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Theatre Tours and Talks

Theatre Tours

See the secrets of the great stage and take in Blackpool's hidden gem, learn about flamboyant architect Frank Matcham and explore the warren of staircases that lead to the stars, dressing rooms and beyond.

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Ruth Eastwood

Well, it's been a pretty exciting year so far, what with our anniversary celebrations, commissioning and creating our own summer show and, to top it all, hosting a royal visit from the Countess of Wessex!

Now we're racing towards the Christmas season and looking well into the new year. You'll find comedy, drama, music and dance to tempt you out in the following pages. With a triple bill from the Royal Shakespeare Company and the return of Breakin' Convention, we're looking forward to welcoming as diverse a set of artists as you, our lovely audiences. We are still raising money to mend our beautiful dome, any help you can give us will be gratefully received.

Ruth Eastwood, Chief Executive www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/donate

Angela Browne Ltd in association with Tabs Productions presents

Dangerous Obsession

It's a sunny afternoon in the Home Counties... Sally Driscoll is watering her plants in the conservatory of her luxurious home after an afternoon sunbathing. A peaceful scene – until a bespectacled, suited man suddenly appears at the door. John Barrett is not selling double glazing... it becomes clear that he is there looking for someone to take the blame for his wife's accident.

Dangerously obsessed and determined to seek retribution, Barrett strips away the conflicting secrets of the Driscoll's apparently perfect lives, until his twisted revenge climaxes in the devastating conclusion of this compulsive psycho thriller.

'Dangerous Obsession sizzles with tension.' London Theatre Guide

'Terrific piece of theatre. Highly recommended.' Nottingham Post

'An 'edge of the seat' piece of theatre with twists that you don't see coming.' Theatre Reviews

'With the pedigree of script, story and acting all wonderfully delivered by just a cast of three this play really does stand the test of time.' It's Much More

Date:

Tue 12 to Sat 16 Nov

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm Wed and Sat Matinees 2pm

Tickets:

£18.50 to £25

Concessions (Tue to Thu) £3 Off

Friends of The Grand £5 Off (Opening Night)

www.angelabrowneltd.co.uk @DangerousObbses1

Middle Ground Theatre Company Ltd presents

Agatha Christie's

A Murder is Announced

Adapted for the stage by Leslie Darbon. Directed and designed by Michael Lunney.

Middle Ground Theatre Company Ltd is delighted to present their acclaimed production of a classic Miss Marple mystery.

The residents of Chipping Cleghorn are astonished to read an advert in the local newspaper that a murder will take place this coming Friday at Little Paddocks, the home of Letitia Blacklock.

Unable to resist, the group gather at the house at the appointed time, when the lights go out and a gun is fired. Enter Miss Marple, who must unravel a complex series of relationships and events to solve the mystery of the killer...

Now in it's fourth year of touring, this lavish production has delighted packed audiences across the UK and Ireland and is brought to you by the company and director who produced the critically acclaimed courtroom thriller The Verdict.

Starring Sarah Thomas (Last Of The Summer Wine), Kazia Pelka (Heartbeat, World's End, Family Affairs), Tom Butcher (The Bill, Doctors), Jenny Funnell (As Time Goes By), Lucy Evans (Coronation Street) and Tom Gibbons (Johnny Phillips in The Archers).

'The packed audience loved every minute.' Liverpool Echo

'The magic of Miss Marple - Show of the week.' Irish Mail on Sunday

'A blissful couple of hours of whodunit fun.' The Scotsman

Date:

Tue 26 to Sat 30 Nov

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm

Wed and Sat Matinees 2:30pm

Tickets:

Evenings £24 to £32

Matinees £24

Concessions (Tue to Thu) £3 Off

Friends of The Grand £5 Off (Opening Night)

www.middlegroundtheatre.co.uk @MGTheatreCo

Educating Rita

The best British comedy ever comes to Blackpool!

When married hairdresser Rita enrols on a university course to expand her horizons, little does she realise where the journey will take her.

Her tutor Frank is a frustrated poet, brilliant academic and dedicated drunk, who's less than enthusiastic about taking Rita on, but the two soon realise how much they have to teach each other.

This hilarious and heat-warming comedy won the Olivier Award when it was produced in London's West End by the RSC and was adapted into the multi award-winning film which stared Julie Walters and Michael Caine.

Written by one of our greatest ever playwrights Willy Russell and starring one of our best loved actors Stephen Tompkinson as Frank and introducing Jessica Johnson as Rita.

Willy Russell's credits include the Olivier Award-winning Blood Brothers and Shirley Valentine. One of the UK's most celebrated writers, his works are constantly in production across the world.

Stephen Tompkinson's screen credits include Torvill & Dean, The Split, DCI Banks, Trollied, Wild at Heart, Drop the Dead Donkey (British Comedy Award Winner for Best TV Comedy Actor) and Ballykissangel and Brassed Off. Theatre work includes Spamalot, Rattle of a Simple Man and Arsenic and Old Lace in the West End.

Jessica Johnson's theatre credits include Call Me Mary Poppins, Goth Weekend, Kings and Queens, Each Piece and Anti-Gravity. Her television credits include Wire In The Blood (ITV), Coronation Street (ITV) and Cuckoo (Channel 4).

Date:

Mon 16 to Sat 21 Mar

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm Wed and Sat Matinees 2pm

Tickets:

Evenings £24 to £32 Matinees £24

Concessions £3 Off (Mon to Thu)

Friends of The Grand £5 Off (Opening Night)

www.educatingrita.co.uk @EducatingRitaUK

The Royal Shakespeare Company presents

Measure For Measure

As You Like It

The Taming Of The Shrew

For the first time in 2020, the Royal Shakespeare Company will present a triple bill at Blackpool's Grand Theatre, including; Measure for Measure, As You Like It and The Taming of The Shrew.

Measure for Measure

When a young novice nun is compromised by a corrupt official, who offers to save her brother from execution in return for sex, she has no idea where to turn for help. When she threatens to expose him, he tells her that no one would believe her.

As You Like

It Rosalind is banished, wrestling with her heart and her head. With her cousin by her side, she journeys to a world of exile where barriers are broken down and all can discover their deeper selves.

The Taming Of The Shrew

Baptista Minola is seeking to sell off her sons Katherine and Bianco to the highest bidder. Cue an explosive battle of the sexes in this electrically charged love story.

Free Post Show Talks. Available Thu 26 Mar, Tue 31 Mar, Fri 3 Apr. Book with Box Office 01253 290 190.

Date:

Wed 25 Mar to Sat 4 Apr

Time:

1:30pm and 7:30pm

Tickets:

Evenings £20.50 to £25.50

Matinees £20

Concessions £3 Off

Under 18s £13.50

18 to 26s £13.50 (First 50 tickets, weekdays only; subject to availability)

Link Ticket: Two Shows

Evening £45

Matinees £34

Link Ticket: Three Shows

Evenings £61.50

Matinees £45

Schools (Tue to Fri) £11

Groups 10+ (Evenings) £4 Off

Groups 20+ (Evenings) £5 Off

www.rsc.org.uk @TheRSC

Private Peaceful

Divided by love. United by war.

'I've had nearly eighteen years of yesterdays and tomorrows, and tonight I must remember as many of them as I can. Tonight, more than any other night of my life, I want to feel alive!'

Private Peaceful relives the life of Private Tommo Peaceful, a young First World War soldier awaiting the firing squad at dawn. During the night, he looks back at his short but joyful past: his exciting first days at school; the accident in the forest that killed his father; his adventures with Molly, the love of his life; and the battles and injustices of war that brought him to the front line.

Age Guidance 8yrs+

Date: Wed 20 Nov

Time: 1:30pm and 7:30pm

Tickets: £19.50

Concessions £16

Family of Three £46.50 (Select 3 adult tickets and enter promo code PRIVATE3)

Family of Four £64 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code PRIVATE4)

Schools and Groups 10+ £13.50

www.nationalproductioncompany.com @NPC_Itd

Pulse Records Limited in association with Bill Elms presents the UK premiere tour of Helen Forrester's

By the Waters of Liverpool

Adapted by Rob Fennah. Directed by Gareth Tudor Price.

Mark Moraghan, Sian Reeves, Parry Glasspool, Lucy Dixon and Eric Potts join Lynn Francis, Danny O'Brien, Roy Carruthers and Chloe McDonald. Adapted from Helen Forrester's million-selling book, ByThe Waters Of Liverpool is a stunning period drama set in the 1930s.

Helen is sixteen years old and fighting a bitter battle with her parents for the right to educate herself and go out to work. During the Great Depression, Helen's father lost his fortune when the stock market crashed and the family were suddenly thrown into poverty. Leaving behind the nannies, servants and comfortable middle-class life in the South West of England, the Forrester's chose Liverpool as the place to start over. Taken out of school to care for her younger brothers and sister, Helen is treated as an unpaid slave and desperate to escape. By 1939, now aged twenty and with Britain on the brink of war, she has still never been kissed by a man.

Date:

Mon 11 to Wed 13 May

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm Wed Matinee 2:30pm

Tickets: £25.50 to £31.50 Concessions £2 Off

Under 18s £2 Off Groups 10+ £3 Off

Groups 50+ £4 Off

www.bythewatersofliverpool.com

Bill Kenwright presents

The Classic Thriller Theatre company in

The Cat and The Canary

When the cat prowls, the flock takes fright...

Twenty years after the death of Mr. West, his descendants gather at a remote mansion to learn who will inherit his vast wealth and the hidden family jewels.

When the heir is revealed, the heritage hunters turn into prey and a chain of macabre events are set in motion; walls crack open, shadows loom and dark secrets are revealed. Will the heirs dare to face the haunting presence that plagues them?

Building on the phenomenal decade-long success of The Agatha Christie Theatre Company, The Classic Thriller Company presents their latest adaptation, a new adaptation of the murderous mystery, which inspired three classic movies starring Bob Hope, Honor Blackman and Olivia Hussey.

Date:

Mon 1 to Sat 6 Jun

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm Wed and Sat Matinees 2:30pm

Tickets:

Evenings £24 to £32 Matinees £24

Concessions (Mon to Thu) £3 Off

Friends of The Grand £5 Off (Opening Night)

www.kenwright.com @BKL Productions

Raymond Gubbay presents

Sleeping Beauty

The Nutcracker

Swan Lake

Performed by The Russian State Ballet of Siberia.

Accompanied by The Russian State Ballet Orchestra.

Sleeping Beauty (Fri 17)

Every child's favourite fairy tale, this is the classic story of love and innocence, mystery and magic set to Tchaikovsky's sublime score. Stunning choreography, sumptuous costumes and wonderful sets form the fantasy world in which the Lilac Fairy struggles against the evil Carabosse.

The Nutcracker (Sat 18)

This fantasy ballet begins on Christmas Eve. 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 (Sun 19)

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, this compelling tale of tragic romance has it all. Join Odile, the temptress in black and swan queen Odette in one of ballet's most unmissable technical challenges.

Date:

Fri 17 to Sun 19 Jan

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm

Sat and Sun Matinees 2:30pm

Tickets:

£22.50 to £48

Concessions £2 Off

Under 18s Half Price (With full paying adult)

Groups 10+ £4 Off

Groups 50+ £5 Off

www.raymondgubbay.co.uk @RaymondGubbay

Gary Clarke Company presents

Wasteland

Marking 25 years since the demolition of Grimethorpe Colliery and 30 years since the rise of UK rave culture, WASTELAND, Gary Clarke's sequel to COAL, looks at how two generations coped in this era of radical upheaval. As one grinds to a halt, we follow the next into the 90s illegal rave scene, where derelict warehouses and abandoned work spaces became home for a new-found community of music and dance.

Bringing together Clarke's exceptional dancers, community singers, brass musicians, archive footage, powerful rave soundtrack and artwork by Jimmy Cauty (The KLF), WASTELAND dives head first into a gritty story of loss, hope, escapism and survival.

★★★★ 'Brilliant.' The Herald on Sunday (Scotland)

Age Guidance 14yrs+

Contains some strong language, strobe lighting, loud music and smoke effects

Date: Fri 8 Nov

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £15.50 to £21.50

Friends of The Grand £13.50

18 to 26s £12.50 (First 50 tickets, subject to availability)

Groups 10+ £13.50

www.wastelandtour.co.uk @garyclarkeco

German Cornejo's

Tango Fire

The phenomenal, award-winning Tango Fire returns to the UK due to incredible popular demand.

Starring internationally renowned Argentinean tango superstars

German Cornejo and Gisela Galeassi, who are joined by a cast of extraordinary Tango dancers, including World Tango champions, this is a fiery and explosive journey through the history of authentic Argentine Tango.

Six incredible couples show off some of the speediest footwork and tightest twirling in the business while demonstrating their individual styles, accompanied by the astonishing Tango Fuego Quartet, playing live music on stage from tango's most famous composers, including Piazzolla, Pugliese and Gardel, this is a sizzling, sensual show guaranteed to make pulses race.

Date:
Sun 23 Feb
Time:
7:30pm
Tickets:
£33.50
www.tango-fire.com @TangoFire

BalletBoyz presents

Deluxe

Following their recent, triumphant shows Them/Us, Fourteen Days, Young Men and Life, the multi-award winning BalletBoyz are back and celebrating their 20th anniversary year.

Deluxe fuses the work of some of the world's most exciting and innovative choreographers and composers. Chinese dancer and choreographer Xie Xin (TAO Dance Theatre, Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui's Eastman) creates a work set to an original score by composer Jiang Shao-feng, whilst Maxine Doyle (Punchdrunk) collaborates with jazz musician and composer Cassie Kinoshi, of the Mercury-nominated SEED Ensemble.

'It doesn't matter what they dance. The result is always the same — fantastic.' The Times

Date:

Tue 10 Mar

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£18.50 to £24.50

Concessions £3 Off

Co-produced by Sadler's Wells. Programme subject to change.

www.balletboyz.com @BalletBoyz

Breakin' Convention

Breakin' Convention, the world's ground-breaking festival of hip hop dance theatre, is back with a fresh new line up!

Expect jaw-dropping and inspiring performances from internationally celebrated poppers, lockers, b-boys and b-girls, including South Korea's acclaimed Jinjo Crew, France's Géométrie Variable and the UK's own Spoken Movement, in a festival that showcases local talent alongside global sensations.

Hosted and curated by UK hip hop theatre legend and Breakin' Convention Artistic Director Jonzi D, the festival also features DJs, graffiti artists and freestyle sessions taking place all over the building.

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Sat 16 May

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£12.50

Conc./ Under 26s £9.50

Family of Four £40 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code DANCE4)

Groups 10+ £9.50

www.breakinconvention.com @BConvention

The Russian State Opera presents

Aida and Carmen

Featuring an impressive cast and accompanied by a live Orchestra numbering over 30 musicians

Aida (Tue 25)

Verdi brings ancient Egypt to stage with an evolving love story. The princess of Ethiopia (Aida) falls in love with the Egyptian General (Radames) and he is also besotted by her. Radames is chosen to lead the war with Ethiopia by the king and Aida is left to choose between her lover or her father and her country. Aida is a gripping love story that will keep you on the edge of your seats until the very end.

Carmen (Wed 26)

Carmen tells the story of the downfall of Don José, a naïve soldier who falls head over heels in love with Carmen, a seductive, freespirited femme fatale. The infatuated Don José abandons his childhood sweetheart and neglects his military duties, only to lose the fickle Carmen to the glamorous toreador Escamillo.

The rich and colourful vigour of the gypsies' scenes will have you on the edge of your seat, the vibrancy, enthusiasm and intensity of the performances will reverberate long after the final curtain has fallen.

Date: Tue 25 and Wed 26 Feb

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £32.50 to £35.50 Concessions £2.50 Off

18 to 26s £13 (First 50 tickets, subject to availability)

www.amande-concerts.co.uk @AmandeConcert

Senbla by arrangement with Opera International presents An Ellen Kent Production of an

La Bohème and Madama Butterfly

La Bohème (Thu 16) starring the Korean soprano Elena Dee† in her iconic role as Mimi and the international soprano Alyona Kistenyova with the celebrated mezzo soprano Maria Tonina returning as Musetta. La Bohème is one of the most romantic operas ever written. It tells the tragic tale of the doomed, consumptive Mimi and her love for a penniless writer. The set reflects the Bohemian art of the period and will include, a brass band, snow effects and Muzetta's dog will also make an entrance.

'Authentic, Tender and Passionate' Daily Telegraph

Madama Butterfly (Fri 17) welcomes back the fabulous Korean soprano Elena Dee† and the celebrated international soprano Alyona Kistenyova†. One of the world's most popular operas, Puccini's Madama. Butterfly tells the heart-breaking story of the beautiful young Japanese girl who falls in love with an American naval lieutenant – with dramatic results. Highlights include the melodic Humming Chorus, the moving aria One Fine Day and the unforgettable Love.

Date: Thu 16 and Fri 17 Apr

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £32.50 to £35.50

Early Bird £5 Off (Until 30 Nov)

18 to 26s £13 (First 50 tickets, subject to availability)

Link Ticket for La Boheme and Madama Butterfly £50 to £56

(Full price tickets only, excluding offers) Friends of The Grand £5 Off Cast subject to change.

Friday 6 December '19 to Sunday 5 January '20

Peter Pan

Martin Dodd for UK Productions in association with Blackpool Grand Theatre proudly presents a swashbuckling pantomime spectacular for all the family.

Emmerdale and West End Star Tom Lister stars as the dastardly Captain Hook alongside multi-talented panto favourite Steve Royle (BBC Radio Lancashire) as his hapless sidekick Smee with Jack Heasman as Peter Pan – the boy who never grew up.

An unmissable family pantomime guaranteed to have you hooked!

Tickets:

Adults Children

Band A: £24.99 £24.99

Band B: £24.99 £22.99

Band C: £19.99 £17.99

Concessions:

No discounts for Band A or B performances

Price Band C £2 off top price adult tickets for concessions

Friends of The Grand All seats £15.99 – Band C only

Family Ticket (F/SP)£81* Select 4 adult tickets then enter code

FAMILY4TKT Seniors Pass Ticket (F/SP)

£71* Select 4 adult tickets then enter code SENIOR4TKT

Family/Senior tickets available for F/SP performances – see schedule opposite.

*Family/Seniors Pass tickets (1 or 2 adults/60+, remainder under 18 yrs).

Groups and Schools (20+):

No discounts for Band A performances

Price Band B: All tickets £18.

Pay in full by 31 Oct 2019 and you will qualify for a £2 per ticket discount.

Price Band C: All tickets £15.

Pay in full by 31 Oct 2019 and you will qualify for a £2 per ticket discount.

Schools: As group prices, plus 1 teacher's place free with every 10 tickets purchased.

All tickets prices include a booking fee.

December 2019

Morning Matinee Evening

Fri 6 7.00(C)

Sat 7 2.00(C) 7.00(C)

Sun 8 1.00(C) 5.00(C)

Mon 9 No performances

Tue 10 10.15(C) 1.30(C)

Wed 11 10.15(C) 1.30(C)

Thu 12 No performances

Fri 13 1.30(C) 7.00(C)

Sat 14 2.00(C)AD/SI 7.00(C)

Sun 15 2.00(C) 7.00(C)

Mon 16 10.15(C) 1.30(C)

Tue 17 10.15(C) 1.30(C)

Wed 18 Christmas Concert

Thu 19 10.15(C) 1.30(C)

Fri 20 10.15(C) 1.30(C)

Sat 21 2.00(B)AD/SI 7.00(B)

Sun 22 2.00(B) 7.00(B)

Mon 23 2.00(B) 7.00(B)

Tue 24 10.15(B) 2.00(B)

Wed 25 Christmas Day

Thu 26 2.00(A) 7.00(A)

Fri 27 2.00(B) 7.00(B)

Sat 28 2.00(B) 7.00(B)

Sun 29 2.00(B) 7.00(B)

Mon 30 2.00(B) 7.00(B) (F/SP)

Tue 31 New Year's Eve

January 2020

Wed 1 2.00(B) 7.00(B) (F/SP)

Thu 2 2.00(B) (F/SP) 7.00(B) (F/SP)

Fri 3 2.00(B) (F/SP) 7.00(B) (F/SP)

Sat 4 2.00(B) (F/SP) 7.00(B) (F/SP)

Sun 5 1.00(B) (F/SP) 5.00(B) (F/SP)

The 2.00pm performances on Sat 14 Dec and Sat 21 Dec will be Audio Described and BSL Sign Interpreted.

Northern Ballet presents

Little Red Riding Hood

Little Red Riding Hood is a kind and thoughtful little girl who loves her family. One day, on a visit to her grandmother, she meets a very hungry wolf in the forest who just wants something to eat. But is he really such a big, bad wolf? Join Little Red on her adventure as she makes friends and discovers the importance of kindness.

Retelling the classic fairytale with a Northern Ballet twist, Little Red Riding Hood is the perfect opportunity for your little ones to enjoy live ballet, music and theatre.

With sell-out performances and a string of hugely successful CBeebies TV adaptations, Northern Ballet's productions for children are not to be missed.

Date	e:	
Sat	18	Apr

Time:

2pm and 4pm

Tickets:

£8

This child friendly performance lasts approximately 40 minutes.

www.northernballet.com @northernballet

The Children's Theatre Partnership and Royal & Derngate Northampton present the Nottingham Playhouse production of

Holes

By Louis Sachar. Directed by Adam Penford.

Stanley Yelnats can't catch a break. Born into a family cursed with bad luck, it comes as no surprise when he finds himself accused of a crime he didn't commit.

Sent to a labour camp as punishment, he is tasked with digging one hole, five-foot-wide by five-foot-deep, every day. He's told it is to build 'character'. But the tyrannical Warden is definitely hiding something. How will Stanley and his fellow inmates deal with her demands, her two cronies, plus the fearsome rattlesnakes and yellow-spotted lizards? And will Stanley and his new friends unearth what's really going on?

Holes is the brilliant, inventive and creative new stage show based on the multi-award winning novel and the Hollywood blockbuster.

This hit production is a thrilling and off-beat comedy adventure and is perfect for adults and children.

Age guidance 8yrs+

Date:

Tue 5 to Sat 9 May

Time:

Tue 7pm

Wed 1:30pm

Thu 10:30am and 2:30pm

Fri 7pm

Sat 2:30pm and 7pm

Tickets:

Evenings £21 to £26

Matinees £21

Concessions £3 Off

18 to 26s £13.50 (First 50 tickets, weekdays only; subject to availability)

Full-time Students £3 Off

Friends of The Grand £5 Off (Opening Night)

Family of Four £64 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code HOLES4)

Groups 10+ £4 Off

Groups 20+ £5 Off

Schools £13.50 (Wed 1:30pm and Thu 10:30am)

www.holesonstage.co.uk @HolesOnStage

Off the Kerb Productions presents

Josh Widdicombe: Bit Much

The guy everyone can do an impression of is back with a brandnew stand-up tour. A show that will change your life and how you perceive your place in the world. Bit much? Fine, it'll be a very funny night of grumbles and jokes in which Josh will finally tackle the hot comedy topics of advent calendars, pesto and the closing time of his local park. Widdicombe is best known for the twice BAFTA nominated and multiple Broadcast and RTS award winning show The Last Leg, as well as his critically acclaimed sitcom JOSH, Insert Name Here, QI, Have I Got New For You, A League of Their Own and his hit podcast Quickly Kevin Will He Score.

'Hugely appealing stand-up which marries a keen observational eye to a petulant anger at the apparent ludicrousness of the modern world.' The Guardian

Date:
Sat 15 Feb
Γime:
Bpm
Tickets:
223.50
www.joshwiddicombe.com @joshwiddicombe

Komedia Entertainment & Live Nation Present

Count Arthur Strong: Is There Anybody Out There?

As well as being the all-round entertainer we all know and love from the telly, Count Arthur Strong is also a lifelong fan of astronomy, since having been given a microscope, or whatever it is they use, for Christmas when he was a small precocious baby. In fact, it's said the first word he spoke was 'Uranus'. In this, his brand-new show, he seamlessly combines the very best showbiz entertainment you'll currently find, in the world, possibly? as he wrestles with some of the big questions that other all-round entertainers shy away from. Such as: Are we alone in the universe?, Is there life on Mars bars?, 2lbs of potatoes, packet of ginger nuts and don't lose this shopping list.

Date:		
Sat 7 Mar		
Time:		
8pm		
Tickets:		
£23.50		
www.countarthurstrong.com	@Arthur_	Strong

Off the Kerb Productions presents

Jack Dee: Off The Telly

Join Jack Dee for an evening of entertainment (food and beverages not included) in his new stand-up tour. 'In these difficult and uncertain times people need hope – a ray of sunshine to brighten their day. And that's very much where I come in' says Jack.

Star of TV sitcoms Bad Move, Lead Balloon and Josh, Jack also hosts the legendary Radio 4 show I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue. Additional credits include presenting C4's The Jack Dee Show, ITV's Jack Dee's Saturday Night and Jack Dee Live at the Apollo. 'In fact,' explains Jack, 'I've probably appeared in every TV show with my name in the title'. In recognition of his charity work, Jack was denied an OBE in 2015.

Date:	
Sat 14 Mar	
Time:	
8pm	
Tickets:	
£26.50	
www.offthekerb.com	@TheRealJackDee

Ed Byrne: If I'm Honest...

Join Ed as he takes a long hard look at himself and tries to decide if he has ANY traits that are worth passing on to his children.

Ed Byrne presents his brand-new masterclass in observational comedy hot on the heels of his 17/18 Touring hit, Spoiler Alert!

A TV household name, in the past year Ed has appeared on Live At The Apollo (Host, BBC), Mock The Week (BBC), The Pilgrimage (BBC), Top Gear (BBC) and QI (BBC).

Date	
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Sun 17 May

Time:

8pm

Tickets:

£28.50

www.edbyrne.com @MrEdByrne

Written and Directed by Guy Unsworth.

Based on the TV series by Raymond Allen

Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

Starring Joe Pasquale.

Hilarious mishaps and DIY disasters are bringing the house down, quite literally, as Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em hits the road with Joe Pasquale (New Faces, I'm a Celebrity, Spamalot, The Producers) as the lovable accident-prone Frank Spencer.

Betty has exciting news for Frank, but he's preoccupied by possible newfound fame as a magician. With guests arriving for dinner and crossed wires all round, priceless misunderstandings are on the menu.

Based on the 1970s classic TV comedy by Ray Allen and directed by the award-winning Guy Unsworth, Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em is the ultimate feel-good night out, washed down with lashings of nostalgia and Mother's prune wine.

Quite Frank-ly, it's a hit!

★★★★ 'The irresistibly daft, likeable human Frank of brilliant Mr Pasquale.' Daily Mail

★★★★★ 'I laughed all the way through this wonderfully entertaining and hilarious play.' LondonTheatre1

★★★★ 'Hugely enjoyable as laugh-out-loud entertainment.

This is a farce with a heart and a welcome comeback for Frank Spencer.' Whatsonstage

Date:

Tue 21 to Sat 25 Apr

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm

Wed and Sat Matinees 2:30pm

Tickets:

Evenings

Tue to Thu £25.50 to £35.50

Fri and Sat £28.50 to £39.50

Matinees £25.50 to £35.50

Concessions £3 Off (Tue to Thu)

Friends of The Grand £5 Off (Opening Night)

Groups 10+ £4 Off

Groups 20+ £5 Off

www.somemothersdoaveem.com @somemothersuk

Mick Perrin Worldwide in association with Mandy Ward Artist Management presents

Julian Clary: Born to Mince

'Are you ready for some filth? I know I am. Time once again for me to sally forth and pleasure the provinces with my particular brand of saucy innuendo. Let me at them!'

In this outrageously camp show, (that he was going to call Bed Knobs and Knee Pads but was advised might not sell too well in Harrogate), renowned homosexual Julian Clary will bare his soul as never before in the interests of light entertainment.

He'll murder some well known songs along the way, no doubt, read you a sneak preview from his next memoir A Night At the Lubricant and make withering remarks about punters foolish enough to sit in the front row. You know the kind of thing. It's the only life he knows.

the only life he knows.

Age guidance 16yrs+

Date:

Sun 10 May

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£28.50

Concessions £2 Off

Under 18s £2 Off

Off the Kerb Productions presents

Rob Beckett: Wallop

Date:

Rob Beckett is back on tour with a brand-new stand-up show. It's been a busy few years for the Mouth of the South and he's coming to see you to fill you in and make you laugh.

Host of BBC One's All Together Now and team captain on Channel 4's 8 Out Of 10 Cats. He is also the star of BBC One's Live At The Apollo, Would I Lie To You?, Channel 4's 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown, BBC Two's Mock The Week, ITV's Play To The Whistle, ITV2's Celebrity Juice and Sky's A League of Their Own.

'There are hints that his eyes are set firmly on arenas that are as big as his mouth of his.' Metro

'Lights up the stage with his magnetic personality (not to mention the dazzle from his teeth).' Mail on Sunday

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Thu 11 Jun
Time:
8pm
Tickets:
£26.50
www.robbeckettcomedv.com@robbeckettcomic

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Blackpool Operatic Players presents

SHREK The Musical

Everyone's favourite ogre is back in the hilarious stage spectacle based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film.

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, Shrek The Musical is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure featuring all new songs from Jeanine Tesori (Thoroughly Modern Millie, Caroline or Change) and a side-splitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the ears.

'Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...' And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a lifechanging journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek.

Shrek presents a treasure trove of creative opportunities including costumes, sets, puppets (there is a fire-breathing dragon after all), and more! Irreverently fun for the whole family, Shrek proves that beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre.

SHREK The Musical is presented by Blackpool Operatic Players.

Date:

Wed 8 to Sat 11 Apr

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm

Thu, Fri and Sat Matinees 2pm

Tickets:

Evenings Adults £22 to £28 Under 18s £20

Matinees Adults £23 Under 18s £20

Concessions £2 Off (Evenings)

Family of Three £57 (Select 3 adult tickets and enter promo code SHREK3)

Family of Four £80 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code SHREK4)

Groups 10+ £3 Off Groups 20+ £5 Off

Early Bird £5 Off (Book before 31 Dec. Evenings, Band A tickets only. Excludes Family Tickets and Group Tickets, valid on a concession Evening Tickets.)

Music by Jeanine Tesori Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk

www.blackpooloperaticplayers.co.uk @BOP1953

Photographic Sessions

With Sean Conboy

Love photography or want to take up a new skill for 2019? Why not join internationally renowned photographer Sean Conboy for a unique Photographic Session of The Grand Theatre, Blackpool.

Following sell-out success of Blackpool Grand Theatre's Photographic Sessions over the past 5 years with international photographer Sean Conboy, we have decided to increase the number of sessions per year and in addition, create a brand new more focused Photographic Session Advanced, allowing more seasoned photographers the time and opportunity to talk to a leading photographer in his field as well as have the time to photograph such an incredible building.

Whether you want to learn the basics, dream of building on your existing photography skills, or a budding professional – these Photographic Sessions are the ideal master class for all levels.

These sessions are just under 5 hours and will provide you with a variety of skills needed to photograph beautiful structures and interiors. The day will begin with an introductory presentation, where Sean will use his extensive technical experience to advise you how to best capture the perfect shot. You will then have the opportunity to take pictures of The Grand's Grade II* listed interior using Sean's top tips with your own camera.

Don't miss the next opportunity to learn photographic skills directly from internationally renowned photographer Sean Conboy, and capture this beautiful Frank Matcham Grand Theatre with your own camera.

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Date:
Basic:
13 Jan
18 May
23 Nov
Advanced:
14 Jan
2 Nov
Time:
10am
Tickets:
Basic Sessions £40
Advanced Sessions £120
For the most up to date information on ticket pricing please visit

our website blackpoolgrand.co.uk or call 01253 290 190.

Blackpool and Fylde Light Opera Company presents

Boogie Nights

Boogie Nights The 70s Musical tells the hilarious and heartwarming story of Roddy, a Jack-the-lad, whose life of birds, booze and boogie is about to be turned upside down.

It's the night that the King, Elvis Presley, died and Roddy O'Neill is busy dreaming of life as a rock star! Debs, his girlfriend, has her own thoughts... basically that Roddy's a selfish, arrogant, horrible, unfeeling, rude, heartless pig! But the truth is that Roddy is in love with Debs, and Debs is in love with Roddy, but Debs knows that her Roddy has more than a roving eye! Through all their tears and laughter – can they both find what they are truly searching for?

Packed with all the greatest Disco classics you'll be dancing in the aisles to the grooviest chart-topping hits like You Sexy Thing, Y.M.C.A., I Will Survive, Blame it on the Boogie, Enough is Enough, Celebration, Boogie Wonderland and many many more!

Boogie Nights presented by Blackpool & Fylde Light Opera Company who brought, Hairspray, Legally Blonde, Grease, 9 to 5 and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to Blackpool's premier theatre.

Date:

Wed 27 to Sat 30 May

Time:

Evenings 7:30pm

Thu and Sat Matinees 2pm

Tickets:

£18.50 to £23.50

Under 18s £15.50

Family of Four £64 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code BOOGIE4)

Written by Jon Conway. Script associates Shane Richie and Terry Morrison. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe

www.bfloc.co.uk @bfloc

Halfway to Paradise

The Billy Fury Story.

An electric and emotional nostalgic journey through the life of this unique rock star.

New for 2019 – Fury comes alive via giant screen, re-united with his own live on stage and all original Furys' Tornados!

29 fabulous 60's hits including Last Night Was Made For Love, Wondrous Place, 1,000 Stars, Telstar, In Summer, Jealousy and of course, Halfway To Paradise.

With the sensational Colin Gold as Fury.

Date:

Sun 3 Nov

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £25.50

www.billyfurystory.co.uk @BillyFuryStory

The Sound of Springsteen

The Sound of Springsteen, take to the stage this year after 2 years of getting the show together for this tour.

With a passion for the work of The Boss, the 8-piece tribute The Sound of Springsteen brings their years of live performances and recording to rock you with Bruce Springsteen's greatest hits and deep cuts. With songs like, Born In The USA, Glory Days, Streets of Philadelphia and many more, this is a night of passion for Springsteen.

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many more, this is a night of passion for Springsteer
Date:
Tue 5 Nov
Time:
7:30pm
Tickets:

Concessions £2 Off

£28

www.sospringsteen.co.uk Sospringsteen

Psychic Sally

10 Years and Counting

The nation's favourite Psychic and forerunner is the Psychic world is back on tour with her all new show 10 Years and Counting. Wowing audiences young and old across the country for over 10 years, Sally's show will have you on the edge of your seat, as she brings mediumship into the 21st Century.

'My Ability' Sally explains 'Allows me to harness the energy around individuals in the audience and pass on messages from

their loved ones who have passed with incredible accuracy. I call every message validated a wonder moment.

So, take your seats, relax, be open minded and ready to come forward if you think the message is for you.' With her love, laughter and warmth, this show is a unique evening not to be missed.

This show is investigational and for the purpose of entertainment.

Date:

Wed 6 Nov

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£26.50

www.sallymorgan.tv SallyMorganTV

Liza Pulman

Sings Streisand

For one night only, Fascinating Aida's Liza Pulman sings Streisand this November!

Following a hugely successful run at London's Lyric Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue, Liza's back on the road with her critically lauded five-star triumph, paying homage to one of the finest talents of a generation. Her easy wit & flawless vocals will take your breath away; inspired by the offbeat enchantment of a musical legend. The perfect night out, Liza Pulman Sings Streisand is a glorious combination of music, laughter and

storytelling – a must see for music lovers and Streisand fans everywhere. Give yourself a reason to smile this Autumn!

Date:

Sat 9 Nov

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£23.50 to £31

www.lizapulman.com @liza_pulman

John Wilson Productions presents

The Upbeat Beatles

The Upbeat Beatles are second to none - powerhouse vocals, precision harmonies and tight musicianship.

The show takes you through the Fab Four's long and winding road from the early Cavern days through Beatlemania, America, Sergeant Pepper to Abbey Road, with narrative and full multi-media presentation.

If you love The Beatles you'll love this show!

Date: Sun 10 Nov

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £23.50

www.upbeatbeatles.co.uk @upbeatbeatles

Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers: Tribe

In their landmark 25th year, the UK's original touring Taiko Tribe return to the road with a brand-new show of skill, stamina and red-hot rhythms to stir your soul!

As Europe's longest-established Taiko group, Mugenkyo are widely recognised as the ground-breaking pioneers of this exciting art-form, with cross-genre collaborations, TV film and recording projects, and thousands of performances worldwide, thrilling audiences and inspiring generations of taiko players.

This year they celebrate the growth of their tribe of performers from across the globe, with the latest captivating performance of sharp synchronisation, dramatic choreography and powerful

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rhythms on huge Taiko drums.
Date:

Sun 24 Nov

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£25.50

Concessions £2 Off

Under 26s £12.50

Family of 4 £68 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code TRIBE4)

www.taiko.co.uk @MugenkyoTaiko

Blackpool's Grand Theatre and Poulton-le-Fylde Band present

Grand Christmas Concert

Introduced by Canon Andrew Sage.

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

Poulton-le-Fylde Brass Band will celebrate the festive season in rousing style with the yearly Grand Christmas Concert.

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

Christmas.	
Date:	
Wed 18 Dec	
Time:	
8pm	

Tickets:

£17

Under 26s £13.50

Family of 4 £50 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code BRASS4)

www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk @Grand_Theatre

Handshake Ltd presents

A Country Night in Nashville

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.

Prepare to be transported on a musical journey through the decades; from Johnny Cash to Alan Jackson, Dolly to the Dixie Chicks, Willie Nelson to Kacey Musgraves, don't miss this incredible celebration of the very best of country music.

Date:		
Sat 25 Jan		
Time:		
7:30pm		
Tickets:		
£26.50		
www.acountrynightinnashville.com	@Nashville_S	3how

Grimethorpe Colliery Band

Formed in 1917, during the First World War, Grimethorpe Colliery Band is a British institution. National and British Open Champion on numerous occasions, the band's contest successes remain legendary. These include sixteen Brass In Concert Championship titles, 11 times Yorkshire Regional Champion, two English National Championship victories, four times British Open Champion and four times National Champion Brass Band of Great Britain.

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.

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Date:
Sun 26 Jan
Time:
7:30pm

Tickets:

£23.50

www.grimethorpeband.co.uk @GrimethorpeBand

Flying Music presents

Joe Brown

60th Anniversary Tour

Premier rock 'n' roll legend Joe Brown takes to the road to celebrate 60 years in the business.

Combining timeless classics, rockabilly, gospel, country, bluegrass, and rock 'n' roll with Joe's effervescent delivery and humorous reminiscences, this sensational show is a musical journey not to be missed.

Joe's band includes, among others, Fiddle virtuoso Tom Leary; Guitar and Mandolin veteran Steve Simpson; Ace Bass player Andy Crowdy and stalwart band member, drummer, percussionist and singer Phil Capaldi.

Date:

Fri 31 Jan

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£30.50 to £33.50

Concessions £2 Off

Groups 20+ £3 Off

Groups 50+ £4 Off

www.joebrown.co.uk

The Illegal Eagles

The Illegal Eagles return to Blackpool Grand in 2020 for another outstanding show promising more of their trademark musical prowess, acute attention to detail and incredible showmanship.

This critically acclaimed show features the very best from the Fadles' catalogue of classics including Hotel California st

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Desperado, Take It Easy, New Kid In Town, Life In The Fas
Lane and many more
Date:
Sat 1 Feb
Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£31

Concessions £2 Off

www.illegaleagles.com @illegal_eagles

You Win Again

Celebrating the music of the Bee Gees

Direct from London's West End, You Win Again – Celebrating the music of the Bee Gees. Prepare to experience the distinct sound of one the greatest bands to have ever graced the stage in this unforgettable concert spectacular.

Join us for this breath-taking concert spectacular, taking you on a musical journey through all your favourite songs, including: Night Fever, Stayin' Alive, How Deep is Your Love? Jive Talkin', Tragedy, Islands in the Stream, Grease, If I Can't Have You and many more!

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

Date:

Sun 2 Feb

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£26

Concessions £2 Off

This is a tribute show and is no way affiliated with any original artists/estates/management companies or similar shows.

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Sing-a-Long-a Bohemian Rhapsody

From the Producers of Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music and Sing-a-Long-a The Greatest Showman

The smash hit film as you have never experienced it before.

Celebrate Queen, their music, and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Our live host will warm up your voices in true Freddie Mercury style, teach you some iconic dance moves and show you how to use your interactive prop bags. Then sit back and sing along with the on screen lyrics to Bohemian Rhapsody, Under Pressure and Somebody to Love not forgetting YOU the audience becoming part of their famous Live Aid concert.

We guarantee to have you walking out feeling like the Champions of the World!

Film rating 12A. Age Guidance 15yrs+

Date:

Wed 5 Feb

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£17.50

Under 18s £14.50

Groups 10+ Buy 10 get 1 free

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Steve Steinman's Vampires Rock: Ghost Train

The musical sensation that's been rocking the nation for over 18 years. Starring Steve Steinman and an incredible cast of singers, dancers and musicians, this show will have you rocking in the aisles. A tongue-in-cheek and laugh out loud storyline combined with an incredible stage set, lighting and sound, and a show like no other.

Featuring over 30 of the greatest classic rock anthems of all time, including Queen, AC/DC, Bonnie Tyler, Meat Loaf, Bon Jovi, Journey, Guns N' Roses and many more.

'They should prescribe this show on the NHS – it really makes you feel so good, you forget about your aches and pains.' Bournemouth Echo

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Fri 7 Feb

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£31.50 to £33.50

www.vampiresrock.com @SteveSteinman

Barry Steele

The Roy Orbison Story

The one and only Barry Steele is set to put the rock back into 'The Big O' as he takes to the stage to commemorate this legend in 'The Roy Orbison Story' West End Special, so get ready for an upbeat night of solid gold hits and as Barry Steele and a fabulous cast of musicians and singers, celebrate and commemorates the musical legacy of Roy Orbison.

Barry is joined on stage a five-piece band and sensational guest pianist Boogie Williams as the production present original material written but never sung by Roy Orbison and showcase elements of the symphonic orchestration first heard on the recently released albums.

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Date:
Sat 8 Feb
Time:
7:30pm
Tickets:
£25.50

www.royorbisonandfriendswithbarrysteele.com @barrysteele

Lipstick On Your Collar Ltd presents

Lipstick On Your Collar

Step back in time to the golden era of music where the jukebox roared, and feet didn't touch the floor as Lipstick On Your Collar return with their new show. 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. Performed by a full live band, this incredible show features excellent vocals, tight harmonies and an infectious sense of fun.

Date: Sun 9 Feb

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £22.50

www.lipstickonyourcollar.co.uk

A great treat for Valentines!

Oh! What a Night

Oh! What A Night takes you back in time on a musical journey through the incredible career of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, now immortalised in the multi-award-winning show Jersey Boys, which has been packing theatres worldwide since its debut in 2005. Valli's unmistakable voice dominated the airwaves for more than two decades with classics such as Sherry, Let's Hang On, Big Girls Don't Cry, Can't Take My Eyes

Off You, My Eyes Adored You, December 63 (Oh, What A Night), Bye Bye Baby, Who Loves You and many, many more.

With a repertoire which needs no introduction, Oh! What A Night combines infectious personalities, amazing vocals, slick harmonies and even slicker dance moves to deliver a show full of energy and nostalgia which will leave you wanting more! Don't miss the ultimate celebration of one of the world's greatest rock 'n' roll bands!

Date: Fri 14 Feb

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £25.50

Concessions £2 Off

www.handshakegroup.com @teamhandshake

Midge Ure

Midge Ure comes to Blackpool with The 1980 Tour - celebrating Vienna and Visage, the sound of the future.

Brought to life by Midge Ure and Band Electronica, this is the very first time in the 40 years since it was made that the Vienna album will be performed in its entirety. It is also the first time that many of the songs from the debut Visage album will be played live.

The music will be performed in a stage setting designed to reflect the atmosphere and ambience the albums deserve.

Date:

Sun 16 Feb

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£28 to £36

www.midgeure.co.uk @midgeure1

MRC presents

Believe: The Cher Songbook

Join us for a stunning concert as we turn back time and celebrate the 'Goddess of Pop' in Believe: The Cher Songbook.

An exhilarating show sensationally recreating all her hits, the hair, the costumes from her breathtaking career spanning six decades.

Experience the ultimate tribute to Cher with dazzling costume changes, outstanding musicianship, a spectacular production and relive the Cher songbook including; I Got You Babe, Gypsys, Tramps & Thieves, Just Like Jesse James, If I Could Turn Back Time, Walking in Memphis, Strong Enough, Believe, songs from Mamma Mia and her new album Dancing Queen.

Date: Fri 6 Mar

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £27.50

Groups 10+ £3 Off

Groups 50+ £4 Off

www.mrcpresents.com @mrc_presents

Ben Fogle: Tales from the Wilderness

UK Theatre Tour 2020

Thrilling tales from a modern day explorer. From crossing Antarctica to conquering Everest, Ben will take the audience on an inspiring adventure.

Join Ben in this uplifting and exciting show, when he'll be sharing his stories of the wilderness. The much-loved TV adventurer will recount, with warmth and honesty, his thrilling tales. If you like Ben's TV shows then you'll love this personal and intimate evening of stories from around the world. The show will include multi-media.

The UN Patron of the Wilderness, Ben Fogle has travelled the world, has published 10 bestselling books and his TV shows are a global hit watched by millions around the world.

Date: Sun 8 Mar

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £30

www.benfogle.com @Benfogle

Seven Drunken Nights

The Story of The Dubliners

Direct from the West End, the show brings to life the music of Ireland's favourite sons 'The Dubliners'. Telling the story of a career spanning 50 years and evoking the spirit of Ronnie Drew, Luke Kelly, Barney McKenna, Jim McCann, Ciaran Bourke and John Sheahan. This talented cast of musicians and singers bring the music of this iconic group to life.

A performance that will have you singing along to such classics as The Wild Rover, The Black Velvet Band, The Irish Rover, Molly Malone, Finnegan's Wake, and of course The Seven Drunken Nights.

Date: Wed 11 Mar

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £28

Concessions £1.50

www.sevendrunkennights.com @7drunkennights

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Sunday Night at The Grand

Carl Schofield & Paul Swift return for their 6th year with what has proved to be one of Blackpool's best loved variety show providing yet another exciting line-up of unforgettable entertainment to the Grand Theatre, and all in aid of a good cause.

Join an array of talent for another evening of unforgettable entertainment in conjunction with the Lyndene Hotel, Blackpool and Tower Top Entertainments. You'll be taken through a journey of laughter with some of the North West's funniest comedians including The Grumbleweeds, be swept of your feet by some astonishing vocalists and be entertained by an array of show stopping dancers! Fylde coast's own funny man Carl Schofield will be hosting the spectacular. Carl is now a regular performer on cruise liners as well as on the entertainment circuit in and around the Blackpool area.

Date: Sun 15 Mar

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets: £15.50 to £23.50 Concessions £1.50 Off

www.lyndenehotel.com @LyndeneHotel

Menopause The Musical 2

Cruising Through Menopause!

In our brand-new show, Cruising Through Menopause, the hysterical sequel to the smash-hit show Menopause The Musical®, we fast forward five years to catch up with the same four characters as they set off on the high seas for tales of their lives, loves and losses.

Hot flushes, mood swings, memory lapses, weight gain - these are a few of our favourite menopausal things! For these four ladies the menopause was not the beginning of the end, but the beginning of a beautiful friendship where love conquers, and friendships never fail.

Age	guidance	16 ^v	vrs+

Date:

Sun 5 Apr

Time:

4pm and 7pm

Tickets:

£33.50

The show is sponsored by iMEDicare as www.mypelvichealth.co.uk.

www.menopauseuk.com @MenopauseUKTour

Harpy

By Philip Meeks. Starring Su Pollard

Birdie's a hoarder. The neighbours call her a harridan and a harpy, although most have never even met her. They see her hoard as a hazard for house prices. But it isn't rubbish. It's her life's work and it exists because years ago something deeply cherished was stolen from her, and Birdie's not been able to give up anything since. She'll do anything to get this priceless thing back. Anything at all.

National treasure Su Pollard gives a one-woman tour-de-force performance in this razor-sharp and bittersweet drama from Fringe First award winner Philip Meeks (Kiss Me Honey, Honey!, Murder, Margaret and Me).

'Su Pollard gives the performance of her life, an unmissable tourde-force of comedy and drama brought together in a fantastically constructed piece of theatre.' Theatre Weekly

Tue 14 Apr

Time:

Date:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£23

www.sftw.org @SFTWshows

Red Hot Chilli Pipers

The most Famous Bagpipe Band in the World, ever!

There has never been anything quite like the Red Hot Chilli Pipers, from their formation in 2002 and a cameo appearance at T in the Park in 2004 with the Darkness to opening the main stage in their own right in 2014. The past fifteen years has seen the Red Hot Chilli Pipers become the most famous Bagpipe Band in the World, ever! Bagpipes with attitude, drums with a Scottish accent and a show that carries its own health warning.

The bands achievements have reached incredible heights with their groundbreaking fusion of traditional Scottish music and rock/pop anthems which they proudly call 'Bagrock'.

The Red Hot Chilli Pipers are a genuinely unique experience.

Date:
Sun 26 Apr
Time:
7:30pm
Tickets:
£31
www.rhcp.scot @chillipipers

Lost in Music

One Night at The Disco!

Get ready to recreate the Magical 70's and let us take you on a musical journey straight to the heart of Disco! Relive some of the greatest songs of all time from Artists such as Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge and Chic.

This show boasts a sensational live band, incredibly talented cast and stunning vocals and is sure to have you dancing in the aisles! So, come dressed to impress as we celebrate the golden age of Disco! With songs such as Never Can Say Goodbye, On The Radio, Hot Stuff, Car Wash, Boogie Wonderland and many, many more!

It's the feel-good show of the year! Lose yourself with us and leave your troubles at home!

This is a tribute show and is in no way affiliated with any original artists/estates/management companies or similar shows. Programme subject to change.

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Date:
Fri 22 May
Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£27.50

Concessions £2 Off

www.entertainers.co.uk @Entertainers_UK

Wilko Johnston

With special guest John Otway.

Having conquered a diagnosis of terminal cancer, Game of Thrones actor (mute executioner Ser Ilyn Payne) and Legendary Dr Feelgood guitarist Wilko Johnson has enjoyed a rousing return to the live arena, including a number 1 album with Roger Daltrey and a sold out show at The Royal Albert Hall to mark his 70th birthday.

With Blockhead Norman Watt Roy (bass) and Dylan Howe (drums) the Wilko Johnson hand personify time served master

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craftsmen at the top of their game. Special guest 'Rock 'n'
Roll's Greatest Failure' John Otway.
Date:
Sat 23 May

7:30pm

Time:

Tickets:

£36

www.wilkojohnston.com @WilkoJohnston

Steve Steinman's Anything For Love

The Meat Loaf Story.

Steve Steinman returns with Anything For Love featuring over 25 of Meat Loaf and Jim Steinman's greatest hits, with special guest star Lorraine Crosby, the female lead vocalist on Meat Loaf's Award winning song I Would Do Anything For Love.

With an incredible stage set and ten-piece live band the show will have you up on your feet dancing and singing out loud to Meat Loaf's greatest hits including: Anything For Love, Bat Out Of Hell, Total Eclipse Of The Heart and many more.

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Sun 24 May

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£31.50 to £33.50

www.themeatloafstory.com @SteveSteinman

The Bon Jovi Experience

The Bon Jovi Experience are the world's first and finest tribute to the great Bon Jovi and are the world's ONLY tribute to have been requested by and to have performed live on stage with Jon Bon Jovi himself. They are also the only tribute to have been featured on the official Bon Jovi website.

The band have toured to ecstatic audiences the world over... not to be missed.

'The best tribute I've ever seen.' Jon Bon Jovi

Date: Sun 7 Jun

Time: 7:30pm

Tickets:

£23.50

www.jonbyjovi.com @JoviExperience

A unique tribute to a legend

Tim Vine is Plastic Elvis

The total sell out at the Edinburgh festival is now on tour! Feel the electricity as Plastic Elvis hits the stage backed by his incredible five piece The High Noon Band. He'll shake, he'll smoulder, he'll try and control his hair and in the end he'll break your heart. Sing along with some of the King's greatest songs on a breathless night of rock 'n' roll.

With support from special guests John Archer as Big Buddy Holly and song writing legend David Martin.

This show will contain moves that even Plastic Elvis himself isn't expecting.

'I was there. That's all I know.' Plastic Elvis Fan

'From the opening fanfare to the emotional finale I was hooked.'
The Other Fan

Date:
Sat 20 Jun

Time:
7:30pm

Tickets:
£28.50

www.timvine.com @RealTimVine

Friends of The Grand

Formed in 1973 the Friends of The Grand are 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.

Being a Friend of The Grand, you benefit from special offers that will make your theatre-going experience both more enjoyable and affordable. Become a Friend by calling 01253 290190 or visiting www.friendsofthegrand.co.uk.

Full Adult Membership

Available to anyone over 18 and under 60.

Concession Membership

This membership is only available to anyone under 18 and over 60.

Special Events

Coffee Mornings

Date: Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 13, Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16,

May 21, Jun 18.

Time: 10:30am | Tickets: £4

Blackpool District Scout Council presents

Blackpool Scout Gang Show

Come along and watch the Scouts and Guides from Blackpool as they take to the stage of the Grand Theatre for their 58th Gang Show, a show of song, dance and comedy.

It truly is a variety show for all the family to enjoy, including our celebration of Halloween, songs about our wonderful world, enjoying a carnival extravaganza and remembering the first man on the moon. Add to that some traditional songs and much more.

Never seen a Gang Show before, not sure what one is, then please book now and come and see us. A Show where you can sit back, relax, join in and be entertained by the members of Blackpool Gang Show – You are in for a real treat!

Date:

Wed 30 Oct to Sat 2 Nov

Time:

Wed to Fri 7:30pm

Sat 2pm and 7pm

Tickets:

£12

Concessions £2 Off

Groups 10+ Buy 10 get 1 free

www.blackpoolgangshow.org.uk @BpoolGangShow

Strictly Sherlock

After the terrific success of The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes, we return with this follow-up stage play.

Join the king of the detectives as he brings to life those three startling cases, The Sussex Vampire, The Creeping Man and The Devil's Foot!

Jonathan Goodwin returns as Sherlock Holmes, in a show scripted by himself and co-directed by Goodwin and Gary Archer.

Date:

Fri 24 Jan

Time:

7:30pm

Tickets:

£15.50

www.dontgointothecellar.com @CellarTheatre

Schools Alive

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.

Date: Mon 10 to Thu 13 Feb

Time: 7pm

Tickets: £8

Whittaker Dance and Drama Centre presents

The World at Your Feet

The World at Your Feet is a production that celebrates the best of Song and dance including riverdance, tap, ballet, jazz, contemporary and musical theatre by the elite students (young and adult) 2 to 80 years from Blackpool's Whittaker Dance and Drama Centre (Est. 1952)

Whittaker's first show at the Grand Theatre was in November 1981 when it produced My Fair Lady. The shows have continued here ever since. The World at your Feet will be enjoyed by all members of the family. We will see you there.

Date:

Fri 28 Feb to Sun 1 Mar

Time: Evenings 7pm

Sat and Sun Matinees 2pm

Tickets:

£15.50 to £17.50

Conc. /Under 18s £12.50

Groups 20+ £4 Off

Early Bird Offer £2 Off (Until 1 Nov 2019)

@DanceWhitts

COMING SOON

Tue 19 and Wed 20 May

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

A musical play adapted and directed by David Wood Based on the book by Judith Kerr.

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, The Tiger Who Came to Tea returns on tour, celebrating over 10 years on stage!

Join the tea-guzzling tiger 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!

www.tigerstealive.com @TigersTeaLive

Thu 21 May

Lost Dog Dance presents

Juliet & Romeo

Due to popular demand Lost Dog returns with their new show which reveals the real story of Romeo and Juliet. It turns out they didn't die in a tragic misunderstanding, they grew up and lived happily ever after. Well they lived at least. With Lost Dog's blend of dance, theatre and comedy this duet, directed by Olivier Award nominated Ben Duke, takes on our cultural obsession with youth and our inevitable issues with longevity.

Age guidance: 13yrs+

Juliet & Romeo is co-commissioned by Battersea Arts Centre, The Place and Warwick Arts Centre. The work is funded by Arts Council England via Grants for the Arts. Production time supported by Lancaster Arts and development time supported by Oval House through FiRST BiTES. Ben Duke is a Work Place artist.

www.lostdogdance.co.uk @lostdogdance

Sat 13 and Sun 14 Jun

Peppa Pig's Best Day Ever

Peppa Pig is excited to be going on a special day out with George, Mummy Pig and Daddy Pig - it's going to be her best day ever!

Get ready for a road-trip full of fun adventures. From castles to caves, dragons to dinosaurs and ice-creams to muddy puddles – there is something for all of the family and their friends to enjoy.

Prepare for the brand new Peppa Pig live show packed full of songs, games and laughter, it really is the best day ever for Peppa Pig fans!

www.peppapiglive.com @PeppaPigLive

Diary

November 2019

Sun 3 Halfway to Paradise 7:30pm

Tue 5 The Sound of Springstein 7:30pm

Wed 6 Psychic Sally 7:30pm

Fri 8 Gary Clarke Wasteland 7:30pm

Fri 8 Laugh Out Loud 8pm

Sat 9 Liza Pulman sings Streisand 7:30pm

Sun 10 Upbeat Beatles 7:30pm

Tue 12 Dangerous Obsession 7:30pm

Wed 13 Dangerous Obsession 2pm and 7:30pm

Thu 14 Dangerous Obsession 7:30pm

Fri 15 Dangerous Obsession 7:30pm

Sat 16 Dangerous Obsession 2pm and 7:30pm

Wed 20 Private Peaceful 1:30pm and 7:30pm

Sat 23 Boogie Wonderland 7:30pm

Sun 24 Mugenkyo Taiko Drummers 7:30pm

Tue 26 A Murder is Announced 7:30pm

Wed 27 A Murder is Announced 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Thu 28 A Murder is Announced 7:30pm

Fri 29 A Murder is Announced 7:30pm

Sat 30 A Murder is Announced 2:30pm and 7:30pm

December 2019

Fri 6 to Sun 5 Jan Peter Pan Various Times

Fri 13 Laugh Out Loud 8pm

Wed 18 Grand Christmas Concert 8pm

January 2020

Fri 3 Laugh Out Loud 8pm

Fri 17 Sleeping Beauty 7:30pm

Sat 18 The Nutcracker 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Sun 19 Swan Lake 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Fri 24 Strictly Sherlock 7:30pm

Sat 25 A Country Night in Nashville 7:30pm

Sun 26 Grimethorpe Colliery Band 7:30pm

Fri 31 Joe Brown 7:30pm

February 2020

Sat 1 The Illegal Eagles 7:30pm

Sun 2 You Win Again 7:30pm

Wed 5 Sing-a-Long-a Bohemian Rhapsody 7:30pm

Fri 7 Steve Steinman's Vampires Rock 7:30pm

Fri 7 Laugh Out Loud 8pm

Sat 8 The Roy Orbison Story 7:30pm

Sun 9 Lipstick On Your Collar 7:30pm

Mon 10 Schools Alive 7pm

Tue 11 Schools Alive 7pm

Wed 12 Schools Alive 7pm

Thu 13 Schools Alive 7pm

Fri 14 Oh! What A Night 7:30pm

Sat 15 Josh Widdicombe: Bit Much 8pm

Sun 16 Midge Ure 7:30pm

Sun 23 Tango Fire 7:30pm

Tue 25 Aida 7:30pm

Wed 26 Carmen 7:30pm

Fri 28 Whittaker's World At Your Feet 7pm

Sat 29 Whittaker's World At Your Feet 2pm and 7pm

March 2020

Sun 1 Whittaker's World At Your Feet 2pm and 7pm

Fri 6 Believe - The Cher Songbook 7:30pm

Fri 6 Laugh Out Loud 8pm

Sat 7 Count Arthur Strong 8pm

Sun 8 Ben Fogle's Tales From The Wilderness 7:30pm

Tue 10 Ballet Boyz: Delux 7:30pm

Wed 11 Seven Drunken Nights 7:30pm

Sat 14 Jack Dee: Off The Telly 8pm

Sun 15 Sunday Night At The Grand 7:30pm

Mon 16 Educating Rita 7:30pm

Tue 17 Educating Rita 7:30pm

Wed 18 Educating Rita 2pm and 7:30pm

Thu 19 Educating Rita 7:30pm

Fri 20 Educating Rita 7:30pm

Sat 21 Educating Rita 2pm and 7:30pm

Wed 25 RSC Measure For Measure 7:30pm

Thu 26 RSC Measure For Measure 1:30pm and 7:30pm

Sat 28 RSC As You Like It 7:30pm

Mon 30 RSC As You Like It 7:30pm

Tue 31 RSC As You Like It 7:30pm

April 2020

Wed 1 RSC As You Like It 1:30pm and 7:30pm

Fri 3 RSC Taming of The Shrew 7:30pm

Sat 4 RSC Taming of The Shrew 1:30pm and 7:30pm

Sun 5 Menopause The Musical 2 4pm and 7pm

Wed 8 Shrek The Musical 7:30pm

Thu 9 Shrek The Musical 2pm and 7:30pm

Fri 10 Shrek The Musical 2pm and 7:30pm

Sat 11 Shrek The Musical 2pm and 7:30pm

Tue 14 Harpy 7:30pm

Thu 16 La Boheme 7:30pm

Fri 17 Madama Butterfly 7:30pm

Sat 18 Red Riding Hood 2pm and 4pm

Tue 21 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 7:30pm

Wed 22 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Thu 23 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 7:30pm

Fri 24 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 7:30pm

Sat 25 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Sun 26 Red Hot Chilli Pipers 7:30pm

May 2020

Tue 5 Holes 7pm Wed 6 Holes 1:30pm

Thu 7 Holes 10:30am and 2:30pm

Fri 8 Holes 7pm Sat 9 Holes 2:30pm and 7pm

Sun 10 Julian Clary: Born To Mince 7:30pm

Mon 11 By The Waters of Liverpool 7:30pm

Tue 12 By The Waters of Liverpool 7:30pm

Wed 13 By The Waters of Liverpool 2:30pm and 7:30pm

Sat 16 Breakin' Convention 7:30pm

Sun 17 Ed Byrne: If I'm Honest 8pm

Tue 19 The Tiger Who Came to Tea 1:30pm and 4pm

Wed 20 The Tiger Who Came to Tea 1:30pm and 4pm

Thu 21 Juliet and Romeo 7:30pm

Fri 22 Lost In Music 7:30pm

Sat 23 Wilko Johnson 7:30pm

Sun 24 Steve Steinman's Anything For Love 7:30pm

Wed 27 Boogie Nights 7:30pm

Thu 28 Boogie Nights 2pm and 7:30pm

Fri 29 Boogie Nights 7:30pm

Sat 30 Boogie Nights 2pm and 7:30pm

Booking Fees: In line with legislation our per ticket booking fee is INCLUDED in all listed ticket prices.

Full Ticket Terms can be found on our website at www.blackpoolgrand. co.uk/TicketTerms. All information correct at time of going to print, the theatre withholds the right to amend pricing and show information or casting after printing.

Our season brochure is available in audio and large print format visit our website.