAME A SEAT

Whether in your own name, a business name, or in memory of a loved one – naming a seat will support all our work in the Old Library.



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# YOUTH THEATRE

Our Youth Theatre offers young performers aged 4 – 19 the chance to make new friends and learn performance skills with support from our professional practitioners.

Our weekly sessions focus on drama activities and games that build upon the young performers' confidence, social skills, and creativity. We strive to create an inclusive and welcoming space for all to flourish.

Every year our Youth Theatre participants will be given the opportunity to perform on the Corn Exchange stage and take part in large-scale productions with a professional team.

Join this term for regular weekly classes. Register your child by visiting [cornexchangenew.com/youththeatre](http://cornexchangenew.com/youththeatre)

Please see page 2 of the Old Library brochure for the term timetable.

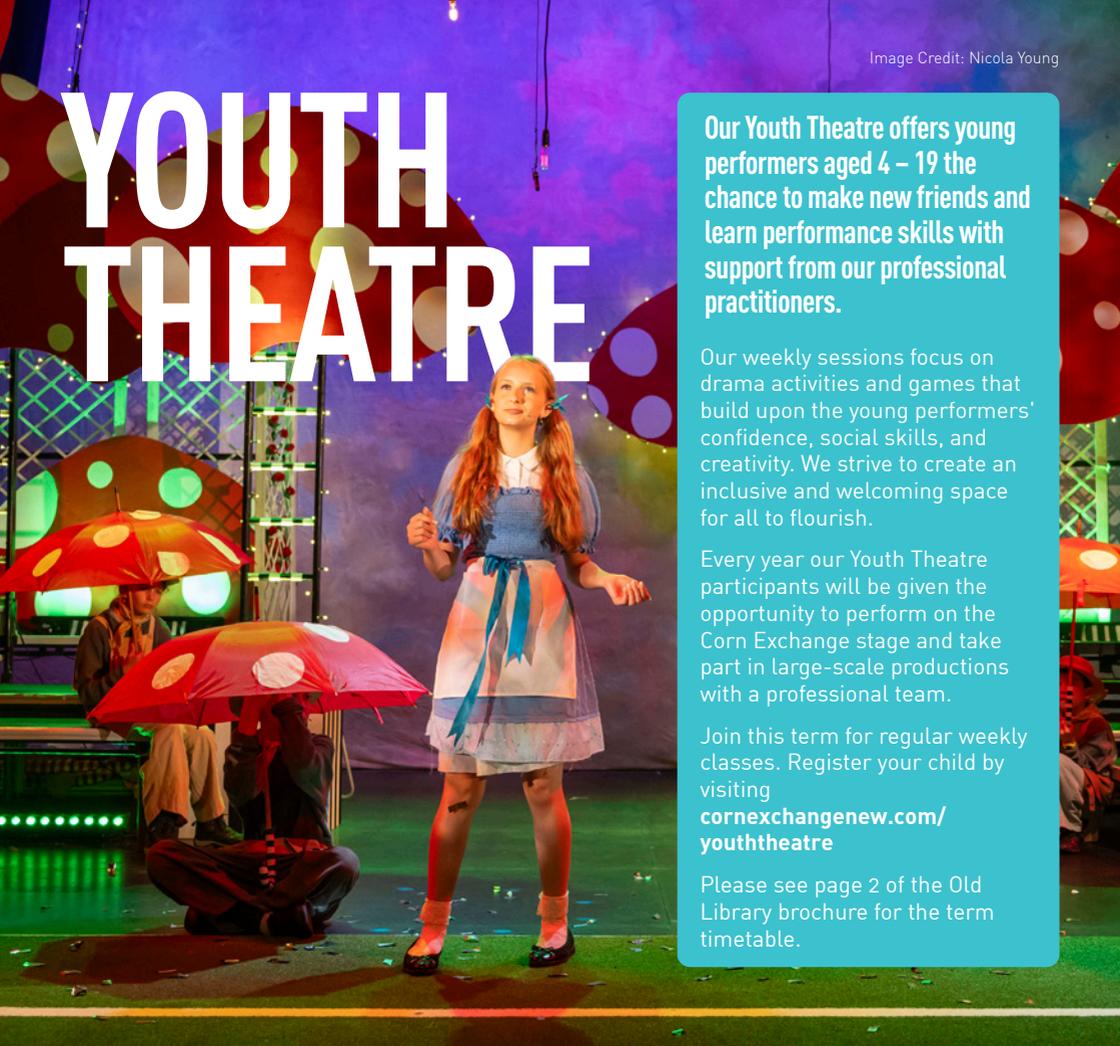


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## CORN EXCHANGE NEWBURY SENIOR YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS ECHOES DOWN THE HALLS

**Sun 7 Jun 5pm**

**Duration** 1 hour (approx.)

**Tickets** £11.25

**Location** Shaw House

Follow the old caretaker through Shaw House, where chalk dust still hangs in the air and stories echo in the corridors. Meet the girls and teachers of a 1950s school as memories spill into music, movement, projection and play. An immersive promenade performance devised and brought to life by the Corn Exchange's Senior Youth Theatre.





# The Wind in the Willows

## COMMUNITY

Fri 10 – Sun 12 Apr

1pm & 6pm

**Tickets** £18.25 (£15.75 concs)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

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Come along for the ride with the Corn Exchange's Infant and Junior Youth Theatre, as they tell the wondrous tale of the Wild Wood and its inhabitants.

This fun-filled adventure follows Mole, Rat, Badger, and the wild Mr. Toad, whose love for fast vehicles gets him into big trouble. Together they explore the Wide World, and the Wild Wood, and try to keep Toad out of mischief. With plenty of mishaps, laughter, and bravery along the way, the friends team up for an exciting adventure!

*The Wind in the Willows* is a tale of friendship, loyalty and adventure, based on the novel by Kenneth Grahame and adapted for the stage by Mike Kenny. Beloved for generations, it blends humour, heart, and timeless charm. Join us in the Wild Wood for this classic tale of how bravery and teamwork can save the day.

An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books.

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AVALON PRESENTS

# THE COMEDY NETWORK

DIFFERENT LINE UP EACH NIGHT!



COMEDY

Thu 2 Apr 8pm

Fri 1 May 8pm

Fri 5 Jun 8pm

Fri 3 Jul 8pm

**Tickets** £16.25 (€14.25 concs)

**Age Guide** 18+ only

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins  
(including interval)

Please see our website  
for the latest line-up,  
as it is subject to change.

Get ready to laugh out loud with an evening of great comedy!

Existing to bring a roadshow of comedic brilliance to your doorstep, *The Comedy Network* has been a proving ground for some of the biggest names in British comedy. Household names like Lee Mack, Russell Howard, Jenny Eclair, Ed Gamble and Lou Sanders have all cut their teeth on the network circuit. Previous line-ups have included Simon Brodwin, Sophie Duker, Ania Magliano, Chloe Petts, Tom Rosenthal 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*.

**April's line-up includes:** Josh Weller, Marise Gaughan, headlined by Aurie Styla and compered by Garrett Millerick.

**May's line-up includes:** Will Duggan, Erika Ehler, headlined by Hugué Davies and compered by Ben Treloar.

**June's line-up includes:** Sooz Kempner, James Trickey, headlined by Steve Bugeja and compered by Maia Tassalini.

**July's line-up includes:** Sharon Wanjohi, Will Rowland, headlined by Sara Barron and compered by Matt Pugsley.





## SCUMMY MUMMIES: HOT MESS

COMEDY

Tue 14 & Wed 15 Apr 7.30pm

Tickets £25

Age Guide 18+

Running Time 2 hours  
(including interval)

*Scummy Mummies* are back with the ultimate mums' night out!

From menopause to mansplaining, teenagers to Tinder, no subject is safe. Featuring brand-new songs, sketches, stand-up, and of course, sparkly new catsuits. Bring your mates, bring your mum, bring your partner if they're feeling brave enough... It's a big scummy party!

**'VERY FUNNY'**  
**THE GUARDIAN**



## THE SHOOP SHOOP SHOW: THE CHER COLLECTION

MUSIC Thu 16 Apr 7.45pm

Tickets £31.75

Age Guide Suitable for all ages

Running Time 2hrs 20mins  
(including interval)

Get ready to experience a Cher show like no other.

*Turn Back Time* with this exhilarating music-led production with a party atmosphere, starring international powerhouse vocalist Rachael Hawnt, the winner of ITV's *Starstruck*.

The show spans every decade of Cher's incredible career, so be prepared to be dazzled by disco hits and pop rock chart-toppers. As the show unfolds, Rachael's spot-on impersonation will make you *Believe*.



## THE ULTIMATE BOYBAND PARTY SHOW

MUSIC Sat 18 Apr

4pm & 8pm

Tickets £27.25

Age Guide Suitable for all ages

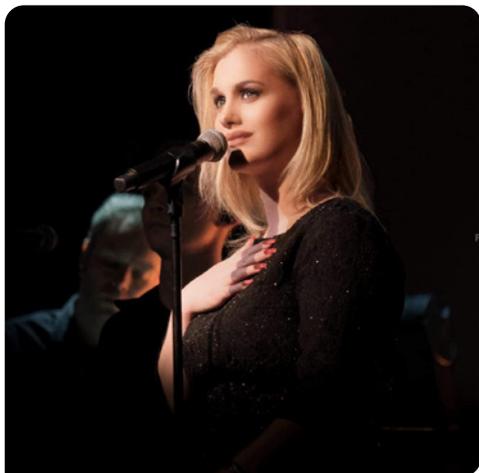
Running Time 2hrs 10mins  
(including interval)

Boybands are back... **ALRIGHT! Bigger, bolder, and with more hits than ever before!**

After two sell-out UK tours and rave reviews, the boys are ready to serve up slick moves, dreamy harmonies, and all the swoon-worthy charisma you crushed on back in the day.

Expect all the iconic hits from Take That, Boyzone, Westlife, NSYNC, Blue, 5IVE, Backstreet Boys and loads more!

So, what you waiting for – grab ya friends and get your tickets!



## SOMEONE LIKE YOU

**MUSIC** Thu 23 Apr 7.45pm

**Tickets** £27.75 (£20.25 concs)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Fall in love with Adele's greatest hits all over again in this spectacular reimagined concert, ten years after its debut tour.

Led by the stunning vocals of Katie Markham, alongside an incredible live band, the show brings Adele's collection to life – drawing inspiration from her visually spectacular 100-night residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Expect fan favourites, including *Make You Feel My Love*, *Someone Like You*, *Rolling in the Deep* and *Skyfall*, along with recent hits such as *Easy on Me* and *Oh My God*.

The show now includes brand-new songs from the artists who inspired Adele on her fascinating journey to becoming a British music icon.



## MICHAELA STRACHAN: NOT JUST A WILD LIFE

**TALK** Wed 29 Apr 7.30pm

**Tickets** £33.25 (£31.25 concs)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Wildlife TV legend Michaela Strachan swaps the binoculars for the spotlight in her brand-new live theatre show, *Not Just a Wild Life*.

Michaela Strachan takes to the stage in a laugh-out-loud, high-energy celebration of 40 years on our screens. From *The Really Wild Show* to *Springwatch*, penguins to ice dancing, Michaela shares behind-the-scenes chaos, unforgettable animal moments, and personal stories from a career that's been anything but ordinary.

*Not Just a Wild Life* promises an evening of inspiration, nostalgia and genuine connection – for nature nerds, nostalgia lovers, and anyone who's ever wondered how a rubber chicken can change the course of your life.

A TURTLE KEY ARTS, POLKA THEATRE AND AIK PRODUCTION WITH SUPPORT FROM LEEDS PLAYHOUSE AND FUNDED BY ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND AND THE GAREK TRUST

# SISTERS360

**FAMILY**

**Sat 25 Apr** 11am & 2pm

**Tickets** £14.25 (€12.25 concs)

**Age Guide** 8+

**Running Time** 1 hour  
(no interval)



**'UPLIFTING AND SURREALLY PLAYFUL'**

**THE STAGE**

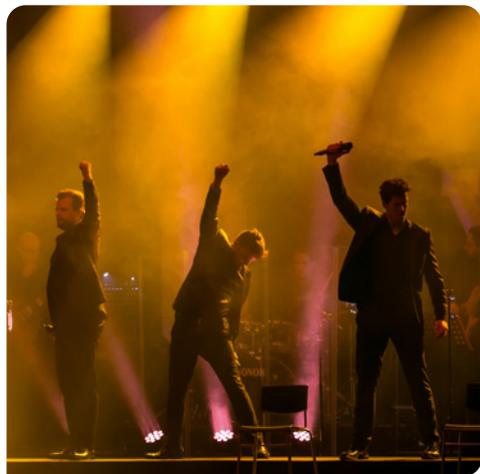
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Don't miss this brand-new production inspired by real-life skateboarding sisters Layna, Maysa and Amaya, and their hero Sky Brown.

Fatima and Salima are the coolest hijabi-wearing step-sisters in Bradford. Their dream? To win the *Tiny is Mighty* skateboarding competition. Their secret weapon? The strongest sisterly bond imaginable. But when they overhear their parents whispering about living apart, everything is thrown into doubt. Can the girls pull off the greatest super-plan ever to keep their family – and their dream – together?

Written by award-winning playwright Asif Khan and inspired by real-life skateboarders, the 'Hijabi Sisters' from Hull. Perfect for ages 8 – 12 (and anyone who remembers being that age), *Sisters360* is a funny, heartfelt and high-energy play, celebrating skateboards, sisterhood and standing proud.





## THE WEST END TENORS

**MUSIC** Thu 30 Apr 7.30pm

**Tickets** £28.25 (€26.25 concs)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

After selling out arenas across Europe, *The West End Tenors* embark on their UK tour, bringing their smash hit show to Newbury!

Celebrating the greatest triumphs of musical theatre and film, their spine-tingling vocals are not to be missed.

The cast of *The West End Tenors* have starred in musicals such as *Les Misérables*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Mamma Mia* and *Miss Saigon*, as well as performing at the BBC Proms, Eurovision Song Contest and at Windsor Castle for the Royal Family.



## SKY FULL OF STARS: A TRIBUTE TO COLDPLAY

**MUSIC** Sat 2 May 7.30pm

**Tickets** £35.25

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

Get ready for an electrifying night of music and fun at the ultimate tribute to Coldplay!

This isn't just a concert; it's a vibrant celebration! Whether you're a longtime Coldplay enthusiast or just looking to have a fantastic night out, this concert promises a whirlwind of fun and laughter. You'll hear everything from the anthemic *Viva La Vida* to the uplifting *A Sky Full of Stars*, plus all the amazing hits you know and love including *Clocks*, *Yellow*, *Paradise* and of course, *Hymn for the Weekend*.

So rally your friends, put on your brightest attire, and grab your tickets now. Make this a night to remember, where the music is magical, the memories are priceless, and the night is destined to be unforgettable!



WES PEDEN AND GANDINI JUGGLING PRESENT  
**ROLLERCOASTER**

**CIRCUS**

**Sun 3 May 7pm**

**Tickets** £16.25 (€14.25 concs)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 1 hour  
(no interval)

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**Ultra-modern pop-punk juggling!**

Surrounded by a huge inflatable blue structure and accompanied by electro beats composed of distorted rollercoaster sounds, Wes Peden shares his cutting-edge tricks inspired by corkscrews, adrenaline, and high-tech seatbelts. The show features a 4-metre transparent tube making balls spiral around Wes' body, contemporary spinning plate routines, epic 3-ball disco juggling, and invisible seatbelts providing the safety to perform some of the most difficult juggling ever done on stage!

**'FIZZY TRICKS AND FUNKY ESCAPADES FROM A MASTER OF JUGGLING'**  
**THE GUARDIAN**

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PRESENT REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

## THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)

**THEATRE** **Tue 5 May** 7.30pm

**Wed 6 May** 11.30am & 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.25 (£20 under-18s)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 1hr 45mins (including interval)

The worldwide comic phenomenon returns with this updated and reinvented rollercoaster ride through all 37 of the Bard's plays.

After nine years on London's West End, two TV specials, and performances in over 20 countries, the Reduced Shakespeare Company are reinventing this classic comic masterpiece for a new generation of audiences.

Grab your tickets now for a wild and irreverent show that leaves its audiences breathless with laughter.

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'WILDLY FUNNY. MASTERFUL.'

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## WHAM! STARRING JAKE QUICKENDEN

**MUSIC** **Fri 8 May** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £38.25 (£34.25 concs,  
£72.25 VIP)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 15mins  
(including interval)

The ultimate party  
tribute to Wham! and  
George Michael!

After appearances on *I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here*, *Celebrity Masterchef*, *SAS Who Dares Wins*, and of course winning *Dancing on Ice*, Jake returns to the stage to showcase the superb vocals and dynamic charisma that originally shot him to fame!

Expect all of Wham!'s biggest 80s hits such as *Freedom*, *Club Tropicana* and all the way through the stunning back catalogue of George Michael.

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Now open until Sunday 26 April

Open Tue – Sun, 10am – 5pm\*

**Tickets** £0 Base Pass holder (see below),  
Full Price £11.20 (£9.50 concs, £9 groups  
10+, £7 under-16s, FREE under-5s)

**Songs and Stories in the Gallery**  
Sat 7, Thu 26 Mar, Thu 2 & Sat 11 Apr

**\*Gallery Lates** Thu 12 Mar & Thu 2 Apr,  
Gallery open until 8pm

**Family Day** Sat 21 Mar

**Relaxed Days** Thu 26 Mar & 9 Apr

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## ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Jun

10am – 4pm

£2 suggested donation

## ART EXHIBITION & TASTER WORKSHOPS

Sat 6 – Sun 21 Jun

Scan for details



Join us at The Base for a celebration of arts, crafts and artisan food and drink from local makers and creators.

Building on the success of previous years, this year's Festival is even bigger and busier, kick-starting with a craft fair featuring 50+ stalls surrounding The Base building. Visitors can browse a bustling market of exceptional crafters and artists, discovering unique creations at every turn.

Throughout the rest of the two-week Festival, talented local artists will be celebrated as they display their work in the venue's Gallery, all of which will be for sale. Take part in one of the many Taster Workshops too – there's so much to see and do!

All entry donations will go towards The Base Greenham (charity no. 1199188).



## OPEN STUDIOS: INSIGHT 2026

Sat 9 – Mon 25 May

Open daily, 10am – 5pm

**Tickets** Free (booking recommended)

**Songs and Stories in the Gallery** Thu 14 & Sat 23 May

**Relaxed Day** Thu 21 May

Admire the works of 100 local artists exhibiting in Open Studios' flagship exhibition.

Local artists open their studios and welcome you in to learn more about their work. *INSIGHT* features work from each artist, giving you the chance to choose which studio you plan to visit.

Visit [open-studios.org.uk](https://open-studios.org.uk) for participating artists, their studio locations and visiting hours.



# SIMPLICITY AND COMPLEXITY

BY JIN EUI KIM

**Fri 26 Jun – Sun 30 Aug**

**Open Tue – Sun, 10am – 5pm\***

**Songs and Stories in the**

**Gallery** Sat 4, Thu 23 Jul,  
Sat 8, & Thu 20 Aug

**Relaxed Days** Thu 2 Jul &  
Thu 27 Aug

**Family Day** Sat 18 Jul & Thu  
13 Aug

**Talk: Jin Eui Kim** Thu 9 Jul

**\*Gallery Lates** Thu 16 Jul &  
Thu 20 Aug

**Tickets** £0 Base Pass holder  
(see page 13), £8.50 full price  
(£7.50 concs, £6 students  
and groups 10+, under-12s  
FREE)

Check out our *Summer of  
Clay* workshops and courses  
on page 8 & 9 of The Base  
brochure.

Internationally renowned ceramic artist, Jin Eui Kim, brings his new series of eye-catching sculptures to The Base this summer, exploring with the intriguing themes of illusion and reality.

Using carefully shaped clay, tone, and colour gradients, Kim has created a series of new pieces which trick the eye into seeing movement and shifting forms in the solid, three-dimensional objects.

Inspired by optical illusions and Optical Art, his work is also influenced by artists known for bold patterns, unusual perspectives, and striking use of space and form. From painters such as Patrick Hughes and his signature use of reverse perspective to Bridget Riley's geometric patterns along with contemporary sculptor, Anish Kapoor's fascination with volume and density.

By experimenting with lines, patterns, and the relationship between an object and its background, Kim creates pieces that seem to change depending on where you stand or how long you look. Don't miss your chance to gaze upon this unique and impressive ceramic exhibition.

# NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL AT THE CORN EXCHANGE



## YOUNG ARTISTS RECITALS

12.30pm | Tickets £20 Adults | £10 Children

(Series ticket for all 6 lunchtime recitals, including booking fees: £105 Adults & £52.50 Under-16s)



### FLORIAN STÖRTZ

Mon 11 May, 12.30pm

Florian Störtz and Mark Rogers' programme today centres around Wagner's *Wesendonck Lieder*, one of the pinnacles of Romantic songwriting.



### PIANO COMPETITION WINNER

Mon 18 May, 12.30pm

Newbury Spring Festival is delighted to welcome the winner of the 2026 Sheepdrove Piano Competition to the Corn Exchange to perform a recital as part of the Festival's Young Artists Series.



### PADDINGTON TRIO

Wed 13 May,  
12.30pm

Seen as one of the most exciting chamber ensembles of

their generation, the Paddington Trio have been recognised in international competitions and live performances for their fresh interpretations and exuberant energy.



### FIBONACCI QUARTET

Wed 20 May,  
12.30pm

The Fibonacci Quartet are one of

Europe's leading young string quartets. This recital will combine works by Beethoven and Janáček alongside an arrangement made by the quartet.



### ENSEMBLE RENARD

Fri 15 May,  
12.30pm

In this lunchtime recital, Ensemble Renard take the audience through a musical history of the wind quintet.



### IMMY CHURCHILL JAZZ QUARTET

Fri 22 May, 12.30pm

Immy Churchill is a singer-songwriter and jazz vocalist acclaimed as one of London's 'rising stars'. The

American Songbook is Immy's true musical love and she will be bringing her piano trio to celebrate the iconic jazz voices from the 50s and 60s.



Two weeks of  
world-class music  
9 – 23 May



## FESTIVAL PARADE

Sat 9 May, 4.30pm

Come and celebrate the opening of the 2026 Festival. Watch the Parade as it moves through Newbury, culminating in the Market Place! Working in partnership with Corn Exchange Newbury and 101 Outdoor Arts, this promises to be a vibrant celebration led by the Giant Bandmaster Puppet.

**FREE (NO BOOKING REQUIRED)**

**LOCATION** Outside the Methodist Church



## THOSE KINGS OF SWING

Sat 9 May, 7.30pm

Step back in time and experience the golden era of Big Band Swing! Following his triumphant Festival debut at the Vineyard last year, Liverpool-born Kenny Martyn brings his renowned big band to the Corn Exchange for one unforgettable night.

£30 – £25 ADULTS | £15 – £12.50 UNDER-16S

**DURATION** 1hr 55mins approx.



## BARRY DOUGLAS

Sun 10 May, 3pm

Barry Douglas has established a major international career since winning the Gold Medal at the 1986 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition. For this recital, Barry is combining works by Schubert and Prokofiev while celebrating his Irish heritage with two of Field's *Nocturnes*. The recital will culminate in Beethoven's *Appassionata*.

£30 – £25 ADULTS | £15 – £12.50 UNDER-16S

**DURATION** 2 hours approx.

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## RANT

**Tue 12 May, 7.30pm**

With three acclaimed albums under their belt, RANT remain at the forefront of the Scottish fiddle scene. They create a sound which is both spacious and lush yet retaining all the earthy bite and spark of a traditional Scottish fiddle player. Their performances reflect years of honing their sound together and a shared love for the music of their home regions, expressed through their writing, repertoire, and stories.

£25 – £22 ADULTS | £12.50 – £11 UNDER-16S

DURATION 2 hours approx.



## ROMANO VIAZZANI ENSEMBLE: AN EVENING OF TANGO, MUSIC AND DANCE

**Wed 13 May, 7.30pm**

The Romano Viazzani Ensemble brings together seven outstanding musicians from the worlds of classical, jazz and Latin American music to play and create tango and tango-inspired work.

£26 ADULTS | £13 UNDER-16S

DURATION 2 hours approx.



## AROUND THE WORLD (OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN) IN 80 MINUTES

**Thu 14 May, 7.30pm**

Festival favourites, Charles Court Opera, present this special gala programme of scenes, duets and songs from all the beloved Gilbert & Sullivan operettas. Featuring CCO's very finest singers, and led by renowned G&S specialist John Savournin, this concert promises to a special and unmissable occasion.

£23 – £20 ADULTS | £11.50 – £10 UNDER-16S

DURATION 2 hours approx.



## HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD: JOE STILGOE & LIZA PULMAN

**Fri 15 May, 7.30pm**

From *The Wizard of Oz* to *Wicked*, *West Side Story* to *La La Land*, the Hollywood musical feels like it's been with us forever. Liza Pulman and Joe Stilgoe's combined love and exhaustive movie knowledge is on technicolour display here as they bring some of these great movie-musical songs to life on the stage. No big screen, only big talents, great harmonies and lots of music and laughter.

**£30 – £25 ADULTS | £15 – £12.50 UNDER-16S**

**DURATION 2 hours approx.**



## WALLACE & GROMIT: THE WRONG TROUSERS

**Sat 16 May, 10.30am**

Nick Park's animated adventure is one of the best-loved British films of all time. Come and experience this fun-filled family favourite on the big screen, with a cracking live brass band musical accompaniment!

**£16 ADULTS | £12 UNDER-16S**

**DURATION 1 hour approx.**



## JESS GILLAM TRIO

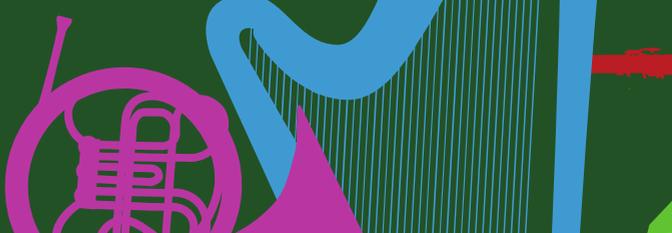
**Sat 16 May, 7.30pm**

Jess Gillam is a celebrated saxophonist and presenter, known for her electrifying performances, vibrant stage presence and magnetic personality. Described by *The Times* as 'uniquely mercurial', Jess was the youngest-ever soloist at the *Last Night of the Proms* and has since been invited to play on the world's major stages.

**£32 – £28 ADULTS | £16 – £14 UNDER-16S**

**DURATION 2 hours approx.**

# NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL AT THE CORN EXCHANGE



## SOUL SANCTUARY GOSPEL CHOIR

Sun 17 May, 3pm

Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir is a London-based gospel choir committed to creating contemporary gospel of the highest standard and performing it as widely as possible, especially in the places where gospel's power to raise the human spirit is most needed.

£22 ADULTS | £11 UNDER-16S

DURATION 2 hours approx.



## GOOD VIBES MUSIC ACADEMY SHOWCASE

Mon 18 May, 7.30pm

*The Good Vibes Music Academy Showcase* is a joyful celebration of the rich and vibrant musical life of our community. This concert brings together local musicians of all ages and backgrounds, highlighting the incredible talent that thrives across our region. The event stands as a testament to the transformative influence of music education.

£12 ADULTS | FREE UNDER-16S

DURATION 2 hours approx.



## BALLET CENTRAL

Tue 19 May, 7.30pm

Following a widely celebrated 2025 tour, Ballet Central returns with a brand-new company of dancers and a revitalising programme of classical ballet and contemporary dance. Join us to experience the magic of live dance, showcasing the excellence of Central's next generation of dancers.

£30 – £26 ADULTS | £15 – £13 UNDER-16S

DURATION 1hr 30mins approx.



## WHAT'S NEW: IAN SHAW, IAIN BELLAMY AND JAMIE SAFIR

Wed 20 May, 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome back to the Festival renowned jazz vocalist Ian Shaw, pianist-in-residence at The Ritz Jamie Safir, and to welcome tenor sax star Iain Ballamy for an evening based around their latest album. *What's New* (Silent Wish Records) was a timely coming together of three players with a love of both classic song forms and musical improvisation, making the live experience of the album an ever-growing yet representative gig.

£25 – £22 ADULTS | £12.50 – £11 UNDER-16S | FREE UNDER-30S

DURATION 2 hours approx.



## BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

Fri 22 May, 7.30pm

The refreshingly unconventional and snappily attired Budapest Café Orchestra bring you gypsy folk-flavoured music repackaged in their own fresh and surprising way. From Balkan and Russian traditional pieces to artful distillations of masterpieces by the great Romantic composers to Gaelic folk anthems, their infectious music will get into your veins and stay there forever.

£30 – £25 ADULTS | £15 – £12.50 UNDER-16S | DURATION 1hr 55mins approx.



## FLOWERS BAND

Sat 23 May, 7.30pm

The 2024 National Champions of Great Britain return to Newbury Spring Festival with a programme that really does have something for everyone. Highlights include *Orbital*, the first brass band work by Ivor Novello award-winning composer, Richard Blackford. This exciting work is Richard's first for Brass Band, and Flowers Band are delighted to be part of the consortium that have commissioned this major piece, with support from BBC Radio 3 and The Radcliffe Trust.

£30 – £25 ADULTS | £15 – £12.50 UNDER-16S | DURATION 1hr 55mins approx.



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## REBEL SPARKS PRESENTS TAKE FLIGHT

**FAMILY** Wed 27 May

11am, 1pm & 3pm

**Tickets** £20 adult and baby  
(£10 additional adult, £10  
additional baby)

**Age Guide** 0 – 2 years

**Running Time** 35 minutes  
(followed by 15 minutes stay  
and play)

*Take Flight* is a stunning  
aerial theatre show.

The story follows a musical  
mother bird as their baby  
hatches, grows and explores,  
navigating the challenges  
of hunger, sleep and play.  
Culminating in a beautiful  
aerial moment, the mother  
bird supports her baby to  
leave the nest and take flight.

This multi-sensory, interactive  
show ignites the imagination  
and curiosity of the babies  
who join the fun in a stay and  
play session.



## PRACTICALLY PERFECT PICTURES PRESENTS SIR CHARLIE STINKY SOCKS

**FAMILY** Fri 29 May 2pm

**Tickets** £17.25 (£14.25 child)

**Age Guide** 3+

**Running Time** 1 hour  
(no interval)

A world of wonder  
where nothing is quite  
what it seems, and a  
really **BIG** adventure is  
about to begin.

Based on the best-selling  
picture book by Kristina  
Stephenson, and created to  
mark the 20th anniversary,  
the show features live music,  
glorious puppets, interactive  
storytelling, magical props  
and more laughs than you can  
waft away with a stinky sock.

A lively family show about  
Sir Charlie Stinky Socks  
that celebrates imagination  
and play.



## DINO TALES: JURASSIC RESCUE

**FAMILY** Sun 31 May 1.30pm

**Tickets** £23.25 child  
(£14.25 adult, £65 family)

**Age Guide** 4+

**Running Time** 1 hour  
(no interval)

Calling all dinosaur  
rangers – Jurassic  
Rescue needs your  
help!

There's a baby Ankylosaurus  
that needs rescuing before  
The Doc gets his evil hands  
on it... Along the adventure  
you'll meet Freya the dancing  
Raptor, Dylan the cheeky  
Dilophosaurus, Angie the  
Ankylosaurus, Scar the  
fearsome and Roxy the  
mighty T-Rex.

With a captivating story, *Dino  
Tales* is an unforgettable family  
adventure starring Europe's  
largest walking dinosaurs to  
ever roam the stage.

MAY / JUNE



## FRANKIE'S GUYS

**MUSIC** Sat 30 May 7.45pm

**Tickets** £28

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 10mins  
(including interval)

Celebrating an epic 10 years of UK and global touring, *Frankie's Guys* are renowned as the UK's leading tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.

Accompanied by an incredible live band, the show includes all of the iconic Four Seasons' hits including *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *December 1963 (Oh What A Night)*, *Sherry*, *Walk Like A Man*, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*, *Let's Hang On*, *Grease* and many more.

## ORIGINAL THEATRE AND READING REP THEATRE PRESENT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING OSCAR

**THEATRE** Tue 2 Jun 7.30pm

**Wed 3 Jun** 2.30pm & 7.30pm

**Tickets** £26.25 (£20 under-19s)

**Age Guide** 12+

**Running Time** 1hr 50mins (including interval)

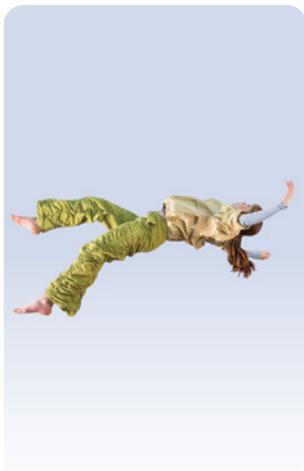
Micheál Mac Liammóir's renowned play *The Importance of Being Oscar* returns to the stage following huge critical acclaim and a hit London run.

Step beyond the footlights into the private world of Oscar Wilde.

Told in the shadows of Reading Gaol, where Wilde was imprisoned, this production will immerse audiences in a compelling journey through the loves and losses, successes and struggles of the iconic man – from the eccentric socialite to the imprisoned outcast.

A beautiful tribute to an icon of the world of theatre, liberally laced with Wilde's signature wit and wisdom and featuring excerpts of many of his best-loved works including *An Ideal Husband*, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*. Directed by Michael Fentiman (*Amélie*) this one man show promises to be a Wilde-ly entertaining night.

★★★★★ 'UNMISSABLE' PLAYS TO SEE



## INTOTO DANCE

**DANCE** Thu 4 Jun 7.30pm

**Tickets** £22 (€14.50 concs)

**Age Guide** 12+

**Running Time** 1hr 30mins  
(including interval)

**Three striking new works from the freshest voices in contemporary dance.**

Performers in their final year of training at London Studio Centre and under the artistic direction of Edd Mitton return with a striking and varied programme. Reflecting the breadth of today's vibrant contemporary dance scene, the young dancers will present three new works by choreographers Faye Tan, Jack Webb and Tommaso Petrolò. An evening of physical performance that promises to delight, intrigue and inspire.



## ABBA FOREVER

**MUSIC** Sat 6 Jun 7.45pm

**Tickets** £34

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 10 mins  
(including interval)

**A super-trouper night celebrating the best of ABBA's music.**

*ABBA Forever* recreates the unmistakable look and sound of ABBA with stunning attention to detail, as seven exceptional performers deliver Benny and Björn's iconic songs in perfect harmony. With dazzling choreography, glamorous visuals, top-class musicianship and a fully live performance, this feel-good tribute features all the hits including *Dancing Queen*, *Waterloo*, *Mamma Mia* and *The Winner Takes It All*, building to an unforgettable sing-along finale.



## RARE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS LES MISÉRABLES

**COMMUNITY**

Thu 11 & Fri 12 Jun 7.30pm

Sat 13 Jun 1.30pm & 6.30pm

**Tickets** £15.25 – £24.25

**Running Time** 2hrs 30mins  
(including interval)

**The UK's largest amateur musical theatre youth group return.**

As powerful today as at its 1985 London premiere, this School Edition features updated orchestrations from the Tony-nominated Broadway revival. Set in 19th-century France, it follows Jean Valjean's journey from unjust imprisonment to redemption, as he is relentlessly pursued by Inspector Javert, culminating in the Paris uprising of 1832.

**Box Office** 01635 522733



# BRYONY KIMMINGS

# BOG WITCH

## THEATRE

Wed 17 – Fri 19 Jun 7.30pm

**Tickets** £32.25  
[£27.25 under-18s]

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 1hr 20mins

Following a critically acclaimed London run, legendary performance artist Bryony Kimmings brings her hit show *Bog Witch* to Newbury!

As with all her previous works (*I'm a Phoenix*, *Bitch*, *Credible Likeable Superstar Role Model*, *Fake It 'Til You Make It*), *Bog Witch* follows a part of Kimmings' real-life story. This time the journey of uprooting her and her son's life to live in a tumbledown cottage in the wilderness... to plug back into nature as a last-ditch attempt to be happy and sane.



'A JOURNEY AS UNEXPECTED AND ESSENTIAL AS IT'S HILARIOUS AND HEARTFELT. MIXING SONGS, STAND-UP COMEDY, PERFORMANCE ART... MEMORABLE, DISTURBING AND WILDLY ENTERTAINING.'

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## K-POP LIVE

**MUSIC** Sat 20 Jun 2pm & 6pm

**Tickets** £29.50

**Age Guide** 4+

**Running Time** 1hr 50mins (including interval)

The ultimate tribute to the global K-Pop phenomenon. This isn't just music. It's an experience.

Step into the dazzling world of K-Pop where every comeback hits harder, every choreo is next level, and every stage is pure daebak.

This isn't your average concert. It's a high-energy, full-throttle tribute to the idols, the anthems, and the fandoms that turned a genre into a global movement. From SEVENTEEN, BLACKPINK, and BTS, to the smash-hit film *K-Pop: Demon Hunters* – it's a celebration of the visuals, the vocals, and the bias-wrecking moments fans live for.

Whether you're a longtime stan or just discovering your ult group, this is your chance to go full K-Pop mode. K-Pop took over the world – now it's your turn to feel the saranghae.



## DANNY BHOY: DEAR WORLD...

**COMEDY** Sun 21 Jun 8pm

**Tickets** £26.75

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 1hr 20mins (no interval)

Danny Bhoj brings his sell-out London, Edinburgh and Montreal Comedy Festival 2025 show *Dear World...* to Newbury.

This is the sequel to Danny Bhoj's 2014 show *Dear Epsom...* his favourite ever show. It's a hybrid of stand-up and theatre, but really that just means he gets to sit down for bits of it.

**'ONE OF THE MOST SPARKLING WITS IN THE WORLD'**  
**THE MONTREAL GAZETTE**



## IN A PICKLE CIRCUS PRESENTS THE CURTAIN CALLS

**CIRCUS** Tue 23 Jun 7.30pm

**Tickets** £17.25 (£13.25 concs)

**Age Guide** 8+

**Running Time** 1 hour (no interval)

### Have you heard the nattering and clattering? The circus is in town!

*The Curtain Calls* is a brand-new show that explores the world of traditional circus and life on the road brought to you by In A Pickle. This newly formed circus company is an eclectic mix of performers, blending technical skill with humour, creativity and human connection.

Featuring a bold ensemble of emerging artists who have trained at Circomedia, one of Europe's leading schools of Circus and Physical Theatre, *The Curtain Calls* is packed with riveting acrobatics, rambunctious aerialists, remarkable jugglers and raucous clowns.

Perfect for families who love a bit of silliness and a lot of skill!

**'PRODIGIOUS SKILL AND HARD WORK, OFTEN DONE WITH A TWINKLE IN THE EYE.'**

**MARTIN BOOTH – EDITOR OF BRISTOL 24/7 (PREVIOUS ACCLAIM FOR CIRCOMEDIA)**



## RICH HALL: CHIN MUSIC

**COMEDY** Wed 24 Jun 8pm

**Tickets** £20.25

**Age Guide** 14+ only

**Running Time** 2 hours  
(including interval)

**As seen on *QI*, *Live At The Apollo*, *Have I Got News For You*, and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*.**

*Chin Music* has two meanings. One is idle talk. The other is a brushback throw in baseball or cricket to intimidate the batter. Both describe Rich Hall's comedy. Idle but intimidating. Sharp, quick, sarcastic, and sublimely improvisational. If you've never seen him, you need to grab a seat because he never disappoints. Ever.



## THE CARPENTERS: VOICE OF THE HEART

**MUSIC** Thu 25 Jun 7.45pm

**Tickets** £34

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 40mins (including interval)

**Celebrate the music of the legendary Carpenters in this tribute!**

*Voice of the Heart* returns to Newbury with superb vocals from local lady Carole Gordon and outstanding talent from the brilliant Blue Jeans Band. Hear Carpenters country medleys with *Top of the World*, *Sweet Sweet Smile* and *Jambalaya* in great contrast to the heartfelt melodies of their most popular songs on their last and most poignant album *Voice of the Heart*.

It will be a sparkling night to remember!



**'CARPENTERS FANS ARE IN FOR A MAGICAL EVENING AS CAROLE GORDON RECREATES THE VELVET TONES OF KAREN CARPENTER.'**

**THE BIRMINGHAM PRESS**



## THE MAGIC OF THE BEE GEES

**MUSIC** Fri 26 Jun 7.30pm

**Tickets** £34.25

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2 hours (including interval)

**Join us for this breathtaking concert spectacular, with all your favourite songs, including *Night Fever*, *Stayin' Alive*, *More Than a Woman* and many more!**

Whether you're a brother or whether you're a mother, when the feeling's gone and you can't go on, it's time to put on your dancing shoes, for the night out of the year you have been waiting for, as we celebrate the songs of music royalty, The Bee Gees.

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



PINCH PUNCH PRESENTS

# LOCOMOTIVE FOR MURDER: THE IMPROVISED WHODUNNIT

**THEATRE**

**Sat 27 Jun** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.50

**Age Guide** 10+

**Running Time** 1hr 50mins  
(including interval)

If you love comedy or murder mysteries, then this is the show for you!

Welcome aboard *Locomotive for Murder: The Improvised Whodunnit*, the totally improvised, totally hilarious murder mystery, where killing the cast and cracking the case is in your hands! Four characters board a train, but not everyone will survive... Luckily, a world-famous detective is onboard, ready to root out the killer. But who is the murderer? Only one person knows – *the murderer themselves!* Can you put your wits to the test and solve the case?

Now in their sixth bumper year, Offie-nominated Edinburgh Fringe favourites, Pinch Punch, are bringing their five-star, sell-out show to Newbury. So, don your deerstalkers and oil your moustaches for a night of shaky alibis, silver-tongued sleuths, thrills, spills, and good old-fashioned kills.



**VOXFRESH PRESENTS  
HEROES AND  
DREAMERS**

**COMMUNITY**

**Sun 28 Jun 3pm**

**Tickets** £20 (£15 concs)

Step into an inspiring celebration of courage, imagination, and the power of young voices.

*Heroes and Dreamers* showcases the incredible singers of VoxFresh, aged 6 – 18, as they bring a vibrant mix of pop songs to life with harmony, confidence and heart. This uplifting performance celebrates the heroes we admire and the dreams we dare to chase. Fresh voices, big emotions, unforgettable moments. This is VoxFresh at their very best.



**YOUNG PERFORMERS  
SHOWCASE**

**COMMUNITY**

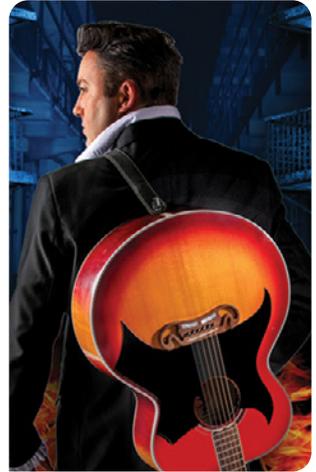
**Tue 30 Jun 7.30pm**

**Tickets** £10

Join us for an evening of dance, theatre and music celebrating local talent.

Enjoy performances from schools, youth companies and colleges in West Berkshire and the surrounding areas. Curated by local dancer and choreographer, Reuben Spencer, this annual showcase is a chance to come together and support the next generation of performers.

Image Credit: Simon Vail



**THE JOHNNY CASH  
ROADSHOW**

**MUSIC Thu 2 Jul 7.45pm**

**Tickets** £32

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 20 mins (including interval)

Step into the raw and gritty world of Johnny Cash's prison era with this electrifying show.

Set on a Folsom Prison-style stage, the *Johnny Cash Roadshow* brings Cash's most iconic performances to life, immersing you in the raw, unfiltered energy of Cash's legendary concerts behind bars. With standing ovations every night, *The Johnny Cash Roadshow* is a guaranteed crowd-pleaser that leaves audiences yearning for more.

JULY



## BALLET CYMRU PRESENTS SLEEPING BEAUTY

**DANCE** Wed 1 Jul 7pm

**Tickets** £25 (£15 under-18s)

**Age Guide** 7+

**Running Time** 1hr 40mins (including interval)

**Journey to an enchanted world of love, magic and destiny.**

Ballet Cymru reimagine the classic fairytale of a young princess spellbound by a curse.

Touching on the themes of love, acceptance and what it means to be different, the ballet is swept along by Tchaikovsky's iconic score.

*Sleeping Beauty* features innovative choreography, exceptional dancing, distinctive costumes and immersive projections.

Come into the woods to celebrate Ballet Cymru's 40th anniversary and see the breathtaking dancers take you on a journey like no other.

**Pre-recorded audio description is available in English and Welsh.**



## RICHARD JONES: THE SOUND OF MAGIC

**MAGIC** Sat 4 Jul 7.30pm

**Tickets** £27.25 (£24.25 child, £62.25 VIP at 6pm, £89 family)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 1hr 50mins (including interval)

**The Military Illusionist returns to the Corn Exchange!**

Richard will have you questioning the very fabric of reality. Whether you're a die-hard magic enthusiast or simply seeking an unforgettable night of wondrous entertainment, *The Sound of Magic* promises to be an experience you will be talking about for years to come.



## ENDLESS LOVE

**MUSIC** Thu 9 Jul 7.30pm

**Tickets** £32.25

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins  
(including interval)

*Endless Love* celebrates the legendary artists Diana Ross and Lionel Richie.

Starring a sensational cast, incredible vocals and a stellar live band, the show is packed with Motown classics and timeless smash hits such as *I'm Coming Out*, *Dancing on the Ceiling*, *Upside Down*, *Chain Reaction*, *All Night Long*, *Ain't No Mountain* and of course the number one duet of all time, *Endless Love*.



## SWEET CAROLINE

**MUSIC** Fri 10 Jul 7.45pm

**Tickets** £34.25

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2 hours  
(including interval)

Direct from the West End, experience the ultimate tribute to Neil Diamond.

It's time for that night out you have been dreaming of!

Starring Gary Ryan, as seen on *Stars in Their Eyes* – the show will take you back to where it began, following a musical journey featuring 50 years of the greatest songs ever written.

Celebrate the music that has charmed six generations, as we bring you all things Diamond with a sensational live show.



## DREAMCOAT STARS

**MUSIC** Sat 11 Jul 7.30pm

**Tickets** £29.50

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 1hr 55mins  
(including interval)

Stars of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* bring a night of musical smash hits!

Enjoy the spine-tingling vocal power of four sensational singers, with new songs and arrangements of everyone's favourite musical hits, *Les Misérables*, *We Will Rock You*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Rocky Horror*, *Mamma Mia* and *Jersey Boys*.

Grab your colourful coat and join us on your Dreamcoat journey where *Any Dream Will Do*.



## THE REBEL ROUSERS: THE BEST OF BRITISH SOUL

**MUSIC** Thu 16 Jul 7.30pm

**Tickets** £26.25

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 15mins  
(including interval)

The Rebel Rousers bring classic British soul and RnB to life with a powerhouse seven-piece line-up.

With an ensemble made up of former members from Cliff Bennett's band from the previous 30+ years, enjoy a set consisting of soul and RnB classics.



## LEGEND: THE MUSIC OF BOB MARLEY

**MUSIC** Fri 17 Jul 7.30pm

**Tickets** £35.25

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2 hours  
(including interval)

A two-hour spectacular, showcasing the magic of Marley.

Direct from a sell-out show at London's Adelphi Theatre, experience an unforgettable evening celebrating this musical icon in one fantastic stage show. Combining his superb, distinctive vocals with flawless musicianship, a supremely talented cast recreate the timeless hits *Could You Be Loved*, *Is This Love*, *One Love*, *No Woman No Cry*, *Three Little Birds* and many more!



## THE ROCKET MAN

**MUSIC** Sat 18 Jul 7.30pm

**Tickets** £34.25

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2 hours  
(including interval)

A dazzling tribute to Sir Elton John.

*Are you ready for love?* The *Rocket Man* and his amazing band head down the *Yellow Brick Road* for two hours of glorious hits – *Saturday Night's Alright*, *Crocodile Rock*, *I'm Still Standing*, *Philadelphia Freedom* and more. This is the ultimate celebration to a true musical icon, charting Elton John's life and career live on stage!



## MICHELLE WOLF: BEST JOB IN THE WORLD

COMEDY **Wed 22 Jul** 8pm

**Tickets** £32.25

**Age Guide** 14+

**Running Time** 2 hours  
(including interval)

Emmy-nominated comedian Michelle Wolf brings her razor-sharp wit and fearless honesty to the stage.

Michelle's stand-up specials across HBO and Netflix have garnered critical acclaim and top viewing figures. Wolf has headlined across the world, including her infamous appearance at the White House Correspondents Dinner. Her last sold-out Edinburgh Fringe run was Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominated.



## UPTOWN JOEL

MUSIC **Thu 23 Jul** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £29

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Running Time** 2hrs 10 mins  
(including interval)

Supported by a five-piece live band, the outstanding Darren Reeves brings his all-new hit musical production to Newbury.

This live concert performance celebrates the incredible catalogue of all your favourite Billy Joel songs, including *Piano Man*, *Uptown Girl*, *Movin' Out*, *New York State of Mind* and many more.



## THE ROLLING STONES STORY

MUSIC **Fri 24 Jul** 7.30pm

**Tickets** £32.25

**Age Guide** 16+

**Running Time** 2hrs 20mins  
(including interval)

Enjoy a high-energy concert celebrating the music of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll band.

Let's spend the night together in the company of Mick and the boys. Join a truly authentic Rolling Stones spectacle; complete with an awesome production, the finest musicians and the world's No.1 Mick Jagger lookalike, Paul Ashworth.

All outdoor shows are part of Corn Exchange (Newbury) Trust's outdoor programme and funded by Greenham Trust and Arts Council England.



MOTIONHOUSE PRESENTS  
**BLOCK**

**OUTDOOR**

**Sun 21 Jun** 2pm & 4.30pm

**Tickets** Free (no booking required)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Location** Market Place, Newbury

A new, super-charged reimagining of this iconic show combining highly skilled physical performance with an innovative set. *BLOCK* is about life in the city – its contradictions and challenges. Twenty oversized blocks, resembling giant Jenga pieces, form an ever-changing environment as the story of *BLOCK* unfolds.

*BLOCK* was originally produced and developed in collaboration with NoFit State.

RARA WOULIB PRESENTS  
**DEBLOZAY**

**OUTDOOR** | **Sat 5 Sep** | Time TBC

A wild nocturnal journey where performance, music and costume come together to create an otherworldly and joyous procession through the town in a fantastical parade inspired by Haitian culture. We're looking for singers to take part – contact [hello@101outdoorarts.com](mailto:hello@101outdoorarts.com). No formal vocal training needed. Please keep an eye on our website for more details.



ADHOK PRESENTS  
**WATCHFUL**



**OUTDOOR**

**Sat 25 Jul 7pm**

**Tickets** Free (no booking required)

**Age Guide** Suitable for all ages

**Location** Outside the Methodist Church, Northbrook St

Adhok presents a tender, humorous and thoughtful tribute to growing older.

The story of a woman and a man but also the story of a couple with children who continue to grow up. Travel back to their twenties and follow them through the decades – scroll through the scrapbook of an eventful and joyful life and discover what links us to each other. An opportunity to share moments of life and all the questions that go with them.

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# SEASONAL SOCIALS

Find out more about each of our Seasonal Social events at [cornexchangenew.com/seasonalsocials](http://cornexchangenew.com/seasonalsocials)

## CREATIVE WRITERS CLUB

**Wednesdays**

1 Apr, 6 May, 3 Jun, 1 Jul & 5 Aug

5.30pm – 7.30pm

£3 (includes a tea, coffee or draught soft drink)

**Age Guide** 14+

Meet, collaborate and share ideas with fellow writers whilst enjoying a tea, coffee or draught soft drink (included in ticket price) from our Café Bar.

Led by Tim Jarvis, the aim of the sessions is to provide a mixture of writing challenges for participants who write short stories, memoirs, poetry, song lyrics, blog posts, or indeed any other form of creative writing.

## THEATRE, FILM AND TV QUIZ

**Thu 9 Apr, Thu 7 May,  
Fri 31 Jul & Fri 14 Aug**

6.30pm arrival, 7pm start

£3 per person, teams of up to 6 people

**Age Guide** 16+

The ultimate quiz for stage buffs, movie lovers and binge-watchers alike! Grab your friends and family to be in with a chance of winning a prize.



## FILM CLUB

**Wednesdays**

8 Apr, 27 May, 10 Jun, 29 Jul & 19 Aug

£9.80 (includes cinema ticket and a tea or coffee to enjoy during the discussion)

Join fellow film fans after a screening in our cinema for a guided informal chat in our Balcony Bar. Please see the website for details of the chosen film, timings and age guides.



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## POKÉMON CLUB

**Saturdays**

18 Apr, 20 Jun, 18 Jul & 15 Aug

10.30am – 1pm

Free (no booking required) †

Join our monthly meet-up to trade and play with your friends and other pokémon fans.

## BOOK CLUB

**Sundays**

19 Apr, 24 May, 21 Jun & 19 Jul

2pm – 3pm

Free (pre-booking required)

Come together to chat about our latest read.

† Children must be accompanied by an adult



## SPIRIT CHASERS

**Sat 25 Jul** 9pm – 1am

£39 per person

**Age Guide** 18+

The Spirit Chasers are back and ready to delve deeper into the mysteries hidden within the Corn Exchange. On the night, you'll join a lead investigator and break into teams to explore the unknown. Get hands-on with cutting-edge paranormal equipment or try your hand at traditional ghost-hunting techniques as you uncover the building's secrets. Bring a torch, tea and biscuits will be provided.

## MUSIC ON THE TERRACE

**Saturdays**

**1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Aug**

**4pm – 6pm**

**Free** (no-booking required)

Join us for musical performances from talented local artists. Perfectly positioned for the summer evening sun, mingle in our terrace-style seating area with a drink from our bar.



## STAY AND PLAY

**Tue – Sun**

£2 per game

**Free\*** to bring your own game (no pre-booking required)

Drop into the Corn Exchange whenever you are in town. Grab a table and choose from our collection of games on offer! Simply ask a member of our Box Office team.

\*We just ask that you make a purchase from our Café Bar and you can stay and play as long as you like.

# OUR CINEMA

Tucked away on the top floor of the Corn Exchange is our cosy 40-seat cinema. Open 6 days a week, we show the best of contemporary and classic cinema, including arthouse, independent, blockbuster and family films, as well as live screenings of theatre, dance, and music performances. Our cinema is the perfect place to switch off and perhaps enjoy some refreshments or snacks from our Café Bar.

We also offer regular special screenings including **Silver Screens** for over-60s, **Captioned** and **Subtitled** screenings, monthly **Dementia Friendly** films, **Relaxed** screenings and regular **Film Club** meets. For families, we have **Parent & Babies** screenings, as well as a Saturday morning **Family Film and Craft** offering and regular **Tots Cinema** screenings. Find out more at [cornexchangenew.com/cinema](http://cornexchangenew.com/cinema)

# EVENT CINEMA

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 & Opera, Exhibition On Screen and special live music events from the comfort of your local theatre! Find out more at [cornexchangenew.com/event-cinema](http://cornexchangenew.com/event-cinema)

**EOS** EXHIBITION ON SCREEN.

**ROYAL BALLET & OPERA**

**National Theatre Live**

# CAFÉ BAR

Grab a bite to eat or relax with a drink while supporting your local arts centre. Our Café and Balcony Bar make the perfect places to meet with family, friends, or colleagues. There is plenty of natural light, room to park your buggy and quiet corners to work during the day.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
SEE OUR FULL MENU



## EATING & DRINKING

PLASTIC FREE  
NEWBURY  
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

Have you tried our Loaded Sandwiches or Nachos? Layered with the finest fresh ingredients, these seriously pack a punch. Or, if you fancy something lighter, we have plenty to choose from, including soup and toasties, with combo deals and kids' options too. Don't forget to bring your reusable cup for a 25p discount on our delicious range of hot drinks. We are proud to work with a range of local companies, including Ramsbury Brewery and Renegade Brewery. Every purchase at our Café Bar supports the work we do here at the Corn Exchange, so your visit makes a real difference. Check out our full menu at [cornexchangenew.com/eating-drinking](http://cornexchangenew.com/eating-drinking)



## VENUE HIRE

Planning a celebration or work event? Let us help you make it truly unforgettable! With our Auditorium, Cinema, and Balcony Bar available for hire, combined with our in-house creative expertise, we'll help bring your event to life.



## PARTY PACKAGES

Book a cinema, dance, drama or craft party with us. Party bags and food options are available. Visit [cornexchangenew.com/party-packages](http://cornexchangenew.com/party-packages) for more details.

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# Sleeping Beauty

**PANTOMIME**

**Fri 27 Nov – Sat 2 Jan**

**Various Times**

**Tickets** £20.25 – £37

Please contact the Box Office for schools bookings.

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**Preview performances** Fri 27

Nov & Sat 28 Nov

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**Adult Only nights** Fri 4 Dec, Thu

10 Dec, Fri 11 Dec, Thu 17 Dec,

Fri 18 Dec, Thu 31 Dec

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**BSL Interpreted and Relaxed performance** Sun 6 Dec

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**Captioned and Relaxed performance** Sun 13 Dec

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**Dementia Friendly** Mon 28 Dec

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**Audio Described and Relaxed performance** Tue 29 Dec

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**Wake up Newburyshire! *Sleeping Beauty* promises a magical treat for audiences of all ages.**

When the evil fairy tricks the Princess, she falls into a 100-year slumber. It's now up to the heroic prince, a glittering good fairy and the panto gang to lift the curse... The clock is ticking!

Prepare to be swept away by traditional pantomime fun, vibrant costumes, sparkling scenery, breathtaking choreography, and incredible live music. It's the ultimate festive treat for all ages!

Packed full of laughs, audience participation and plenty of magic from the moment the curtain rises to the final triumphant cheer, this is one you won't want to miss.

# SUPPORTERS

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# BOOKING

## VISIT US

Corn Exchange  
Market Place  
Newbury  
Berkshire  
RG14 5BD

**Tue, 10am – 4pm**

(or until the end of the performance)

**Wed – Sat, 10am – 9pm**

(or until the end of the performance)

**Sun, 11am – 6pm**

(or until the end of the performance)

**What3Words**

w3w.co/corn.season.beard

**Old Library  
Cheap Street  
Newbury  
RG14 5DJ**

For The Base see the Old Library & The Base brochure.

## TRAVEL

Corn Exchange and Old Library are both in the town centre and a 5 minute walk from Newbury train station. Please consider making the green choice by walking to our venue or taking a mode of public transport. If you need to drive, parking is available at a number of town centre car parks; the closest are the Wharf and Newbury Library, other car parks nearby include the Kennet Centre, Parkway and Northcroft Leisure Centre. There are also multiple bus stops and bicycle parking areas within the Market Place. Visit [cornexchangenew.com/travel](http://cornexchangenew.com/travel) to find out more.

## HOW TO BOOK TALK TO US 01635 522733

Please see our website for up to date opening hours.

## EMAIL US

[boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk)

## DISCOUNTS

Concessions are available on selected shows for: Groups, Under-19s, Senior Citizens, Full-time Students, Universal Credit Claimants, and Blue Light Card holders. Those who are disabled and their essential companions are also entitled to concessions (where concessions apply).

## BOOKING FEES

All live events and live broadcasts (including encores) will be subject to a non-refundable £1.25 booking fee per ticket which is included in the advertised price. For paid exhibitions, workshops and courses at The Base, Greenham this will be £1. For films a 75p booking fee is included in the price of the ticket. Booking fees for schools and groups will be capped at £7.50 per booking. Companions are exempt from the Ticket booking fee for activity at the Corn Exchange and Old Library. No booking fees are payable for our workshops and courses programme at the Old Library.

## TERMS

- Tickets are non-refundable except in the case of a cancelled event. Booking fees are non-refundable.
- In the case of a sold-out show £1 per ticket will be payable on tickets returned for resale and exchange. Members and Companions are exempt from this charge.
- Tickets can be posted for an additional charge of £2.25. This is non-refundable once tickets have been posted, even in the case of an event cancellation.
- Only one discount per ticket and proof required to collect concessionary tickets.
- Tickets for babies up to 18 months must have a babe in arms ticket which costs a £1 administration fee unless otherwise specified for specific events.
- All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a paying adult.
- Pushchairs and prams will not be permitted inside the auditorium.
- Some ticket prices include a £1 contribution to the investment fund levy. This is part of the agreed contractual arrangements with the visiting company.
- Some performances are on general sale in advance of the publication of the brochure; subscribe to receive emails by visiting [cornexchangenew.com/newsletter](http://cornexchangenew.com/newsletter) to be notified of any additions to the programme.
- In the case of a show being rescheduled, all customers will be given the option to transfer their tickets to the new date. If this new date does not work for the customer, a refund or credit to the full value of the tickets will be offered. Please note that once you have accepted tickets for the rescheduled date the standard terms and conditions of sale will then apply.

- All tickets are sold subject to availability and our current terms and conditions.
- We will not tolerate any abusive or aggressive behaviour and reserve the right to ask anyone behaving in this manner to leave and may refuse entry in the future. For full T&Cs please visit [cornexchangenew.com/legal](http://cornexchangenew.com/legal)

## ACCESS

- Please tell us when booking if you require an induction loop, if you use a wheelchair or if you have any additional access needs.
- The Corn Exchange, Old Library and The Base are accessible by wheelchair.
- The Corn Exchange, Old Library and The Base have accessible toilets.
- Registered assistance dogs are welcome.
- The Corn Exchange offers those who are disabled concession priced tickets (where concessions apply). Essential Companion tickets are also available at either concession rate or complimentary where applicable.
- To find out more about accessible services and performances at the Corn Exchange please visit [cornexchangenew.com/access](http://cornexchangenew.com/access) or email [boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@cornexchangenew.co.uk)

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