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# WHAT'S ON

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# Welcome

We are excited to head into a brand new year with a fresh and exciting season of events! From music, to musicals, comedy to cellar bar gigs we really do have something for everyone.

Have you heard? **Simon Armitage**, the UK's Poet Laureate is heading to Stamford – we are expecting this one to be popular, so make sure to get those tickets ASAP! We also have **Pint of Poetry**: last Wednesday of the month, and the Stamford Poet Laureate final is on the 26th April.

As always we are thrilled to welcome back our regular, and very talented, local amateur groups. This includes our resident theatre group, Shoestring Theatre with **Thrill of Love** and talented youngsters from Roaring Productions with **Frozen Jr**. If you have a budding actor or actress at home then why not sign them up to Wildcats **Easter Workshops**? There will be various sessions to suit all, read on to find out more.

In February half term we've got FREE creative fun from local artists, Sam Roddan and Karen Neale as well as live theatre show **The Dark** from the book by Lemony Snicket. Spring also sees Mr Bubbles here with **The Bubble Show** – an international award-winning bubble extravaganza, **Nature Elly** - a puppet theatre show full of interactive fun, and the chance to get up close and personal with a range of real life animals in our **Animal Club** animal handling sessions.

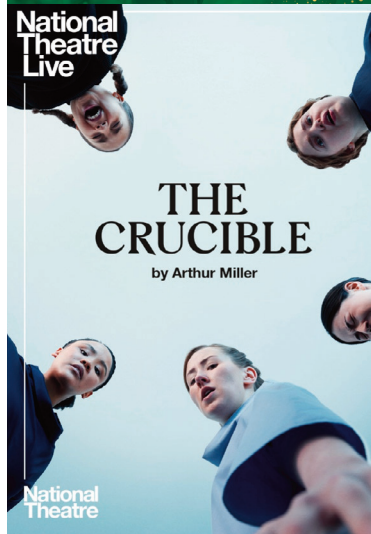
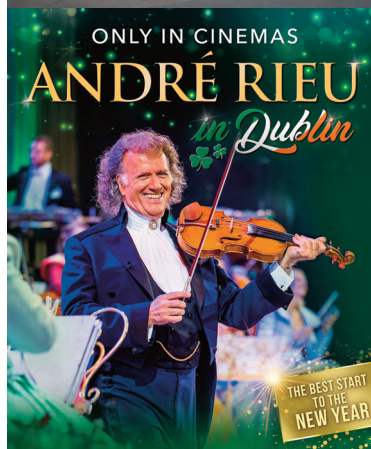
Our music season is something to get excited about, starting off with the **Chris Gumbley Quartet** in the Cellar Bar and ending on a high with wonderful folk music from **Kathryn Tickell**. This season you can also enjoy live classical music in the ballroom with artists such as **Imogen Cooper** and the **Jacquín Trio**. We are looking forward to welcoming TV star Jay Rayner (MasterChef, The One Show) to Stamford with the **Jay Rayner Sextet**. Why not have a go at singing yourself? Bruce Knight is returning with another **Singing Day** and invites all abilities to come and have a go.

If you have not yet ventured down to the Cellar Bar which reopened for live events in October fear not, there is plenty of live entertainment for you to enjoy coupled with your favourite tippie this season. Events include music from **Charity Stow** and spoken word from John Osborne in **My Car Plays Tapes**. We are also thrilled to say that **Funhouse Comedy** will also be here with some hilarious comedians to entertain you this April – but you'll need to be quick, we are expecting a sell out!

Of course we could not forget the return of Polka Dot Pantomime's in January with this years pantomime, **Aladdin**. Tickets for this festive treat would make a wonderful Christmas gift, or the perfect post-Christmas get together.

Pictured left are this seasons satellite screenings, check out the calendar page at the back of our guide for dates and grab a copy of our cinema 'What's on Guide' to find out more.

**On behalf of the Arts Centre Staff, we look forward to welcoming you soon.**



FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY, 6:30PM, SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM, 6:30PM,

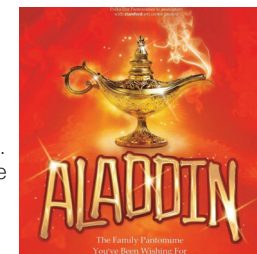
SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM, SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM, 6:30PM,

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM

## POLKA DOT PANTOMIMES PRESENT ALADDIN

Join us on a thrilling magic carpet ride and an adventure of a lifetime as ALADDIN flies into Stamford Arts Centre! With spectacular scenery, dazzling costumes, spellbinding special effects and lots of audience participation that will keep the whole family entertained. So don't delay – book your tickets today – and enjoy Stamford's finest festive treat which is suitable for everyone aged 3 – 103!

£15 (£14) £50 family of four, £12 groups of 10+ | Pantomime | Theatre



FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY, 8PM

## JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR PRESENTS: CHRIS GUMBLEY QUARTET

Presenting an exciting program of new arrangements of classic jazz repertoire, this Quartet is led by virtuoso saxophonist Chris Gumbley fronting a band of some of the UK's top jazz instrumentalists:  
Chris Gumbley – Saxophones  
Matthew Ratcliffe – Piano  
Gavin Barras – Double Bass  
Andrew 'Woody' Wood – Drums

£12 (£10) | Jazz Music | Cellar Bar



SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY, 7.30PM

## LAURA VAN DER HEIJDEN AND JÂMS COLEMAN

Beethoven	12 Variations on Bei Männern welche Liebe fühlen
Britten	Seven Sonnets of Michaelangelo: Sonetto XXX
Britten	Sonata in C For Cello and Piano Op. 65
Debussy	Cello Sonata in D Minor, L. 135
Beethoven	12 Variations on Ein Mädchen Oder Weibchen
Walker	Cello Sonata

and short pieces by Lili Boulanger, Swanson and Fauré

£20 (£18) | Classical Music | Ballroom





FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY, 8PM

**THE SHAUGHRAUNS**

A local band who have been playing traditional Irish and Scottish music at gigs and Ceilidhs around Stamford for over 20 years. Rob Lynch- vocals, guitar, banjo. Garry Mitchell-fiddle. Lin Griffin-vocals, guitar, accordion.

£5 standard | Music | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY, 8PM

**QUENTIN CRISP: NAKED HOPE (MARK FARRELLY)**  
**"Ask yourself this. If there were no praise or blame – who would I be?"**

Naked Hope depicts the legendary Quentin Crisp at two distinct phases of his extraordinary life. Firstly in the late 1960s in his filthy Chelsea flat ("Don't lose your nerve: after the first four years the dirt won't get any worse"). Here Quentin surveys a lifetime of degradation and rejection. Repeatedly beaten for being flamboyantly gay as early as the 1930s, but also ostracised simply for daring to live life on his own terms.

£12 (£10) | Drama | Theatre

SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

**SUBLIME STRINGS AND WONDERFUL WIND**  
**(STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA)**

Join us for the very best of string and wind music, both separately and together at this concert. To celebrate his 150th anniversary we are featuring the popular and sublime Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis, with Holst's delightful Wind Quintet and Gounod's melodious Petite Symphonie, as well as music by Schumann, Coleridge-Taylor and our resident composer George Brown.

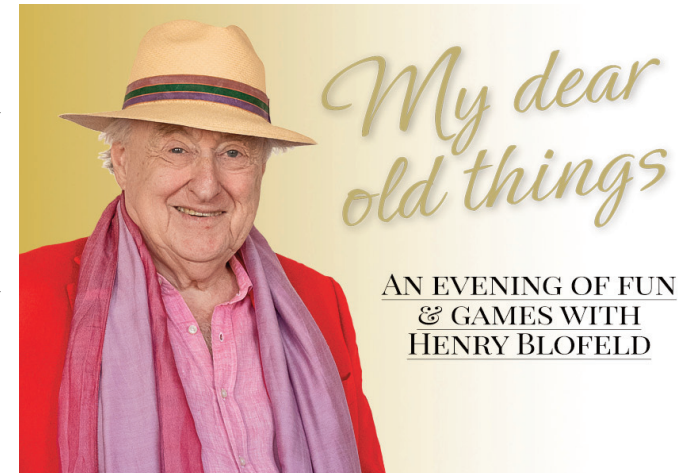
£12.50 (£10.50) £5 under 26s | Music | Ballroom



FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

**MY DEAR OLD THINGS – AN EVENING WITH HENRY BLOFELD**

Being confined to the pavilion for the past couple of seasons has given Henry time to reconnect with his Norfolk roots and reflect on a truly extraordinary life. This reflection inspired the online film, At Home With Henry, and this new theatre show.



In My Dear Old Things, Blowers recalls his days as a young England hopeful, how an Eton bus knocked him off his stride - and his bike - recoiling from a career in the City to work as a cricket journalist before finding his way into the TMS box.

There are hilarious tales of Johnners, Arlott and other larger-than-life characters in the box and on tour with England. Henry also has plenty of hysterical stories from his post-retirement appearances on Would I Lie to You? and The Real Marigold Hotel.

Backed by film and rare personal pictures on our big screen, My Dear Old Things is an absolute treat for the cricket connoisseur and a wonderfully engaging evening for all.

£25 standard | Talk | Theatre

FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 8PM

**CHARITY STOW**

Charity Stow is an up and coming singer-songwriter based in Nottingham. She hails from a musical family and has found her unique sound with support and guidance from her father, Jack. Both are self taught musicians, which explains Charity's intuitive attitude towards music, which has always been a big part of her life: her songwriting has been shaped by the music of the greats, such as Carole King, Bob Dylan and The Beatles.

£5 standard | Music | Cellar Bar



SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY, 7.30PM

## IMOGEN COOPER

Liszt 3 Petrarch Sonnets from  
Années de Pèlerinage, Nos. 47, 104 & 123

Beethoven Sonata in E major, Op. 109

Schubert Sonata in C major (Reliquie), D840

Beethoven Sonata in C minor, Op. 111

£20 (£18) | Classical Music | Ballroom



WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 8PM

## THE REMAINS OF LOGAN DANKWORTH

I believed that Fukayama line: the end of history. But History didn't end, did it?

The third of Luke Wright's trilogy of political verse plays looks at trust, fatherhood and family in the age of Brexit. The show won The Saboteur Award for Best Show in 2020 and was a big hit with audiences and reviewers at the 2022 Edinburgh Fringe.

Age Recommendation: 14+

Co-commissioned by Norwich Arts Centre, National Centre for Writing, Colchester Arts Centre, Freedom Festival. Supported by Arts Council, England. Supported by Stamford Poet Laureate, Scott Coe

~~£12 (£10)~~ Now just £5 thanks to funding from Arts Council England | Spoken Word | Theatre

FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 7.30PM

## ELIZA CARTHY &amp; THE RESTITUTION

2022 marks the 30th career anniversary of outstanding English folk musician and President of the EFDSS, Eliza Carthy MBE.

To mark this significant milestone, she will be releasing a new album Queen Of The Whirl with her band The Restitution – featuring re-recordings of some of her 'greatest hits' and audience-favourites from past 30 years, including songs from her three Mercury Award nominated albums.

£25 (£22) | Music | Ballroom



SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 10AM

## ART POP UP WORKSHOPS

Paper quilling or paper filigree is the art of paper rolling to create a variety of shapes. It is a technique dating back to the 4th century! During this workshop you will learn a variety of skills including basic quilling techniques, creating simple shapes, coils and scrolls before freehand looping and the assembling of your quilling pieces into animals or developing your own decorative designs. All materials supplied. Ages 6+



Free (tickets must be booked) | Children's Workshops | Art Room

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2:30PM

## THE DARK (PEUT-ETRE THEATRE)

From the book by Lemony Snicket, illustrated by Jon Klassen

Laszlo is afraid of the dark. The dark lives in the basement. It doesn't visit Laszlo in his room. Until one night it does... Join Laszlo on his journey to meet the dark, and find out why it will never bother him again.

The Dark is accessible for blind and visually impaired children through integrated audio-description and touch tours.

Suitable for ages 4+  
Running time approx 50 minutes

~~£12 (£10) £40 family of four~~ now £5 or £15 family of four thanks to funding from Arts Council England | Family Show | Theatre



Only £5

PEUT-ÊTRE THEATRE  
**THE DARK**  
FROM THE BOOK BY  
LEMONY SNICKET  
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JON KLASSEN

Supported by  
**ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND**

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 7.30PM

## TABEA DEBUS WITH BENEDICT WILLIAMS AND THE CEDAR CONSORT

Telemann Recorder Concerto in F major, TWV 51:F1

Blavet Sonata seconda from Troisième livre des sonates

Bach Orchestral suite No. 3 in D major, BWV 1068

Telemann Suite in A minor for Recorder & Strings, TWV 55:a2

Händel Violin Sonata in D Minor, HWV 359a

Bach Recorder Concerto in D Minor

£17.50 (£15) | Classical Music | Ballroom



CONTINUO FOUNDATION





WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

**JAMES LEVELLE (RGS)**

Adventurer and filmmaker, James Levelle, shares stories from his 9000- mile emission-free odyssey from the UK to Chile to champion young voices in the climate crisis... and what he's learned from his brand-new next generation relay race overland and sea from Glasgow to the UN Climate Conference in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt.

£14 (£12) £10 RGS-IBG Members | Talk | Theatre

THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 10AM-4PM

**OVER THE OCEAN ART ACTIVITY WITH KAREN NEALE**

Come and create an Ocean with paper, pens and pencils on the walls of the Blue Room in the Arts Centre!

Karen's passion is sketching the world around her in her sketchbooks and encouraging others to get drawing and doodling!

Free | Family Workshop | Blue Room



SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 10.30AM-4PM

**BRUCE KNIGHT SINGING DAY**

This is Bruce's 4th time leading this popular singing day in Stamford. Expect all manner of uplifting harmony songs, expertly taught with plenty of good humour. No need to be able to read music - all are welcome to join our singing community for the day.

£25 | Workshop | Ballroom



TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

**PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK:  
A HISTORY OF TWO HOUSES:  
10 MAIDEN LANE + ROCK COTTAGE/HOUSE**

Philippa compares two very different Stamford houses, nos.9-10 Maiden Lane and Rock Cottage, later rebuilt as Rock House. One is on a tightly packed street in the middle of town, and the other stands in what was its own substantial grounds on the outskirts. She investigates who lived in each building over time, what they did and for what that building was used.

£6 (£5.50) | Talk | Theatre



FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 8PM

**FUNHOUSE COMEDY CLUB**

Funhouse Comedy Club comes to the Cellar Bar!

JACK GLEADOW - Winner of the 2017 Amused Moose National New Comic Award and the 2017 Great Yorkshire Fringe new comedian of the year. Hotly tipped as a big star of the future. Plus Wilson, Tom Christian and compere Pete Teckman.

£10 standard | Comedy | Cellar Bar



SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

**MENDELSSOHN QUINTET & MORE:  
SIMFESTIVAL 2023 LAUNCH CONCERT**

SIMFestival is delighted to be back for another year. This concert launches the 2023 festival which will be taking place in May. The full festival programme will be announced during the evening. Director and violinist, Freya Goldmark is joined by festival favourites and rising stars Charlotte Saluste-Bridoux, Edgar Francis and Maxim Calver for this concert.

**Programme to include:**

**Mendelssohn** String Quintet No.1 in A

**Francaix** String Trio - Friends of the festival will have reserved front row seating. To join the Friends SIMFestival visit <https://simfestival.com/support/>

£22 (under 26s FREE) | Ballroom

WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH, 7:30PM

# NEW PERSPECTIVES PRESENTS THE UK PREMIERE OF THE SWEARING JAR

by Kate Hewlett

**Finding one true soulmate is fortunate.**

**Finding two, life becomes complicated.**

Meet husband and wife, Simon and Carey - the perfect couple. He has some news to share, but she gets in first with a jar. The swearing has to stop. They are having a baby!

When Carey enlists the help of a new musician friend to throw a birthday concert for her husband we discover life-changing secrets of their past...

Recently released as a film, Angharad Jones directs this award-winning bittersweet comedy offering audiences a warm embrace, full of heartbreak, humour and songs.

Ages 14+

£12 (£10) | Drama | Theatre



FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 8PM

# SCRUFFY (SUGAR THEATRE)

SCRUFFY' invites you into the world of a nine year old. For Maisie, life is pretty much a massive performance, so she is ecstatic to have a REAL LIFE audience here. Get ready for original poetry, hard core gymnastics, and even an Avril Lavigne tribute act! This is her time to shine – she's not going to let an eating disorder get in the way of that.

£10 (£5 students / under 26s) | Drama | Cellar Bar



SATURDAY 4TH MARCH, 7.30PM

# DUDOK QUARTET AMSTERDAM

Mozart	String Quartet in F major, K.590
Tchaikovsky	String Quartet in D major, Op. 11
Shostakovich	String Quartet No. 5 in B flat major, Op. 92

£20 (£18) | Classical Music | Ballroom



TUESDAY 7TH – SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 7:45PM

# THE THRILL OF LOVE BY AMANDA WHITTINGTON (STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE)

Gripping drama about Ruth Ellis.

Ruth Ellis, was the last woman to be hanged in Britain. A divorcee with a young child, Ruth works in nightclubs where there's more than just a drink on offer. The girls work hard, play hard - and dream of a movie-star life.

When she meets David Blakely, a wealthy racing driver, she falls in love but her passion becomes an obsession. Fame comes - but not in the way she imagines.

Why does their relationship end in murder? Why does she plead 'not guilty' but offer no defence? Why does she show no remorse? And who is she trying to protect? Amanda Whittington's gripping play takes a fresh look at the woman behind the headlines.

£12 (£10) | Drama | Theatre



FRIDAY 10TH MARCH, 7:30PM

# THE ELLIOTT MORRIS BAND

Originating from Lincolnshire, Elliott Morris has gained a formidable reputation as one of the hardest-working and most sought-after artists on the acoustic scene. Tonight, Elliott is joined by his brilliant band of equally hard-working musicians and will be playing music from right across his repertoire, including from his recently released third album, 'Something Worth Fighting For'. An uplifting musical celebration of love, hope and friendship in the company of a band of absolute gents!

£16 (£14) £10 under 26s | Ballroom



THURSDAY 16TH MARCH, 7:30PM



# UNKNOWN REALMS (ACE DANCE CO)

The world we once knew is becoming one we have yet to understand... Performed against a backdrop of stunning scenography and multidimensional soundscapes, two contrasting works examine the past and present. Six dancers rise from the ashes with powerful explosive dance that uncovers the rich history of lives lived; human struggle and people letting go...

~~£12 (£10)~~ Just £5 / £3 groups of 10+ thanks to funding from Arts Council England! | Dance | Theatre



Only £5



FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 7:30PM

### THE BALALAIIKA & OTHER TALL STORIES

A celebration of Folk & Gypsy music from virtuoso players Bibs Ekkel & Adrian Zolotuhin.

Multi-instrumentalists Bibs & Adrian share the history of instruments such as the Balalaika (from Russia), the Bandura (from Ukraine) and of course the Spoons (from the kitchen drawer). Stories from Folklore are mixed with actual history, just to spice things up a bit. The repertoire ranges from heartfelt Romances to jolly toe-tappers, from soulful tremolos to dazzling turns of speed and dexterity; all delivered with effortless musicality and a sense of mischief.

£16 (£14) | Music | Ballroom



SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 7:30PM

### A HERO'S WELCOME (STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA)

Join us for Beethoven's tuneful and exciting 'Eroica' Symphony No. 3, Strauss' dramatic Horn Concerto No 1 (soloist Alex Wide), and the beautiful Faust Overture by Emilie Mayer, a talented but relatively unknown composer.

£12.50 (£10.50) £5 under 26s | Music | Ballroom



FRIDAY 24TH MARCH, 8PM

### ANDREW WOOD JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR PRESENTS: DINO MASSA TRIO

Dino is a prolific jazz composer and one of Italy's best contemporary jazz pianists. Expect to hear a range of exciting original material, interspersed with a fresh takes on modern jazz standards.

On this short UK tour, Dino is joined by double bassist Martyn Spencer and drummer Andrew Wood – both fresh from performances at London Jazz Festival and the 606 club.

Dino Massa – Piano Martyn Spencer – Double Bass  
Andrew 'Woody' Wood – Drums

£12 (£10) | Music | Cellar Bar



SATURDAY 25TH MARCH, 7:30PM

### LEVERET

Leveret is a unique collaboration between three of England's finest folk musicians. Andy Cutting (button accordion), Sam Sweeney (fiddle) and Rob Harbron (concertina) are each regarded as exceptional performers and masters of their instruments. Together their performances combine consummate musicianship, compelling delivery and captivating spontaneity. Leveret's music is not arranged in the conventional sense and the trio rely on mutual trust and musical interaction to create new settings of their repertoire in the moment, with no two performances alike. Their playing is relaxed and natural, drawing audiences in and inviting them to share in music making that is truly spontaneous and yet deeply timeless.

£20 (£18) | Music | Ballroom



THURSDAY 30TH MARCH, 7:30PM, FRIDAY 31ST MARCH, 1.30PM (SCHOOLS WELCOME!)

### SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE VALLEY OF FEAR (BLACKEYED THEATRE)

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Adapted for the stage by Nick Lane

"It is the Valley of Fear, the Valley of Death. The terror is in the hearts of the people from the dusk to the dawn"

Don't miss Blackeyed Theatre's stunning world premiere of Sherlock Holmes: The Valley Of Fear. Original music, stylish theatricality and magical story-telling combine for an unforgettable theatrical experience. The game's afoot! Recommended for age 11+

£16 (£15), £9 schools, every 11th ticket free | Drama | Theatre







**SATURDAY 1ST APRIL, 7.30PM**

### JACQUIN TRIO

Robert Schumann	mvt. from Märchenerzählungen, Op. 132, No. 3
Montgomery	Peace
Clara Schumann	Piano Trio in G minor, Op. 17 (arr. with clarinet)
R. and C. Schumann	So wahr die Sonne scheint, Op. 37, No. 12
Anon.	Rigs o' Rye
Brahms	Clarinet Trio, Op. 114

**£20 (£18) | Classical Music | Ballroom**

**TUESDAY 4TH APRIL, 2PM**

### THE BUBBLE SHOW (THE HIGHLAND JOKER)

Join Mr. Bubbles with his extraordinary soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes!

The Bubble Show is a unique blend of magic, storytelling, and bubble art! Enjoy bouncy bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, smoke bubbles, square bubbles, giant bubbles, and even fire bubbles!

Actor, storyteller, and Guinness World Record holder, The Highland Joker, is one of the top bubble artists in the world, bringing you an interactive, fun, international award-winning bubble extravaganza!

Suitable for ages 3-12  
Duration 60 minutes – No interval.

**£10 (£8) £30 family of four | Family Show | Theatre**



**WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL, 8PM**

### MY CAR PLAYS TAPES

My Car Plays Tapes is the new storytelling show by writer, theatre maker and Radio 4 regular John Osborne about minimum wage jobs, cars that don't work and being reunited with your old cassette collection. From the creator of John Peel's Shed and Sky 1's After Hours.

An hour of captivating storytelling, focussing on John's life as a support worker and a nostalgic look at what happens when you listen to old tapes from the 1990s.

**£5 standard | Spoken Word | Cellar Bar**

**SATURDAY 8TH APRIL, 10AM & 11:30AM**

### ANIMAL WORKSHOPS

Animal Club will come with all the crew from jumpy stick insects, to calm pythons, friendly bearded dragons, fluffy bunny, curious guinea pigs and many more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visiting animals may vary from those shown. Strictly ages 3+, accompanying siblings under the age of 3 will not be admitted.

**£5 per child | Family Workshop | Ballroom**



**THURSDAY 13TH APRIL, 7:30PM**

### PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: ARTISANS AND TRADESPEOPLE IN STAMFORD: INNS AND INNKEEPERS

Another in Philippa's occasional series about the artisan and tradespeople of Stamford. The town is almost as well known for its pubs as its churches. Philippa looks at the variety of hospitality venues - pubs, beerhouses, inns and hotels that have existed in the town over time. She also investigates who ran them, how they operated, and what they did.

**£6 (£5.50) | Talk | Theatre**



**FRIDAY 14TH APRIL, 11AM & 2PM**



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### NATURE ELLY

**A Barmpt Theatre production, in association with Little Angel Theatre.**

Elly runs the best little farm in Lincolnshire, but not everything is going to plan. The corn has been trampled, all the apples have vanished and there's hay everywhere! What could have happened? Come and help Elly and Bob the Pheasant fix the farm in time to save the harvest, and discover the secrets of the mystery animal hiding in the hay-stack.

Nature Elly is a puppet theatre show created especially for 2-5 year olds, full of interactive fun, beautifully written original music and a cast of stunning and adorable animal puppets for little ones to meet.

Poster illustration by Amberin Huq.

**£8 (£6) £22 family of four | Children's Theatre | Ballroom**





**SATURDAY 15TH APRIL**

**CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 10AM-1PM ADULTS WORKSHOP: 2PM-5PM**



**FUN CELLO WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**

These fun, relaxed workshops are aimed at cellists from around Grade 4 upwards and will link the folk and classical music worlds. Working in small groups you'll try special effects on the cello, learn to accompany a tune by ear with two chords and learn simple improvisation - in a non frightening way.

By the end of the course you'll feel more confident on the cello, more relaxed about playing in groups and more free to use your imagination on your instrument.

**£30 | Workshops | Ballroom**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL, 7:30PM**

**SIMON ARMITAGE**

'His verse is immediate, entertaining, engaged with the world.'  
Independent on Sunday

Join UK Poet Laureate Simon Armitage for a special evening of poetry. Armitage's numerous awards include the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry and an Ivor Novello. He has published over a dozen poetry collections, including Magnetic Field, two novels and three non-fiction bestsellers. A regular broadcaster, Armitage presents the popular BBC Radio 4 series The Poet Laureate has Gone to his Shed. Armitage will also answer questions from the audience. [www.simonarmitage.co.uk](http://www.simonarmitage.co.uk)

**£20 (£18) | Spoken Word | Theatre**



**FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 7:30PM**

**GERTRUDE LAWRENCE: A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING**

Gertrude Lawrence was one of Britain's brightest theatrical stars during the first half of the 20th century. A charismatic stage presence who excelled in sophisticated musical comedy.

This play with music tells her story; funny, revealing and full of music. With songs from Music Hall and Variety, to Kurt Weil and Noel Coward. She tells of her childhood in Clapham:  
"... following the organ-grinder down the street, dancing and holding out my skirts  
... a push from Mother, 'Go on now Gertie, sing your song' was all the urging I needed." Lucy Stevens as Gertie by Laura Doddington

**£16 (£15) | Drama | Theatre**



**FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 8PM**

**FUNHOUSE COMEDY CLUB**

Funhouse Comedy Club comes to the Cellar Bar!

STEVE N. ALLEN - From BBC2's Bafta Nominated Mash Report. Very likeable and funny former radio DJ.  
Plus Alex Hylton, Rich Spalding and compere Paul Revell.

**£10 standard | Comedy | Cellar Bar**



**THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 5:30PM (SIGNED IN BSL & RELAXED) & 7:30PM (SIGNED IN BSL)**

**FRIDAY 28TH APRIL, 6PM & 7:45PM**

**FROZEN THE MUSICAL JR (ROARING PRODUCTIONS)**

The enchanting modern classic from Disney is ready for your Broadway Junior stars! Frozen JR. is based on the 2018 Broadway and West End musical, and brings Elsa, Anna, and the magical land of Arendelle to life, onstage. The show features all the memorable songs from the animated film, with music and lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez, plus five new songs written for the Broadway and West End production.

With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humour, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

*Guests from 'Beyond a Princess' will be attending for photos before the show*

**£13.50 (£9) | Musical | Theatre**



*Check out our regular workshops & exhibitions!*

Check out our many and varied regular workshops taking place throughout the year! Everything from dancing to singing and lots of different art classes to choose from.  
See our website for further information on workshops and exhibitions.

FRIDAY 28TH APRIL, 7:30PM

## JAZZ UP THE 80S WITH THE JAY RAYNER SEXTET

Join the Jay Rayner Sextet as they celebrate the greatest jazz-influenced chart hits of the 80s, including dance floor fillers by Sade, Matt Bianco, Swing Out Sister and Sting.

As a man who came of age in the 80s, restaurant critic, MasterChef judge and jazz pianist Jay Rayner has long been fascinated by the chart hits from that decade which weren't just jazz inflected but had jazz in their very bones. Now he leads a sextet of top flight musicians to celebrate the greatest of those 80s songs, with new arrangements of brilliant tracks by Sade, Matt Bianco, Working Week, Everything But The Girl, Swing Out Sister, Sting and much more.

£25 standard | Music | Ballroom

FRIDAY 5TH MAY, 7:30PM

## KATHRYN TICKELL & THE DARKENING

The Darkening' is the Northumbrian name for twilight, but this band's music blazes fiercely... Kathryn Tickell brings her stellar band to the stage. Pipes, fiddles, lyres and voices conjure up tunes and songs from ancient Northumbria, bringing them to life with new compositions and world-class musicianship.

Kathryn Tickell & The Darkening embrace that global perspective, bringing some of the oldest Northumbrian tunes and songs throbbing to life, intermingling them with new material and binding it all together with contemporary resonance and attitude.

£20 (£18) | Music | Ballroom



# Booking Information

## Tickets

You can book online at [www.stamfordartscentre.com](http://www.stamfordartscentre.com). Our phone lines are open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 2pm and 1 hour before shows and films. In person tickets can be purchased Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10am to 2pm and of course before every show or performance. All tickets can now be sent as E-Tickets! Tickets are sent via email as a PDF and are just shown on your smart phone as you enter the theatre – no need to print!

## Sign Up to our Digital Mailing List

We have moved towards digital communication in an attempt to cut down on our printing and paper usage. Please contact the box office if you would like to sign up to receive the brochure as well as exclusive offers, discounts and exciting news via email!

## Discounts

Discounts (priced in brackets) vary from show to show. Generally, they are available to children and students, the unwaged, over 60s, disabled patrons and their companion. Refunds We regret that we are unable to give cash refunds. If an event is sold out, we will try to resell unwanted tickets. An administration fee of £1 per transaction is charged for this service. If your tickets are sold on, we will credit your account for you to use against a future purchase.

## Gift Vouchers

You can buy a gift voucher for any amount you require online and from reception.

## Access

The ballroom, gallery, reception and coffee shop are all on the ground floor and easily accessible. The Art Room, Rehearsal, Burley and Exeter Rooms are on the first floor. There is a platform lift to the theatre

with two spaces for wheelchairs. Please let reception know in advance if you wish to reserve a wheelchair space and if you require an adjoining seat for a companion. The theatre has an induction loop; hearing aids should be switched to the T position. Toilet facilities are available close to both the theatre and the Ballroom. Parking for disabled badge holders is available in St Mary's Street and St George's Square.

## CEA Card

The Card enables a disabled patron to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit cinema screenings and selected live shows. Please see website for terms and conditions.

## Children

We have baby changing facilities on the ground floor. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult in the Theatre/Ballroom. A limited amount of babes in arms tickets are available for £1 on selected family shows for children under 2 years old. We reserve the right to alter or amend this allocation without notice.

## Food and Drink

Our Kiosk will be open before every theatre show selling popcorn and sweets as well as hot & cold drinks. Our Gallery Bar is open before and during all shows selling a variety of alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages'

## Hire the Venue

From the magnificent ballroom to the light art room or a meeting room we have a variety of rooms to suit. Visit our website or contact Jack Milligan on [roomhire@stamfordartscentre.com](mailto:roomhire@stamfordartscentre.com)

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

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Date	Event
FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY, 6:30PM, SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM, 6:30PM, SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM, SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM, 6:30PM, SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY, 11AM, 2:30PM	POLKA DOT PANTOMIMES PRESENT ALADDIN
WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY, 2PM	ANDRE RIEU IN DUBLIN
FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY, 8PM	JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR PRESENTS: CHRIS GUMBLEY QUARTET
SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY, 7:30PM	LAURA VAN DER HEIJDEN AND JAMS COLEMAN
THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY 5.55PM	MET OPERA: FEDORA
FRIDAY 20TH JANUARY, 8PM	THE SHAUGHRAUNS
SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY, 2PM	ANDRE RIEU IN DUBLIN
WEDNESDAY'S 25TH JANUARY, 7.30PM	PINT OF POETRY
THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY, 7PM	NT LIVE: THE CRUCIBLE
FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY, 8PM	QUENTIN CRISP: NAKED HOPE (MARK FARRELLY)
SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY, 7:30PM	SUBLIME STRINGS AND WONDERFUL WIND (STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA)
FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	MY DEAR OLD THINGS – AN EVENING WITH HENRY BLOFELD
FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY, 8PM	CHARITY STOW
SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	IMOGEN COOPER
WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	LOGAN DANKWORTH
FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	ELIZA CARTHY & THE RESTITUTION
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 10AM	ART POP UP WORKSHOPS
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2:30PM	THE DARK (PEUT-ETRE THEATRE)
SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	TABEA DEBUS WITH BENEDICT WILLIAMS AND THE CEDAR CONSORT
THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 10AM-4PM	OVER THE OCEAN ART ACTIVITY WITH KAREN NEALE
WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	JAMES LEVELLE (RGS)
SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 10.30AM-4PM	BRUCE KNIGHT SINGING DAY
TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: A HISTORY OF TWO HOUSES: 10 MAIDEN LANE + ROCK COTTAGE/HOUSE
WEDNESDAY'S 22ND FEBRUARY, 7.30PM	PINT OF POETRY
THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 7PM	NT LIVE: OTHELLO
FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 8PM	FUNHOUSE COMEDY CLUB
SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM	SIMF
WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH, 7:30PM	NEW PERSPECTIVES PRESENTS THE UK PREMIERE OF THE SWEARING JAR
FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 8PM	SCRUFFY (SUGAR THEATRE)
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH, 7:30PM	DUDOK QUARTET AMSTERDAM
TUESDAY 7TH – SATURDAY 11TH MARCH 7.45PM	THE THRILL OF LOVE BY AMANDA WHITTINGTON (STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE)
FRIDAY 10TH MARCH, 7:30PM	THE ELLIOTT MORRIS BAND
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH, 7PM	EXHIBITION ON SCREEN: MARY CASSATT
THURSDAY 16TH MARCH, 7:30PM	UNKNOWN REALMS (ACE DANCE CO)
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 7:30PM	THE BALALAIKA & OTHER TALL STORIES
SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 4.00PM	MET OPERA: LOHENGRIN
SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 7:30PM	A HERO'S WELCOME (STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA)
FRIDAY 24TH MARCH, 8PM	ANDREW WOOD JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR PRESENTS: DINO MASSA TRIO
SATURDAY 25TH MARCH, 7:30PM	LEVERET
WEDNESDAY'S 29TH MARCH, 7.30PM	PINT OF POETRY
THURSDAY 30TH MARCH, 7:30PM, FRIDAY 31ST MARCH, 1.30PM (SCHOOLS)	SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE VALLEY OF FEAR (BLACKEYED THEATRE)
SATURDAY 1ST APRIL, 7.30PM	JACQUIN TRIO
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL, 2PM	THE BUBBLE SHOW (THE HIGHLAND JOKER)
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL, 8PM	MY CAR PLAYS TAPES
SATURDAY 8TH APRIL, 10AM & 11:30AM	ANIMAL WORKSHOPS
SATURDAY 8TH APRIL 5.30PM	MET OPERA: FALSTAFF
THURSDAY 13TH APRIL, 7:30PM	PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: ARTISANS AND TRADESPEOPLE IN STAMFORD: INNS
FRIDAY 14TH APRIL, 11AM & 2PM	NATURE ELLY
SATURDAY 15TH APRIL CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 10AM-	FUN CELLO WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
SATURDAY 15TH APRIL, 5PM	MET OPERA: DER ROSENKAVALIER
TUESDAY 18TH APRIL, 7PM	EXHIBITION ON SCREEN: VERMEER
WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL, 7:30PM	SIMON ARMITAGE
FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 7:30PM	GERTRUDE LAWRENCE: A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING
FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 8PM	FUNHOUSE COMEDY CLUB
SATURDAY 22ND APRIL, 7:30PM	STAMFORD BRASS
WEDNESDAY'S 26TH APRIL, 7.30PM	PINT OF POETRY
THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 5:30PM (SIGNED IN BSL & RELAXED) & 7:30PM (SIGNED IN BSL) FRIDAY 28TH APRIL, 6PM & 7:45PM	FROZEN THE MUSICAL JR (ROARING PRODUCTIONS)
FRIDAY 28TH APRIL, 7:30PM	JAZZ UP THE 80S WITH THE JAY RAYNER SEXTET
SATURDAY 29TH APRIL, 5.55PM	MET OPERA: CHAMPION
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