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# WHAT'S ON

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# Welcome

We are thrilled to present our upcoming events that will entertain, inspire, and ignite your imagination. With a diverse range of live performances, workshops and activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Prepare to immerse yourself in our vibrant arts scene at Stamford Arts Centre!

We pride ourselves on providing a wide selection of fantastic, musical events and this season is no exception! As part of our classical season, we are thrilled to welcome **The Mozartists** in October, performing pieces by Mozart, Haydn and J.C. Bach. The **Doric String Quartet** will then continue our classical season, with their performance in November. If jazz is more your cup of tea, then you're in luck! Join us for '**Jazz in the Cellar Bar**' once every month and enjoy a relaxing night of live music.

Looking forward to the festive season, there's plenty to get excited about! The beloved book series 'Who's in Your Book' by Tom Fletcher is making its debut in a brand-new musical production, **There's A Monster In Your Show**. A fun-packed performance, perfect for children. Nearing Christmas time we have an extra special satellite screening of **The Nutcracker**, performed by The Royal Ballet. This is the perfect treat for the whole family to enjoy together!

Don't forget that alongside all our live events, we also host a huge variety of exhibitions, workshops, and activities. From meditation to sculpture, ballroom dancing to yoga, there's something to inspire everyone's creative side!

We look forward to welcoming you,

**The Stamford Arts Centre Team**

**On behalf of South Kesteven District Council**

## How to book your tickets

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You can buy tickets online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Our box office is open 10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday and 45 minutes prior to performances.

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## Top picks



**PEGGY'S HOUSE BAND**



**FATHERHOOD**



**THERE'S A MONSTER IN YOUR SHOW**



**THE ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND**

**TUESDAY 5TH – SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM**

### THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF LEENANE (STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE)

By Martin McDonagh

In a remote corner of Galway, middle-aged and unsophisticated Maureen Folan's life is one of dutiful, isolated drudgery, caring for her demanding mother Mag. Keen to escape the unending suffocation which she sees as her fate, Maureen grasps possibly her last chance of love and happiness. Mag, however, has different plans for her daughter. Tensions mount as their secrets and lies are painfully exposed. Lives are changed as the action moves to its shattering climax.

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Drama | Theatre**



**THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AND CONTINUING THURSDAYS, 1PM – 2PM**



### THE ART OF MEDITATION

Learning to change your mind for the better – Meditation is a powerful tool to create happiness from within. Buddhist nun, Kelsang Malaya, will explain what meditation is and how we can integrate meditation into our modern busy lives. We'll discover the special power and function of meditation to colour our view of everyday experiences, giving them a deeper purpose and allowing us to cultivate and enjoy real and lasting happiness from within.

**£7 standard | Meditation | Rehearsal Room**

**FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 8PM**

### PEGGY'S HOUSE BAND FT. ALAN BARNES: PLAYS CHARLIE PARKER

Alan Barnes is one of the UK's finest jazz virtuoso saxophonists; a prolific international performer, composer, arranger, bandleader and touring soloist. He is best known for his work on clarinet, alto and baritone sax, where he combines a formidable virtuosity with a musical expression and collaborative spirit that have few peers. Alongside Alan, this quartet features the house band from Peggy's Skylight (award winning jazz club in Nottingham).

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Jazz in the Cellar Bar**



TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM

### A WALK AROUND THE RECREATION GROUND: PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK

What was the land in the Northfields used for before it became the Recreation Ground? Philippa asks how, why, and when did the Recreation Ground come into being? She investigates all the arrangements that had to be made, and charts its creation, development, and facilities. She takes us on a walk around its perimeter and looks at the buildings and streets that grew up around it.

£6 (£5.50 concessions) | Talk | Theatre



FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER,

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER, 6:30PM

### STAMFORD GROOVE

An exciting, fun-filled night for adults with disabilities aged 16+, their families and support workers. Stamford Groove is a great opportunity not only to dance to great music with a live DJ, but to socialise and meet new people in a safe place. The Gallery Bar will be open, and a quiet zone is provided in a separate room for anyone needing a break from the action. Please note we do not provide one to one support at this event. Wheelchair access is available.

£3.50 standard (carers go free) | Disco | Ballroom



FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

### FUNHOUSE COMEDY

Join us in the cellar bar for a fantastic night of comedy! **September's** line-up features comic actress, Fiona Allen, who is best known for appearing in 'Smack the Pony', as well as Coronation Street and Eastenders. Also featured at this event is Kevin Daniel, one of the fastest rising comics on the Midlands circuit, this Scotsman is a comedy gem.

**November's** line-up features Sean Heydon, the incredible, high-energy, comedy magician. Sean has had residencies in Las Vegas and quite a few TV appearances, including getting 4 yesses from the judges on 'Britain's Got Talent' in 2020! Funny and with astonishingly brilliant tricks.

£10 standard | Comedy | Cellar Bar



On a Role  
Theatre Company  
presents



## Enid Blyton

- Noddy, Big-Ears and Lashings of Controversy

starring Liz Grand as Enid Blyton  
written by Kit Hunter

SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

### ENID BLYTON – NODDY, BIG-EARS AND LASHINGS OF CONTROVERSY

Virtually everybody of a certain age has read an Enid Blyton book. She was loved by children (except her younger daughter who hated her) but vilified by the BBC, teachers, critics, and librarians. She sold more than 600 million books, despite all her work being banned by the BBC and many libraries and schools for more than thirty years. She died of Alzheimer's in 1968 aged 71, mourned by millions of readers all over the world.

Liz Grand (previous shows 'The Second-Best Bed', 'Where Is Mrs. Christie?' and 'Mrs. Churchill – My Life With Winston') plays this remarkable and controversial woman and brings you her story.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Drama | Theatre



THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

**SIMON YATES – 'MY MOUNTAIN LIFE'**

On the remote Siula Grande in Peru in June 1985, mountaineer Simon Yates found himself in a desperately unenviable position. He was slowly being pulled off the mountain face by his injured partner, Joe Simpson, dangling on the rope 50 metres below. His decision to cut the rope saved both their lives in the epic of survival that followed and with the publication of the book 'Touching The Void', later film and stage play, both climbers became household names.

Come along and witness Simon's tireless journey from that mountain in Peru to some of the remotest on the planet and share with him the drama, excitement, and beauty of modern, lightweight alpinism. Told with wit, dry humour and lavishly illustrated with images and video collected on his great climbs.

**£20 (£18 concessions) | Talk | Theatre**



FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

**A MATTER OF TIME (CHANTRY DANCE)**

Chantry Dance presents 'A Matter Of Time' - a mesmerising triple bill exploring our relationship with time created by award-winning producers and choreographers Rae Piper and Paul Chantry in collaboration with innovative director-choreographer Kristian Cunningham.

'Ghost Dances' is danced to Nicholas Maw's 1988 suite. A woman journeys through the past, present and future where the allusive 'ghosts' of the title are her fractured dreams and memories. She learns to reconcile the uncertainty of the future with lessons of the past to fully appreciate the present. This triple bill also features 'Ariadne's Lament' and 'In Time Of Daffodils'. Parental guidance advised: contains nudity, scenes of a sexual nature, violence.

**£17 (£14 concessions) 10% off groups of 10+ | Dance | Theatre**



FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER, 8PM

**RACHAEL JOHNSON TRIO**

Rachael Johnson is a marvellous young pianist bringing a lot of momentum to the UK jazz scene. Her percussive style combines close chordal harmonies and downright dirty jazz funk with polyphonic Latin rhythms. This unique blend creates a rich tapestry of sounds guaranteed to engage jazz and non-jazz listeners alike. With a licentiate degree in jazz (London college of music) and appearances at Glastonbury, North Sea Jazz fest and Copenhagen jazz Festival, this talented young pianist is already gaining recognition at home and abroad, but this is just the start for Rachael.

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Jazz in the Cellar Bar**

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

**THE MOZARTISTS – MOZART, HAYDN AND THE 'ENGLISH' BACH**

Since their formation in 2017, The Mozartists have emerged as one of the UK's most stylish and dynamic period-instrument orchestras. Their exhilarating programme opens with Mozart's astonishing first symphony, written in London when the composer was eight years old, and it also contains two of the most attractive of Haydn's early symphonies. Harpsichordist Steven Devine is the soloist in concertos by Mozart and Johann Christian Bach, the second of which features a delightful set of variations on 'God Save the King', and the concert concludes with the fiery 'Sturm und Drang' drama of J. C. Bach's G minor symphony.

**£30 (£28 concessions) | Part of the Stamford Arts Centre classical season | Ballroom**



FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

**LAUREATE LARKS**

Si & Soph Present... Laureate Larks. An evening of some of the finest local contemporary poets. Mindful, thought provoking and sometimes laugh out loud. Immerse yourselves with them in a spoken word journey of highs, lows, and sometimes bizarre!

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





SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER, 8PM

**WAR OF THE WORLDS (ON A BUDGET)**

Step aside HG Wells, take a break Jeff Wayne, go back to your trailer Tom Cruise, Lamphouse is tackling War of the Worlds and they're doing it... on a budget! War of Worlds (on a budget) features one actor, a loop pedal, lots of cardboard, many, many hats and at least two absolutely terrifying (definitely not made out of paper) tripod puppets. Can our hero outrun the aliens, play 25 characters, unwind himself from the microphone cable, stop for a tea break and save the day before it's too late?

Featuring a full soundtrack of brand-new music and paying homage to HG Wells' story with a few extra silly additions, War of the Worlds (on a budget) is the musical comedy action adventure we didn't know we needed!

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Comedy | Theatre | Suitable for ages 12+**



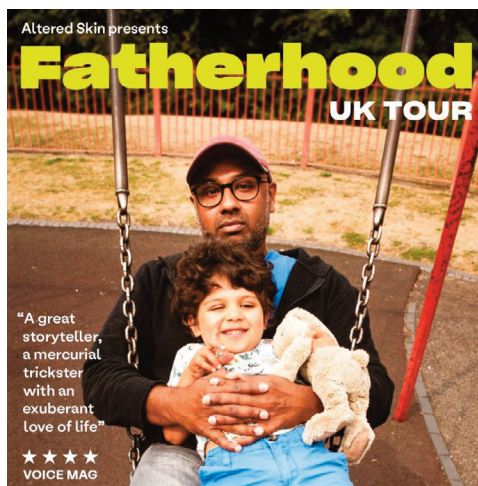
THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 8PM

**FATHERHOOD**

Being a father in the 21st century is complicated. Being the father of a young son of mixed South Indian, Turkish & Austrian heritage, even more so. Bringing together physical theatre rooted in the Indian performing artform Bharatanatyam and multilingual spoken text and sign languages, Fatherhood explores the cultural & gender expectations on fathers and what it means to be responsible for a child navigating an increasingly complex world.

Drawing from personal experience with contributions from participants from differing cultural backgrounds, the piece also explores how the migrant experience has influenced fathers and fathering across different generations. The piece features three characters, each reflecting different experiences of fatherhood in their own individual performance language to create three different narratives leading to a highly dynamic and original work. All performances include integral captions.

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Drama | Theatre**



FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

**LIL' JIMMY REED**

From shot-gun shack and cotton-field to festival main stage, the prodigious talents of Lil' Jimmy Reed have taken him a long way from the Mississippi river. One of the last surviving performers of classic Louisiana down-home blues, Lil' Jimmy's stinging guitar work, gritty vocals and haunting harmonica have been taking Europe by storm. His music has won him many awards and an induction into the Blues Hall of Fame. He is accompanied by the 'A' Team, comprising pianist Bob Hall, widely regarded as the UK's finest blues and boogie exponent, and diminutive dynamo Hilary Blythe on rock steady bass.

**£17 (£15 concessions) | Music | Ballroom**



SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 10AM – 3PM

**HALLOWEEN THEMED METALWORK & PAPER CRAFTS WORKSHOP**

Join Stamford based metal worker, Shalini Austin, in this spooky crafting workshop! Make your own Halloween creatures and shapes using copper foil, copper shapes and card stock. Take your designs home with you and decorate your house for Halloween!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Paper crafts suitable for ages 3+, metal crafts suitable for ages 6+.

**£5 per child (adults go free) | Workshop | Blue Room**

**METALWORK AND PAPER CRAFTS  
WORKSHOP WITH SHALINI AUSTIN**

**Make Copper or Paper Creatures,  
Pumpkins, Leaves, Spooky  
Shapes and More!**

**21st October 2023  
in The Blue Room**

Paper crafts suitable for age 3+  
Metal crafts suitable for age 6+





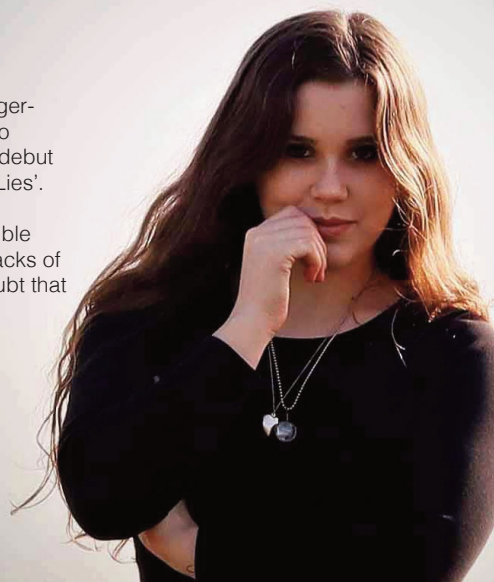
SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 8PM

**CHLOE LORENTZEN**

An evening of original music with 18-year-old Stamford singer-songwriter Chloe Lorentzen, who returns to the Cellar Bar to perform an evening of songs on guitar and piano from her debut album 'My Time' and her forthcoming release 'Love Life & Lies'.

Accompanying herself on guitar and piano, Chloe's incredible song writing has already earned her 7 BBC Introducing Tracks of the Week. Her heart-breaking voice will leave you in no doubt that you are at the dawn of something very special.

£10 standard | Music | Cellar Bar



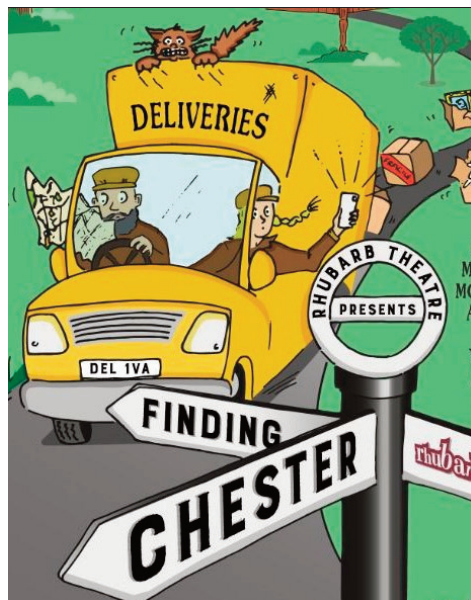
TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 2:30PM

**FINDING CHESTER**

Edith Tiddles gets everything delivered to her door. Groceries, clothes, toilet rolls. Even her favourite monthly magazine 'Purr-fect Paws'. She hasn't stepped outside of her home in 15 years. But when Chester, her cat, goes missing, Edith needs the help of her local delivery man Trevor and his mousey work-experience girl, Taz, to get her cat back.

Rhubarb Theatre, known for their imaginative styles of storytelling, perform this fun filled fantasy for all the family. Prepare for hilarity, poignancy, and surprises around every corner. Finding Chester is a show told through visual inventiveness, puppetry, mask, dance, song, and lots of laughter.

£8 (£6 concessions) £24 family of 4 | Family | Theatre | Suitable for ages 5+



WEDNESDAY 25TH, THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

**FAITH HEALER (LONDON CLASSIC THEATRE)**

Frank Hardy has a gift. A gift of healing. A frayed banner hangs outside a desolate village hall. The sick, the suffering and the desperate arrive from out of the wind and the rain. They come in search of restoration, a cure. They are promised 'a performance', an opportunity to spend an intimate moment with a mercurial showman, who offers hope and salvation to the afflicted.

Through the 1950s and 1960s, Hardy and his wife, Grace, travel to remote corners of Scotland and Wales, before eventually returning to Frank's native Ireland. Accompanied by his manager Teddy, they move from village to village, bringing with them an unpredictable mix of theatricality and the spiritual. Using four enthralling monologues to interweave the stories of these three intriguing characters, Brian Friel takes us on an extraordinary journey of shifting perspectives and uncertain memories.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Drama | Theatre | Suitable for ages 14+



THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 10AM &amp; 11:30AM

**ANIMAL CLUB: ANIMAL HANDLING WORKSHOP**

At Animal-Club we love animals! Our mission is to amaze, enthuse and educate participants all about the animal kingdom because we believe they have so much to teach us. Our presenters are incredibly passionate about their animals and want to share their love and expertise with a wider audience.

Our presenters have a large range of animals that they are the experts on. Some are cuddly, some unusual and certainly all are very interesting. Each animal will be introduced to the group in a way that is stress-free for the animal and also educational and fun. All of the animals are pets. Hence, most of our animals can be handled during each session. Children must be 3+ and accompanied by an adult.

£8 per child (adults go free) | Workshop | Ballroom | Suitable for ages 3+





SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER, 8PM

**CHARITY STOW**

Originally from Stamford, singer-songwriter Charity Stow is now based in Nottingham and is a well known member of the city's vibrant music scene, including recently performing at the 'Dot To Dot Festival' 2023. Her unique voice, passionate song writing style and strong performance skills guarantee a great evening of music. Performing with a three-piece band, she blends her own material together with alternate takes on classic songs.

Charity has released six singles and a four track EP 'Perfect Thought'. Her music has regularly been featured on BBC Introducing on BBC Radio Lincolnshire and the latest single and music video, 'What The World Wants', was funded by an award from the Youth Music NextGen Fund.

**£5 standard | Music | Cellar Bar**

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

**WOUNDED TIGRIS: A RIVER JOURNEY THROUGH THE CRADLE OF CIVILISATION**

The River Tigris – the birthplace of civilisation – has been the lifeblood of ancient Mesopotamia and modern Iraq, but geopolitics and climate change have left it at risk of becoming uninhabitable. Writer, broadcaster and explorer Leon McCarron shares stories from his incredible, beautiful and occasionally dangerous journey by boat along the full length of the river, recounted in his book Wounded Tigris. Sometimes harassed by militias and relying on the generosity of a network of strangers to reach the Persian Gulf, McCarron explains why it's crucial to save this extraordinary river, and what its survival, or destruction, could mean for us all.

**£14 (£12 concessions) £10 RGS members | Talk | Theatre**

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

**HEALING AND HOPE**

Enjoy an uplifting evening of classical music, beautifully mixed with spoken word. Featuring international pianist Mikael Petersson and Coventry Poet Laureate Emilie Lauren Jones. Words are weaved through melodies, plus there's a couple of stunning piano solos from a world class pianist.

Known for her beautiful imagery, Emilie's poetry offers an original view of the world. All this is sprinkled with amusing little anecdotes in between pieces. The show contains original compositions as well as variations of traditional classical pieces specifically chosen to leave audience members filled with hope and positivity.

**£10 standard | Poetry | Cellar Bar**

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

**IAN SHAW**

Join the multi-award-winning jazz singer and entertainer, Ian Shaw, as he presents this very special and intimate concert featuring a selection of his favourite music. The concert will draw from the rich vein of the Great American Songbook through to cherished contemporary songwriters such as Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen, David Bowie, and Stevie Wonder - alongside anecdotes from his life on the road and more.

Whether performing solo at the piano, or as the special guest with orchestras, Ian remains the consummate entertainer and his recordings and live performances have been recognised by numerous awards over the years, including 'Best Male Vocalist' at the BBC Jazz Awards and also the Parliamentary Jazz Awards. For more than ten years he has presented the weekly Ronnie Scott's Radio Show on Jazz FM and has recently added podcasting to his repertoire, with "Not Even Music" now in its third series.

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



WEDNESDAY 8TH – FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2:30PM &amp; 7:30PM

**MY FAIR LADY (COLLEGE PLAYERS)**

Following their sell out production of The Sound of Music last year, College Players are delighted to present Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady. This iconic show is full of colourful characters, glorious costumes and toe tapping songs, including Wouldn't It Be Lovely, with a Little Bit of Luck, The Rain in Spain, I Could Have Danced All Night, On the Street Where You Live and the rousing Get Me to the Church on Time.



My Fair Lady is a beautiful musical about transformation, class and with a little bit of luck, the possibility of love. Hailed by critics and audiences alike this award-winning musical, full of charm, romance, and wit, will leave you wanting to dance all night!

**£15 (£12.50 concessions) | Musical | Theatre**

THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 7:45PM

**STAMFORD IN THE 1930S: PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK**

What did Stamford look like in the 1930s? How badly was the town affected by the Great Depression and the financial slump? Philippa charts the history of the town in this decade leading up to the Second World War. She looks at what changes there were in the buildings and shops, the employment and the workplaces, and the entertainment on offer.

**£6 (£5.50 concessions) | Talk | Theatre**

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

**THE SILENCE OF SNOW**

Mark Farrelly (Quentin Crisp: Naked Hope, Howard's End, Jarman) presents his riveting, kinetic solo show portraying one of the great English writers of the inter-war years. Patrick Hamilton was a dazzling success in his twenties, producing hit plays Rope (filmed by Hitchcock) Gaslight (which gave us the modern term 'gaslighting'), and classic novels Hangover Square and The Slaves of Solitude. But Hamilton was also an alcoholic, whose wit darkened as his inner and outer worlds collapsed.

Covering the entire sweep of Hamilton's thrilling life and writing, The Silence of Snow entertains and challenges, asking: why do so many of us get through life without feeling we ever truly knew another person?

**£14 (£12 concessions) | Drama | Theatre | Suitable for ages 14+**

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

**BEN MARTIN QUARTET**

The BJMQ have been playing together for almost a decade and during that time have built an almost telepathic level of communication when improvising. The band take all the major influences in jazz from Trad to Be-Bop, Swing and Free Jazz, Bossa Nova, Hard Bop, Funk and Electronica and meld them into their own special brew, rooted in swing and the blues. They have performed with Kenny Wheeler, Andy Sheppard, Tony Kofi, Jim Mullen, Nigel Price & Tina May as well as pop stars like Lady Gaga & Paul McCartney. Ben is a "saxophonist of soul and lyricism" according to John Fordham, the Guardian's jazz critic, and the rest of the band are exciting voices on the national jazz scene. But it's when they play together that something special happens.

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Jazz in the Cellar Bar**



SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

**DORIC STRING QUARTET**

Firmly established as one of the leading quartets of its generation, the Doric String Quartet receives enthusiastic responses from audiences and critics across the globe. With repertoire ranging from Haydn through to Bartok, Ades and Brett Dean, the Quartet's schedule takes them to the leading concert halls around the world including Vienna Konzerthaus, Berlin Konzerthaus, Louvre, Carnegie Hall and Kioi Hall Tokyo as well as regular performances at Wigmore Hall. Since 2010 the Doric Quartet has recorded exclusively for Chandos Records, with their releases covering repertoire ranging from Schumann through to Korngold and Walton as well as works with orchestra including Elgar's Introduction and Allegro and John Adams' Absolute Jest. The Quartet's most recent release of the second instalment of their Mendelssohn String Quartet cycle was awarded Editor's Choice in Gramophone and Chamber Choice in BBC Music Magazine.

**£22 (£20 concessions) | Part of the Stamford Arts Centre classical season | Ballroom**

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 7PM, SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 1PM, 3PM &amp; 7PM

**SHREK JUNIOR THE MUSICAL (ROARING PRODUCTIONS)**

Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in Shrek Junior, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and fantastic Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favourite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairy-tale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale; Shrek Junior is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family.

**£17.50 adult (£11.50 child) | Musical | Theatre**

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

**REMEMBER ME TO ONE WHO LIVES THERE: MARTIN CARTHY**

An extra-special chance to hear master craftsman, Martin Carthy, perform and reminisce on his illustrious career in folk song to date, with musical interludes and conversation with his talented friend, musician and journalist, Jon Wilks (Tradfolk). Martin has an insatiable musical curiosity and a lifetime of wonderful stories and songs to share. There will also be a chance for audiences to ask questions of this mighty oak of the English folk tradition. Expect frank and fascinating insights into all manner of subjects from Scarborough Fair to the Beastie Boys!



82 this year, Martin is one in a million: one of folk music's greatest innovators, one of its best loved, most enthusiastic and, at times, most quietly controversial of figures. A consummate storyteller, singer, guitarist, oral historian, he is renowned for his settings of traditional songs as well as his authoritative interpretations of newly composed material.

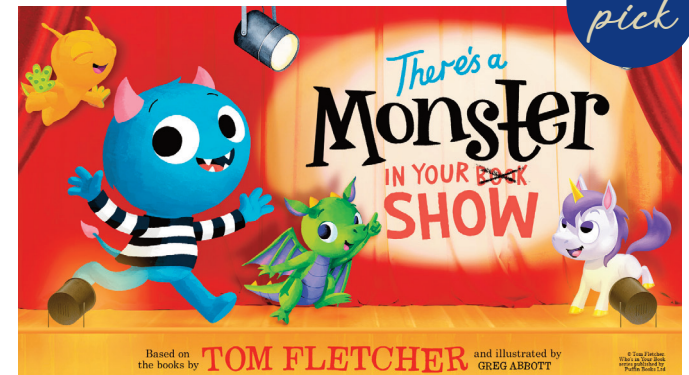
**£22 (£20 concessions) | Music | Ballroom**

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 1PM &amp; 4:30PM, WEDNESDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 10AM

**THERE'S A MONSTER IN YOUR SHOW**

Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures for big imaginations are leaping from page to stage, as the beloved 'Who's in Your Book?' series makes its debut as a brand-new musical show.

A group of performers are preparing to start their show, but quickly discover they are not alone on stage. Little Monster wants to be part of the fun too! With an invitation to his friends, Dragon, Alien and Unicorn to join him, you can expect comedy and chaos as they help to create a magical show, learning about the joy of books and friendship along the way. Expect plenty of playful fun for your littlest ones as their favourite characters come to life in a show that is packed with interactive moments to enjoy together.

**£15 adult (£13 child) £12 groups of 10+ | Family | Theatre | Suitable for ages 2+**

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER, 8PM

**PAT MCCARTHY QUARTET FEATURING SHANNON REILLY**

Described as "world class" by Humphrey Lyttelton, guitarist Pat McCarthy leads this acclaimed quartet which features Thom Whitworth (trumpet) and Martyn Spencer (double bass), presenting a warm and melodic repertoire of choice standards such as But Not For Me, How Insensitive, Body & Soul and even some originals. A vocalist of exceptional quality whose influences include Etta James, Ella Fitzgerald, Doris Day and Peggy Lee, Reilly's spellbinding performances with the Pat McCarthy Quartet have been captivating audiences across the UK. Pat has played with some of the UK's top musicians, including Alan Barnes, Jim Mullen, Pete King, Kenny Wheeler, Tina May, Gilad Atzmon, George Melly, Digby Fairweather, Enrico Tommaso & Dennis Rollins to name just a few.

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Jazz in the Cellar Bar**

TUESDAY 5TH – SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 7:45PM

THURSDAY 14TH – SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 7:45PM

**SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE – THE PLAY (STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE)**

Penniless and indebted to two demanding producers, struggling young playwright William Shakespeare is tormented by writer's block until he meets the beautiful Viola de Lesseps, daughter of a wealthy merchant. Her fiery passion for poetry and drama leaves her secretly longing to be an actor. Both are despondent when they learn that Viola's father has promised her to the arrogant Lord Wessex in order to gain a title for their family.

Under the veil of secrecy, Will and Viola's passionate love affair becomes the basis of the very play he is writing – Romeo and Juliet. Based on the screenplay by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard. Adapted for the stage by Lee Hall with music by Paddy Cunneen.

**£12 (£10 concessions) | Drama | Theatre**

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

**THE ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND**

The Albion Christmas Band are widely regarded as the premier seasonal show, which has been touring for 23 years this year, and attracts sell-out audiences across the UK. Indeed, many people say that their Christmas doesn't start until they have seen The Albion Christmas Band.

The show is a seasonal mixture of carols, spoken word and humorous readings. It really is the perfect way to start your festivities. This year will see material chosen by our audience; it promises to be a fantastic set drawing on material from our extensive back catalogue. With sell-out tours including venues such as Buxton Opera House, The New Vic Stoke and The Sage, Gateshead, The Albion Xmas Show is a very popular show appealing to all ages.

**£22 (£20 concessions) | Music | Ballroom**

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER, 6PM &amp; SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER, 2PM

**TREASURE ISLAND**

Jim lives in the Admiral Benbow Inn with Grandma, but she's desperate for a real adventure. One night, Billy Bones comes to stay, leading a gang of very silly pirates, with a big secret, to Jim's door. Before she knows it, Jim is sailing to Treasure Island, befriending one legged cooks, dodging mutinies and searching for buried treasure.

This is Treasure Island as you've never seen it before, in celebration of Lamphouse Theatre's 10th anniversary. With a slew of silly-singalong-sea-shanties, plenty of preposterous pirates, and dozens of doubloons, you won't want to miss Treasure Island this Christmas!

**£14 (£10 concessions) £40 family of 4 | Family | Theatre | Suitable for ages 6+**



## 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**

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### PZAZZ DANCE ACADEMY

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#### JASON RABELLO TRIO

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER, 7:45PM

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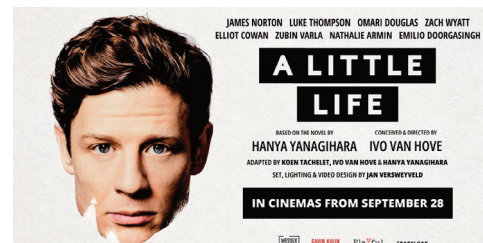


#### MATT RIDLEY 'THE ANTIDOTE'

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 7:45PM

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## Satellite Screenings



#### A LITTLE LIFE

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 7PM & FRIDAY

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TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 7:15PM

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Autumn 2023 Calendar

| Date  | Event  |
|---|--|
| Tuesday 5th - Saturday 9th September  | The Beauty Queen Of Leenane (Stamford Shoestring Theatre)          |
| Thursday 7th September - Thursday 14th December   | The Art Of Meditation  |
| Friday 15th September   | Peggy's House Band ft. Alan Barnes: Plays Charlie Parker           |
| Tuesday 19th September  | A Walk Around The Recreation Ground: Philippa Massey Talk          |
| Friday 22nd September, Friday 27th October, Friday 24th November & Friday 22nd December | Stamford Groove  |
| Friday 29th September   | Funhouse Comedy  |
| Saturday 30th September   | Enid Blyton - Noddy, Big-ears And Lashings Of Controversy          |
| Thursday 5th October  | Simon Yates - 'My Mountain Life'                                   |
| Friday 6th October  | A Matter Of Time (Chantry Dance)                                   |
| Friday 6th October  | Rachael Johnson Trio   |
| Saturday 7th October  | Mozart, Haydn And The 'English' Bach - The Mozartists              |
| Friday 13th October   | Laureate Larks   |
| Saturday 14th October   | War Of The Worlds (On A Budget)                                    |
| Thursday 19th October   | Fatherhood   |
| Friday 20th October   | Lil' Jimmy Reed  |
| Saturday 21st October   | Halloween Themed Metalwork & Paper Crafts Workshop                 |
| Saturday 21st October   | Chloe Lorentzen  |
| Tuesday 24th October  | Finding Chester  |
| Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th October  | Faith Healer   |
| Thursday 26th October   | Animal Club: Animal Handling Workshop                              |
| Saturday 28th October   | Charity Stow   |
| Thursday 2nd November   | Wounded Tigris: A River Journey Through The Cradle Of Civilisation |
| Friday 3rd November   | Healing And Hope   |
| Saturday 4th November   | Ian Shaw   |
| Wednesday 8th - Saturday 11th November  | My Fair Lady (College Players)                                     |
| Saturday 11th November  | Funhouse Comedy  |
| Thursday 16th November  | Stamford In The 1930s: Philippa Massey Talk                        |
| Friday 17th November  | The Silence Of Snow  |
| Friday 17th November  | Ben Martin Quartet   |
| Saturday 18th November  | Doric String Quartet   |
| Friday 24th & Saturday 25th November  | Shrek Junior The Musical (Roaring Productions)                     |
| Saturday 25th November  | Remember Me To One Who Lives There: Martin Carthy                  |
| Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th November  | There's A Monster In Your Show                                     |
| Friday 1st December   | Pat Mccarthy Quartet Featuring Shannon Reilly                      |
| Tuesday 5th - Saturday 9th December & Thursday 14th - Saturday 16th December            | Shakespeare In Love (Stamford Shoestring Theatre)                  |
| Wednesday 20th December   | The Albion Christmas Band  |
| Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd December  | Treasure Island  |