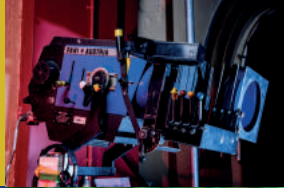


# THE ALBANY theatre

AUTUMN/  
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# YOUR VISIT/GENERAL INFO

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## BOOKING TICKETS

We are devoted to ensuring that your visit is as easy and enjoyable as possible. Tickets for all of our events can be purchased online, by phone or in person at our box office.

We charge a transaction fee for online and phone sales of £1.50 per booking. You can choose to print your tickets at home or show them on a smart phone on the door. Physical tickets can be collected from box office for an extra 50p. Refunds are only given in exceptional circumstances. Concessionary rates and family discounts are available for selected events.

## BOX OFFICE

Give our friendly team a call on **02476 99 89 64** or pop in between **Monday – Saturday 10.30am – 1.30pm** or one hour before the start of each performance. Alternatively, send us an email via [boxoffice@albanytheatre.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@albanytheatre.co.uk)

## HOW TO FIND US & PARKING

Our address – The Albany Theatre, Albany Road, Coventry, CV5 6JQ

From Coventry city centre: Ring Road exit 7, first left at the lights is Albany Road. The entrance is the first building on the right with both the theatre and studio accessible by stairs or ramp.

**Parking** - From Coventry city centre: Ring Road exit 7, sharp left at second set of lights is a **multi-storey car park**. Limited parking/spaces

for Blue Badge holders are at the front of the building. All parking must be paid for. **BY RAIL** – 10 min walk from Coventry Train Station.

Visit our website for more details regarding bus routes and coach services.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The Albany Theatre is committed to ensuring the arts are accessible for all.

We provide a limited number of seats for wheelchair users or patrons with reduced mobility in the main auditorium. These are located at the rear of the stalls. Seating in the studio is unreserved and fully accessible. These spaces must be booked via the box office. We offer a range of performances that are accessible to specific groups including BSL Interpreted and Relaxed performances. The auditorium is fitted with an infra-red system. To obtain a headset or hearing aid necklace, please request from the box office prior to the performance.

## GIFT VOUCHERS

Our exclusive gift vouchers are available from the box office. Redeemable against tickets, either in part or whole to any performance at The Albany, they make the perfect gift. As an additional touch, we can include a personal message! Please contact the box office for further information.

## GROUP BOOKINGS

Some of our events offer discounted rates for groups and schools. These offers will be displayed on the event page if available. However don't hesitate to check in with our box office if you'd like to request a school rate. Group and school tickets are only available by contacting the box office directly as we can offer the best rates and seats.

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# WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN/WINTER SEASON



We are delighted to introduce our Autumn/Winter season and to be able to welcome everybody back to the Albany Theatre. It has been a difficult eighteen months for us all, and we have a packed season to

tempt you back to the theatre. We hope you will be pleased with the variety, quality and sheer entertainment value of our programme.

If there's one thing that is commented on by everyone who comes to the Albany, it's the atmosphere, the friendliness, and the "buzz". We are reigniting this atmosphere and have programmed another season to offer the widest possible choice of performances and events.

These are exciting times for all of us at the Albany. Our Vision remains to promote well-being through Arts for Life: having secured the funding to redevelop the building we will become a cultural hub for the city – a space that interconnects artistic production with social engagement and encourages interaction between all residents of the city and beyond, welcoming partners and community groups to contribute their stories, ideas and conversations.

We are also producing our own productions: A Christmas Carol is a classic story and will be a show that appeals to all. We are also producing a community pantomime: Dick Whittington will feature the finest of Coventry's local talent.

We are creating a new education and outreach programme to offer engaging opportunities to participate in the arts, and plan to become a Centre of Excellence for Vocational Training that promotes the development of life skills and creativity.

Finally, I'd like to thank you all for the support you offer the Albany as we enter this new chapter in the theatre's history.

I look forward to welcoming you to a performance or a workshop over the coming months.

See you in the stalls.

Best wishes

**Kevin Shaw**  
Chief Executive & Artistic Director



Welcome back. I am thrilled to start with positive news: we have secured the funding to take the first step in our long-held plans for the future of the Albany. We are grateful to Coventry City Council

for standing four-square behind their long-held commitment to The Albany.

The plans see the Albany Theatre enter a historic and exciting period of renewal as it embarks on this major project to refurbish and regenerate the theatre in order to ensure long-term sustainability. The plans include improving the existing spaces to provide creative learning opportunities and enhanced productions; constructing three new flexible spaces to support new activities and events, and improved catering facilities through the creation of a new café area and bar to enhance the facilities available for visitors. The first phase of the works is due to start in January 2022.

The new facilities will enable the Trust to generate enough income to keep our heads above water for the long term, but the fundamentals remain the same: we do not receive major grants – we have to earn every penny to meet our day to day costs, and we control those costs as carefully as possible.

We lost some of our volunteers and their family members to the pandemic – losses we all feel with great sadness – and we share all our love with everyone who has been so affected.

We absolutely rely on volunteers to help us run the theatre. Whilst we have a superb professional team, it is tiny compared to other similar theatres. It's our volunteers that make The Albany work. As we develop our facilities, we are inviting new volunteers to join our teams ([volunteer@albanytheatre.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@albanytheatre.co.uk)).

It's been an incredible journey and there is so much more to do. Come and join us - it's great fun.

With all best wishes

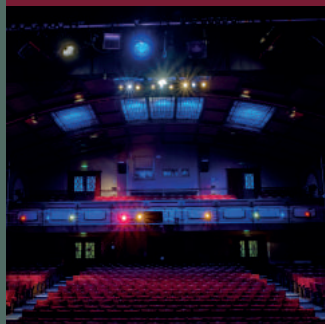
**David Meredith**  
Chair of The Albany Theatre Trust

# ABOUT THE TRUST/ OUR MISSION

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our vision as an arts organisation is 'To promote well-being through Arts for Life', because the arts are good for you! Engagement in arts activity (as a participant or spectator) is proven to be beneficial for personal health and wellbeing, social cohesion, and community development.

**Our Mission - to  
ENGAGE,  
INSPIRE,  
CREATE.**



At The Albany, we focus on high-quality arts activities that touch the lives of as many people as possible, of all ages and backgrounds.

Visit [albanytheatre.co.uk/our-vision-arts-for-life](http://albanytheatre.co.uk/our-vision-arts-for-life) to find out more.

## DONATE TO THE THEATRE

Here at The Albany Theatre, we rely heavily on the support of the community, our volunteers, and our audiences. Every penny goes towards ensuring that the theatre remains open for generations to come and helps us in achieving our long-term aims and development. If you are able to do so, please consider making a donation alongside your booking, donate via our website at [albanytheatre.co.uk/donate-online](http://albanytheatre.co.uk/donate-online), or visit/call our box office.

## ADOPT A SEAT

Whether as a surprise gift for a loved one who is always centre stage, in memory of a relative who never hid in the wings, or to put your company in the spotlight; sponsoring a seat is the perfect way to be a lasting part of the theatre community. A single seat is just £150. Contact [info@albanytheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@albanytheatre.co.uk) for more information.

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# VOLUNTEER WITH US

Our 1930s, 620-seat, Art Deco theatre is run on behalf of the community by a Charitable Trust, with day-to-day operations coordinated by a professional team. Each department is supported by our army of over 100 dedicated volunteers.

The theatre has developed and flourished with thanks to the hard work of our fabulous group of volunteers. Indeed we would not be where we are today without them. Volunteers take on roles within all areas of the theatre such as front of house (ushering, bar, & kiosk), box office, backstage, events, and marketing.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our friendly team. Whether you would like to gain experience within the arts, to socialise with like-minded people, or to support your local theatre, we want you!

The theatre provides training for all of the roles that volunteers take on. We hold volunteer briefing evenings every few months, to introduce potential new team members to the theatre space and its staff. The next new staff volunteer evenings are on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 September 6-8pm. Please see the contact details below to register your interest in becoming a volunteer or attending one of our September evenings.

*"The Albany has given me the opportunity to work in an exciting, fast-paced environment, whilst also providing a safe space to meet new people and gain new skills. I would be lost without my weekly visit to the theatre!"*  
**Albany Volunteer**

If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer, please email [info@albanytheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@albanytheatre.co.uk) or call us on 02476 998 964 to chat to a member of the team.



# REDEVELOPMENT PLANS



## EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING...

In early 2021, The Albany Theatre Trust was delighted to announce that funding for an ambitious programme of capital works has been secured through Coventry City Council. The Council grant will fund the core works of Phase 1 of a 3 Phase Plan that includes redeveloping the rear of the main house and refurbishing the Art Deco 1930s auditorium. Specifically, Phase 1 will bring improvements to the existing Studio Theatre, 3 new Studios, a new Café and improved audience and community facilities.

We hope to begin the rejuvenation of our venue very soon and can't wait to welcome our audiences into our new spaces, which will ensure the continuation and success of our Arts For Life mission.

**For more details on our redevelopment visit [albanytheatre.co.uk/capital-development](http://albanytheatre.co.uk/capital-development)**



## LEARNING, PARTICIPATION & OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The Albany is well known in our community for hosting the very best of local talent and providing opportunities to all types of individuals and groups to engage and be inspired by theatre and the arts as part of our Arts For Life mission.

Since welcoming our new Chief Executive and Artistic Director Kevin Shaw in early 2020, plans for a pioneering and exciting Learning and Participation programme have been at the forefront of post-pandemic plans. The team is now pleased to be launching the participatory scheme.

*"At the Albany we strongly believe that everyone and anyone can benefit from participation in the arts and will thrive when doing so. I am delighted that we are now able to begin to offer accessible opportunities for all types of people to experience what theatre is all about, and I truly look forward to watching all involved flourish throughout each project planned in our strategy."*

**Kevin Shaw, CEO.**

Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to get involved with. To ensure you hear first about what we've got planned, join our mailing list via the footer on our website - [albanytheatre.co.uk](http://albanytheatre.co.uk)

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# BINGO AT TIFFANY'S

Daaarlings! Calling all dream makers, heart breakers and bingo lovers!

Join award-winning character comedian Tracey Collins (Tina Turner Tea Lady) as she hosts Bingo at Tiffany's with Audrey Heartburn! An evening of hilarious bingo games, raucous singalongs, and glamorous dancing! Laugh, dance and play to win luxury prizes as Audrey spins her deluxe cage of bingo balls and shakes her maracas to a marvellous party soundtrack. Go for gold, darlings!



**"The queen of character comedy"**

To Do List

**SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2021 | 7PM**

Tickets: £15.00 | Suitable for ages 16+ | Comedy

**STUDIO SHOW**



# BE BOP A LULA

The West End hit comes to town starring giants of rock'n'roll – Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent, Billy Fury and Buddy Holly. Relive the tours responsible for introducing rock'n'roll to the UK in the company of incredible singers and a band tighter than a pair of your tightest drainpipe trousers. From Cochran's legendary guitar riffs, Vincent's menacingly moody stage presence, Fury's smouldering looks and soaring vocals and Holly's good time rock'n'roll, Be Bop a Lula is a real doozer of a stage show!

**"Performed with the love, care and respect that great Rock and Roll deserves!"**

BritishTheatre.com

**FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £26.50 | Suitable for ages 8+ | Music



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# KARL LOXLEY

– Classical Voices

**“Amazing, Amazing Amazing!”**

Rita Ora

TV's 'The Voice' and Classical Number 1 selling artist Karl Loxley celebrates the music of Josh Groban, Andrea Bocelli, Il Divo and many more. Including the hit songs You Raise Me Up, Nessun Dorma, The Prayer and Time To Say Goodbye. Featuring an incredible live band.

**FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £22.00 | Suitable for ages 5+ | Music



## KAYLEIGH HILL DANCE ACADEMY

Come and join as Kayleigh Hill Dance Academy (KHDA) celebrate their 10 year anniversary in a show suitable for all the family! KHDA pupils will be singing and dancing to a range of music and demonstrating many different styles!

Grab your tickets and enjoy the incredible talent of these young performers!

**MONDAY 4 & TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 | 7PM**

Tickets from: £11.00 | Suitable for all ages | Local Talent

**The Silence Of The Lambs meets Last Of The Summer Wine in dark comedy thriller *The Killer Question*.**

Former game show champion Walter Crump lives for murder (it was even his specialist subject on the nerve-shredding, general knowledge quiz show The Chair). But did his obsession with death ultimately lead to his own? Will Inspector Black solve the mystery? Will Margaret be home in time for Country File? Who will prove to be the ultimate victim of The Chair? And, just as important, which actor will play which character... the audience decides!

**WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £17.00 | Suitable for ages 14+ | Drama



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# THE WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS SHOW 2021

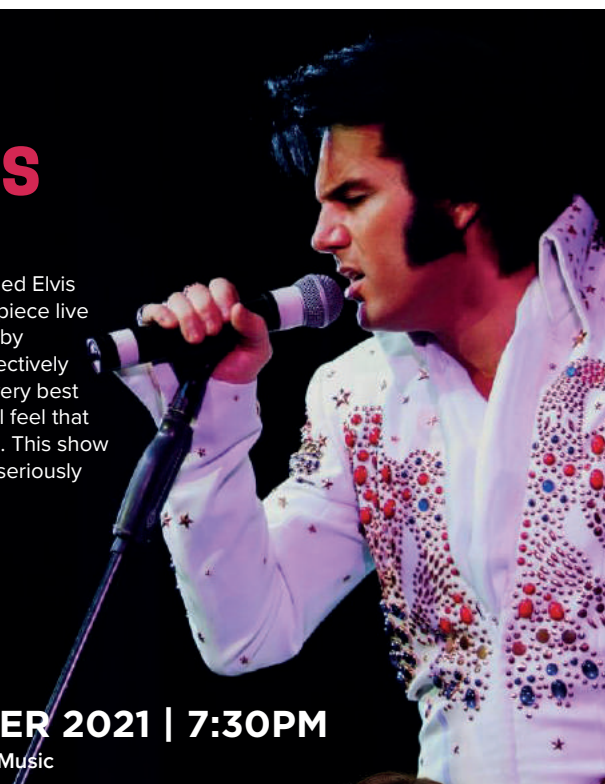
Starring and produced by world-renowned Elvis performer CHRIS CONNOR, with his 12-piece live band 'THE STEELS' and backing vocals by 'The Sweet Harmonies'. This show respectfully and authentically recreates Elvis at his very best sharing the magic of two concerts! You'll feel that you have been transported back in time. This show is made by Elvis fans for Elvis fans. You seriously do not want to miss this electric show!

**"The best Elvis tribute show in the World"**

The Telegraph

**FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £28.00 | Suitable for ages 8+ | Music



# EMILY ATTACK HAS LEFT THE GROUP

**Emily Attack is back with a brand-spanking new show!**

She's said goodbye to her carefree twenties and is now wondering what life is like as a mature, responsible grown up... if she finds one, she'll ask! Until then, she'll be bringing her trademark humour, honesty and playfulness to explore everything from work to dating to her latest obsession... leaving the WhatsApp Group. Join Emily this autumn for her famous anecdotes and range of impressions, for what promises to be a truly incredible night.

**SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER 2021 | 8PM**

Tickets from: £21.00 | Suitable for ages 14+ | Comedy



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COMEDY

# CLINTON BAPTISTE GOES STRATOSPHERIC!

As seen on PETER KAY'S PHOENIX NIGHTS...

The world-renowned clairvoyant, medium and psychic is back!

Clinton Baptiste is the hapless, unsubtle psychic from Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights. Following his sell out tour, Clinton has taken a whirlwind tour of the US. Hear his tales of rubbing shoulders with the hippy dippy new-agers and how he hits the big time in Vegas with his lavish psychic show. Clinton realises that sometimes all that glitters ain't gold and now returns to you. For tonight, ladies and gentlemen, Clinton will cast all fame and fortune aside... and heal the world!

**SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £19.00 | Suitable for ages 14+ | Comedy



DRAMA

## MACBETH

**"SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES..."**

A full-cast production set in the murky Dark Ages where love, politics and witchcraft collide.

A war worn Macbeth is told by three sisters that he is fated to become King of Scotland so beginning a series of events that lead to the destruction of Kings, friends and souls as he, and his Lady, try to cling to the tainted crown.

Enjoy this classic tale as portrayed by William Shakespeare with sorcery, ghostly apparitions, and spectacular sword fights!

**WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2021 | 1:30PM/7PM**

Tickets from: £13.00 | Suitable for ages 11+ | Drama



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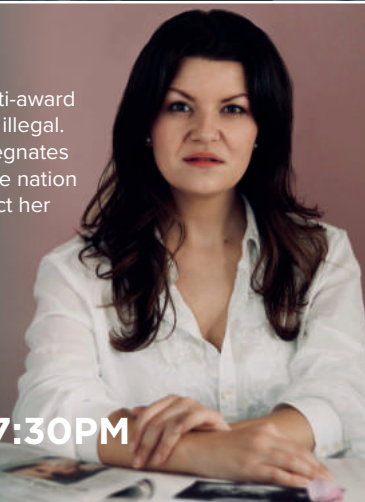
## VESSEL

How far would you go for a cause you believed in? A new play by multi-award nominated Irish writer Laura Wyatt O'Keeffe. Ireland, 2018. Abortion is illegal. Another underage pregnant girl dies. Doctor's receptionist Maia impregnates herself intentionally to stage a public protest for legalisation. But as the nation divides and press attention surrounding her intensifies, can she protect her loved ones from being caught in the crossfire?



**"Vessel is a powerful, thought-provoking drama that will stay with you long after you leave the theatre."**

The Wee Review



**STUDIO  
SHOW**

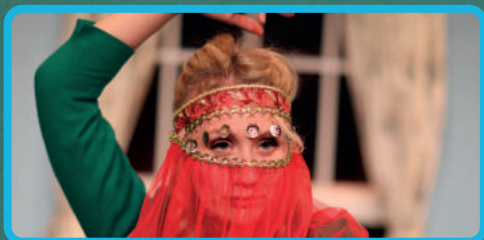
**THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £9.00 | Suitable for ages 14+ | Drama

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# NOT: LADY CHATTERLEY'S LOVER

A parody of Lady Chatterley's Lover by DH Lawrence.



"Fear not darling. I shall return with absolutely no physical injuries."

Lady Chatterley welcomes her husband, Clifford, home from a war that has left the world in tatters. With Clifford's legs also in tatters, he arrives at Wragby Hall confined to a wheelchair and clutching his secret.

Despite her husband's impotence, a subject that everyone struggles to avoid, Constance entertains the idea that one day they could have a child. However, as Clifford's obsession for industrial pursuits heightens, Constance embarks on a passionate and curiously experimental affair with Mellors, the estate gamekeeper.

This laughter-filled parody of the classic D.H. Lawrence novel will bring you high drama, high comedy and highly raised eyebrows.



**"A perfectly crafted production of comic genius."**

Mind the Blog

**FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £23.00 | Suitable for ages 16+ | Drama/Comedy



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# THE AMAZING BUBBLE MAN

Louis Pearl has been thrilling audiences around the world for over 30 years with the art, magic, science and fun of bubbles! He is a favourite at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where he has enjoyed twelve years of sell-out success.

Louis explores the breath-taking dynamics of bubbles, combining comedy and artistry with audience participation and enough spellbinding bubble tricks to keep the whole family mesmerized.

From square bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, fog-filled bubbles, giant bubbles, bubble volcanoes, tornados and trampolines to people inside bubbles, the Amazing Bubble Man conjures shrieks of laughter and gasps of amazement from all ages.

Most shows will also feature multi-instrumentalist Jet Black Pearl, who will accompany Louis with bubbly music for even more fun!



**“Greatest bubble  
show on Earth.”**

SFGate.com

**SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021 | 11:30AM/2PM**

Tickets from: £11.00 | Suitable for all ages | Families

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# DARKSIDE PINK FLOYD

## DARK SIDE OF THE MOON LIVE – PLUS MORE CLASSIC PINK FLOYD

Darkside, The Pink Floyd Show, performing the music of Britain's greatest progressive rock band, makes a welcome return to The Albany Theatre with an evening of classic Pink Floyd featuring the album Dark Side of the Moon in its entirety. Incorporating a spectacular and dramatic laser light show, evocative images and animated sequences projected on a circular screen, make this show one not to be missed by any Pink Floyd fan.



MUSIC

**SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £18.00 | Suitable for ages 8+ | Music

# WILLIAM BISHOP

William Bishop is classically trained as a cellist and double bassist, and learnt acoustic guitar as a teenager. His influences include Laura Marling, Leonard Cohen, and Bob Dylan. With performances regularly used as part of the degree courses at The University of York, William has developed a successful career in the music industry and will perform at The Albany for one night only!



MUSIC

**SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021 | 8:15PM**

Tickets from: £8.50 | Suitable for ages 16+ | Music

STUDIO  
SHOW

# A PERFECT LIKENESS

**A rollicking Victorian odd-couple encounter between two titans of English literature!**

CONN ARTISTS THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS A COMEDY BY DANIEL ROVER SINGER | DIRECTED BY NICK YOUNG

Reclusive writer and photographer Charles Dodgson (also known as Lewis Carroll) invites celebrity author Charles Dickens to his Oxford home to pose for a portrait. Dickens is so intrigued by the whimsical Alice's Adventures in Wonderland that he accepts. What ensues is a baring of two creative souls, the one private and fastidious, the other boisterous and irreverent... The result, a hilarious and revealing conversation between two quirky, fascinating, and completely different men.

**FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £16.00 | Suitable for ages 12+ | Comedy



COMEDY



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# THE MUSICAL

Coventry's Youth Operetta Group (YOG) is back doing what it does best with Elf: The Musical!

Elf is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan, who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. Join Coventry's Youth Operetta Group and Buddy the Elf for bags of festive fun this Christmas time!

**WEDNESDAY 10 - SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2021**

Tickets from: £15.50 | Suitable for all ages | Local Talent

## LEGENDS OF SWING WITH DOWN FOR THE COUNT SWING ORCHESTRA



Join the Down for the Count Swing Orchestra for "one helluva celebration of vintage music" (TimeOut London) as they celebrate the Legends of Swing. Down for the Count are a mini big band with an electrifying show full of incredible energy and musicianship. Described as "a breath of fresh air on the swing scene" they are now regularly found at jazz clubs in the UK and abroad, at festivals including London Jazz Festival, and on BBC Radio.

Expect to hear songs from the likes of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Count Basie and Glenn Miller, and classics from singers such as Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat 'King' Cole.

**SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021 | 7:30PM "Awesome!!!"**

Tickets from: £13.00 | Suitable for all ages | Music

Michael Bubl 

## NIGEL MCINTYRE AND GARETH WATSON PRESENTS... AN EVENING WITH BRIAN BLESSED

Larger-than-life actor, writer, and presenter Brian Blessed is known for his hearty, king-sized portrayals on film and television. A giant of a man accompanied by an eloquent wit and booming, operatic voice, he is also an avid explorer and climber and 'An Evening with Brian Blessed' will combine anecdotes from his illustrious acting career with tales of his adventuring. The show is an experience that nobody should miss! This show may not be suitable for people of a nervous disposition or those who aren't expecting the odd expletive!



**FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £27.00 | Suitable for ages 16+ | Drama

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MUSIC

# FAIRYTALE OF NEW YORK

From the producers of the hit show *Seven Drunken Nights* – The Story of The Dubliners, *Fairytale of New York* is the ultimate feel-good Irish-inspired Christmas show. Featuring an international cast of singers, musicians, and dancers, bringing you all of your favourite Christmas songs as well as Irish sing-along songs including *Driving Home for Christmas*, *Baby it's cold outside*, and of course *The Fairytale of New York*. Set in McGrath's Irish Pub on Christmas Eve this wonderful story of an Irish magical Christmas will have people of all ages singing, laughing, and dancing in the aisles.

**THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £25.50 | Suitable for all ages | Music



## THE SNOW QUEEN

Ballet Theatre UK presents a beautiful re-telling of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairy tale ballet, *The Snow Queen*. This spectacular production follows the story of Gerda and her quest to find her friend Kay, whom the Snow Queen has placed under an evil spell. Gerda's adventure takes her on a journey across the frozen north where she encounters a band of gypsy's, enchanted reindeer, and a mysterious and reclusive Lapland woman. Ballet Theatre UK's renowned company of international dancers, beautiful costumes, and glittering stage sets combine to create a magnificent spectacle, all set to a glorious and magical score.

**FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £14.00 | Suitable for all ages | Dance



DANCE

## THE MERSEY BEATLES

Fans of The Beatles, prepare to be wowed by the world's favourite Liverpool-born tribute to the Fab Four. The Mersey Beatles have been rocking sold-out shows around the globe since 1999 with their truly authentic and widely acclaimed celebration of John, Paul, George, and Ringo. Throughout two unforgettable hours, they take the audience on a fabulous ride through the 'mop top' hits of Beatlemania, the psychedelic creativity of *Sgt Pepper* to the melodic wonder and energy of the Fab Four's later work. So, roll up, roll up for this very special Magical History Tour!

**SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2021 | 8PM**

Tickets: £23.00 | Suitable for ages 8+ | Music



MUSIC

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THE ALBANY THEATRE PRESENTS

# A CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY CHARLES DICKENS  
DIRECTED BY KEVIN SHAW



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A glowing Victorian-style street lamp stands in the center of the image, casting a warm, golden light. The scene is set at night, with a dark, textured background that appears to be a snowy or frosty surface. The lamp has a classic design with a glass-paned body and a decorative top. The overall atmosphere is cozy and festive, fitting for a Christmas-themed advertisement.

## The perfect family-friendly alternative to a traditional panto.

Delve into Charles Dickens' timeless Christmas classic this winter as it jumps from page to stage brimming with heart-warming merriment and Victorian charm.

It's Christmas Eve and Ebenezer Scrooge has not an ounce of festive cheer. When the clock strikes midnight, Scrooge is visited by four ghostly spirits who each whisk him away on a magical journey through his past, present and future hoping to reveal the error of his cold-heart and change his life forever.

The Albany Theatre brings this much-loved tale vividly to life with breath-taking sets, spellbinding costumes, heaps of Christmas spirit and a sprinkle of spooky goings on.

Join Scrooge, Jacob Marley, Mr and Mrs Cratchit, Tiny Tim, Mr Fezziwig, and all of Dickens' treasured characters on the snowy streets of Victorian Coventry to spread the true meaning of Yuletide this festive season.

## SATURDAY 4 – SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER 2021

**BSL Interpreted: 16 DEC 2021 - 7PM**

**Relaxed Performance: 8 DEC 2021 - 10AM**

**School Performances: 7 - 17 DEC 2021**

**Press Night: 8 DEC 2021 - 7PM**

Tickets from: £15.00 | Family discounts available | A Christmas Carol is sure to be a festive family treat, but please be aware that some scenes may be a little scary for younger audience members – we advise 7+ | Families

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# DICK WHITTINGTON

## Albany Productions is thrilled to present Dick Whittington as their very first homegrown community pantomime!

Get the whole family together to experience belly laughs a plenty as Dick Whittington seeks fame and fortune on the glittering streets of London and follows his dreams on an unforgettable journey. Guided by the magical Fairy Bow Bells, he'll need your help to defeat the sinister King Rat and his rabble of rodents, become Lord Mayor of London and win the heart of the beautiful Alice.

The devoted team and talented cast drawn from communities across Coventry, serve up extravagant costumes, sparkling sets, live music, and more giggles than you can shake a stick with a spotted handkerchief at! With Dame Sarah adding a delightful dollop of fun, Dick Whittington is the ultimate seasonal treat for all the family... OH YES, IT IS!

**THURSDAY 30 DECEMBER 2021 -  
SATURDAY 8 JANUARY 2022**

Tickets from: £13.00 | Suitable for all ages | Families



## STRICTLY SHERLOCK

The finest chillers and thrillers live again! A new adaptation of nineteenth-century literature's greatest ghost and horror stories for modern-day audiences.

After the terrific success of The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes, Don't Go Into The Cellar has created follow-up stage play, Strictly Sherlock. 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.

**STUDIO  
SHOW**

**THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £8.50 | Suitable for ages 12+ | Drama

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Arguably Britain's best AC/DC tribute band, rocking some of the biggest tribute festivals in the UK, the AC/DC Experience brilliantly nails the power and look of the stadium rock god's incendiary stage performance. With electrifying musical skills to match – each dazzling guitar solo, hard-rock riff and stunning vocal will have audiences convinced they're watching the real thing! Authentically covering all eras, expect explosive versions of the classics Highway to Hell, Back in Black, Thunderstruck, Hells Bells, You Shook Me All Night Long, Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap, T.N.T, Whole Lotta Rosie and many more.

MUSIC

**SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022 | 8PM**

Tickets: £18.00 | Suitable for ages 14+ | Music

**STUDIO  
SHOW**

## THE LEGENDS OF AMERICAN COUNTRY SHOW

Experienced live by over 350,000 fans and watched by millions on TV, Europe's No.1 multi-award-winning show The Legends of American Country returns for another fantastic night of toe-tapping Country classics. The 2022 tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Hank Williams, Charley Pride, Glen Campbell, Tammy Wynette, John Denver, and Jim Reeves with countless other well-known hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza. One thing is for sure, if it's Country music you like, then this is the only show in town!

**“Pure raw Country at its best”** CMT

**FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £16.00 | Suitable for all ages | Music

MUSIC

## DEAR ZOO

I wrote to the Zoo to send me a pet and they sent me a...

Rod Campbell's much-loved lift the flap book has been a firm favourite with children and parents for nearly forty years. Lovingly adapted for the stage, his distinctive illustrations leap from the page in this colourful show packed full of puppetry, songs and, of course, all the animals from the zoo. With lots of laughs and audience interaction, Dear Zoo is the perfect introduction to theatre for young children.



[Whatsgoodtodo.co.uk](https://www.whatsgoodtodo.co.uk)

**SATURDAY 5 & SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2022**

Tickets: £13.50 | Suitable for ages 3+ | Families



FAMILIES

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# THE STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

PRESENTED BY BLACKKEYED THEATRE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTH HILL PARK.

BY ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY NICK LANE

Doctor Henry Jekyll is a good man. Successful within his field and respected by his peers, he's close to a neurological discovery that will change the face of medical science forever. However, his methods are less than ethical, and when a close friend and colleague threatens to expose and destroy his work, Jekyll is forced to experiment on himself, whereupon something goes very wrong... or very right. And suddenly Jekyll has a new friend, the brutal Edward Hyde.

A thrilling adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson's dark psychological fantasy, *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde* immerses you in the myth and mystery of 19th century London's fog-bound streets where love, betrayal and murder lurk at every chilling twist and turn. Gripping, stylish and thought-provoking, this is unmissable theatre.

Go on... treat your dark side!

**MONDAY 7 - TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2022**

**SHOWTIMES:**

**MON 7 FEB 2022 | 7:30PM**

**TUE 8 FEB 2022 | 2:00PM (MATINEE)**

**TUE 8 FEB 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £11.00 | Suitable for ages 11+ | Drama



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The Stage



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COMEDY

# THE INVISIBLE MAM

**"Brilliantly funny and a joy to watch"**

Sarah Millican

**"Sharp, clever and very funny"**

The Sunday Post

**"An original and very funny lady"**

Funny Women

**As heard on Absolute Radio**

Becoming a mum and then going into lockdown is not how Hayley Ellis imagined maternity leave. For starters no one could babysit. Catfishing mums, buying contraception online and lactating monster energy drink are the new normal along with a lifetime ban from mumsnet. The Invisible Mam is the new stand up comedy show from Hayley Ellis.

**FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £11.00 | Suitable for ages 16+ | Comedy



**STUDIO SHOW**

# SPECIAL KINDA MADNESS

MUSIC

**2 Bands... 2-Tone...  
1 Fantastic Night!**

Special Kinda Madness perform a truly authentic set from each band, combining the phenomenally energetic stage presence of The Specials with the wonderful iconic tunes of the Madness 'Nutty Boys'. Playing a set from each band and producing a show that will have the audience up and dancing from the off, Special Kinda Madness will have everyone hankering after that exciting era of 2-Tone and ska.

**SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2022 | 8PM**

Tickets: £16.00 | Suitable for ages 14+ | Music



**STUDIO SHOW**

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DRAMA



# GORDON BUCHANAN 30 YEARS IN THE WILD

One of the most prominent wildlife presenters and filmmakers working today, Gordon Buchanan's journey is a remarkable story to tell. Having produced some of the most popular wildlife programmes on the BBC, Gordon will be taking a look back at his incredible 30 years working both behind and in front of the camera. This will be a rare opportunity to discover what has continued to drive his career and the landmark stories that take pride of his work. Always reflective, Gordon is taking this opportunity to understand how his time within the wildlife industry has changed and what the future potentially holds for us and the animal kingdom as co-inhabitants of our rapidly changing ecological landscape.

**THURSDAY 17 FEBRUARY  
2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £26.00 | Suitable for all ages | Drama

MUSIC



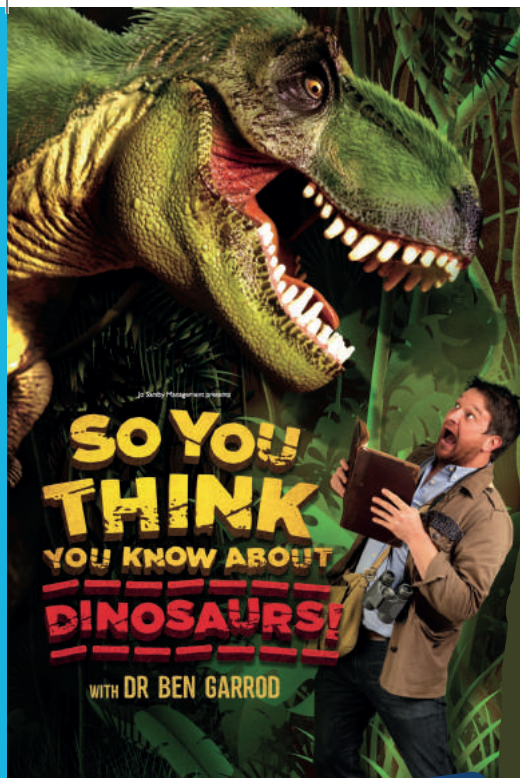
## 80'S LIVE

You've heard of throwback Thursday, now it's time for the ultimate throwback decade – 80's Live! Travel back in time to one of the most iconic eras of music for an exciting night out – put your hands together and get into the groove as live band Electric Dreams, perform over two dozen chart topping anthems from artists including Duran Duran, Dexy's Midnight Runners, Culture Club, Kim Wilde, Rick Astley, The Human League, A-Ha, Tears for Fears, Wham and more. Move aside Doc, we don't need The DeLorean to create our time machine. This is 80's Live!

**FRIDAY 18  
FEBRUARY  
2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets: £26.00 |  
Suitable for ages 8+ | Music

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The hit stage show starring dinosaur aficionado Dr Ben Garrod. Get ready for an exciting pre-historic adventure as Ben explores the biggest, deadliest, and weirdest predators that ever roamed the planet. Yes, dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus Rex, Allosaurus and Spinosaurus would have walked or swam right where you are now! Pitting the knowledge of unwitting adults against their all-knowing kids, Dr Ben presents an interactive, educational, and highly entertaining show using film footage from 'Planet Dinosaur'. Come and test your knowledge against Dr Ben in this hit live interactive show!

**“Highly recommend this show to anyone with a small person that loves dinosaurs!”**

Families Online

**SATURDAY 19  
FEBRUARY 2022 | 3PM**

Tickets from: £13.50 | Aimed at key stage 1 & 2 (ages 5-11) however 5+ recommended | Families



## THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Pack your picnics and join Ratty, Mole, Badger, and the fantastically irrepressible Toad as they embark on the adventure of a lifetime culminating in a colourful battle to save Toad Hall from the mischievous weasels! Multi-award nominated Immersion Theatre proudly bring their trademark style and energy to the riverbank with heaps of interaction, stunning costumes, toe-tapping music, and larger-than-life characters. A TOAD-ally terrific treat whether you're 4 or 104!

**SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY  
2022 | 2PM**

Tickets from: £11.00 | Suitable for ages 4+ | Families

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# GIOVANNI PERNICE - THIS IS ME



Strictly Come Dancing favourite, Giovanni Pernice, is back in 2022 with his hit show THIS IS ME! The showman is set to light up the stage, along with his cast of professional dancers, for his fifth year of touring. With the Italian's natural charm, combined with beautiful choreography perfectly complemented by a fabulous soundtrack, THIS IS ME pays homage to the music and dances that have inspired Giovanni's career, from a competition dancer to one of the biggest names on the hit BBC show.



**"Giovanni brings  
the house down"**

Lincolnshire Live

**TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £32.00 | Meet & Greet tickets available | Suitable for all ages | Dance

## THE ALBANY'S GOT

# NEIL JONES - GINGERLAND

Straight from his Directorial and Choreographic debut at Sadler's Wells, London, BBC Strictly Come Dancing professional dancer Neil Jones presents his brand-new live dance show, GINGERLAND. Join Jones as he goes from the back of Claudia's area to starring in his very own dance show like you have never seen before – comedy, special effects, and a lot of outstanding dancing! Neil will show you the real reason he's a three-time World, eight-time British Champion and well-known choreographer in the world of Ballroom dancing. Prepare yourself...you are in for a night you will never want to forget!



**SATURDAY 5 MARCH 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £32.00 | Meet & Greet tickets available | Suitable for all ages | Dance

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# IAN AND VINCENT – THE BALLROOM BOYS: ACT TWO

The Ballroom Boys double act Ian Waite and Vincent Simone are set to return with their brand-new show after the roaring success of their 5-star rated 2019 tour! The fabulous Strictly Come Dancing stars promise another wonderful evening of old-fashioned variety – dance, comedy, and song! With beautiful costumes, gorgeous lighting, and world-class routines, including the Viennese Waltz, the Foxtrot, and of course, another incredible Argentine Tango routine by the master! The boys will be joined by their stunning dance partners and a world-class singer.



**“World-class”** The News Letter

**FRIDAY 15 APRIL 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £33.00 | Meet & Greet tickets available | Suitable for ages 14+ | Dance



# STRICTLY FEVER!

COMING UP...

## VINCENT SIMONE – TANGO PASSIONS

Argentine Tango King and Strictly Come Dancing legend, Vincent Simone, returns to the stage in the Autumn of 2022 with his brand-new show... 'Tango Passions'. Accompanied by world-class Argentine Tango specialists, let the original Italian stallion take you on a journey to Buenos Aires and enjoy his dancing, tales, and poetry about the history of the Argentine Tango. Vincent will also be joined by his professional dance partner, Ksenia Zsikhotska from DWTS Ireland and The Ballroom Boys. Featuring music from Astor Piazzolla and Gotan Project.

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2022 | 7:30PM**

Tickets from: £33.00 | Meet & Greet tickets available | Suitable for ages 12+ | Dance



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**Recurring non-ticketed event**  
Coventry's finest performers along with special guests bring you the best in classic and contemporary folk music. Check out the online listings for their monthly open mic events and gig announcements.

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Suitable for all ages | Music

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**Performances, times and tickets can be subject to change - please see the website for all updated listings and any additional performances also booking.**

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Conveniently located close to Coventry City Centre, adjacent to Premier Inn and just a short walk from Ramada Hotel, The Albany is an ideal venue for meetings, conferences, seminars and events.

**The Albany Studio** is a bright and airy space used for shows, rehearsals, filming, photography, community events, seminars and conferences. Its flexible layout and industrial-chic setting provide an ideal backdrop for all events.

**The Art Deco** main theatre has a comprehensive set of lighting and sound equipment. We are also able to supply professional, technical support to assist with the staging of events and staffing to ensure all runs smoothly.

Any event at the Albany is special, so we will work with you to ensure that our theatre and services match your needs.

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# JASPER CARROTT'S STAND UP AND ROCK

With The Bev Bevan Band  
and special guest Andy Bennett

Time to get the legendary Jasper Carrott back where he belongs – up front and centre stage. Jasper is joined by his mate, the thunderous rock legend Bev Bevan (founding member of Electric Light Orchestra and The Move), who brings his stunning band along with guest star Andy Bennett, former Ocean Colour Scene guitarist. Enjoy a night of fantastic comedy and great music to lift the spirits and remind us what life is all about!

**“Jasper Carrott... easily the funniest  
stand-up I've ever seen.”** Jeremy Clarkson, The Sun

**THURSDAY 24 – SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2022**

Tickets: £30.00 |

Suitable for ages 14+ | Comedy

**COMING SOON...**

**RETURNING FOR 2022**

# COMEDYcCLUB

Sniggers, shorts, chortles, chuckles and good old belly laughs – we're bringing back our sell out Comedy Clubs for 2022! Join us for a regular barrel of hilarity with comedians from across the touring circuit and television performing live in our studio. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more details and dates.

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# DIARY OF EVENTS

DRAMA	DANCE	MUSIC	COMEDY	FAMILIES	LOCAL TALENT
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## SEPTEMBER 2021

Sat 18 Sept 2021  
**Bingo at Tiffany's**  
7pm

STUDIO SHOW

Fri 24 Sept 2021  
**Be Bop A Lula**  
7:30pm

## OCTOBER 2021

Fri 1 Oct 2021  
**Karl Loxley - Classical Voices**  
7:30pm

Mon 4 & Tues 5 Oct 2021  
**Kayleigh Hill Dance Academy**  
7pm

Wed 6 Oct 2021  
**The Killer Question**  
7:30pm

Fri 8 Oct 2021  
**The World Famous Elvis Show**  
7:30pm

Sat 9 Oct 2021  
**Emily Atack Has Left the Group**  
8pm

Fri 15 Oct 2021  
**Not: Lady Chatterley's Lover**  
7:30pm

Sat 16 Oct 2021  
**Clinton Baptiste Goes Stratospheric!**  
7:30pm

Wed 20 Oct 2021  
**Macbeth**  
1:30pm/7pm

Thurs 21 Oct 2021  
**Vessel**  
7:30pm

STUDIO SHOW

Sat 23 Oct 2021  
**The Amazing Bubble Man**  
11:30am/2pm

STUDIO SHOW

Sat 23 Oct 2021  
**Darkside Pink Floyd**  
7:30pm

Sun 24 Oct 2021  
**William Bishop**  
8:15pm

STUDIO SHOW

## NOVEMBER 2021

Fri 5 Nov 2021  
**A Perfect Likeness**  
7:30pm

Wed 10 - Sat 13 Nov 2021  
**ELF The Musical**  
7:30pm/2:30pm

Sun 14 Nov 2021  
**Legends of Swing with Down for the Count Swing Orchestra**  
7:30pm

Fri 19 Nov 2021  
**An Evening with Brian Blessed**  
7:30pm

Thurs 25 Nov 2021  
**Fairytale of New York**  
7:30pm

Fri 26 Nov 2021  
**The Snow Queen**  
7:30pm

Sat 27 Nov 2021  
**The Mersey Beatles**  
8pm

## DECEMBER 2021

Sat 4 - Sun 26 Dec 2021  
**A Christmas Carol**  
7pm/2pm

Thurs 30 Dec 2021 - Sat 8 Jan 2022  
**Dick Whittington**  
7pm/2pm

## JANUARY 2022

Thurs 13 Jan 2022  
**Strictly Sherlock**  
7:30pm

STUDIO SHOW

Sat 15 Jan 2022  
**AD/DC Experience**  
8pm

STUDIO SHOW

## FEBRUARY 2022

Fri 4 Feb 2022  
**The Legends of American Country Show**  
7:30pm

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Feb 2022  
**Dear Zoo**  
3pm/1:30pm

Mon 7 - Tues 8 Feb 2022  
**The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde**  
7:30pm/2pm

Fri 11 Feb 2022  
**The Invisible Mam**  
7:30pm

STUDIO SHOW

Sat 12 Feb 2022  
**Special Kinda Madness**  
8pm

STUDIO SHOW

Thurs 17 Feb 2022  
**Gordon Buchanan - 30 Years in the Wild**  
7:30pm

Fri 18 Feb 2022  
**80's Live**  
7:30pm

Sat 19 Feb 2022  
**So You Think You Know About Dinosaurs**  
3pm

Sun 20 Feb 2022  
**The Wind in the Willows**  
2pm

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