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MUSIC



FRIDAY 3RD MAY, 7:30PM

DEAN FRIEDMAN In Concert

Hailed by critics and fans alike as one of the finest songwriters of his generation, Dean Friedman has achieved legendary, pop-icon status for chart-topping hits, Ariel, Lucky Stars and more. Following his sold-out, 40th Anniversary Tour, Friedman returns to the stage armed with a collection of his compelling 'story songs' - songs of pathos and humour that deal with family, friends and the seemingly trivial, yet ultimately essential stuff of everyday life.

£29.50 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 24TH MAY, 7:30PM

FRANKIE ARCHER

Frankie Archer has exploded onto the electrofolk scene with music that transcends stereotypes using a combination of manipulated samples, synths, drum tracks and earthy Northumbrian fiddle and voice to capture her audience. Her aim? To shake up genres and traditions, challenge perspectives and call for a fairer future. Winner of the 2023 Christian Raphael Prize, Frankie has been featured on 'Later...With Jools Holland' and championed by tastemakers at BBC Radio 2 and 6 Music.

£15 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 31ST MAY, 8PM

QUO FISH

Rob Quo & Pearl Fish are two songwriters with distinct voices who blend their meandering folky musings to create a unique, captivating contemporary roots duo. Featuring plenty of vocal harmony, with accompaniment on acoustic guitars, shruti box and percussion; their songs meander from pensive/melancholic to light-hearted and humorous. After an extensive UK tour last Autumn, Quo & Fish are back on the road with new arrangements and material to share.

£5 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 14TH JUNE, 7:30PM

LYR

LYR are Poet Laureate Simon Armitage, singer-songwriter Richard Walters, and multi-instrumentalist/producer Patrick James Pearson. Formed in 2018, LYR are now a firmly established part of the contemporary music scene, with a critically acclaimed debut album, Call In The Crash Team, and over two million streams to their name. They have appeared at many major festivals including Green Man and Blu Dot and completed UK tours and sell-out events at venues such as the Howard Assembly Rooms in Leeds.



SATURDAY 6TH JULY, 7:30PM

SUNSHINE SERENADE: A SIZZLING SUMMER BRASS SPECTACLE

For the longest, balmiest days of the year, Stamford Brass, Lincolnshire's Premier Brass Band, present this concert in the heart of their home community. Music that is Energetic, Electrifying, Enchanting, Exuberant and Entertaining. Come and enjoy some hot brass!

£11 (£6 children/students) | Ballroom

£20 standard | Ballroom

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE, 7:30PM

HEJIRA — CELEBRATING Joni Mitchell

'Hejira' is a 7-piece band set up to celebrate and honour the masterpiece works of Joni Mitchell, mostly from the late '70s. Having released the albums 'The Hissing of Summer Lawns', 'Hejira', 'Don Juan's Reckless Daughter' and 'Mingus' (regarded as her 'jazz period'), Joni then toured briefly with a band formed from the crème de la crème of contemporaneous jazz musicians (Metheny, Mays, Brecker, Pastorius and Alias). The tour was recorded, producing the outstanding live album, 'Shadows And Light'; it is from this album that the band Hejira is drawing the body of its repertoire. Comprising highly experienced jazz musicians, this band is fronted by the brilliant Hattie Whitehead who not only has - in her own way - assimilated the poise, power and beauty of Joni's vocals, but also plays guitar with Joni's stylistic mannerisms. Expect an evening of the 'great' songs from Mitchell's back catalogue, such as 'Amelia', 'Woodstock', 'A Case Of You', 'Song For Sharon', 'Edith And The Kingpin' etc.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 20TH JULY, 8PM

GUTTER MERCHANTS

The Gutter Merchants are a four-piece electro-acoustic band from Lincolnshire who play interpretations of the music of John Martyn and Nick Drake. Songs covered include Solid Air, Bless the Weather, Over the Hill, Go Down Easy, Spencer the Rover, Riverman, Cello Song, Northern Sky, Place to Be, Three Hours and Day is Done.

£5 standard | Cellar Bar

STAMFORD INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024



THURSDAY 16TH MAY, 7PM

SIMFESTIVAL: OPENING CONCERT

An evening of Telemann, Mozart, Smetana and more. Stamford International Music Festival returns to Stamford Arts Centre for the 5th edition of this annual chamber music festival. Violinist, Freya Goldmark, is joined by a select group of Europe's finest musicians for three days of fantastic chamber music spread across seven concerts. Programme:

Telemann – Four Violin Concerto in G major, TWV 40:201 Mátyás Seiber – Clarinet Divertimento Mozart – Horn Quintet, K. 407 Interval Smetana – Piano Trio, Op. 15

£22 (free for 17 and under accompanied by an adult) | Ballroom



THURSDAY 16TH MAY, 9:30PM

SIMFESTIVAL: Late Night Brahms

A late night rendition of Brahms Clarinet Quintet. The second concert of Stamford International Music Festival 2024 sees the musicians gather for a late night concert of Brahms' hauntingly beautiful Clarinet Quintet.

£16 (free for 17 and under accompanied by an adult) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 17TH MAY, 1PM

SIMFESTIVAL: Solos and duos

Janacek, Bizet, Szymanowski and more! The perfect opportunity to get to know Stamford International Music Festival musicians in this intimate concert of solos and duos. From Bizet's Jeux d'Enfants for piano four hands to Szymanowski Mythes for violin and piano, this concert promises to surprise and delight.

£12 (free for 17 and under accompanied by an adult) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 17TH MAY, 7PM

SIMFESTIVAL: HAYDN, Janacek, Dohnanyi

An evening of great chamber music including Janáček's "Pohádka for Cello and Piano", a musical fairy tale weaving poignant narratives through the enchanting interplay of cello and piano. Following this, Haydn's Opus 20 No. 1 Quartet composed in 1772. Concluding the performance is Dohnányu's Sextet for strings, winds and piano, offering a dynamic and virtuosic conclusion to the concert.

£24 (free for ages 17 and under accompanied by an adult) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 17TH MAY, 9:30PM

SIMFESTIVAL: ON AN Overgrown Path

A reimagining of Janacek's piano work for String Quartet and Clarinet with special guest. This year SIMFestival celebrates the music of Leos Janacek. This concert presents his celebrated piano work 'On An Overgrown Path' reimagined for String Quartet and Clarinet. An extraordinary piece which contains elements of autobiographical writing: from the deeply personal, depths of despair to pure elation.

£22 (free for 17 and under accompanied by an adult) | St Martin's Church



SATURDAY 18TH MAY, 11AM

SIMFESTIVAL: BEETHOVEN STRING QUINTET

Join us for a delightful Saturday morning of classical music at 11am. Immerse yourself in the timeless beauty of Beethoven's String Quintet as our musicians bring this masterpiece to life in SIMFestival 2024's penultimate concert.

\$16 (free for 17 and under accompanied by an adult) | St Martin's Church



SATURDAY 18TH MAY, 7:30PM

SIMFESTIVAL: FESTIVAL FINALE

Concluding SIMFestival 2024 is a brilliant lineup of three masterpieces, weaving through nearly two centuries of classical music. The evening begins with a selection of arias from Mozart's Opera, 'The Magic Flute', skilfully arranged for four violins. Following this Ligeti's Horn Trio, a heartfelt homage to Brahms' Trio for the same forces, creating a seamless bridge between eras. Bringing the festival to a close is the triumphant Dvorak Piano Quintet in A major.

£24 (Free for 17 and under accompanied by an adult) | Ballroom

JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR



FRIDAY 10TH MAY, 8PM

SAM BRAYSHER QUARTET

Sam Braysher is an east London-based jazz saxophonist who has won plaudits for his warm, delicate sound, his deep knowledge of the standard repertoire, and his thoughtful improvisational concept. When leading his own bands, he takes a particular interest in interpreting lesser-played items from the American Songbook and jazz canon. His two albums as a bandleader to date - both of which feature renowned international collaborators - have been met with glowing reviews from critics around the world.



FRIDAY 7TH JUNE, 8PM

ARRAN KENT QUARTET

Arran Kent is one of the UK's leading wind players, specialising in making jazz & blues sound fresh. This guy really knows how to swing and is praised for his tasty bebop chops and expressive tone on both the clarinet & saxophone - which he plays with equal dexterity. Arran is also musical director of KoKo Collective and is the resident bandleader/host for London's Piano Bar Soho.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar

£15 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 12TH JULY, 8PM

ELIOT RICHARDS QUARTET

Eliot Richards is a jazz saxophonist based in Leeds. He can be found playing all over the country and, indeed the world, having played across Europe, Asia and America. Having studied jazz performance at Leeds College of Music, Eliot is a force on the UK jazz scene. Specialising in stirring up the aura of the great saxophonists, Eliot is able to effortlessly harness the intricacies of Lester Young, Coleman Hawkins and Sonny Rollins whilst still retaining his unique identity.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar

DON'T MISS THIS MULTIBUY OFFER -PURCHASE 2 OR MORE EVENTS FROM THE 'JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR' SERIES AND GET £2 OFF EACH TICKET!

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN THE SAME TRANSACTION AND WILL APPLY TO EQUAL NUMBER OF TICKETS BOOKED FOR EACH EVENT.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES



THURSDAY 30TH MAY, 7:30PM

THE CHAPEL HILL DUO

This journey of musical exploration showcases the versatility and boundaries of what's possible with a violin and cello. Enjoy the simplicity of Einaudi's 'I Giorni' and the beauty of Karl Jenkins' 'Benedictus'. The Duo's virtuosic arrangements will delve into familiar songs by Louis Armstrong and Queen and tackle the epic symphonic scores from Star Wars. Clap along to rousing reels and weep to longing traditional airs as the Duo take you through the Scottish Highlands.

£16 (£14 concessions) | St Martin's Church, Barholm-With-Stowe, PE9 4RA



THURSDAY 13TH JUNE, 7:30PM

SERENATA

The internationally acclaimed pair perform sparkling duo music. Baroque gems such as Vivaldi, folk-inspired works such as Bartok and suave tangos by Piazzolla. Individually Harriet and Morgan have performed all over the world and have broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. Together, they have performed at the Music At Oxford International Concert Series, Jersey International Festival, the International Guitar Festival in London and have been described by Time Out as "A fearsome duo!".

£16 (£14 concessions) | St Swithun's, Long Bennington, NG23 5EU



THURSDAY 11TH JULY, 7:30PM

THE MELLSTOCK BAND

The Shepherd's Calendar follows the festivities of rural England from winter, through spring and summer to harvesttime. With their authentic instruments and songs The Mellstock Band have performed all over England and taken their music to Europe, Africa and America. They have also appeared in productions for film, television, radio and theatre, most notably in the BBC's adaptations of Pride and Prejudice and Tess of the d'Urbervilles.

£16 (£14 concessions) | St James Church, Aslackby, NG34 OHZ



THURSDAY 25TH JULY, 7:30PM

KORROS ENSEMBLE

Comprising the beautiful and unusual combination of flute, clarinet and harp, the Korros Ensemble perform with dynamism and flair, producing a sound world both lush and mesmerising. With a strong vision of introducing something new and original to the chamber music world, Korros continues to cleverly rework its favourite repertoire – creating an exciting and fresh way of listening to beloved orchestral, chamber and solo works.

£16 (£14 concessions) | St Firmin's Church, Thurlby, PE10 0EH

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

is a popular concert series that showcases talented musicians performing in some of the most beautiful and historic churches in the area. These intimate venues with stunning acoustics, create a unique and memorable listening experience for attendees. The series celebrates the rich musical heritage of the region and allows the opportunity to appreciate the historic and cultural significance of the churches themselves.



THURSDAY 23RD MAY, 7:30PM

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

After last year's tour of 'Sense and Sensibility' Hotbuckle are back with their unique style of adaptations of classic novels. The virtuoso company have been entertaining audiences for over twelve years with their inventive interpretations of familiar texts. Previous productions have included, Great Expectations, Jane Eyre, Tess of the d'Urbervilles, Wuthering Heights, David Copperfield and Les Miserables, as well as Austen's Persuasion and Emma. Hotbuckle are renown for their fast -paced, multi-role playing adaptations which cross age and gender traditions, and in their latest offering. Hotbuckle invites us to enter the world of The Bennets. From the headstrong Elizabeth Bennet to the proud Mr Darcy, Hotbuckle's rich characterisations abound in this latest adaptation by skilled writer Adrian Preater. Full of humour and invention, this is story-telling at its finest, as we meet five sisters who deal with marriage, morality and misconceptions in unique Hotbuckle style. This is Jane Austen as you've never experienced her before, so, get your tickets and Hotbuckle up, for the carriage ride of vour life!

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre

SKDC ARTS CENTRES

PAY IT FORWARD SCHEME

YOUR DONATION WILL ALLOW US TO PROVIDE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES, FREE OF CHARGE, TO THOSE WHO WOULDN'T OTHERWISE BE ABLE TO ATTEND



Your donations will allow us to provide tickets free of charge to people, children and families that have never been to the theatre before or might not have been able to attend otherwise. We will work with local partners including schools, social prescribers and third sector organisations to identify those most in need within our community. Donations can be made online, over the phone or in person at box office.



TUESDAY 4TH - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE, 7:45PM

STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE PRESENTS LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Love's Labour's Lost is one of Shakespeare's most beguiling comedies. The King of Navarre and three companions swear an oath to study and to create 'a little academe' which will be the 'wonder of the world'. They must go into retreat for three years and give up worldly pleasures - including women. When a Princess arrives with her ladies-in-waiting, the whole scheme is placed in jeopardy. Human nature is soon at war with highminded ideals.



THURSDAY 13TH JUNE, 7:30PM

MAYBE DICK

Herman Melville's classic tale of revenge and retribution is retold in this inventive, comedic adventure on the high seas from the company behind 'Just Like That! The Tommy Cooper Show' and 'Dracula! One Bloody Fang After Another'. Nantucket, 1841. Ishmael signs on to the Pequod, and witnesses the perils of nature, obsession, punning and physical comedy, as Captain Ahab conducts a reckless pursuit of the savage white whale, Moby Dick. All plot will be lampooned. All jokes will be harpooned.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre



THURSDAY 20TH JUNE, 7:30PM

£12 (£10 concessions) | Theatre

HARRY BAKER: WONDERFUL

After a sellout Edinburgh Fringe Run and subsequent 40-date UK Tour, World Poetry Slam Champion Harry Baker is back with a brand-new show celebrating the wonder that is being alive. Featuring brand new poems about death, postcodes and his favourite German wheat bear Schöfferhofer, the maths-loving, TED-talking, German-speaking, battle-rapping, happy-crying, self-bio-writing unashamed human brings his signature playfulness and poignancy that has made him a fan favourite and reached millions of people all over the world. Award winning poet and performer Mark Grist will be supporting.

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE, 7:30PM

UNVERSED...

An eager young actor has got her hands on a discarded copy of Shakespeare's first folio. Newly printed and the hottest publication in town, all the plays exist together for the first time. There's only one problem: the parts are all too out of reach for women to play. Come along and be part of the rehearsal as Antonia gives herself permission to speak the verse and explore the profession of being a woman - both onstage and off.

£16.50 (£15 concessions) | Theatre

£15 (£12 concessions) | Theatre

CHILDREN'S THEATRE



TUESDAY 28TH MAY, 2:30PM

THE LITTLE PRINCE Lyngo theatre

A collaboration between Lyngo Theatre and Norwich Puppet Theatre. 'Has a sheep on a star eaten a rose?' If that sounds silly then you might be like the King and the Business-Man on their lonely asteroids, forgetting that the most important things can only be understood with the heart. The Little Prince is here to remind us in Lyngo's new collaboration with Norwich Puppet Theatre. Through mesmerising puppetry and beautiful music the boy who fell to earth teaches his friend the Aviator about love, life and real happiness in this adaptation of one of the best-selling children's books of all time.

 $\pounds 5$ standard ($\pounds 15$ Family of 4) | Theatre | Suitable for ages 5+

We believe everyone should get the chance to experience live theatre, which is why we are offering discounted tickets to this performance. If you're looking for an unforgettable introduction to live theatre for your child, this could be just the ticket! For only £5 per person or £15 for a family of four, seize the opportunity and make lasting memories!



SATURDAY 13TH JULY, 11AM & 2:30PM

REYNARD THE FOX THE FABULARIUM

The tale of Reynard the Fox follows the woodland's most infamous scoundrel who prides himself on being the trickster of the forest. But when the Woodland Court announces the theft of the King's Crown Jewels, the animal kingdom immediately blame the fox. Reynard must do everything he can to prove his innocence and avoid certain death, as well as maintaining his devious persona. Will the gift of his silver tongue be a shade too bright against his roguish red fur to save his own tail? Reynard the Fox is an engaging theatre show for family audiences of all ages, using The Fabularium's unique aesthetic, strong imagery and all performed upon their traditional wooden cart, featuring storytelling, puppetry, original live music and their bespoke animal headpieces.

£8 (£6 concessions) £24 Family of 4 | Theatre | Suitable for all ages SATURDAY 13TH JULY, 9:30AM & 1PM

ARTS & CRAFTS INSPIRED BY REYNARD THE FOX

Don't forget - you can also join us for our preshow craft workshop. Colour some of the shows characters, make your own 2D forest and create a Reynard the fox mask!

£5 per child | Gallery

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS



FRIDAY 26TH JULY, VARIED SESSIONS 10AM - 4PM

NATURE DAY

Join us for a day of creativity and craft, inspired by Stamford in the summer.

Bug hotel making - 10:00am Clay flower making - 11:15am Butterfly printing activity and colouring – 1pm Seed bomb making and make your own wild garden – 2:30pm

£4 per child per activity / £12 for all 4 workshops | Gallery



WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST, 10AM & 1:30PM

STEM LEGO WORKSHOPS

Love making things? Love technology? Love Lego®!? Come along and take part in one of our workshops that bring Lego®, robotics and basic programming together for a fun filled workshop! Our 10am session is for ages 6-9 and our 1:30pm session is for ages 9-12.

 $\pounds15 \mbox{ per child } | \mbox{ Bridge Room } | \mbox{ Suitable for ages 6-12 years }$



FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST, 10AM - 4PM

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP

You are invited to create your own puppets and bring them to life at our Puppet making workshop. Bring your own clean recycled materials and learn how to make your very own puppet. In the afternoon session we will be bringing the puppets to life!

£10 per child | Gallery | Suitable for ages 6+



FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST, 10AM, 11:15AM, 1PM & 2:30PM

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Book a slot and enjoy an interactive, engaging storytelling workshop. Become part of the story and see where your imagination can take you!

£5 per child | Gallery | Suitable for ages 4+





MONDAY 22ND - FRIDAY 26TH JULY A HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JUNIOR

A Wildcats show week has something for children of all ages. Performers aged 8 to 13 can take on principal and ensemble roles, learning singing, dancing and acting skills. Those more advanced can develop their skills further whilst beginners can take their first steps in performing as part of a show. Those aged 5-8 take on supporting ensemble roles and take part in arts and crafts creating props and scenery for the show.

09:30am - 4:00pm each day with a show on the Friday. Early drop off from 8:30am and late pick up until 5pm available and included in the cost.

Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare payments available contact Wildcats for details. Children with SEND also welcome, please contact Wildcats for more details.

Cost includes a script book, a show t shirt and everything needed to perform. Children will require a packed lunch and drinks each day.

For more information and prices please see the Stamford Arts Centre website.



MONDAY 29TH JULY – Friday 2nd August Legally blonde Junior



MONDAY 5TH - FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST Madagascar - A Musical Adventure Junior

COMEDY





SATURDAY 4TH MAY, 8PM

FUNHOUSE COMEDY (ALAN FRANCIS)

Since winning Channel 4's So you Think You're Funny at the 1991 Edinburgh Festival, Alan has been a regular on the UK and International Comedy Circuit. He has appeared in numerous TV shows including Psychoville, Mid Morning Matters with Alan Partridge, Knowing Me Knowing Yule, Alistair McGowan's Big Impression, Ancona and Co, Alas Smith and Jones, The BBC Stand-Up Show, the Alan Davies Show, Alexei Sayle's Stuff, Between the Lines and Taggart. He has acted in the West End and at The Royal Court Theatre, for The National Theatre of Scotland and at the RSC. Last year Alan 's show Inside Alan Francis was broadcast on Radio 4 Extra as was his comedy drama Eking which was on Radio 4. Joining Alan are Dawn Bailey, Edi Johnston and compere Tony Cowards.

£12 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 5TH JULY, 8PM

FUNHOUSE COMEDY (STEVE GRIBBIN)

Steve's original comedy songs combine razor sharp lyrics with tunes that put their foot in the door of your mind and refuse to leave. Firmly based in rock 'n' roll and refusing to pull no punches, these are not the 'oh so witty' ditties of penguin-suited plink plonk piano playing posh gobs. They are that rarity - comedy songs which are actually funny. Joining Steve are Dimitri Bakanov, Lee Hudson and compere Pete Teckman.

£12 standard | Cellar Bar



VISIT OTHER SKDC ARTS VENUES

THE GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE

St Peter's Hill, Grantham NG31 6PY



OLD TIME SAILORS WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE, 7:30PM £20 (£18 conc.)



THE MONOCLE FRIDAY 28TH JUNE, 7:30PM £10 / £5 under 25s

BOURNE CORN EXCHANGE

3 Abbey Rd, Bourne PE10 9EF



PURE FLOYD SATURDAY 18TH MAY, 7:30PM £25 standard



OWEEN UK SATURDAY 20TH JULY, 8PM £16.50 standard

Tickets for these performances can be purchased online at guildhallartscentre.com or by calling 01476 406158

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS



TUESDAY 14TH - FRIDAY 24TH MAY

OAKHAM ART GROUP - SPRING EXHIBITION

Oakham Art Group exhibit annually at the arts centre and currently have around 18 members meeting weekly on Monday mornings in Oakham. Our artworks include watercolours, pastels, acrylics, oils, pen and ink etc. on sale at affordable prices. More information can be found on our website www.oakhamartgroup.co.uk.



TUESDAY 28TH MAY - SATURDAY 8TH JUNE

POWER FOR THE PEOPLE EXHIBITION

"A charity transforming lives together – one community at a time." Supported by and featuring the works of; Matt Caldwell – wildlife photographer, Mark Blake – portrait artist and Debbie Cowley – equine/pet photographer. All profits from sales & commissions to further the work of PfP in Kenya & Uganda.



TUESDAY 11TH - SATURDAY 22ND JUNE

KERRY SHEARER ART PRESENTS: THE REMARKABLE RAARTISTS

Dynamic, fearless and relentless in their pursuit of contemporary art - passion for colour, combines them. Canvases are filled with avant-garde experimentation and pushing boundaries one moment, embracing timeless techniques the next. All with a modern flair, their captivating artistic expression contributes to a collective brilliance. Not to be missed!



TUESDAY 9TH - SATURDAY 20TH JULY

LOOKING BACK TO THE PRESENT

'Looking Back To The Present' is an exhibition that celebrates the career journeys of Carol Bernstein and Rosalind Stoddart through their paintings, printmaking, photography and textiles. Both with their own individual sensibility for colour, abstraction and inspirations.



TUESDAY 23RD JULY - SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST

A SENSE OF PLACE

Rachel Roger and Phil Bowman present A Sense of Place, featuring work based on the landscape, Still Life and intermate interiors. This exhibition is a quest to marry the figurative with the abstract in painting.



TUESDAY 6TH - SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

EDGES AND TRANSITIONS

ArtSpace Loughborough are a group of twenty-three artists working in different media who have chosen the theme of 'Edges and Transitions' for their forthcoming exhibition. Subjects such as the edges of consciousness and the space between dreaming and wakefulness, or the edge of the sea where it meets land, or where land meets sky, are all starting points for their creative exploration.



TUESDAY 20TH - SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST

WE ALL LIVE UNDER THE SAME SUN

A poetry and art exhibition, which features contributions from poets, students, artists, and photographers in the area, highlights the similarities among the diverse backgrounds, cultures, languages, and nationalities that make Stamford such a wonderful place. Curated by Yvette Diaz-Munoz and Shalini Austin from Stamford Diversity Group CIC.



Exhibit your work in our gallery! The space is used by a variety of artists including fine art, sculptures, metal work and more. If you are interested, please submit sample images to the email address stamford.events@southkesteven.gov.uk. We will then contact you as soon as possible and add you to our waiting list for the next available yearly programme.

LOCAL EVENTS



SATURDAY 11TH MAY, 7:45PM

GEORGE COLLIGAN QUARTET --Orpheus Jazz Series

George Colligan is not only one of the great jazz pianists of his generation, but he has earned an international reputation as a multi-instrumentalist, composer, accompanist, teacher, and bandleader. Winner of the 2015 DownBeat magazine Critics Poll (Keyboard), he has had a long association with living jazz legend Jack DeJohnette. With over 130 albums to date as an accompanist, Colligan has worked with a long list of jazz greats, including Buster Williams, Cassandra Wilson, Don Byron, and more.

20 (18 concessions) 10 18 & under | Stamford Methodist Church | Suitable for ages 11+



SATURDAY 29TH JUNE, 7:30PM

STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA – GRAND SUMMER FINALE

Come and enjoy some wonderful summer music to end the season as we play Brahms' magnificent Haydn Variations, along with the ever-popular Scottish Symphony by Mendelssohn and the gorgeous Strauss Serenade for Winds.

£13.50 (£11.50 Over 60s) £6 Under 26 | Stamford Methodist Church



WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS, 11AM

GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF Stamford with stamford sights and secrets tours

A 90-minute guided walking tour around the beautiful, unspoilt town of Stamford. See the sights, discover the secrets and meet the faces behind the Georgian façade. Meet at Stamford Arts Centre.

£10 (£9 concessions) | Stamford Arts Centre



SATURDAY 25TH MAY & SATURDAY 20TH JULY, 11AM

SPECIAL TOURS: PAST LOVERS

A guided walking tour to uncover romantic trysts and love stories in some of Stamford's charming and historic locations.

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE & SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST,11AM

SPECIAL TOURS: MEET THE GEORGIANS

A guided walking tour of Georgian locations throughout the town. Stamford is well known as a Georgian town, but how did people live and who were they?

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SKETCHING STAMFORD WITH Karen Neale

MONDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM karen@karenneale.co.uk | 07710 406967

ART WITH HEATHER HARRISON

MONDAYS 1:30PM – 4PM heatherlindaharrison@gmail.com

YOGA WITH NICKY HAYES

TUESDAYS 10AM & WEDNESDAYS 7:30PM www.nickyhayesyoga.co.uk

PAINTING AND DRAWING WITH TIM BEASLEY wednesdays

SMCtoundry@yahoo.co.uk

STAMFORD DANCE ACADEMY Various class times

charlotte@stamforddanceacademy.co.uk 07711 094422

PAUL CREWE ART CLASSES

THURSDAYS 1:30PM – 4PM pacrewe@yahoo.uk | 07540 075764

ELECTRIC JIVE DANCE

MONDAYS www.electricjive.co.uk

WILDCATS THEATRE SCHOOL Various class times

www.wildcatstheatre.co.uk

DRAWING FROM LIFE PORTRAITURE WITH MIKE ALABASTER

TUESDAYS 1:30PM – 4PM & THURSDAYS 7:30PM – 10PM 01780 763806

WOVEN CHORDS COMMUNITY CHOIR

THURSDAYS 7:30PM – 9:30PM info@wovenchords.com

DROLMA MEDITATION

THURSDAYS 1PM – 2PM www.stamfordartscentre.com | 01780 763203

WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

We're delighted to welcome you to Stamford Arts Centre for another exciting season of events. Notice anything different? We've revamped our brochure with a fresh new look, and we hope you love it! One major change is the addition of our gallery exhibitions. The gallery is free to visit and we invite you to explore the incredible work of our featured artists. We value your input and if you have any feedback on our new brochure, please don't hesitate to reach out by emailing the box office.

The past few months have been fantastic for us, with numerous sold-out events and an amazing turnout for performances. It's incredibly rewarding to see so many of you enjoying what we have to offer and seeing audiences build back up post covid. Another recent addition to the arts centre has been our new Venue Manager, Phil Norton. Phil has seamlessly integrated into his role, bringing a positive energy and his dedication to the arts centre hasn't gone unnoticed. Since its launch in September 2023, our Pay It Forward scheme has seen remarkable success, and we owe it all to you! Your generous contributions have enabled us to offer complimentary tickets to children and families who may never have experienced theatre before or might not have been able to attend otherwise. The overwhelming support we've received in donations has truly exceeded our expectations, and we're excited to continue with this impactful initiative. Thank you for making a difference!

And let's not forget about The Grounded Coffee Shop, now open at the front of the arts centre. It's been wonderful having a coffee shop back in the building and we hope you're relishing it as much as we are! If you haven't visited yet make sure to pop in before your next event with us.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

The Stamford Arts Centre Team



The box office is open from 10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday plus 45 minutes prior to events. Online bookings are open 24/7 and gift vouchers and credit can also be used when booking via our website. Tickets can be printed in person or sent via email as a PDF. Simply show your ticket on your smart phone as you enter the theatre – no need to print!

SIGN UP TO OUR DIGITAL MAILING LIST

Join our digital mailing list via our website or contact the box office if you would like to sign up to receive the brochure, as well as exclusive discounts, offers and exciting updates.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions are available on selected performances, indicated in brackets. We are proud to say that we are part of the Blue Light Card and SKDC Armed Forces Discount Card schemes, and discounts are available on Arts Centre Promoted events – please see logo on website listings for participating events.

CHILDREN

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when attending unless otherwise specified. Babes in arms tickets are available on selected performances for children. These are for toddlers aged 2 and under. Please speak directly to the box office to check for eligibility. These are lap tickets only and they will not be assigned a seat, therefore one babes in arms ticket per adult.

REFUNDS

We are unable to refund money or tickets once a purchase has been made. If an event is sold out, we will try to sell unwanted tickets and if successful, your Stamford Arts Centre account will be credited the money.

GIFT VOUCHERS

You can buy a gift voucher for any amount you require over the phone, via our website or by popping into the box office.

HIRE THE VENUE

From our magnificent ballroom to meeting rooms we have a variety of spaces to suit your needs. Visit our website or email us at Stamford.Events@southkesteven.gov.uk for more information.

The management reserves the right to change the programme, if necessary, without notice.

THEATRE SEATING PLAN



BALLROOM SEATING PLAN



stamford arts centre CCCCEDED DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP A CINEMA GUIDE!

In addition to blockbuster movies, the arts centre presents a diverse array of event cinema experiences, featuring NT Live, Exhibition On Screen, Royal Opera & Royal Ballet