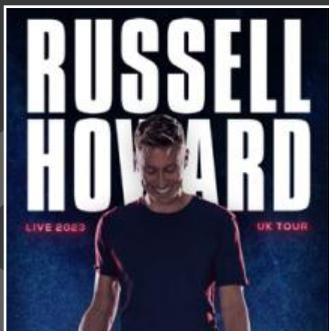


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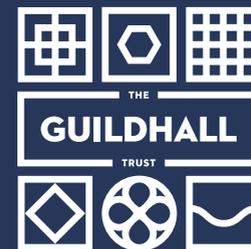


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This summer will see works commence on the transformation of our basement, having received funding from Arts Council England and Portsmouth City Council. From Spring'24, patrons will be able to access better toilet facilities, with twice as many female toilets, gender neutral facilities, an increase in accessible toilets and a Changing Places facility. The main area will be transformed into a unique creative space for young people of which we'll be sharing further details throughout the year.

There are many fantastic event highlights for 2023 to tell you about;

- An exclusive exhibition featuring the photographs of the legendary Barrie Wentzell, who worked for Melody Maker in the 1970s featuring images of Elton John, John Lennon, Marc Bolan and many more. This exhibition is free to visit from late January.
- Guildhall Games Fest returns on the weekend of the 4th & 5th February as does Portsmouth Comic Con on the 3rd & 4th June.
- Our studio venue now called The Lens, features many first class events with tickets from no more than £6 for our family theatre (child and adult), with comedy and music from £10.
- There are so many great concerts in the main concert hall no matter what age you are, catering for a diverse range of tastes, from Gentleman's Dub Club to Craig Charles' Funk and Soul Club, the BSO's Rachmaninov First and Last to The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight.

We continue to innovate and extend our programme, working with the country's top promoters and producing our own events.

If you're looking for regular opportunities to engage in creative activity check out our 'Get Involved' programme on our website. We host weekly singing classes, you can play along with the Skiffle Orchestra, have your child join the Young Creatives or take part in Dance Live! via their school.

Andy Grays, Chief Executive Officer  
The Guildhall Trust



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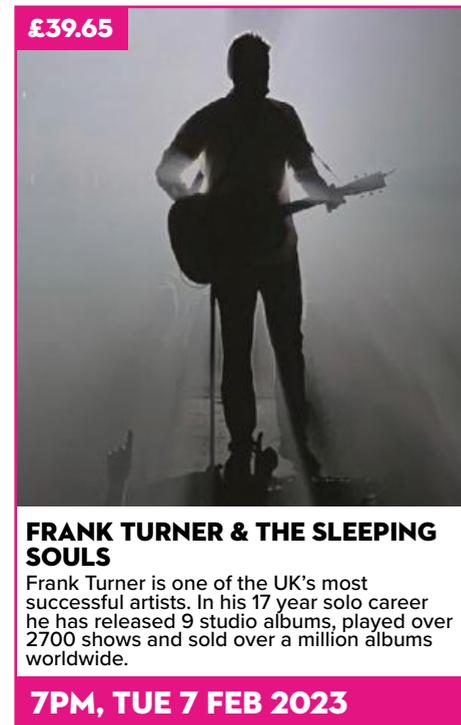


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**WHITNEY - QUEEN OF THE NIGHT**

Direct from The West End, Whitney – Queen Of The Night is back for 2023 celebrating one of the greatest singers of our time with a sensational cast and stunning live band.

**7PM, THU 2 FEB 2023**



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**FRANK TURNER & THE SLEEPING SOULS**

Frank Turner is one of the UK's most successful artists. In his 17 year solo career he has released 9 studio albums, played over 2700 shows and sold over a million albums worldwide.

**7PM, TUE 7 FEB 2023**



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**QUEEN EXTRAVAGANZA**

The official Queen tribute band produced by Roger Taylor and Brian May. This spectacular show features more than 20 Queen classics drawn from the band's biggest hits.

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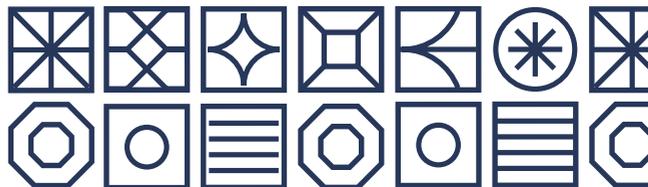
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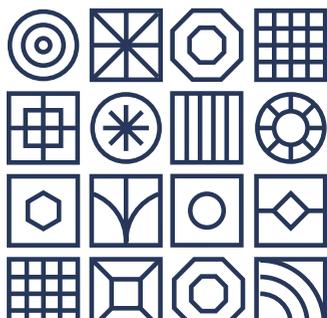


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**JASON FOX**

Ex-special forces soldier Jason Fox will bring to the stage and on tour for the first time the remarkable story of his daring exploits in a distinguished career in the UK Special Forces.

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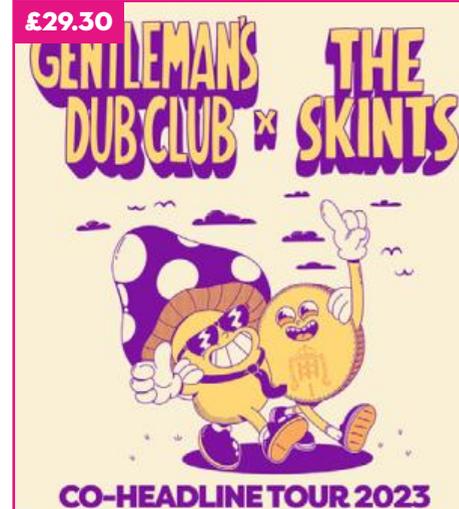


£29 - £59

**THE MUSIC OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS & THE HOBBIT IN CONCERT**

Celebrate the 20th anniversary of Peter Jackson's films as the legendary world of hobbits, elves and orcs are brought to life in a unique concert experience with a symphonic orchestra, choir and star guests.

**7PM, FRI 17 FEB 2023**

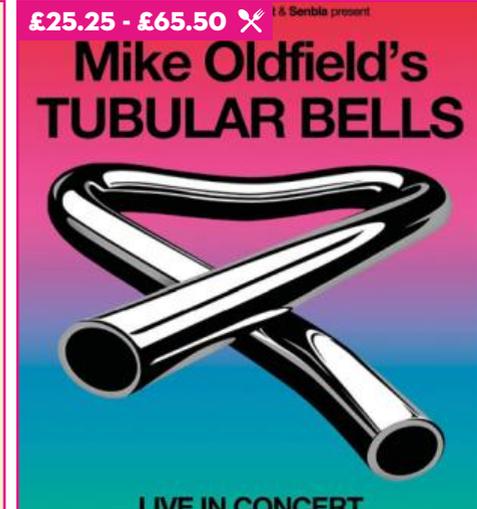


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**GENTLEMAN'S DUB CLUB + THE SKINTS**

The icons of Dub and Ska come together in a co-headline tour, that promises to be one of the biggest shows of its genre and the tour starts here in Portsmouth!

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To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Tubular Bells, the masterpiece will be performed live with a full band at Portsmouth Guildhall next Spring, conducted and arranged by Oldfield's collaborator Robin Smith.

**7PM, FRI 3 MAR 2023**

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**BELINDA CARLISLE PLUS VERY SPECIAL GUESTS THE CHRISTIANS**

Rock stars come and rock stars go and in an ever-changing landscape of shifting musical trends, few artists truly stand the test of time. Belinda Carlisle is one of those rare talents who does. She continues to remain relevant after nearly four decades in the business, amidst changing tastes the gifted and glamorous singer-songwriter has indelibly touched the hearts of pop fans around the world with her unique blend of gutsy vocals, emotively charged melodies and picturesque lyrics.

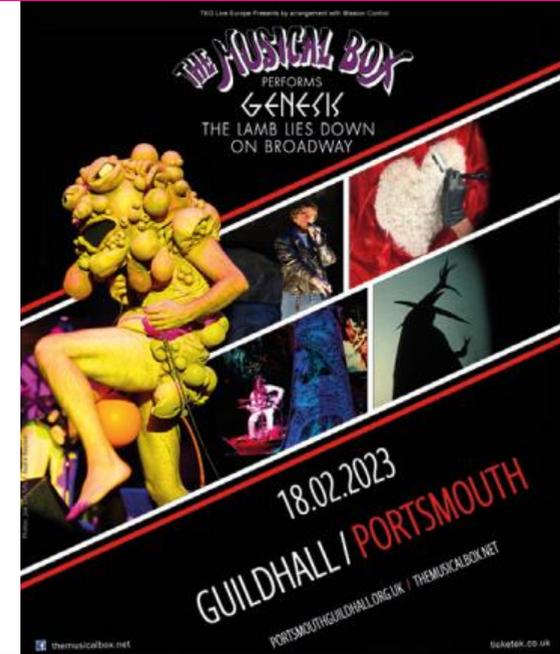


**7PM, MON 6 FEB 2023**

£21.84 - £58 ✂

**THE MUSICAL BOX - THE LAMB LIES DOWN ON BROADWAY**

The Musical Box, the only group in the world granted a licence from Peter Gabriel and Genesis, will recreate in its entirety, the original 1975 performance in painstaking detail right down to the original slide show. One final chance to witness this unique live experience. The greatest rock opera ever created, The Lamb lies down on Broadway, the final collaborative effort between the legendary Peter Gabriel and Genesis, is to be revived one last time.



**7:30PM, SAT 18 FEB 2023**

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**BEN PORTSMOUTH - THIS IS ELVIS**  
Renowned as one of, if not the best Elvis tributes in the world today, Ben Portsmouth brings his unique charisma and will show audiences why he is the best in the business.

**7PM, SAT 4 MAR 2023**

£31 - £40.80 ✂



**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS**  
Britain's oldest boy band combined age 401 (and three-quarters) – announce a string of dates for 2023 – “We can’t wait to get out and about and sing live for our supper again.”

**7PM, SUN 5 MAR 2023**

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**THE ROCK ORCHESTRA BY CANDLELIGHT**  
A glorious mash-up of head banging hits, a 13 piece chamber orchestra and an abundance of candles. Featuring some of the best-loved Rock and Metal songs of the last 40 years.

**7PM, THU 9 MAR 2023**

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**FATHER JOHN MISTY**  
The American musician, singer, songwriter, and record producer returns to Portsmouth following a hugely successful year and the release of his new album, *Chloe and The Next 20th Century*.

**7PM, SAT 11 MAR 2023**

£33.90



**STIFF LITTLE FINGERS**  
Stiff Little Fingers are pleased to announce their UK dates for 2023. “We are very happy to once again announce our annual jaunt around the UK and hope you will be joining us!”

**7PM, MON 13 MAR 2023**

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**CRAIG CHARLES' FUNK & SOUL CLUB**  
From Red Dwarf to Robot Wars to Radio 2 via the cobbles of Coronation Street, Charles' career has seen him transform from respected actor to musical icon with 17 years of broadcasting under his belt!

**7:30PM, FRI 31 MAR 2023**

£35.05



**REEF**  
The spirit of Reef is infectious and the new repertoire is certainly getting people talking as Classic Rock Magazine summarised when talking about their new album, “this is lightning in a bottle stuff”.

**7PM, THU 13 APR 2023**

£26



**THE BON JOVI EXPERIENCE**  
The only Bon Jovi tribute band to have performed live with Jon Bon Jovi, don't miss this outstanding tribute, fronted by a singer so familiar, you won't believe he's not the real deal!

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**I PREVAIL**

Hard rock band whose aggressive riffs and soaring choruses have become synonymous with modern rock.

**7PM, FRI 17 MAR 2023**



£41.95 - £47.70

**90S BABY POP**

This is your chance to see your childhood sweethearts perform their nineties nostalgia anthems at Guildhall in Portsmouth – Atomic Kitten, Five, Gareth Gates, Liberty X, S Club and more!

**6:30PM, SUN 19 MAR 2023**



£30.45

**ITVS EMMA KENNY - THE SERIAL KILLER NEXT DOOR**

One of the UK's most notable Psychological Therapists and Crime commentators discusses what creates a serial killer.

**7PM, SUN 23 APR 2023**

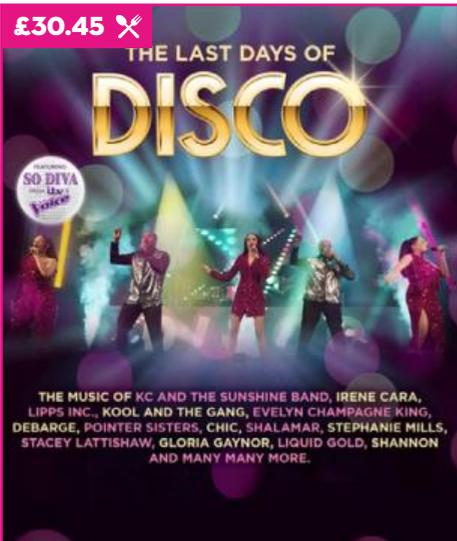


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**DANIEL O'DONNELL**

The Donegal based singer is one of the most prolific and successful recording artists in the UK charts, and the only artist in the world to score a hit in the UK album charts every year since 1988!

**7PM, WED 17 MAY 2023**



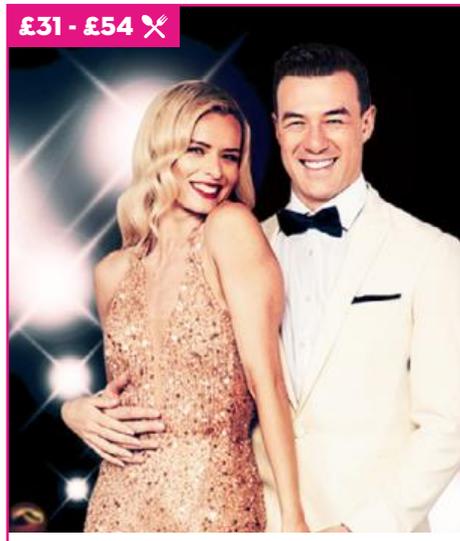
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**7PM, FRI 24 MAR 2023**



£31 - £54

**NADIYA AND KAI - ONCE UPON A TIME**

'Once Upon a Time' stars the Strictly superstars for the first time on stage together. A lavish production with beautiful choreography, stunning costumes and a talented cast of dancers and musicians.

**7PM, MON 27 MAR 2023**



£22.50 - £48.50

**FIRE DANCE**

Strictly Stars Karen Hauer, Gorka Marquez and their scintillating cast return with FIRE DANCE, featuring fresh flavours and super-charged choreography. With sizzling dancers, mesmerising fire specialists and a sensational live band - join them in a captivating dance off inspired by Romeo & Juliet, Moulin Rouge, Carmen, West Side Story and featuring an eclectic mix of Latin, Rock and Pop music from artists such as Camilla Cabello, Jason Derulo, Gregory Porter, J.Lo, Marc Anthony and more.

**7PM, TUE 28 MAR 2023**

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This exhilarating show will showcase the exceptional talent of TV's hugely popular professional dancers, with its stunning costumes and sparkling sets. Audiences across the country will enjoy world-class dance from 10 talented Strictly Professionals: **Dianne Buswell; Vito Coppola; Carlos Gu; Karen Hauer; Neil Jones; Nikita Kuzmin; Gorka Marquez; Luba Mushtuk; Jowita Przystal; and Nancy Xu.**

**7PM, FRI 26 MAY 2023**

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£51.15 - £59.75 

## MIKE & THE MECHANICS

Mike & The Mechanics, who have sold over ten million records worldwide – head out on their 'Refueled!' 2023 Tour – all the hits and a drop of Genesis. The tour will include tracks from Mike and the Mechanics' critically acclaimed, most recent top 10 selling album 'Out of the Blue', all the hits, plus some Genesis. Their ninth album features re-workings of some of the band's best loved tracks, including 'The Living Years' and the unforgettable 'Over My Shoulder'.

**7PM, SUN 28 MAY 2023**



£31

## NEIL WARNOCK

Join record breaking legendary football manager Neil Warnock as he talks you through his unique and astonishing career, in front of a live audience for the first time. Record number of games as a manager, 16 clubs and 8 promotions, from Non-League to Premier League and a thousand stories along the way that have never been told. Delivered in Neil's unique and inimitable style with stories that will make you laugh, cry, gasp and laugh again.

**7PM, THU 25 MAY 2023**



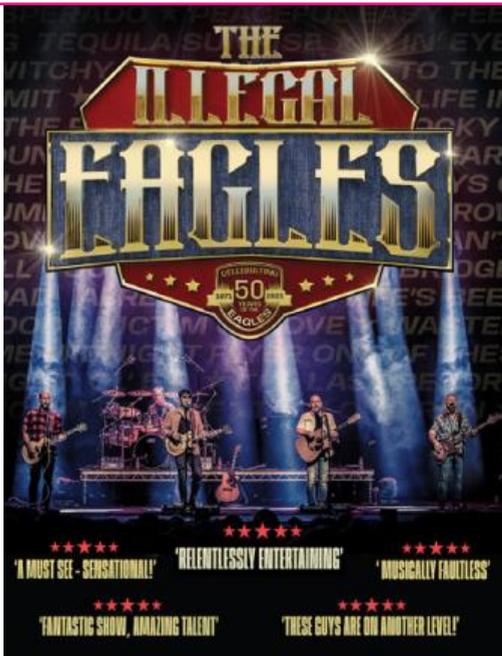
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£39.65 ✂

### THE ILLEGAL EAGLES

The Illegal Eagles return to Portsmouth Guildhall in 2023! Celebrating 50 years since the formation of the legendary West Coast Country Rock band The Eagles in 1971, The Illegal Eagles visit Portsmouth Guildhall with their trademark musical prowess, acute attention to detail and incredible showmanship. This critically acclaimed show features the very best from the Eagles' catalogue of classics including 'Hotel California', 'Desperado', 'Take It Easy', 'New Kid In Town', 'Life In The Fast Lane' and more...



7PM, THU 1 JUN 2023

£34.45 ✂

### THIS IS BRITPOP!

This Is Britpop! recaptures the raw energy and optimism of the mid-90s pop charts, including two hours of classic hits from the monster bands of the Britpop era, including Oasis, Blur, and The Stereophonics, in an exciting evening that will have you on your feet and singing along from the first song! The five professional touring musicians in the show have over 20 years of experience and deliver incredible attention to detail and a truly authentic experience.



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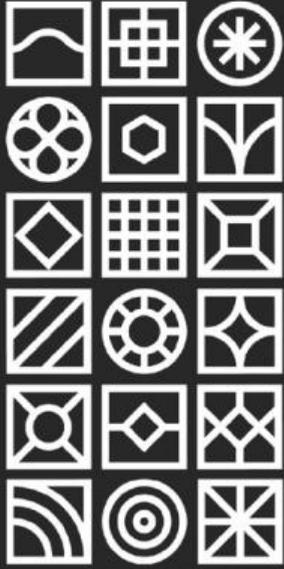


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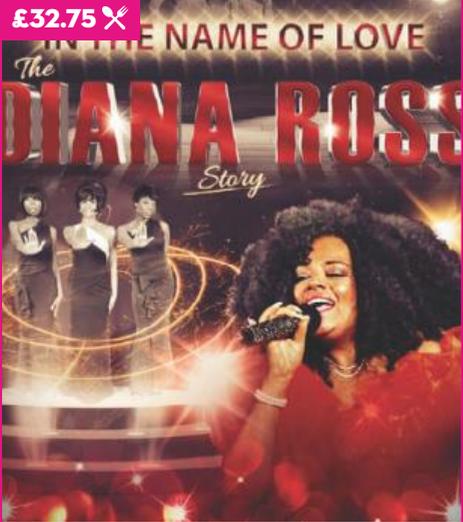
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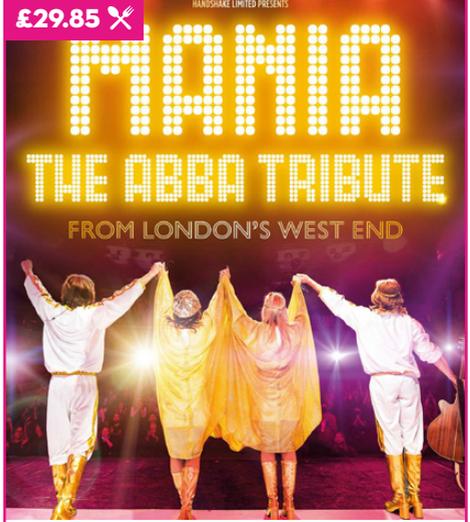


**THE DIANA ROSS STORY**

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**MANIA: THE ABBA TRIBUTE**

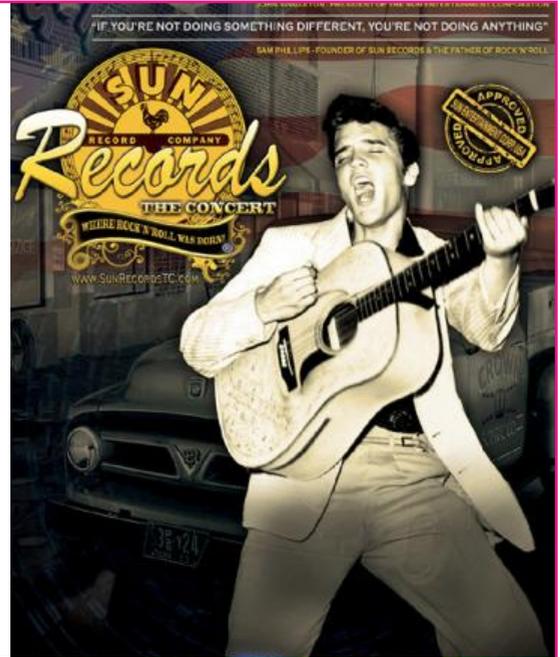
A special concert which revives memories of when ABBA ruled the airwaves. Dig out those platforms, dust down those flares, and join in with such classics as Mamma Mia, Voulez Vous and Dancing Queen.

**7PM, FRI 7 JUL 2023**

£31

**SUN RECORDS -  
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Starring multi-talented singers and a cast of amazing musicians, the sound of Sun is brought to life in the official concert show that takes you back to the birthplace of rock n' roll. Revisit the blessed recording studio and the legendary record label that brought you Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Rufus Thomas and scores more rockin' pioneers, as they once again come to life live on stage.



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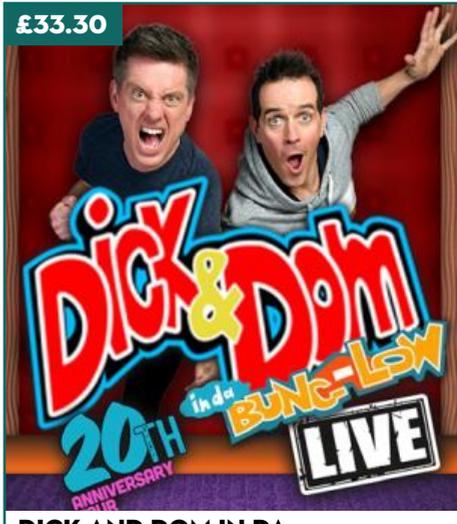


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**TROY HAWKE - SIGMUND TROY'D!**

Last year he found the nefarious link between IKEA, the Nazis and Kanye West. Now, the 1930s throwback home-schooled investigator returns to battle a new enemy on behalf of all people everywhere...PSYCHOTHERAPY!

7:30PM, SUN 12 FEB 2023



£33.30

**DICK AND DOM IN DA BUNGALOW LIVE**

Get ready for the messiest night out in the UK! 20 years after the hit BBC show first burst on to our screens, the quadruple Bafta award winners bring their own special kind of mayhem live on tour!

7PM, WED 19 APR 2023



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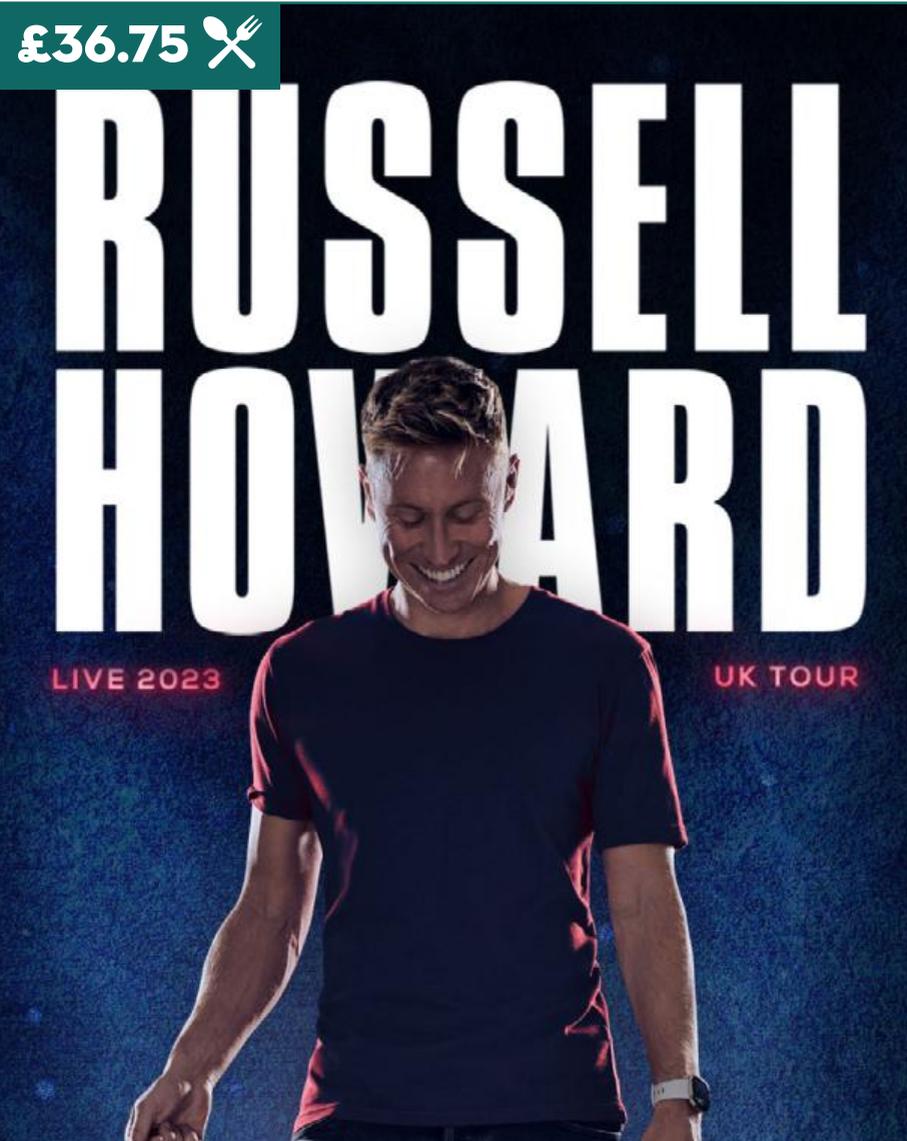
'Joker' is Paul Smith's biggest and funniest tour show to date in which the scouse funny man mixes his trademark audience interaction with more hilarious true stories from his everyday life.

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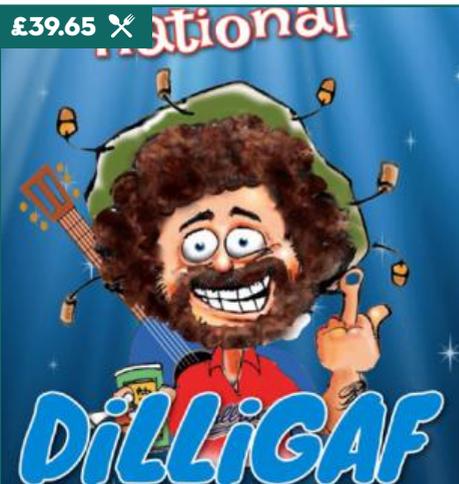
Russell Howard, "one of the world's top comedians" (Sunday Times) is back for a brand new live tour of the UK in 2023. As we reel from one global crisis to the next, join Russell, 'the uplifting Comedy King', as he puts the world to rights in his own uniquely hilarious way.

**3PM & 7PM, 17 - 18 JUN 2023**

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**KEVIN BLOODY WILSON - NATIONAL DILLIGAF DAY**  
 There are few international comedians today who shoot down political correctness with such comedic pinpoint accuracy as Australia's Kevin Bloody Wilson who crushes PC eggshells with the grace and diplomacy of a wounded buffalo.

**7PM, TUE 24 OCT 2023**

£28.15

**SIMON BRODKIN: SCREWED UP**

Fresh from his sold-out, critically-acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe run and becoming the most viewed British comedian of all time on TikTok, world-famous prankster and Lee Nelson creator Simon Brodtkin is back with an outrageous new stand-up show. In 'Screwed Up' Simon rips into celebrity culture, social media, the police, Putin, Prince Andrew and Jesus. Nothing is off limits in this hilarious show, including his own mental health, his family, his five arrests and how he once found himself at an underground sex party.

**7:30PM, THU 21 SEP 2023**

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**MIRIAM MARGOLYES: OH MIRIAM! LIVE**

Join us on another unforgettable adventure through the extraordinary life and strong opinions of Miriam Margolyes, live on stage in her biggest tour yet to mark the launch of her new book. From being escorted off the Today programme (for saying what we were all thinking) to declaring her love to Vanessa Redgrave; she is our most loved and most outspoken national treasure – and Oh Miriam! takes you both inside her head and her heart.

**7PM, WED 18 OCT 2023**



£37.75

**SARAH MILLICAN - LATE BLOOMER**

When Sarah Millican was a bairn, she wouldn't say boo to a goose. Quiet at school, not many friends, no boobs til she was 16. Now? NOW she is loud, with good friends, a cracking rack and goose booing all over the shop. In Late Bloomer, Sarah's brand-new stand-up show, she explores how one became the other. Plus, lots of stuff about dinners and lady gardens. Come along, laugh at her, with her, beside her.

**7:30PM, 2 - 3 NOV 2023**



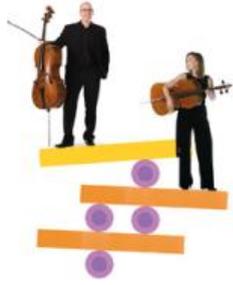
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## ELGAR'S CELLO CONCERTO

7:30PM, THU 26 JAN 2023

Elgar - Cello Concerto  
Bruckner - Symphony No.7

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The Cello Concerto was Elgar's final major work. The music is private and poignant with the solo cello in full focus with its bold statements and heart-rending themes. It was with his Seventh Symphony that Bruckner finally achieved widespread recognition, and it has remained the most popular of his nine symphonies. The heart of the work is the long and deeply felt adagio, composed as a memorial to Wagner who died whilst Bruckner was writing it.



## STAR WARS: THE DEFINITIVE CONCERT

7:30PM, THU 16 MAR 2023

A magnificent celebration of John Williams' timeless music from all of the Star Wars films, from the original Episode IV: A New Hope in 1977 to the most recent The Rise of Skywalker.

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## MIGHTY BRAHMS

7:30PM, THU 30 MAR 2023

Weber - Der Freischütz Overture  
Prokofiev - Violin Concerto No.2  
Brahms - Symphony No.1

Marta Gardolinska - Conductor  
James Ehnes - Violin

*Der Freischütz*, one of Weber's most popular orchestral works, is a convoluted tale of magic bullets, invisible spirits, and pacts with the devil. Prokofiev's Second Violin Concerto, full of lyrical beauty, was his last work to be written before his return to Moscow from self-imposed exile. Brahms' First Symphony is a symbolic journey from darkness to light, the themes developed from a handful of motifs, all smelted together into a shining edifice, with nothing wasted.

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## RACHMANINOV FIRST AND LAST

7:30PM, THU 20 APR 2023

Rachmaninov - The Rock  
Tchaikovsky - Piano Concerto No.1  
Rachmaninov - Symphonic Dances

Gabor Kali - Conductor  
Marie-Ange Nguci - Piano

*The Rock* was Rachmaninov's first published orchestral work inspired by the sequence of Midday, Twilight, Midnight; an allegory for life's journey. Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto is an exuberant and passionate work filled with uninhibited virtuosity. The dramatic first movement is forged from the menacing-sounding Ukrainian folk tune titled *Song of the Blind* while the finale, also based on a folk tune, is a combination of hymn-like solemnity and technical wizardry.

Doors open 30 minutes before the show



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**ENSEMBLE 360**  
7:30PM, MON 30 JAN 2023

Benjamin Nabarro & Claudia Ajmone-Marsan *violins*, Rachel Roberts *viola*, Gemma Rosefield *cello*, Laurène Durantel *double bass*, Robert Plane *clarinet*, Amy Harman *basoon*, Naomi Atherton *horn*

BERWALD Septet in B-flat  
MOZART Clarinet Quintet in A, K. 581  
BEETHOVEN Septet in E-flat, Op. 20

Berwald is a rather unfamiliar name, but he is perhaps Sweden's most famous composer. Born in Stockholm in 1796, his compositions had rather mixed success during his lifetime, and it was only during the 20th century that his music started to receive the acclaim it deserves. This Septet is a relatively early work from 1828 and uses the same instrumentation as Beethoven's far more famous work. Mozart's ever-popular clarinet quintet needs no introduction.

**ARCADIA QUARTET**  
7:30PM, MON 20 MAR 2023

Ana Török & Răsvan Dumitru *violins*, Traian Boală *viola*, Zsolt Török *cello*

HAYDN Quartet in B-flat, Op. 33 No. 4  
WEINBERG String Quartet No. 6, Op. 35  
BEETHOVEN Quartet in F, Op. 59 No. 1

We were due to host the Romanian-based Arcadia Quartet in March 2021 before the pandemic intervened, and so we will finally get to hear them exactly two years later. They won the Wigmore Hall competition in 2012, and then five years later produced a remarkable set of recordings of the Bartók quartets which led to their invitation to Portsmouth. A more recent recording project is the complete cycle of 17 quartets by Mieczysław Weinberg, a close friend of Shostakovich who deserves to be far better known.



**LEONORE PIANO TRIO**  
7:30PM, MON 17 APR 2023

Benjamin Nabarro *violin*, Gemma Rosefield *cello*, Tim Horton *piano*

HAYDN Piano Trio in F-sharp minor, Hob. XV/26  
WATKINS Piano Trio No. 2  
MENDELSSOHN Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor, Op. 49

The Leonore Trio was formed ten years ago and rapidly established itself as one of the pre-eminent piano trios in the world. They are highly committed to new music, and this piece by Huw Watkins receives its world premiere in the autumn of 2022. Haydn's trio in the unusual key of F-sharp minor is a wonderful late work. Mendelssohn's first published trio is arguably his finest chamber work, symphonic in nature in four beautifully worked-out movements.



**ESMÉ QUARTET**  
7:30PM, MON 22 MAY 2023

Wonhee Bae & Yuna Ha *violins*, Jiwon Kim *viola*, Ye-eun Heo *cello*

HAYDN Quartet in E-flat, Op. 33 No. 2 'The Joke'  
KORNGOLD String Quartet No. 2 in E-flat, Op. 26  
DEBUSSY Quartet in G minor, Op. 10

The Esmé played once before in Portsmouth, in October 2019, after winning the Wigmore Hall competition the previous year. Originally from South Korea, they are based in Germany and have already established themselves as one of the most exciting quartets in the world. Korngold is now best known for his Hollywood film scores, but as a young man he was warmly praised by figures such as Mahler and Strauss. By 1935, however, when this second quartet was composed, 'romantic' music had fallen out of fashion and he struggled to be taken seriously by the musical establishment.

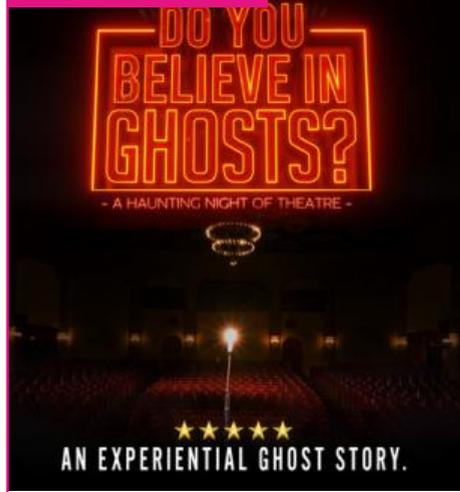
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4PM, SUN 6 AUG 2023

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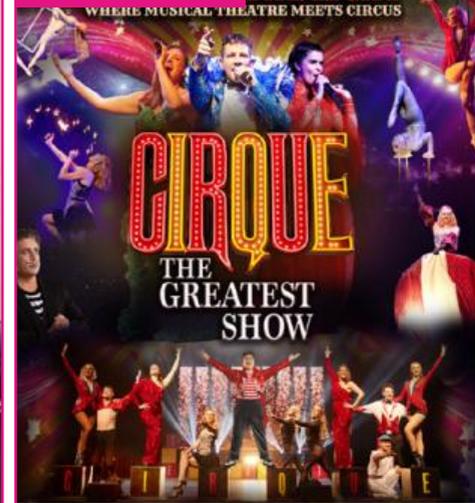
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35 years since their debut single, Dignity, and millions of record sales since, Deacon Blue are digging out all their old 45s – the Top 10s, the favourites and the sing-a-long rarities!

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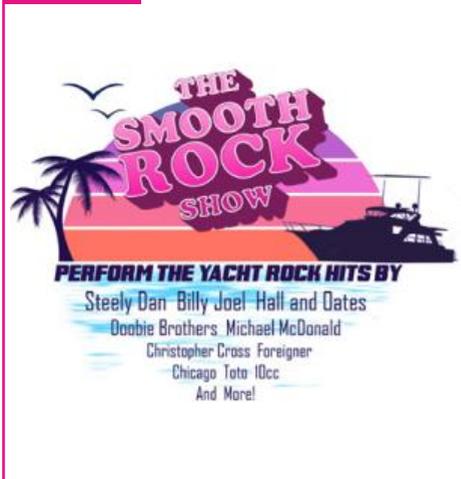
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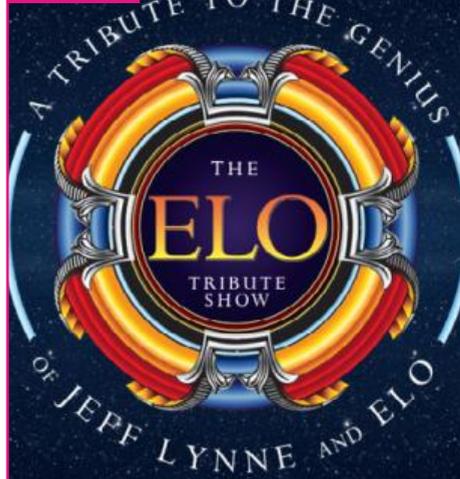
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The Definitive Tribute Show to the Masters of 'Yacht Rock' featuring songs by Steely Dan, Michael McDonald, Billy Joel, The Eagles, Doobie Brothers, Hall & Oates, Toto, Chicago, Foreigner, 10cc, Supertramp and more.

7PM, THU 14 SEP 2023

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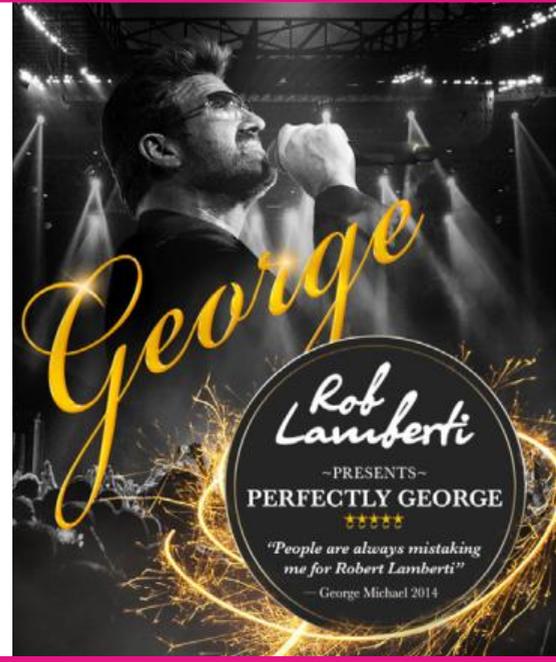
**THE ELO SHOW**  
This stunning show celebrates the music of E.L.O. with a band of amazing musicians including a female string section- a fabulous night of hit after hit from a vast back catalogue.

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6:45PM, FRI 20 OCT 2023

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**ELECTRIC CALL BOY**

Electric Callboy are an exceptional phenomenon who have had sell-out shows across Germany, France and USA. They now bring their spectacular and ecstatic live show presenting their sixth studio album, Tekkno, to the UK.

7PM, SUN 22 OCT 2023

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**LOST IN MUSIC**

Get ready to get Lost in Music! Join us as we recreate the magical 70s and let us take you on a musical journey straight to the heart of disco!

7PM, THU 9 NOV 2023

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7PM, FRI 17 NOV 2023

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**AN EVENING WITH HARRY REDKNAPP**

A great show full of Harry's anecdotes and stories from his years in the beautiful game and his jungle win on I'm a Celebrity!

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Following their sold out UK Tour in 2020, The Dead South return with their unique mix of Americana, Bluegrass and Country...that explodes! Currently one of the hottest tickets on both sides of the Atlantic.

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7PM, TUE 14 NOV 2023



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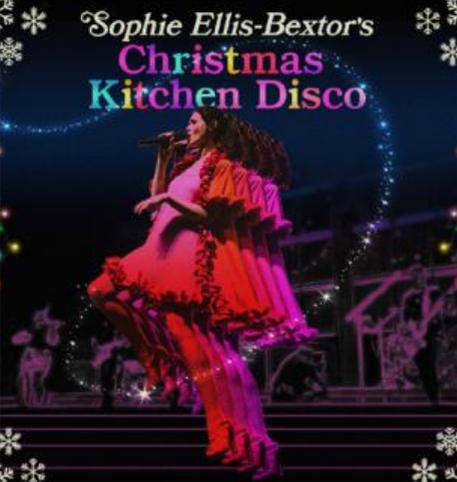
**AN EVENING WITH WAYNE ROONEY**

The all-time record goal scorer for Manchester United and England joins us for An Evening with Wayne Rooney – one of only x2 venues in the UK! Wayne will talk extensively about his career and life with a wealth of amusing anecdotes and insights into playing under Sir Alex Ferguson, David Moyes and many others. Never shy of giving his opinions he will tell us his thoughts on the current United and England Teams.



**7PM, MON 4 DEC 2023**

£36.75 - £66.10 ✂

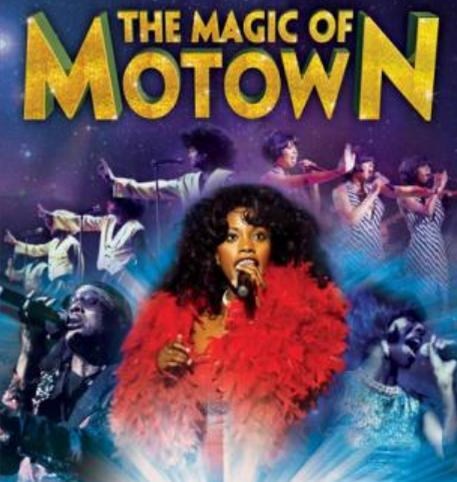


**SOPHIE ELLIS BEXTOR**

Following the success of her lockdown online sensation and 2022 Kitchen Disco Tour, Sophie sings all the hits as well as some very festive classics in her own seasonal disco style.

**7:30PM, WED 6 DEC 2023**

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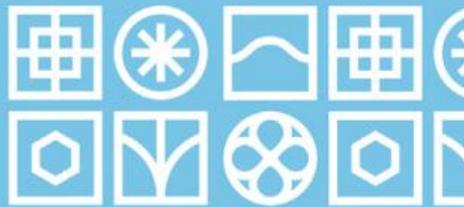


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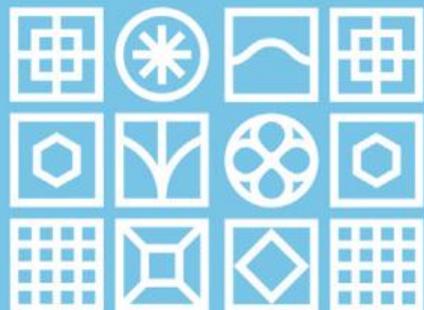
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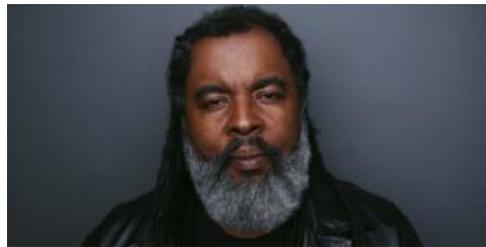


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8PM, WED 19 APR 2023

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11AM, SUN 19 MAR 2023

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### CURIOUS INVESTIGATORS (3-7)

A cracking adventure in a delightfully surprising and highly visual show. When Scribble and Clipboard sort the recycling they keep finding new things to investigate including a mysterious egg. Can you help rescue the unborn chick?



11AM, SUN 16 APR 2023

£6 ADULT & CHILD

### JOURNEY TO THE STARS (5+)

A marvellous blend of puppetry, storytelling, live music and comedy, sprinkled with astounding science and astronomy fact in a funny and unique family show.



1PM, SAT 27 MAY 2023

£6 ADULT & CHILD

### APPLE & SPICE (3+)

Introduce children to storytelling, dance and shadow puppetry with an original, interactive and multi-cultural dance performance.



2PM, SUN 25 JUN 2023

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1:30PM & 7PM, MON 6 FEB 2023

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A showcase spotlighting selected 10 minute plays celebrating Crowdbait's first year in the UK. Each month playwrights have brought scripts with actors drawn from a hat to perform them. Audiences have voted on the scripts to be performed at the showcase.

8PM, SAT 18 FEB 2023

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### SOLD

When auto-biographer Mary Prince tells of her extraordinary journey to overcome the brutality of slavery she becomes a beacon for the British anti-slavery movement. Through theatre, song, music, drumming and dance, SOLD is a masterpiece of Black British theatre.



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### NOTHING HAPPENS (TWICE)

A journey of discovery into the real meaning of success. Funny and anarchic, honest and touching, this deeply personal show asks if making theatre is such hard work, why do we keep on doing it?



8PM, 18 APR 2023

## COMEDY

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### MIKE WOZNIAK

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### ROB AUTON (14+)

The Crowd Show is a comedy/theatre/spoken word show about crowds, suitable for anyone who wants to be in the crowd!



7.30PM, SUN 12 FEB 2023

£17.30

### SOPHIE DUKER

The sexy baby from Taskmaster is all grown up in her new 'Hag' show. Deal with it.



8PM, SAT 4 MAR 2023

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### JAYDE ADAMS (16+)

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8PM, FRI 31 MAR 2023

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### NOISE NEXT DOOR - COMEDY LOCK IN

A must-see, star-studded evening of off-the-cuff anarchy! See your favourite stand-up stars dive into a world of ludicrous characters, witty one-liners and explosive physicality.

8PM, THU 22 JUN 2023

£17.30

### CARL HUTCHINSON

After his mammoth 87 date run in 2022, Carl is back with a brand-new show for 2023 which promises to be his best yet! Prepare to be dazzled by the UK comedy scene's best kept secret!



7:30PM, FRI 6 OCT 2023

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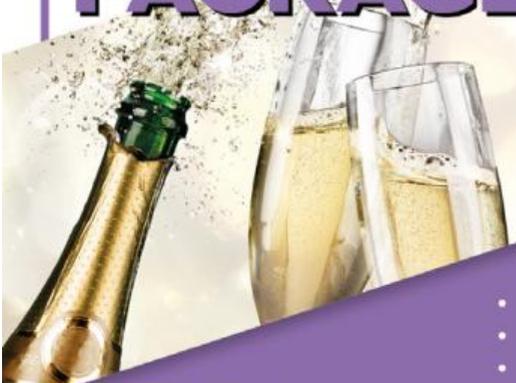
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# WHAT'S ON IN THE MAIN AUDITORIUM 2023

## JANUARY 2023

- Thu 26 BSO: Elgar's Cello Concerto  
Mon 30 Portsmouth Chamber Music:  
Ensemble 360

## FEBRUARY 2023

- Thu 02 Whitney - Queen of the Night  
Sat 04 Guildhall Games Fest 2023  
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Mon 06 Belinda Carlisle  
Tue 07 Frank Turner & The Sleeping Souls  
Wed 08 Queen Extravaganza  
Thu 09 Jason Fox  
Sun 12 Troy Hawke  
Fri 17 The Lord of the Rings  
& The Hobbit in Concert  
Sat 18 The Musical Box – The Lamb Lies  
Down on Broadway  
Sat 25 Gentleman's Dub Club + The Skints

## MARCH 2023

- Fri 03 Mike Oldfield's Tubular Bells  
Sat 04 Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis- 2023 Tour  
Sun 05 Fisherman's Friends  
Thu 09 The Rock Orchestra by Candlelight  
Sat 11 Father John Misty  
Sun 12 Mini Ravers  
Sun 12 Jack Whitehall  
Mon 13 **Stiff Little Fingers\***  
Thu 16 BSO: Star Wars – The Definitive Concert  
Fri 17 I Prevail  
Sun 19 90s Baby Pop  
Mon 20 Portsmouth Chamber Music –  
Arcadia Quartet  
Fri 24 The Last Days of Disco  
Mon 27 Nadiya and Kai – Once Upon a Time  
Tue 28 Firdance  
Thu 30 BSO: Mighty Brahms  
Fri 31 **Craig Charles' Funk & Soul Club\***

## APRIL 2023

- Sat 08 Takedown Festival  
Thu 13 **Reef\***  
Mon 17 Portsmouth Chamber Music –  
Leonore Piano Trio  
Wed 19 Dick and Dom in Da Bungalow Live  
Thu 20 BSO: Rachmaninov First and Last  
Sun 23 The Serial Killer Next Door

\* The Box shows

Listings correct at time of going to print.



Check inside for **The Lens**  
listings!



## MAY 2023

- Wed 17 Daniel O'Donnell  
Fri 19 Paul Smith  
Mon 22 Portsmouth Chamber Music  
– Esme Quartet  
Thu 25 Neil Warnock – Are You With Me?  
Fri 26 Strictly Come Dancing  
– The Professionals 2023  
Sun 28 Mike & The Mechanics

## JUNE 2023

- Thu 01 The Illegal Eagles  
Sat 03 Portsmouth Comic Con 2023  
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Thu 08 This Is Britpop!  
Fri 09 The Diana Ross Story  
Sat 17 Russell Howard Live  
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## JULY 2023

- Sat 01 **The Bon Jovi Experience\***  
Fri 07 MANIA: The Abba Tribute  
Sun 09 Sun Records – The Concert

## AUGUST 2023

- Sun 06 National Children's Orchestra

## SEPTEMBER 2023

- Sat 02 Do You Believe In Ghosts?  
Thu 14 The Smooth Rock Show  
Sat 16 Jurassic Live  
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Thu 21 Simon Brodikin: Screwed Up  
Sat 23 The ELO Show 2023  
Mon 25 Deacon Blue – All The Old 45s  
Fri 29 Robert Lamberti – Presents Perfectly  
George  
Sat 30 Cirque – The Greatest Show

## OCTOBER 2023

- Sat 07 **The Dualers**  
Wed 18 Miriam Margolyes: Oh Miriam! Live  
Fri 20 Diversity – Supernova  
Sun 22 Electric Callboy – Tekkno Tour '23  
Tue 24 Kevin Bloody Wilson  
Wed 25 Jimmy Carr  
Thu 26 An Evening with Harry Redknapp

## NOVEMBER 2023

- Thu 02 Sarah Millican – Late Bloomer  
Fri 03 Sarah Millican – Late Bloomer  
Wed 08 The Dead South  
Thu 09 Lost In Music  
Tue 14 Sir Ranulph Fiennes  
Fri 17 The Australian Pink Floyd Show 2023

## DECEMBER 2023

- Mon 04 An Evening With Wayne Rooney  
Wed 06 Sophie Ellis-Bextor  
Fri 22 Magic of Motown