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THE GUIDE

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Welcome to the new-style, new-season brochure which I'm confident you'll find easy to navigate and fun to use. We work hard at The Grand to offer a wide choice of quality arts and entertainment experiences for you, your friends and your family to enjoy.

And, with the return of favourites like Doddy, Stomp and Vincent and Flavia in the Autumn, and brand new productions of The Jungle Book and The Kite Runner in the new year, I hope we'll tempt you to return time and again over the coming months to share a great night out.

The Grand Theatre is a charity – *perhaps you didn't know that?* Our mission is to be the theatre of choice for the people of Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre and to offer opportunities to enjoy, participate and learn through the arts. So, we don't just put shows on our stage, we work in schools, community centres and even parks across the Fylde Coast to introduce young people to the power and pleasure of making theatre part of their lives.

Last year more than 10,000 school children visited The Grand to see a show and a further 3,000 participated in other activities – workshops, classes, talks and tours. We couldn't do all this without your support, nor the support of Blackpool Council, the Vera Wolstencroft Charitable Trust, the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and the Friends of The Grand.

We are here to make a difference and to ensure we do our bit to make Blackpool a great place to live, work and learn.

If you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to help, please contact us through our website **blackpoolgrand.co.uk**.

Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Ruth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the letters "R" and "u" being particularly prominent.

DRAMA

WILLY RUSSELL'S

Shirley Valentine

STARRING JODIE PRENGER DIRECTED BY GLEN WALFORD

Shirley is a Liverpool housewife. Her kids have left home and she makes chips and egg for her husband while talking to the wall. Where has her life disappeared to? Out of the blue, her best friend offers her a trip to Greece for 2 weeks and she secretly packs her bags. She heads for the sun and starts to see the world and herself very differently.

Willy Russell's heart-warming comedy premiered in 1986 and took the world by storm. It was adapted into an Oscar nominated film. Now, on its 30th anniversary, **Jodie Prenger** stars in the first major revival of this national treasure.

"The funniest and most heart-warming play"

DAILY MIRROR

Age guidance 14 yrs +
@ShirleyVOnStage
www.shirley-valentine.com

Times

Mon **8pm**
Tue to Sat Evenings **7:30pm**
Thur and Sat Matinees **2pm**

Tickets

Thur to Thur Evenings **£22** to **£27**
Fri and Sat Evenings **£24** to **£29**
Matinees **£25**
Concessions **£3** off
Friends of The Grand **£5** off (opening night)
Groups 10+ **£4** off
Groups 50+ **£5** off and Sat Matinees **2pm**

Audio Described - Fri 15 Sept, **7:30pm**

Are you 18-26?

Amazing deals available at just **£12.50**
(T&C apply). Tickets go quick, so call us
now!

LEAVE A LEGACY

Last year, long-standing lover and supporter of the Grand Theatre, **Alan Sears**, remembered us in his will. His generous gift helped to fulfil his dream of returning this beautiful historic building to the original architectural footprint.

As a charity and a not-for-profit organisation, the Grand Theatre couldn't survive without the help and support of people like Alan. And so, we'd like to thank him. He's helped to secure the future of this beautiful gem of a Frank Matcham theatre for generations to come.

THANK YOU, Alan!

COULD YOU LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY, TOO?

If you'd like to make a charitable gift to the Grand Theatre in your will, CAF (the Charities Aid Foundation) offers free help and advice. Visit cafonline.org or, if you'd like to make a donation now, visit our website on ***blackpoolgrand.co.uk/donations***.

DRAMA

BILL KENWRIGHT PRESENTS THE CLASSIC THRILLER THEATRE COMPANY IN RUTH RENDELL'S...

A Judgement In Stone

MON 9 to SAT 14 OCT

Following ten years of the ***Agatha Christie Theatre Company*** a new thriller from 'the best woman crime writer since Christie.' The Sunday Times

Eunice struggles to fit in. When she joins a wealthy family as their housekeeper the very reason for her awkwardness, long hidden and deeply buried, leads to a terrible tale of murder in cold blood - on Valentine's Day. Ruth Rendell's brilliant plot unravels a lifetime of deceit and cover-ups which, when revealed, brings a shocking revelation almost as grizzly as murder itself.

Building on the phenomenal decade-long success of *The Agatha Christie Theatre Company*, which continually played to packed houses around the UK, **Bill Kenwright** presents this new production adapted from one of *Ruth Rendell's* most celebrated works.

The star cast includes **Chris Ellison** best known as DCI Frank Burnside in *The Bill* and *Burnside*, and *Great Expectations* in London's West End, **Sophie Ward** who played the beautiful love interest of Young Sherlock Holmes and Dr Helen Trent in ITV's *Heartbeat*, **Robert Duncan**, best

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known for *Drop the Dead Donkey*, **Deborah Grant**, who has starred in *Not Going Out* and *Bergerac*, movie icon **Shirley Anne Field** who became an overnight star in the landmark film *The Entertainer* opposite Sir Laurence Olivier, **Antony Costa** who shot to fame in chart topping boy band *Blue* and Agatha Christie Company stalwart **Ben Nealon** whose TV credits include ITV's award winning *Soldier Soldier*.

Audio Described - Sat 14 Oct, 2:30pm

@BKL_Productions www.kenwright.com

Times

Evenings **7:30pm**

Wed and Sat Matinees **2:30pm**

Tickets

£23.50 to £31.50

Matinees **£23.50**

Concessions **£3 off** (Mon to Thur Evenings only)

Friends of The Grand **£5 off** (opening night)

DRAMA

LONDON CLASSIC THEATRE PRESENTS NOËL COWARD'S

Private Lies

Directed by Michael Cabot and designed by Frankie Bradshaw

TUE 7 to SAT 11 NOV

London Classic Theatre present a major new touring production of Noël Coward's sparkling comedy.

In **Private Lives**, strong passions and stronger personalities set the stage for a classic battle of the sexes.

1930. Deauville, France. Two newlymarried couples occupy adjoining honeymoon suites in the same hotel. As a distant orchestra plays, Sibyl gazes adoringly at charismatic husband Elyot, while Victor admires his new wife, the vivacious and sophisticated Amanda.

Champagne flows and the sea shimmers in the moonlight as the newlyweds prepare for the evening ahead. But when Amanda overhears a familiar voice singing a forgotten song, an old spark reignites, with spectacular consequences.

Full of razor-sharp wit and quick-fire dialogue, **Private Lives** is Noël Coward's most popular and enduring stage comedy. Extraordinarily written in only three days, **Private Lives** opened at London's Phoenix Theatre in August 1930 to packed houses. Since then, this charming comedy of manners has retained its remarkable appeal, captivating audiences all over the world.

Audio Described – Sat 11 Nov, 2:30pm

@londonclassic1 www.londonclassictheatre.co.uk

Times

Evenings **7:30pm**

Thur and Sat Matinees **2:30pm**

Tickets

Evenings **£21.50** to **£23.50**

Matinees **£17.50**

Friends of The Grand **£5** off (opening night)

Concessions **£3** off (evenings only)

Groups 10+ **£4** off

Groups 50+ **£5** off

Groups 100+ **£7** off

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FRIENDS OF THE GRAND

A passionate group of theatre-lovers who, over the years, have raised millions of pounds and volunteered thousands of hours to help the theatre operate and improve.

If you become a **Friend of The Grand** you'll benefit from offers, discounts and advance booking that will make your theatregoing experience both more enjoyable and affordable. Our Friends even host regular coffee mornings with a guest speaker – the perfect opportunity to meet other members.

www.friendsofthegrand.co.uk

Whether you'd like to make new friends, help the theatre, or snap up the discounts - you can become a Friend of The Grand by calling **01253 290190**.

CHRISTMAS FUNNY GIRLS

14 DEC 2017

£10 (incl buffet)

BOOK EARLY – Always sells out!

Full Adult Membership

Available to anyone over 18 and under 60 - **£20**

Concession Membership

This Membership is only available for under 18s and over 60s - **£10**

TOURS, TALKS & PHOTOGRAPHIC

Heritage Tours

Stand on the raked stage and observe the cantilevered tiers of circles, boxes and pit. Discover the secrets of the great stage.

Learn about flamboyant architect Frank Matcham and explore the warren of staircases that lead to the stars' dressing rooms and beyond.

Sat 23 Sept, 11am

Mon 16 Oct, 11am

Fri 10 Nov, 11am

Mon 11 Dec, 11am

Thur 11 Jan, 11am

Sat 3 Feb, 11am

Thur 22 Mar, 11am

Tickets

£10

Concessions **£8**

Friends of The Grand **£8**

Under 18s £8

Tours do include climbing stairs.

THEATRE TALKS

Book one of our theatre talks for your group. There are four to choose from.

The History of The Grand Theatre

The Stars of The Grand Theatre 1894 to 1981

Behind The Scenes

Frank Matcham: Architect 1854 – 1920

Talks **£25 minimum**

(£1 per person if more than 25 people.)

Talks last approx 45mins to 1hr

PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSIONS

Join us for our Photographic Sessions led by internationally renowned photographer, **Sean Conboy** (seanconboy.com). This unique Masterclass will provide you with the skills needed to photograph beautiful structures and interiors.

Sean has photographed The Grand officially for many years and his work is regularly used in all our media as well as many international magazines.

Tickets

£40 Basics class

£120 Advanced class

DRAMA

TOURING CONSORTIUM THEATRE COMPANY AND ROSE THEATRE
KINGSTON PRESENT

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

TUES 27 to SAT 31 MAR 2018

Adapted by David Edgar and Starring Phil Daniels

A twisted tale of nerve-jangling horror, this adaptation of *Robert Louis Stevenson's* classic gothic thriller stars **Phil Daniels** as the extraordinary Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

During one of his audacious experiments trying to separate good from evil, the kind and gifted Dr Jekyll inadvertently unleashes an alternative personality of pure evil ...the mysterious Mr Hyde.

As this sinister figure starts causing terror and havoc in foggy London, Jekyll must race to find a cure for his monstrous alter-ego before it takes over for good.

Phil Daniels' extensive and varied credits include Jimmy Cooper in *Quadrophenia*, Richards in *Scum* and Kevin Wicks in *EastEnders*. He has worked with the RSC and NT and has appeared on stage in productions as diverse as *Les Misérables* and *This House*. ***Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*** is directed by Stephen Unwin, designed by Simon Higlett and adapted by Tony awardwinning playwright David Edgar.

For Edgar, ***Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*** taps into a “very real sense of threat, and that the world out there is a very dangerous place. There’s the

question, too, of what we are like, because we continue not just to be frightened about suicide bombers, but about criminals, and about terrible acts of inexplicable violence.”

Audio Description – Sat 21 Mar, 2pm

@TCTcompany www.touringconsortium.co.uk

Times

Evenings **7:30pm**

Thur and Sat Matinees **2pm**

Tickets

Evenings **£20 to £25**

Matinees **£20**

Concessions **£3 off** (evenings only)

Friends of The Grand **£5 off** (opening night)

Schools **£10** (Tue to Fri)

Groups 10+ **£4 off**

Groups 50+ **£5 off**

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The Jungle Book

TUE 8 to SAT 12 MAY 2018

An exciting new adaptation of *Rudyard Kipling's* family classic, **The Jungle Book**, comes to life in this colourful new show brought to you by the team behind *Goodnight Mister Tom* and *Michael Morpurgo's Running Wild*.

Loved as a wild and fun tale of family, belonging and identity, this production is packed with memorable characters, new songs and brilliant storytelling.

Mowgli the man cub battles for survival in this heart-warming coming-of-age story about a boy raised by wolves in the jungle. With the help of his animal friends, including Bagheera the panther, Baloo the bear and Kaa the python, Mowgli outwits the cruel and powerful tiger, Shere Khan, and learns the law of the jungle.

This unforgettable adventure is adapted by the Olivier Award-winning **Jessica Swale** (*Nell Gwynn*), with music by singer songwriter **Joe Stilgoe** and directed by **Max Webster** (*The Lorax*, *The Old Vic*).

Audio Description – Sat 12th May, **2:30pm**

www.childrenstouringpartnership.co.uk

Times

Tue 7pm

Wed 1:30pm

Thur **10:30am and 2:30pm**

Fri **7pm**

Sat 2:30pm and **7pm**

Tickets

Evenings **£20.50 to £25.50**

Matinees **£20.50**

Concessions **£3 off**

Friends of The Grand **£5 off** (opening night)

Under 18s **£3 off**

Family of four **£62** (not available on top price tickets; Select 4 adult tickets and enter online promo code JUNGLE4)

Schools **£12.50** (Wed and Thur)

Groups 10+ **£4 off**

Groups 20+ **£5 off**

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The Kite Runner

TUE 22ND TO SAT 26TH – MAY 2018

Direct from the West End, this haunting tale of friendship follows one man's journey to confront his past and find redemption.

Based on the bestselling novel, ***The Kite Runner*** begins in Afghanistan, a divided country on the verge of war where two childhood friends are about to be torn apart. It's a beautiful afternoon in Kabul and the skies are full of the excitement and joy of a kite flying tournament. But neither boy can foresee the terrible incident which will shatter their lives forever.

“A spellbinding production” ★★★★★

THE STAGE

“Beautifully performed – I left with tears in my eyes.” ★★★★

THE TIMES

Audio Description – Sat 26th May, 2:30pm

@TheKiteRunnerUK www.TheKiteRunnerPlay.com

Age Guidance – 14yrs +

Times

Evenings **7:30pm**

Wed and Sat Matinees **2:30pm**

Tickets

Early Bird: Opening Night **£5 off** top price tickets if booked before 31 December 2017

Tue Evening **£31.50** to **£36.50**

Wed to Sat Evenings **£33.50** to **£36.50**

Matinees **£26.50**

Concessions **£2 off** (evenings only)

Groups 20+ **£3 off**

Groups 50+ **£4 off**

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DANCE

NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY WALES PRESENTS

FOLK

TUES 19TH TO WEDS 20TH SEPT

National Dance Company Wales brings together three unforgettable dances. Full of character and stunning movement, these acclaimed works will ignite and inspire.

Folk features Artistic Director *Caroline Finn*'s quirky and engaging style. Exploring themes of social relationships, characters come alive in a surreal and enchanting landscape.

Lee Johnston's, They Seek to Find the Happiness They Seem is a heart-wrenching exploration of disconnection within a relationship.

Roy Assaf's Profundis uses an exotic soundtrack and whimsical wordplay to challenge us to ask questions about what art really means.

Age Guidance – 14yrs +

@ndcwales www.ndcwales.co.uk

Times

7:30pm

Tickets starting at **£8.50** *For the most up to date information on ticket pricing please visit our website **blackpoolgrand.co.uk** or call **01253 290190**.

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DANCE

STOMP

TUE 17 to SAT 21 OCT

STOMP is the show that has the world DANCING to a brand new BEAT!

For 25 years **STOMP**, has been shaking things up across the globe, bringing audiences to life with its unique blend of comedy, dance and pure rhythm! Using everyday objects, the performers will have your toes tapping and your adrenaline pumping. Once **STOMP** starts, you won't know what's hit you.

Eight performers use everything from Zippo lighters, bin lids, and even the kitchen sink to hammer out an explosively feel-good rhythm enjoyed by audiences of all ages the world over.

The show was created in Brighton by Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas in 1991, and has since toured all corners of the globe. There are up to five companies performing around the world at any one time, including longterm runs in London and New York City.

“Brilliant and very funny: Theatre at its most seductive.” ★★★★

NEW YORK TIMES

“Impressively powerful.”

THE TIMES

“STOMP brings the house down”

THE INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY

“Expect to be amazed!”

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

@StompLDN www.stomplondon.com

Times

Evenings **7:30pm**

Wed and Sat Matinees **2pm**

Tickets

Early Bird: Opening Night **2 for 1** if booked before 1 October 2017

Evenings **£19.50 to £37.50**

Matinees **£22.50 to £25**

Concession **£3 off** (Tue to Fri)

Friends of The Grand **£5 off** (opening night)

Under 18s **Half Price**

Family of four (evenings) **£92**, (Select 4 adult tickets and enter online promo code STOMPFAM)

(matinees) **£62** Group 10+ **£6 off** (top price tickets)

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(T&C apply). Tickets go quick, so call us
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DANCE

TANGO MODERNO

Starring Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace

TUE 24th TO SAT 28th OCT

Tango Moderno is the irresistible hot new stage spectacular from Tango superstars **Vincent Simone** and **Flavia Cacace**.

Tango is the rhythm of the city, the heat of the streets and the pulse of life intoxicating the world with its incredible passion and intensity.

Dance partners for over two decades, world champions, *Strictly Come Dancing* favourites and West End stage stars **Vincent Simone** and **Flavia Cacace** bring together their famous tango style with dazzling theatrical flair to give you a Tango for today.

Vincent and Flavia return with their new production, following the incredible successes of *Midnight Tango*, hailed as ‘a triumph’ by the Daily Telegraph, the ‘utterly unmissable’ *Dance Til Dawn* (Smooth Radio) and the ‘fabulous must-see’ *The Last Tango* (Radio Times), promising you a classic yet fresh and modern show.

@VFBVincentflavia www.tangomoderno.com

Times

Tue to Sat **7:30pm**

Thur and Sat Matinees **2pm**

Tickets

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Evenings £36 to £40.50

Matinees £25.50

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DANCE

JASMIN VARDIMON COMPANY PRESENTS

Pinocchio

FRI 3RD AND SAT 4TH NOV

Be charmed by Jasmin **Vardimon's** joyous and wildly imaginative take on the classic Collodi fairytale. With humour, engaging drama and theatrical innovation, **Pinocchio** takes us on a magical journey as the puppet boy discovers what it is to be human.

With a trademark choreographic style, Vardimon's breath-taking dancers bring to life the enchanting world of the famous marionette in this visual delight for all the family.

“Simple yet elaborate, stark but magical, Pinocchio is a pretty impressive achievement.” ★★★★

THE TIMES

Age guidance – 11yrs+

@JVCompany www.jasminvardimon.com

Tickets

7:30pm

Sat Matinee 2pm

Tickets starting at £8.50. For the most up to date information on ticket pricing please visit our website **blackpoolgrand.co.uk** or call **01253 290190**

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DANCE

JOSS ARNOTT DANCE PRESENTS

Triple Bill

Joss Arnott Dance's new classical contemporary programme for 2017 will take you on a gripping journey through powerful and heart-pounding choreography that has established the company as one of the most exciting voices in British contemporary dance.

Created in collaboration with some of the industry's foremost, award-winning dancers, composers and designers, Arnott's new ***Triple Bill*** consists of two brand new dance works – *A Movement in 3* and *RUSH* – alongside the company's internationally award-winning solo *V* that will feature live music for the first time.

Expect a highly charged, visually stunning and musically led evening of dance that explodes with power and technical brilliance

Age guidance 11yrs+

@JossArnottDance www.jossarnottdance.com

Times

7:30pm

Tickets starting at **£8.50**. For the most up to date information on ticket pricing please visit our website **blackpoolgrand.co.uk** or **call 01253 290190**.

DANCE

RAYMOND GUBBAY PRESENTS RUSSIA'S ACCLAIMED BALLET COMPANY

THE SNOW MAIDEN

THE NUTCRACKER

SWAN LAKE

FRI 12th TO SUN 14th JAN 2018

The Snow Maiden protected from the outside world by Father Frost, the exquisite Snow Maiden plays innocently amongst the dancing snowflakes in the enchanted Land of Frost. Based on a traditional folk-tale, set in the snow-covered landscape of rural Russia, this seasonal sparkler follows the Snow Maiden as she dances into the human world. Captivated by the colourful village and the people who live there, she ventures too far and is swept up by feelings of love, temptation and betrayal. When finally, she surrenders herself completely and warms to love, her heart melts in a tragic embrace.

The Nutcracker. This most famous of fantasy ballets for all the family begins as night falls on Christmas Eve. As snowflakes fall outside, the warm glow of the open fire sends flickering shadows across the boughs of the Christmas tree and all the presents beneath. When midnight strikes, we are swept away to a fairy-tale world where nothing is quite as it seems, toy dolls spring to life, the Mouse-king and his mouse-army battle with the Nutcracker Prince and we travel through the Land of Snow to an enchanted place where the magic really begins.

Swan Lake. The greatest romantic ballet of all time is brought to life by Tchaikovsky's haunting and unforgettable score. From the impressive splendour of the Palace ballroom to the moon-lit lake where swans glide in perfect formation, this compelling tale of tragic romance has it all. From Odile, the temptress in black tulle as she seduces the Prince by spinning with captivating precision to the spellbound purity of the swan queen, Odette as she flutters with emotional intensity, the dual role of Odette/Odile is one of ballet's most unmissable technical challenges.

@RaymondGubbay www.raymondgubbay.co.uk

Times

Evenings **7:30pm**

Sat and Sun Matinees **2:30pm**

Tickets

£21 to £45

Concessions **£2 off**

Under 18s **£32** (first 80 tickets, subject to availability)

Book any two Ballets at
the same time for just **£71**

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MARK BRUCE COMPANY PRESENTS

Macbeth

TUE 17th AND WED 18th APR 2018

Multi-award-winning **Mark Bruce Company** presents a striking dance theatre adaptation of Shakespeare's **Macbeth**, a tragic descent into the darkest sides of ourselves.

Goaded by the whispers of demons, the Macbeths unleash murder for their own gains and set in motion their path to madness and self-destruction, unravelling events in a nightmare they cannot control.

With a cast of ten and designed by the creative team that brought you *Dracula* and *The Odyssey*, this dance theatre production realises a beautifully harrowing vision of an internal wasteland formed from the pursuit of power through ruthless means.

“Kill for a ticket”

THE OBSERVER (DRACULA)

@MarkBrucoCo www.markbrucecompany.com

Times

Tue 7:30pm

Weds 2pm

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CLASSICS

SWEENEY ENTERTAINMENTS PRESENTS

Vivaldi By Candelight

Performed by The Locrian Ensemble

Britain's best-loved classical touring ensemble, the Locrian, present a musical tribute to the great Venetian composer, **Antonio Vivaldi**. Attired in lavish period costume, performing in front of a stunning classical set, these charismatic musicians perform Vivaldi's Four Seasons, a composition which depicts 17th century Italian rural life in a wonderfully inventive manner. Other works include the virtuoso Concerto for Two *Violins*, the Rustic Symphony, and classics such as Pachelbel's Canon, and Handel's *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*.

Step back for a while from the hectic pace of our anxious times, into the elegance and grace of the Baroque, whilst listening to harmonies of this great melodic genius weaving his magical spell

"The Locrian were spirited and sensitive, their rapport was excellent, and the result was utter pleasure."

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@Sweeney_Ents www.sweeneyentertainments.co.uk

7:30pm – All seats £24

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OPERA & BALLET INTERNATIONAL PROUDLY PRESENTS TWO ELLEN KENT PRODUCTIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL SOLOISTS, HIGHLY-PRAISED CHORUS AND FULL ORCHESTRA

Verdi's La Traviata

20th FEB 2018

Starring the international soprano **Alyona Kistenyova*** and the Korean soprano **Maria HeeJung Kim***.

Based on a true story, this tragic tale of searing passion and memorable music tells of the passionate loves and life of the consumptive courtesan, Violetta. The highlights include the *Brindisi*, the best-known drinking song in opera, the duet *Un di Felice* and Violetta's haunting aria *Addio Del Passato*. This magnificent production boasts sumptuous sets and costumes.

Puccini's Madama Butterfly

21st FEB 2018

Introducing the celebrated soprano **Maria HeeJung Kim*** from the Korean National Opera, Seoul and the international soprano **Alyona Kistenyova***.

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Winner of “The Best Opera Award” Liverpool Daily Post Theatre Awards.

One of the world’s most popular operas, Puccini’s ***Madama Butterfly*** tells the heartbreak story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results.

Featuring exquisite sets including a spectacular Japanese garden and fabulous costumes including antique wedding kimonos from Japan.

Highlights include the melodic *Humming Chorus*, the moving aria *One Fine Day* and the unforgettable *Love Duet*.

Times

7:30pm

Tickets

£31 to £34

Friends of The Grand **£5 off**

LINK TICKET

Book both La Traviata
and Madama Butterfly for
£53

(Select both shows and

enter online promo code EKLINK)

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MUSICALS

THE SMASH HIT MARC BOLAN MUSICAL

20TH Century Boy

TUE 13TH TO SAT 17TH MAR 2018

This hit musical, inspired by the life of rock legend **Marc Bolan**, returns to the stage to mark the 40th anniversary of the iconic star's untimely death. Featuring some of the greatest rock songs ever written, **20th Century Boy** tells the life story of the legendary Bolan and his band T. Rex. This show exposes some of the myths and takes the audience on a tearful yet feel-good journey through Marc's fascinating life, cut short by a cruel twist of fate.

At his peak, Bolan was arguably the biggest rock star the UK had ever seen. Rocker, poet, electric warrior, king of glam and godfather of punk – **Marc Bolan** became a superstar and the press dubbed him “*Bigger than the Beatles*”. Before his tragic death in 1977, a few days short of his 30th birthday, Bolan lived life at breakneck speed, creating a series of iconic images, a string of number one hits and an army of obsessive fans. **20th Century Boy** is a glorious celebration of glam rock at its colourful best!

Featuring classic T.Rex 70s hits like, *Ride A White Swan*, *Metal Guru*, *I Love to Boogie*, **20th Century Boy** and many more.

“A visual, aural and multimedia feast!”

THE STAGE

@20thCenturyBoy4 www.20thCenturyBothemusical.co.uk

TIMES

Evenings **7:30pm**

Sat Matinee **3pm**

TICKETS

Opening Night **£22**

Tue to Thur Evenings **£24** to **£31**

Fri and Sat Evenings **£26** to **£33**

Matinee **£23.50**

Concessions **£3 off**

Friends of The Grand **£5 off** (Wed to Sat Evenings)

Groups 10+ **£4 off**

Groups 20+ **£5 off**

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MUSICALS

Son of A Preacher Man

ORIGINAL STORY AND BOOK BY WARNER BROWN

DIRECTED BY CRAIG REVEL HORWOOD

TUE 20th TO SAT 24th MAR 2018

Three broken hearts, one Soho hang-out, and the only man who could ever help them...

Welcome to the Preacher Man, the swinging Soho joint where the kids used to dance the night away and dared to dream of love, while the legendary owner, The Preacher Man himself, dispensed advice to cure the loneliest of hearts. Only, that was a long time ago and all that remains are the memories, the stories and the myths. Until now, that is, as three random strangers, generations apart but all in need of help with their hopeless love lives, are inexplicably drawn to the site of the original venue.

Directed and choreographed by ***Strictly Come Dancing's Craig Revel Horwood*** and featuring the greatest hits of **Dusty Springfield**, this sparklingly funny and sweetly touching new musical play by internationally-renowned writer **Warner Brown** will have you laughing, crying and singing your heart out to some of the greatest songs ever written. So, you know just what to do with yourself – book your tickets now!

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TIMES

Evenings **7:30pm**

Thur and Sat Matinees **2pm**

TICKETS

Evenings **£32.50 to £39.50**

Matinees **£29.50**

Concessions **£3 off** (*evenings only*)

Friends of The Grand **£5 off** (*opening night*)

Groups 10+ **£4 off**

Groups 50+ **£5 off**

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MUSICALS

MARTIN DODD FOR UK PRODUCTIONS BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC
THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (EUROPE) LTD. PROUDLY PRESENTS

Legally Blonde: The Musical

Starring *Rita Simons* as *Paulette Bonafonte*, *Lucie Jones* as *Elle Woods*,
and *Bill Ward* as *Professor Callahan*.

MON 9 to SAT 14 APR 2018

OMG you guys!!! ***Legally Blonde: The Musical*** is coming to Blackpool!

The smash hit Broadway and West End Musical based on the best loved movie follows beautiful and popular sorority sister Elle Woods who loves to be pampered and is passionate about pink. When she is dumped by her boyfriend Warner Huntingdon III for a more serious girlfriend she puts down the credit cards and picks up the books. Packing up her trusty pooch, Bruiser, she bags herself a place at the prestigious Harvard Law School to try and win him back. With the support of her new friends she learns that you can be both smart and fashionable.

Rita Simons is best known for playing Roxy Mitchell in BBC's *EastEnders* for which she has won numerous awards and is one of Britain's best loved actresses.

Lucie Jones represented the UK at the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest. Her other musical theatre credits include Maureen in *Rent*, Cosette in *Les Misérables*, Molly in *Ghost*, Meatloaf in *We Will Rock You*, and she was a finalist in the 2009 series of the *X Factor*.

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Also starring in the show is **Bill Ward**, best known for playing James Barton in *Emmerdale* and Charlie Stubbs in *Coronation Street* plays Professor Callahan.

This all singing, all dancing romantic comedy is totally *what you want*, so *bend and snap up* your tickets today!

Audio Described – Sat 14th April, 2pm

@LegallyBlondeNT www.legallyblondethemusicaltour.com

TIMES

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TICKETS

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Matinees **£29.50**

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FAMILY

THE PEOPLE'S THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

Don't Dribble on The Dragon

By Steven Lee. Directed by Nick Lane

SUN 29TH OCT

Tom is a toddler with a cool older brother, a secret dragon... and a dribbling problem that just won't stop! When Tom's endless drooling threatens to tear the brothers' friendship apart can their dragon's amazing magic help them put it back together again or will it only end up making things worse?

Based on the fabulous new book by *Steven Lee* and with magic designed by the legendary *Paul Daniels*, this spectacular musical adventure about growing up and the importance of family is the perfect feel good show for big hearted adults and loving little ones alike

@the_ptc www.ptc.org.uk

As an extra treat, Steven will be available to sign copies of **Don't Dribble On The Dragon** which you can bring with you or buy in the theatre after the show.

2:30pm

Adults £11.50

Children (Under 16) £9.50

Family of four £39 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter online promo code DRAGON4)

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FAMILY

NICK BROOKE LTD PRESENT

The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Adapted and directed by David Wood. Based on the book by Judith Kerr

MON 30TH AND TUES 31ST OCT

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Following a smash-hit West End season, the tea-guzzling tiger is back on the road in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos! A stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem..., expect to be surprised!

“This tiger is the cat’s meow.” ★★★★

THE TIMES

“A rare and grrreat achievement!” ★★★★

MAIL ON SUNDAY

@TigersTeaLive www.tigerstealive.com

Mon 1:30pm and 4:30pm

Tues 10:30am and 1:30pm

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Tickets

£15

Schools **£12.50**

Groups 10+ **£12.50**

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ENTERTAINMENT

THE BEST OF

Derren Brown: Undergound

THUR 31st AUG TO SAT 2nd SEPT

Direct from its sell-out London run, **Derren Brown: *Underground*** is the latest stage show from the multi-award winning master of psychological illusion. Bringing together a collection of the very best of Derren's previous stage work, ***Underground*** is a spell-binding experience of showmanship and magical genius.

A unique opportunity to see Derren perform his own choice of some of his favourite work on the Grand Theatre stage, for three performances only.

Book quickly as tickets are selling out fast.

Age guidance – 12yrs+

Time - 7:30pm

Tickets - £31.50 to £44

@DerrenBrown www.derrenbrown.co.uk

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ENTERTAINMENT

AUDIENCEWARE PRESENTS

The Chicago Blues Brothers

SUN 17TH SEPT

The award-winning spectacular is Europe's biggest and best-loved production of the Blues Brothers.

Back with a brand-new production for 2017 with an all new elaborate stage set ***The Chicago Blues Brothers*** are taking you back to 1980 to finish the concert at the Palace ballroom hotel This show is a powerhouse two-hour song-fest with over 40 hits performed live on stage in the concert that never finished.

Infectious, dazzling, riotous, exuberant and spirited, the legacy of Jake and Elwood has been jump-started for a new generation with an energy that's impossible to resist. ***The Chicago Blues Brothers*** are on a mission once again – in a high-octane, on-stage party you can't afford to miss.

@ChicagoBluesBro www.thebluesbrothers.co.uk

“Tight, classy and brassy.”

TIME OUT

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“Fun and infectious”

THE STAGE

“A high octane musical mash up”

BRISTOL POST

Time

7:30pm

Tickets

All seats £23.50

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ENTERTAINMENT

PAUL WALDEN & DEREK NICOL FOR FLYING MUSIC IN ASSOCIATION WITH
ADRIAN GRANT FOR KEY CONCERTS PRESENT

THRILLER! Live

MON 13TH TO SAT 18TH NOV

Direct from London's West End where it is now in its record-breaking 9th year, **THRILLER LIVE** is a spectacular concert created to celebrate the career of the world's greatest entertainer.

Seen by over 4 million people in over 30 countries, **THRILLER LIVE** continues to moonwalk around the world, taking you on a visual, audio and electrifying journey through the magic of Michael's 45-year musical history.

You will experience over two hours of non-stop hits from pop to rock, soul to disco as the cast pay homage to Jackson's legendary live performances and innovative dance moves executed with flair, precision and passion, this is a show that you will never forget.

Expect your favourite songs delivered by an exceptionally talented cast and band, including: *I Want You Back, ABC, Can You Feel It, Off the Wall, The Way You Make Me Feel, Smooth Criminal, Beat It, Billie Jean, Dirty Diana, Bad, Rock With You, They Don't Care About Us, Dangerous* and *Thriller* plus many more!

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"A TOTAL BLAST. The staging and constant brilliance of the musicians keep us riveted. A WONDERFUL SHOW!"

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TIMES

Mon to Thur **7:30pm**

Fri 5pm and 8:30pm

Sat 4pm and 8pm

TICKETS

Mon Evening and Fri (5pm) **£26.50** to **£32**

Tue to Thur Evening and Sat (4pm) **£28.50** to **£34**

Fri and Sat Evenings **£29.50** to **£35**

Concessions **£2 off**

Under 18s **£2 off**

Groups 20+ **£3 off**

Groups 50+ **£4 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

SWEENEY ENTERTAINMENTS PROUDLY PRESENT

T.Rextasy

THURS 21ST SEPT

Over the last twenty years, **T.Rextasy** have become widely accepted as the only official tribute show dedicated to *Marc Bolan & T.Rex*. Endorsed and approved by Marc's family, estate and catalogue management, not to mention original members of T.Rex. they are described by many as '*beyond the boundaries of tribute*'.

This year **T.Rextasy** are celebrating Marc's life and works with a very special commemorative tour.

Time - **7:30pm**

Tickets - **£25**

Concessions **£2 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

THE MJR GROUP PRESENTS

Purple Rain – A Celebration Of Prince

FRI 22 SEPT

Purple Rain is a world class live celebration of the music, life and legacy of Prince.

This full 8-piece live band delivers a non-stop, hit packed show spanning more than two hours! Complete with backing vocals, horn section, keys and of course **Jimi Love** as the unsurpassed Prince.

Expect to see, hear and feel all of the hits from one of the most loved artists of all time. *1999, Little Red Corvette, Purple Rain, Kiss, Diamonds And Pearls, U Got The Look, When Doves Cry, Cream, I Wanna Be Your Lover* and so many more.

Hailed by original Prince and the Revolution drummer Bobby Z as “*authentic and on the money*”, do not miss your chance to see ***Purple Rain*** live.

Time - 7:30pm

All seats £22.50

@CelebratePrince www.themjrgroup.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

ROBERT C KELLY PRESENTS

The Dolls Abroad

SAT 23RD SEPT

The biggest comedy hit in Scotland since *Mrs Brown's Boys*. After two sell-out tours of Scotland, the girls are back for one final tour of ***The Dolls Abroad***. Starring **Louise McCarthy** (*Only an Excuse?*) and **Gayle Telfer Stevens** (*River City*), ***The Dolls Abroad*** is the must-see comedy for 2017.

Having scrubbed toilets and pubs across Scotland, The Dolls are in need of a holiday. Luckily fate intervenes when Agnes wins top prize at Big Bella's Bingo – a holiday in Greece, and she's taking her lifelong pal Sadie along for the ride. Expect a whirlwind of Ouzo cocktails, new foods (Tzatziki's a food? We thought it was an infection) an unlikely romance and the realisation that a friendship found gabbing over a bleached toilet bowl is a friendship for life!

TIME – 7:30pm

TICKETS - All seats £28

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Simon and Garfunkel Story

50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

SUN 24th SEPT

Direct from its success in London's West End, a SOLD OUT UK tour and standing ovations at every performance, ***The Simon and Garfunkel Story*** is back! Using huge projection photos, original film footage and a full live band performing all the hits including *Mrs Robinson*, *Cecilia*, *Homeward Bound* and many more.

“Fantastic!”

ELAINE PAGE, BBC RADIO 2

“Authentic and Exciting”

THE STAGE

7:30pm

£22

Concessions £2 off

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www.thesimonandgarfunkelstory.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

TAP FACTORY PRODUCTIONS AND TBO PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

TAP FACTORY

SAT 30TH SEPT

Tap Factory is an international hit-show for all the family, featuring urban tap dance, percussion, comedy and acrobatics.

Tap Factory is so much more than a tap show - full of high energy dance, explosive percussion and unbelievable acrobatics, all wrapped up in a fun-filled evening.

The stunning live music and choreography is created from the most ordinary of objects by a highly talented, internationally renowned cast of award-winning tap dancers. On stage the show features; 4 pairs of tap shoes, 12 oil barrels, 1 stepladder, 4 trash bins, 1 bucket, 1 toolbox, 1 broom, 12 cans, 4 wood mallets and eight handsome men. Don't miss it!

TIMES

7:30pm

TICKETS

£24 to £28

Concessions **£3 off**

Friends of The Grand **£5 off**

Groups 10+ **£4 off**

Groups 50+ **£5 off**

Groups 100+ **£7 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Ken Dodd Happiness Show

SUNDAYS 1ST TO 22ND OCTOBER

Sir Ken Dodd's incredible and hugely successful career as a professional entertainer now spans over 60 fun-filled years.

He is a comedian of unrivalled legendary status: an icon and national treasure who has been entertaining audiences for a lifetime of happiness and laughter.

Come and enjoy his famous ***Happiness Show*** and you'll be absolutely discumknockerated (that's Knotty Ash for 'over the moon') by a truly tattifelarius (fun-filled) evening of laughter and songs.

With a supporting company, non-stop gags and a selection of songs presented in Ken's uniquely versatile style: everything from ballads to grand opera!

Times – 7pm

Tickets - £23 to £28

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ENTERTAINMENT

STEVE STEINMEN PRESENTS

The Meat Loaf Story

SAT 7th OCT

Steve Steinman the creative force behind the hugely successful *Vampires Rock* returns with this epic musical concert delivering the best of the best from Meat Loaf's *Bat Out of Hell* record breaking album.

With state of the art LED screens, incredible stage set, superb band and **Steve Steinman's** unique sense of humour and stage presence, the show will have you up on your feet and dancing in the aisles to all the greatest Meat Loaf hits *Paradise by the Dashboard Light, Took the Words Right Out of my Mouth, Anything For Love, Dead Ringer For Love and Bat Out of Hell*, to name just a few.

Times – 7:30pm

Tickets - £28 to £31

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Book for The Meat Loaf Story
and Vampires Rock and save £5 per ticket*

* Band A Tickets Only, Subject to availability, can be withdrawn at any time

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ENTERTAINMENT

Solid Gold Rock ‘n’ Roll Show

WEDS 1ST NOV

Original ‘dreamboats’, **Marty Wilde, Eden Kane, Mike Berry** and **The Wildcats**, as well as very special guest **Mark Wynter**, join forces in ***The Solid Gold Rock ‘N’ Roll Show.***

The late fifties and early sixties were without doubt some of the most exciting and important years in the history of music. With the arrival of Rock ‘n’ Roll, a whole new pop culture was born.

Performing their own hits and collaborating live on stage, Marty, Eden, Mike and Mark, teen idols of their day, show us how Rock n’ Roll with its fusion of sound and rhythm shaped the style of music that we listened to then and still do today. Includes hits such as *A Teenager in Love, Rubber Ball, Donna, I Don’t Know Why, Well I Ask You, Don’t You Think It’s Time, The Sunshine of Your Smile, Venus In Blue Jeans, Go Away Little Girl*, and many, many more!

Times

7:30pm

Tickets

£27.50 to £31.50

Concessions **£2 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

80'S TRIPLE HEADER FEATURING:

Midge Ure with Band Electronica

The Christians with Special Guests

Altered Images feat. Clare Grogan

SUN 5TH NOV

Midge Ure with his band **Electronica**, **The Christians** and **Altered Image** featuring **Clare Grogan**, three critically acclaimed legends of the 80s join forces in this major new UK tour.

With millions of album sales and iconic hits, plus over 30 years perfecting their craft, performing to audiences at sold out stadiums, intimate unplugged sets and everything in between, this authentic 80's triple-headers is not to be missed.

Absolute hits that made the decade.

Times

7:30pm

Tickets

£30.50 to £35

Concessions **£2 off**

Under 18s **£2 off**

Groups 20+ **£3 off**

Groups 50+ **£4 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

THE GODFATHER OF BRITISH BLUES

John Mayall

SUN 12TH NOV

For over 50 years, **John Mayall** has served as a pioneer of blues music, rightly earning him the title, “The Godfather of British Blues”.

Regarded by many as blues’ most influential artist, John’s band **The Bluesbreakers**, launched the careers of many true legends including *Eric Clapton, Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, Peter Green and Mick Taylor*.

64 albums later and John’s captivating and authentic sound is still as vital today as it ever was.

Special guest and long term collaborator, Texan guitarist **Buddy Whittington** makes a welcome return to the UK with **The Buddy Whittington Band**. After joining *The Bluesbreakers* in 1993, he energized the band with his unique and fiery live style. Buddy made his recording debut on the Spinning Coin album and proved to be more than equal to following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessors.

Times – 7:30pm

Tickets -

£30.50 to £35

Concessions **£2 off**

Groups 20+ **£3 off**

Groups 50+ **£4 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

A NIGHT OF

Dirty Dancing: The Ultimate Tribute Show

MON 20TH NOV

No film has captured the hearts of a generation like *Dirty Dancing*.

Relive the Cult Classic and celebrate the music of one of the greatest movie soundtracks of all time.

Be part of the glorious summer of '63 and experience all your favourite songs such as *She's Like The Wind*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Hey Baby*, *Hungry Eyes*. And of course the Oscar Winning (*I've Had*) *The Time of my Life*.

It's going to have you dancing dirty in the aisles...

TIMES

7:30pm

TICKETS

£25

Concessions £2 off

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*Please note this show is not affiliated with 'Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story on Stage' currently on tour in the UK and worldwide.

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ENTERTAINMENT

THE ADELE SONGBOOK

SOMEONE LIKE YOU

THURS 23RD NOV

Someone Like You (The Adele Songbook) is an immaculate celebration of one of our generation's finest singer-songwriters.

Hand-picked by Adele herself on Graham Norton's BBC *ADELE Special*, the outstanding **Katie Markham** has the show-stopping voice and captivating charisma to deliver all your favourite hits in an enthralling concert performance.

The show faithfully recreates the magic of the three record-breaking albums 19, 21 and 25 - including *Chasing Pavements*, *Make You Feel My Love*, *Set Fire To The Rain*, *Someone Like You*, *Hello*, *Rolling In The Deep* and the multi-million seller *Skyfall*.

Someone Like You will take you on a soul-stirring journey from break up to make up!

“Brilliant”

ADELE

“Katie has a lovely voice”

SHARON OSBOURNE

7:30pm – All seats £25

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fast Love

A tribute to George Michael

FRI 24TH NOV

Get ready for an unforgettable evening with a global superstar, as he puts the Boom Boom into your heart in the all new production for 2017 –

Fastlove: A Tribute to George Michael.

Relive the passion, the flare, and the unique sensitivity of George Michael in this incredible concert sensation. As the great man said: *you gotta have faith.*

Time - 7:30pm

Tickets - All seats £25

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ENTERTAINMENT

Message in A Bottle

A Tribute to The Police

SAT 25TH NOV

Relive the iconic sound of The Police and front man Sting with this unmissable pitch-perfect production – ***Message in a Bottle: A Tribute to The Police.***

Fans of the legendary rock band won't believe their ears as Message in a Bottle brings the stage alive with the magic of The Police's greatest hits including *Every Breath You Take*, *Roxanne*, *Message in a Bottle*, *walking on the Moon*, *So Lonely*, *Can't Stand Losing* and *Englishman in New York*.

Whether you're a diehard fan or just a lover of great music, this energetic live show oozes authenticity and promises a medley of music that's guaranteed to have you singing your heart out.

Time – 7:30pm

Tickets - All seats £25

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ENTERTAINMENT

Some Guys Have All the Luck

The Rod Stewart Story

SUN 26th NOV

Some Guys Have All the Luck is a fantastic theatrical production celebrating the career of one of rock's greatest icons, Rod Stewart – from street busker through to international superstar!

The show includes all the massive hits from Rod's incredible career, classic rockers like *Maggie May* and *Baby Jane* through to big ballads such as *Sailing* and *You're in My Heart* as well as favourites from his days with the Faces.

Time – 7:30pm

Tickets - All seats £23.50

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www.someguys havealltheluck.com

ENTERTAINMENT

THE GRAND

Christmas Concert

MON 18th DEC

Poulton-le-Fylde Band returns to Blackpool's Grand Theatre with the heart-warming Grand **Christmas Concert** - a fabulous festive treat for all the family.

Poulton-le-Fylde Band alongside host Father **Geoff Bottoms**, will celebrate the festive season in rousing style.

Packed with all your favourite sing-along carols and festive melodies, this family friendly concert is the perfect start to Christmas.

Time – 8pm

Tickets - All seats £17

Family of four £50

(Select 4 adult tickets and enter online promo code POULTON)

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ENTERTAINMENT

HANDSHAKE LIMITED PRESENTS

A Country Night in Nashville

SAT 20th JAN 2018

A Country Night in Nashville recreates the scene of a buzzing Honky Tonk in downtown Nashville, perfectly capturing the energy and atmosphere of an evening in the home of country music.

With songs including *Ring of Fire*, *Crazy*, *Follow Your Arrow*, *It's Five O'Clock Somewhere*, *Need You Now*, *9-5*, and *The Gambler* to name just a few, this incredible celebration of country music is a night not to be missed.

Time – 7:30pm

Tickets – All seats £24.50

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ENTERTAINMENT

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

Joe Brown – Just Joe

FRI 26TH JAN 2018

Premier Rock 'n' Roll legend **Joe Brown** goes from strength to strength as his contemporary achievements continue to gather momentum.

His '*Very Best Of*' album achieved a Gold Record for a massive 120,000 sales and was on the UK charts for eight weeks, staying four weeks in the Top 20. In the same year his 50th Anniversary was celebrated with a wonderful sell-out show at the Royal Albert Hall. His CD, *The Ukulele Album*, caused a similar stir and due to its success, a Deluxe version was later released.

Joe will be on stage all evening, and the musical styles incorporated into this new show are as unique as the man himself. This time he brings with him special guest **Henry Gross**.

Time – 7:30pm

Tickets -

£28 to £31

Concessions **£2 off**

Groups 10+ **£3 off**

Groups 50+ **£4 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Jason Manford: Muddle Class

SAT 27TH AND SUN 28TH JAN 2018

He's back! It's been a busy few years for Jason since his last smash-hit stand up show but fans of his Absolute Radio show will know this nationally acclaimed comedian hasn't changed a bit. ***Muddle Class*** promises to feature a wealth of new material about Jason growing up working class then finding, over the years, that part of him has become middle class - causing much confusion!

Delivered with Jason's amiable charm and captivating wit, this is a show not to be missed. *8 out of 10 Cats* (Channel 4), *The Nightly Show* (ITV1), *Sunday Night at the Palladium* (ITV1), *Live at the Apollo* (BBC One), *Have I Got News for You*, (BBC One), *QI* (BBC Two) and *The Royal Variety Performance* (ITV1) have all helped establish Jason as a nationally known comic.

Age guidance – 13yrs+

Times – Evenings 7:30pm

Tickets – all seats £30.50

@JasonManford

www.jasonmanford.com

ENTERTAINMENT

Grimethorpe Colliery Band

SUN 4TH FEB 2018

Formed in 1917, during the First World War, **Grimethorpe Colliery Band** is a British institution.

The legendary brass band, described by late composer, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies as, “*the finest jewel in the world of brass bands, and a unique cultural asset*”, have performed shows across the world and Blackpool’s Grand Theatre marks their latest destination.

Grimethorpe’s diverse noted concert performances include those at the FIFA World Cup, BAFTA Awards, BBC Proms, Eurovision and London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, together with a wealth of national and international television/radio appearances and professional recordings.

Time – 7:30pm

Tickets – All seats £23

£28 to £31

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Book for Vampires Rock and The Meat Loaf Story
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* Band A Tickets Only, Subject to availability, can be withdrawn at any time

@SteveSteinman

www.vampiresrock.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

Lipstick on Your Collar

SAT 10TH FEB 2018

Step back in time to the golden era of music where the jukebox roared and feet didn't touch the floor. Get your dancing shoes at the ready, grab yourself a milkshake and relax - you are in for an evening of back to back hits from the 1950s and 60s!

From the birth of Rock 'n' Roll through to the Beat Group sounds of the British Invasion and beyond, the show is packed with over forty hits from the likes of *Connie Francis, Brenda Lee, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, The Ronettes, Cliff Richard, Cilla Black* and many more.

Dancing in the aisles is strictly compulsory so bring your dancing shoes and let the good times roll!

Times – 7:30pm

Tickets - All seats £21.50

www.lipstickonyourcollar.co.uk

ENTERTAINMENT

KISSES TO HEAVEN TOUR

Psychic Sally

THURS 22ND FEB 2018

World renowned psychic, television and theatre star and the UK's favourite award winning medium Sally Morgan is back and better than ever with her phenomenal interactive stage show.

This is a unique evening not to be missed. Book your tickets now to see this phenomenal psychic in action.

Time - 7:30pm

Tickets - £27

Groups 10+ £3 off

Groups 50+ £5 off

Early Bird: £10 off if booked before 31

October 2017

@SallyMorganTV www.sallymorgan.tv

ENTERTAINMENT

BTB AND AUDIENCEWARE PRESENTS

Beyond the Barricade

FRI 23RD FEB 2018

Beyond the Barricade has delighted audiences throughout the UK and mainland Europe for more than a decade, with its exciting concert portrayal of the greatest songs in musical theatre, all performed totally live!

Recreating original West End/Broadway musical hit songs with amazing authenticity, this cast of past principal performers from *Les Misérables*, present a blockbuster two-hour show, and is now established as the nation's favourite musical theatre concert.

Don't miss the return of **Beyond the Barricade** to experience its nationwide reputation for quality and perfection in musical theatre and find out why this exciting show has received critical acclaim across the UK and abroad.

7:30PM

£25.50

Concessions **£2 off**

Groups 10+ **£3 off**

Groups 50+ **£5 off**

Early Bird: £3 off if booked before 30 November 2017

@BtBarricade

www.beyondthebarricade.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

ROBERT C KELLY, ÓSKAR ERIKSSON AND GFOUR PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

Menopause The Musical

SAT 24TH FEB 2018

Cheryl Fergison (*EastEnders*), **Maureen Nolan** (*The Nolans*), **Rebecca Wheatley** (*Casualty*) and **Hilary O'Neil** (*ITV's Copy Cats*) star in the hysterical comedy ***Menopause The Musical.***

Packed full of one-liners about hot flushes and memory loss backed by an instantly recognisable soundtrack of comedy parody versions of pop classics, the all-female cast make fun of their woeful lives experiencing “The Change”, forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges.

Book now for the ultimate girl’s night out!

Age guidance 16 yrs+

Time – 7:30pm

Tickets - £30

@MenopauseUKTour

www.menopauseuk.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

PHIL MCINTYRE ENTERTAINMENTS PROUDLY PRESENTS

Milton Jones Is Out There

FRI 9TH MAR 2018

Milton Jones is Out There. No, REALLY out there and this time he hasn't just forgotten his keys. He's holding up the mirror of truth to society, and he can see right through it, which means it's probably just a window.

In his brand new show he'll be putting his foot down and lifting the lid on the pedal bin of lies of the media.

He will also be scaling the heights of fashion at the risk of falling into a terrible cravat. Milton will be talking about his life so far - the ups, the downs and why buying his own see-saw was the best decision he ever made.

Time – 7:30pm

Tickets – All seats £29

@themiltonjones

www.miltonjones.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

BLUE SKY PRODUCTIONS & AUDIENCEWARE PRESENT THE ULTIMATE
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA TRIBUTE

ELO AGAIN

SAT 10TH MAR 2018

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of ELO's iconic album *Out Of The Blue*. **ELO AGAIN** really do give you a dramatic taste of what the classic ELO were like in the heyday. The whole experience is a professional re-enactment of an ELO concert with a great sound reproduction, light show and visual effects.

7:30PM

All seats £25

Early Bird: £2 off if booked before 31st December 2017.

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www.eloagain.co.uk

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday Night At The Grand

SUN 11TH MARCH 2018

Following the incredible success of *Sunday Night at The Grand*, *Another Sunday Night at The Grand* and *Sunday Night At The Grand AGAIN!*

2016, **Paul Swift** and the fylde coast's own funny man **Carl Schofield** return to the Grand Theatre again with yet another exciting line-up of unforgettable entertainment in aid of the 'Not Forgotten Association'. You'll be taken through a journey of laughter with some of the North West's funniest comedians, be swept off your feet by some astonishing vocalists and be entertained by an array of show stopping dancers!

Join us for another spectacular evening of entertainment in conjunction with the Lyndene Hotel, Blackpool and Tower Top Entertainments!

7:30PM

£15 to £23

Concessions and under 18s **£1.50 off**

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ENTERTAINMENT

DAMION LARKIN PRESENTS

Laugh Out Loud – Comedy Club

2017 - 6TH OCT, 3RD NOV, 1ST DEC

2018 – 12TH JAN, 2ND FEB

Treat yourself to a laugh! Four top pro comedians make you Laugh Out Loud!

We bring you comedians off the telly from all the major panel shows and roadshows plus the best of the rest. Previously we've booked Jason Manford, John Bishop and Sarah Millican before they hit the big time.

Every show is unique with different comics each night plus your lovable host and compere Damion Larkin.

So you can come to a date of your choice and then every month if it tickles your fancy!

'Damion Larkin is one of the country's top new comedians'

BBC

TIMES - 8PM

All seats **£17.50**

(Book four LOL shows and save **£2** per show)

@LOL_Blackpool

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ENTERTAINMENT

SCHOOLS ALIVE

MON 5TH TO THURS 8TH FEB 2018

Blackpool Music Service, Blackpool Music Education Hub and The Grand Theatre are delighted to offer every Blackpool school the opportunity to perform on what is recognised as one of the most prestigious stages in the country.

During the week of **Schools Alive**, 2,000 pupils from virtually every Blackpool school will perform hundreds of songs and dances, play in bands and orchestras and enjoy their wonderful introduction to theatre.

Evenings – **7pm**

All seats **£8**

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ENTERTAINMENT

WHITTAKER DANCE AND DRAMA CENTRE PROUDLY PRESENT

World At Your Feet

FRI 2ND TO SUN 4TH MAR 2018

Our 8th **World At Your Feet** is crammed full with the usual smorgasbord of dance delights – Irish, ballet, jazz, tap and scenes from musicals.

2017 sees Whittaker's celebrate its Blue Sapphire anniversary. Yes 65 years!

Enquire now for dance classes with children (from 2 years) and adults (up to 85). Places available in adult choir.

7pm

Sat and Sun Matinees **2pm**

£13 to £17

Concessions **£12**

Under 18s **£12**

@DanceWhitts

www.whittakers-blackpool.businesscatalyst.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

ASSOCIATE SCHOOLS' SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

TUES 6TH MAR AND THURS 8 MAR 2018

RSC Blackpool & Fylde Associate Schools & the Grand Theatre
present the *Associate Schools' Shakespeare Festival*

Join young people from schools across **Blackpool and Wyre** as they come together to present a Shakespearean tale.

The Royal Shakespeare Company's Associate Schools programme is an opportunity for schools to work with artists and practitioners from the RSC and The Grand.

Times - Tues 6th March **1pm and 6pm**

Thurs 8th March **1pm and 6pm**

Tickets - All seats **£7**

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www.rsc.org.uk

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CREATIVE LEARNING

Creative Programmes

For schools, young people and our local community

When wonderful artists and companies bring their work to Blackpool we always ask them for a little bit more... workshops, talks, classes and activities to offer the opportunity for audiences to engage on a deeper level with them, their art form or their production.

This season, we have creative opportunities linked to three internationally acclaimed choreographers – Jasmin Vardemon, Mark Bruce and Joss Arnott. Joss will also be our guest artist in residence and will be working with different groups of local dancers across the Fylde to share his skills and help them be part of the creative process.

We also begin a three-year partnership with the National Dance Company Wales, with a Discover Dance Programme for primary schools. And their artistic director, Caroline Finn, and her team will be working with the theatre over the summer to offer professional development opportunities to aspiring young performers.

Our partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company is now in its fifth year and 21 schools from Blackpool and Fylde will perform on the Grand's stage in March; whilst the cluster of Wyre schools we work with continue their Shakespeare journey and become part of the RSC Associate School Programme. This project has seen hundreds of school children and their teachers benefit from working with

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theatre professionals, both here on the Fylde Coast and at the RSC's home in Stratford-upon-Avon, to learn new skills and experience the excitement of making theatre alongside a world-renowned company of actors, directors and educationalists

As a new initiative, together with the Blackpool School's Partnership and Headstart we are delighted to launch a new after-school Junior Artists Programme from the autumn.

We couldn't do this important work without the support and partnership of Curious Minds and Blackpool Council, our local schools and the voluntary sector. Together, we are committed to offering local children, young people and families access to a range of high quality creative experiences.

So, if you are a young person interested in getting into theatre, or a school that's interested in getting started on your Arts Award Programme, or you simply know someone who would enjoy getting involved, please get in touch.

creativelearning@blackpoolgrand.co.uk

Creative Learning & Engagement Programme

WATCH DANCE CLASS

NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY WALES

Tue 19 Sept - FREE with a show ticket

POST SHOW TALK

FOLK

National Dance Company Wales

Tue 19 Sept - FREE with a show ticket

DISCOVER DANCE

NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY WALES

Wed 20 Sept - Tickets £5

MASK MAKING

TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA

Mon 30 & Tue 31 Oct - FREE with a show ticket

POST SHOW TALK

PINOCCHIO

Jasmin Vardimon Company

Fri 3 Nov - FREE with a show ticket

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FAMILY FUN DANCE WORKSHOP

PINOCCHIO

Jasmin Vardimon Company

Sat 4 Nov - FREE with a show ticket

DANCE TRAINING SESSION

For Undergraduates, Graduates and Professionals

Jasmin Vardimon Company

Wed 8 Nov – FREE with a show ticket

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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1. Booking fees: In line with legislation our £3 per ticket booking fee is now INCLUDED in all stated prices. The exchange of tickets to a different performance of the same show is subject to a charge of £3 per ticket. If you are unable to attend a performance for which you have booked, the box office will attempt to re-sell your tickets, although the selling of any unsold seats must take priority. There is a service charge of £3 for each ticket re-sold. Exchanges are free of charge to Friends of The Grand (24hrs prior). Refunds cannot be made on tickets. Fees can be changed at any time.

2. The Management reserves the right: to make alterations to the advertised cast and programme; not to admit latecomers until a suitable time; to refuse admission; to refuse admittance to unaccompanied minors.

3. Tickets are purchased for personal use only and are not purchased as any form of business or commercial activity. Tickets may not be re-sold or offered for re-sale by anyone at a premium or otherwise. Resale or attempted resale is grounds for cancellation without refund or notice.

4. Use of photographic, sound recording and mobile communications equipment is forbidden and you will be asked to leave the premises. No refund will be offered.

5. Discounted Seats: Patrons must state discounts they are entitled to at the time of booking, as they cannot be applied retrospectively and are subject to availability. Discounts only apply to selected shows where discounts are shown: Babies/children under 2 are welcome free if they share a seat with you (a ticket is still required for them), Family Tick ets (Min 1, max 2 adults).

Concessions: full-time students, under18s, Grand

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Friends, disabled, jobseekers and the over 60s. Only one concession applies per ticket. Photo and DOB ID is required when requesting. Occasionally the producer of a show with the agreement of the Theatre will offer discounts and special offers through mailings, e-flyers, e-newsletters and texting services. These offers and discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount and have no cash value. The Theatre will not offer refunds retrospectively.

6. The ticket holder is entitled to a seat of the value corresponding to that shown on the ticket and the Theatre reserves the right to provide alternative seating to those specified on the ticket. Where seating of a lesser value only is available, the ticket holder will be compensated to a maximum of the difference in value between the cost of the seats. The ticket holder may be re-seated in higher priced seating at no additional cost at the discretion of the Theatre Management.

In the event of a cancellation of a performance or event, the Theatre shall have no further liability other than the face value of the ticket.

7. Productions do not always feature live music and may contain loud noises, smoke or strobe lighting.

8. Data Protection: When processing your booking the box office will ask your name, address, email address and telephone number. The Grand Theatre, Blackpool operates a box office service on behalf of venues and events in Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde as well as its own operation. We would like to add or retain your details for speed of booking and for our marketing department so we can keep you aware of events and other developments. To be removed from our database contact the box office in the first instance.

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