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SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

THE NICK ROSS ORCHESTRA THE GLENN MILLER & RAT PACK ERA BATTLE OF BRITAIN CONCERT

A very special concert to mark the Battle of Britain anniversary. Many years before the Beatles stepped onto the world's most famous zebra crossing, Glenn Miller made his last known recording at London's Abbey Road Studios on Monday 27th November 1944, just a few short weeks before he "disappeared" on December 15th of that same year. It was especially poignant to be able to bring the NRO into those same studios to make our new CD for you almost 75 years later.

The lights soften, the mood settles. An audience waits for that first moment of sound. The Big Band is poised, relaxed, but with eyes anxious for the lead. And then, as if giving body to an echo, the murmured notes of 'Moonlight Serenade'... and the night, it seems, is suddenly full and timeless.

There are those who watch and listen who tap a shy finger to the melodies, others who follow with a silent foot-beat, still others who murmur softly through the lyrics, and those who simply permit a fleeting smile. But common to all are memories.

£27.50 (£25 concessions) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

JAMES LISNEY

Over four decades, James Lisney's musical integrity and pianistic command have fuelled a career that has taken him seamlessly from concerto and recital soloist – to chamber musician and pianist director. Initiatives, such as his highly acclaimed Beethoven Project in Amsterdam, Leipzig, and Berlin - or his many recordings - have provided a platform for his wide-ranging musical sympathies.

Franz Schubert Sonata in B flat, D 960
Frederyk Chopin The Four Ballades

£20 (£10 under 18s) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER, 8PM

THE LEVY CIRCUS

The Levy Circus is a group of five skilled and experienced musicians from the East Midlands who have come together over the last 10 years to produce music that concentrates fully on creating a memorable and rewarding experience for their audience. Fronted by Miles Levy, their set of highly original and undeniably catchy songs is interspersed with some well-chosen, unexpected covers that ooze quality and accessibility. They will be featuring songs from their excellent forthcoming third album "Tales of The Unconnected".

£5 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 8PM

DISCOS FOR GROWN UPS

Discos for Grown Ups are back for more disco fun with a brand-new playlist of 70s, 80s and 90s dance floor classics. Get glittered up for a fun and fab night of dancing with people your own age - it's going to be a boogie night to remember! Get ready to dance the night away to all your favourite disco, soul and feel-good pop hits. VIP tickets only available from www.discosforgrownups.com.

£19.50 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

TREE OF LIFE WITH THE ORCHESTRA FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Emma Johnson MBE is a clarinetist who has made a name as a best-selling soloist and recording artist. She won the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition when she was 17 and has since recorded over 30 albums and given concerts all over the world. During lockdown she wrote a clarinet concerto, Tree of Life, inspired by a need to express something in music about the climate crisis. The full programme is available on our website.

£30 (£28 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 8PM

TOWN OF CATS

Grown in Brighton's grubby and fertile musical petri dish, this ever-mutating municipality of musical misfits are able to harness the transformative power of the BEST parties - in a way that only a huge horn section and super tight rhythms are able to do. Funk rhythms dare you not to dance; boiling blasts of brass and guitar warp from crystalline chicken-scratches to face-melting prog explosions. A mix of Afro-beat, Ska, Latin, Jazz, Hip-hop and more! Please note that this is a standing event with limited seating.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Ballroom | Suitable for ages 12+



FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

BLOWZABELLA

Blowzabella is a genuinely unique band that makes an inimitable, driving, drone-based wall-of-sound played with a fabulous sense of melody, rhythmic expertise and sheer feeling. They compose their own music which is influenced by English and European traditional folk music and song – a shared culture with ancient roots. Many of their tunes are “standards” in the modern British/European folk repertoire and are played by people all over the world. Bands across Europe who experiment with folk music often cite Blowzabella as a major influence. Much loved and respected, there is no one else quite like them.

For Stamford Arts Centre, Blowzabella will be joined by Benoit Michaud. Benoit is the new Hurdy Gurdy player from 2025 and this gig will see him playing his first numbers with the band. He will also play a short set on his own.

Please note that this is a standing event with limited seating.

£18 (£10 concessions and under 21s) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

DORIC STRING QUARTET

Continuing the Stamford Beethoven Project, The Doric String Quartet return for another year. Bringing an elegance and intimacy both to the Classical canon and new music, the players continue to win fans across the world.

Beethoven, Ludwig van: String Quartet No.16 in F major op.135 25"

Tarrodí, Andrea: String Quartet No 3 'Light Scattering' approx. 20 "

Beethoven, Ludwig van: String Quartet No.15 in A minor op.132

£26 (£24 concessions) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

THE RHEINGANS SISTERS

After a decade releasing celebrated albums (BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winners of 'Best Original Track' 2016 and 'Best Group' nominees in 2019) and touring across the world, The Rheingans Sisters will release their much anticipated fifth studio album in 2024! From baroque fiddle tunes to trance beats, from metal-inspired arrangements of folk ballads to improvisations with phone voice notes, Rowan and Anna once again create like painters, revealing in bold colours the next grounded yet soaring contribution to the sisters' unique "avant-garde trad" (Songlines).

£18 (£16 concessions) | Theatre



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

AN INCOMPLETE EDUCATION WITH STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Chabrier's irresistibly sweet and funny chamber opera explores the comic predicament of a newly married couple who don't know what to do on their wedding night. Their only available guide, a crusty Latin tutor, is embarrassed to reveal he too has no idea. Sung in English in concert staging by a trio of brilliant young singers, recently graduated from Royal Academy of Music and Guildhall, this charming piece is not to be missed. Also featuring Fauré's popular Pavane and Farrenc's Symphony No. 3.

£13.50 (£11.50 concessions) £6 under 21s | Ballroom



FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

CALAN

The mesmerising quartet, Calan, grace our stage with their unique brand of power-folk. This musical odyssey combines original tunes and songs with ancient melodies unearthed from the National Library of Wales. Join us for an extraordinary evening featuring tracks from their highly anticipated album, 'Nefydd'. From intimate house concerts to the Royal Albert Hall, Calan have become modern day folk heroes themselves. They also notably graced operatic superstar Sir Bryn Terfel's most recent album, marking their triumphant return to the musical forefront.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom



THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 8PM

WOVEN CHORDS WINTER CONCERT

Stamford's popular community choir, Woven Chords, will be back on stage on Thursday 19th December in the Stamford Arts Centre ballroom. Specialising in a cappella (unaccompanied) songs from at least four continents, and often singing in the original languages, they aim to take the audience around the world with songs from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Enjoy their glorious harmonies and be filled with seasonal cheer. How is all this possible we hear you ask? Come along and find out!

£10 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND

The Albion Christmas Band are widely regarded as the premier seasonal show, which has been touring for 25 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. Featuring the combined talents of Simon Nicol (Fairport Convention), Kellie While (Albion Band) Simon Care (Edward II) and the Guvnor himself, Ashley Hutchings MBE, this show takes you on a guided tour through the Christmas customs of Britain.

The Albion Christmas 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 the band from the last 25 years of shows and albums ... a "best of the Albion Xmas" selection. 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. Early booking is recommended!

£25 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 7:30PM

SIMFESTIVAL PRESENTS: VIVALDI FOUR SEASONS & MORE

As the director of Stamford International Music Festival, Freya Goldmark brings her exceptional artistry and passion to the stage, leading a specially assembled string orchestra. At the centre of the concert is Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," a revolutionary work that masterfully intertwines music and nature. Each concerto vividly portrays the changing landscapes and emotions of the seasons, showcasing Vivaldi's innovative use of melody and texture. The evening continues with Corelli's festive "Christmas Concerto," along with a few surprises.

£25 standard | Ballroom

JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR



FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 8PM

TRIO CON ALMA

Trio Con Alma derives their name from the Dizzy Gillespie composition 'Con Alma'. Exploring the breadth of Latin jazz, this piano quartet take inspiration from the likes of Horace Silver, Tom Jobim, Sergio Mendes, Chick Corea, The Jazz Crusaders, Tania Maria and Ray Bryant. Whether cooking on 'Cubano Chant', relaxing on 'Poinciana' or grooving on 'Come With Me', this music from the Latin Quarter is always performed Con Alma... "with soul" ...

£15 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

ALAN BARNES PLAYS CHARLIE PARKER

Charlie Parker was one of the most important figureheads in the development of jazz music, pioneering the 'bebop' style. This quartet comes together to explore the Parker catalogue of compositions, which include Yardbird Suite, Anthropology & Moose The Mooche. 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.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar

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



FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 8PM

JEANIE BARTON BAND

Voted best newcomer at Marlborough Jazz in 2015, the Jeanie Barton Band performs an evening of emotive music. With Jeanie on vocals and piano, they will play many of her nostalgic yet fresh compositions alongside joyous standards. Jeanie's musical journey includes highlights such as performing alongside Georgie Fame & Luddy Samms (The Drifters) as well as performing the music of James Bond in front of Shirley Bassey & Pierce Brosnan!

£15 standard | Cellar Bar

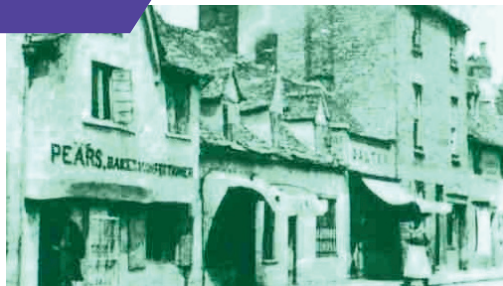


FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 8PM

BEN MARTIN QUARTET

'Swingin' Around The Christmas Tree' with the Ben Martin Quartet! Jazz and the Golden Age of Hollywood are synonymous with rousing film scores and memorable hits from some of the greatest movies ever made. Alongside these terrific tunes are a wealth of Christmas songs written by Tin Pan Alley's greatest songwriters. With their Great American Songbook forms and standard chord sequences they're the ideal vehicle for jazz musicians to unleash their improvisational skills on and rearrange to their heart's delight.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar



TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: A WALK ALONG ST PAUL'S ST

Philippa takes you on a virtual walk along historic St Paul's St, from the eastern end of High St to the edge of the walled town and back again. We pass by the sites of 5 pubs, St Paul's Church and Stamford School, 2 junctions and St Paul's gate and come in sight of Greyfriars gate. Then we turn and make our way back and investigate the shops and businesses that crowded in on this street.

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre



THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

SEX, SPIES AND SCANDAL: THE JOHN VASSALL AFFAIR

Local author Alex Grant talks about his new book which sheds new light on a Soviet spy scandal that rocked early 1960s Britain. John Vassall, an Admiralty clerk, was photographed in compromising positions while working at the British Embassy in Moscow in 1954, and then blackmailed into handing over defence secrets to his Soviet handlers for more than seven years. The Vassall affair also has an intriguing connection to the Stamford area.

£6 standard | Theatre

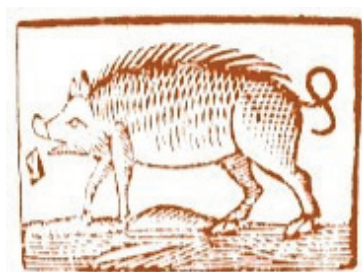


THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

A RIDE ACROSS AMERICA

As the USA heads to the polls, join award-winning travel writer, public speaker, and filmmaker Simon Parker for a night of adventure, with a multimedia presentation of tall tales, short films, maps, photos, audio clips and book readings. In the build-up to the 2024 US Presidential Election, Simon embarked upon a 4,327-mile cycling journey through 11 states, meeting hundreds of fascinating Americans along the way. His aim? To better understand America, its people, politics, and problems. All seen at the gentle pace of a bicycle.

£16 (£14 concessions) | Theatre



THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: STAMFORD MERCURY CUTTINGS 3: MERCURIOSITIES

Philippa and her guest, the secretary of the Stamford Mercury Archive Trust, explore the weird and wonderful world of the oddities which have been reported in the Stamford Mercury over 300 years, from the sublime to the ridiculous, and back again.

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre

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WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

SARAH SMOUT - WATERBABY (RGS)

Waterbaby invites us on a personal and global journey exploring our fragile and intrinsic relationships with water. Combining her soulful poetry, mesmerising vocals and live-looped cello soundscapes, Sarah captivates and tugs at the heart. With stories from her voyages by boat to Iceland, Shetland, the Faroes and the Uists, and over land to waters around her northern UK home, Sarah shares personal experiences of how water has shaped her life. Waterbaby is a plea for the future of the planet by returning to the ocean that cradled us all as we were waiting to breathe; humming with atmosphere, carrying the voices of people, places and beings who need to be heard, encapsulating the urgency for connection, healing, and experience with nature.

Sarah Smout is an environmental artist whose work transcends traditional boundaries, weaving together nature, creativity, and activism to provoke thought and inspire change. Her music has been played on the BBC's Radio 2, Introducing and Look North programmes, and she has worked with Greenpeace, COP26 and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, with many ongoing cross-arts, science and community projects.

GIFT VOUCHERS

Give the gift of theatre this Christmas! Have a friend or family member who's hard to shop for? Consider an Arts Centre gift voucher! With a wide range of events from music and film to art and theatre - a gift voucher makes the perfect present for any arts enthusiast. Vouchers can be purchased online or through the box office for any amount.

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



TUESDAY 3RD – SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM

THE SWEET SCIENCE OF BRUISING BY JOY WILKINSON STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

Below the smog-filled streets of London, a new and violent revolution is taking place. Four women - disparate in background but united by patriarchal abuse and oppression - find freedom within the four ropes of an underground boxing ring. The quintessential stiff upper lip is turned bloody in this tale of pugilism, subversion and female empowerment.

£12 (£10 concessions) | Theatre



THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 7:30PM

KATHLEEN FERRIER WHATTALIFE!

Kathleen Ferrier Whattalife! tells the story of the great English contralto and follows her journey from housewife to household name. Just like Kathleen during her short but full life, the show has a great sense of fun and talks straight from the heart. Performed by contralto Lucy Stevens with pianist Elizabeth Marcus, sung music from Kathleen's repertoire is woven through the text including What is Life and Blow the Wind Southerly.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre



FRANKENSTEIN (ON A BUDGET)

“HILARIOUS”



Theatre Scotland



The Stage Theatre Weekly

REVIEWS FROM WAR OF THE WORLDS (ON A BUDGET)

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 8PM

FRANKENSTEIN (ON A BUDGET) – LAMPHOUSE THEATRE

One man, one monster, one glorious dream to singlehandedly tell the most famous cult horror story of all time, and absolutely no budget whatsoever. What could possibly go wrong? Can our ill-fated doctor build his monstrous creation, play 25 characters, sing a lot of songs, attempt accents from across the world, perform a dance routine, and ultimately save the day in just 60 minutes? From the creators of the hit comedy action-adventure musical War of the Worlds (On a Budget).

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



WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

LOOKING FOR ME FRIEND: THE MUSIC OF VICTORIA WOOD

"The most feel-good show in town" (The Daily Mail) has spread nostalgia and laughter throughout the UK and has the seal of approval from Victoria's very own school chums and colleagues. Featuring the star of BBC1's 'All Together Now', Paulus The Cabaret Geek, with Michael Roulston on piano, it is an evening of pure joy filled with Victoria's best-loved songs, including the iconic 'Ballad of Barry & Freda' (Let's Do It) and the classic 'It Would Never Have Worked'.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Theatre | Suitable for ages 10+



TUESDAY 3RD – SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER, 7:45PM

JACK ABSOLUTE FLIES AGAIN BY RICHARD BEAN AND OLIVER CHRIS STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

It's July 1940, and Pilot Officer Jack Absolute flies home to win the heart of his old flame, Lydia Languish. But Jack's advances turn to anarchy when he meets up with his fellow officers and their girlfriends on the RAF airbase at Malaprop Hall. Based on Sheridan's classic play 'The Rivals', this hilarious new comedy was first performed with outstanding success at the National Theatre in 2022.

£12 (£10 concessions) | Theatre



WEDNESDAY 20TH – FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2:30PM & 7:30PM

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET - THE MUSICAL - COLLEGE PLAYERS

The big question this season is - do you believe? This musical adaptation of the classic 1947 holiday film tells the tale of a young girl who doubts the existence of Santa Claus until a very special, white-bearded old man changes her mind. Featuring 'It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas', 'Here's Love' and 'That Man Over There is Santa Claus'.

Wednesday midweek special - £15 (£12.50 Concessions)
All other performances - £17.50 (£15 Concessions)



FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 7PM

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 3PM & 7PM

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Dickens Theatre Company arrive in Stamford with their joyously authentic staging of this Victorian classic. Two of Dickens' closest theatrical companions find themselves trapped in the footlights' glare. With the rest of the cast stuck on a train, actress Frances Ternan and Dickens' faithful tour manager George Dolby take on the daunting challenge of portraying over 30 characters. But who will play Scrooge?

£14 (£13 concessions) | Theatre | Suitable for ages 6+

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 2:30PM

STORIES OF A WATERSPRITE

Amongst drifting waterweed and ancient moss-covered rocks, a Watersprite awakens. Down here the pond is teeming with life - newts and snails and little silver fish dart around, busy with their business. But, strange things are starting to enter the pond. Things that crinkle and clatter and clutter up the pond. So much of it that there is no more space to swim and slither around.

Sophie Nüzel's work for children and families is a gentle and multi-sensory dance and puppetry production. It invites young audiences to use their imagination and believe that regardless of how little they are they can still make a difference. This is a relaxed performance, with an embedded audio described introduction.

£12 (£10 concessions) £40 family of 4
Theatre | Suitable for ages 4-10



SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 11:30AM & 2PM

THE KING'S POLAR BEAR

The King's Polar Bear is a timeless tale of hope and opportunity, told under the awesome shimmer of the northern lights. In this wintry new show, full of snow and sparkle, you will be carried away by the magic of an arctic adventure never heard of before.

Masters of children's storytelling, Full House Theatre, bring the frozen paradise of the arctic to life with vibrant characters, hand crafted puppets and a beautiful original score by BAFTA nominated composer Rebecca Applin. The King's Polar Bear is a playful and highly visual show for children, the perfect family theatre experience.



£12 (£10 concessions) £40 family of 4
Theatre | Suitable for ages 4+

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER, 10AM, 11AM & 12PM

COPPER LEAVES WORKSHOP WITH SHALINI AUSTIN

Join Stamford based artisan metalsmith Shalini for a fun workshop and make copper leaves in autumnal colours or any colours you like. Learn about metalwork tools and how to use a hammer to create texture and dimension on flat copper sheet. All material and tools will be provided.

Adults who are just accompanying their children do not need to buy a ticket however adults who wish to take part in the workshop must buy a ticket.

£8 per participant | Gallery
Suitable for ages 8+



TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER, 10AM & 11:45AM

HALLOWEEN ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP

This Halloween, join Stamford Arts Centre for a spooky themed arts and crafts morning. There will be a variety of crafts on offer, so come along and have a go. Get creative and make your own creepy crawlies using recycled materials and googly eyes. Design your very own haunted Halloween bunting to decorate your home, and create a Pumpkin Patch pop up. We cannot wait to see your creepy creations!

Adults do not need to buy a ticket however children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

£5 per child | Gallery
Suitable for ages 3+



FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 8PM

FUNHOUSE COMEDY (PIERRE HOLLINS)

Pierre Hollins is a stand-up comedian and writer. Pierre has been a comedy circuit favourite for many years, headlining clubs throughout the UK, Europe, Middle East and Asia. His first novel 'The Karma Farmers' was published last year. Pierre has written for radio and television. His cartoon strip 'Guru' featured in the Fortean Times for many years.

He is also... "bloody funny!" - TIME OUT
Finally... "Pierre Hollins is a hugely likeable cheeky chappie and unlikely rock god who whipped the crowd into a state of near euphoria." - THE LATEST

Also, Alfie Dundas, Barnaby Slater and compere Spiky Mike.

£12 standard | Gallery



SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

FUNHOUSE COMEDY (STEVE N ALLEN)

Steve N Allen has been seen on TV on the BAFTA nominated BBC2's The Mash Report and the Dave version, Late Night Mash. He's reviewed the news on Headliners on GB News, several shows on Talk TV and Channel Five's The Jeremy Vine Show.

He does stand-up comedy across the UK and European clubs, comedy festivals including Edinburgh, Brighton and Leicester. And he's written the "Lasted" series of books and many columns for The Independent, City AM, The Metro and several local papers.

Also, Tom Albon, Dan Coughtrey and compere Pete Teckman.

£12 standard | Cellar Bar





PROFESSIONAL PANTOMIME IS BACK



BUT THIS TIME IT'S
MADE IN STAMFORD...
FOR STAMFORD!

Stamford Arts Centre has teamed up with local theatre company Starbright Entertainments along with local cast and creatives to bring you this year's magical pantomime - MOTHER GOOSE!

Starring Victoria Fallow-Norton as Fairy Virtue, Hannah Peacock as Silly Millie, Erin Billington as Demon Vanity, Simon Aylin as King Bumble and our very own Venue Manager Phil Norton as Mother Goose. Also featuring young performers from Welland School of Dancing and wonderful scenery designed by local artist Karen Neale.

Mother Goose's heart may be full but her purse certainly isn't – she's behind on her rent, in danger of eviction and dare we mention those rising energy bills? However, her fate is about to change when a magical goose that lays golden eggs mysteriously appears in town. The goose may be the answer to her financial woes but Mother Goose is not completely happy as her family and friends still make fun of her. Can she be tempted to give up her wealth in search of youth and beauty?

Mother Goose may be one of the oldest pantomime stories but this adventure is bang up to date with hilarious antics, toe tapping tunes and a whole host of local nods and references for a really unique production set in our beautiful town.

PERFORMANCES

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER
6.30pm

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER
11am, 2.30pm & 6.30pm

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER
11am & 2.30pm

**TICKETS £15 | CONCESSIONS £14 | FAMILY OF FOUR £56
GROUPS OF 10+ £14 EACH**

GALLERY EXHIBITIONS



TUESDAY 3RD – THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

THIRTEEN - NORTHANTS AND RUTLAND OPEN STUDIOS

Thirteen Rutland artists are coming together to present a varied mix of work including sculpture, textile art, printmaking, and various painting subjects and styles.

The exhibition will form part of the wider arts festival taking place in Rutland and Northants throughout September. Many of the exhibiting artists will also be opening their studios.



MONDAY 21ST – SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

ONE WORLD WEEK EXHIBITION

This year's One World Week Exhibition, organised by the Stamford Fairtrade Group, explores the theme of 'Community - Celebrating What Community Means to You'. The exhibition will include displays of artwork and projects undertaken by Stamford College students and pupils from local primary schools, stalls exploring the theme including divided and fractured communities, a 'community corner' with information about local community groups and interactive activities.



MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

WELLAND VALLEY ART SOCIETY AUTUMN EXHIBITION

The second of this year's shows, held annually in the main gallery, the Autumn Exhibition of the Welland Valley Art Society features over 100 original works by professional and talented amateur artists. Come along and enjoy the wonderful variety of artworks including paintings and sculptures from over 30 artists. The original artworks, both framed and mounted, are for sale. This exhibition also has the 'Small' wall offering paintings at £75 or less.



TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER - SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

SOART - DIVERGENCE

Featuring works from the SoArt group, a collective of local mixed media artists. The exhibition showcases a range of styles and techniques involving the manipulation of fabric, paper, stitch, paint, and print. Starting with the colour blue, the group's work then moves into the theme 'Divergence'. An exhibition worth seeing.



TUESDAY 12TH – SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

ESCAPE THE ORDINARY!

After previous successful seasons of artist led markets and gallery exhibitions, Lincolnshire based practising artists Eve Marshall and Shalini will present their 9th Escape The Ordinary exhibition in the Gallery at Stamford Arts Centre, promoting extraordinary workmanship and talent. The Exhibition will include various artists from Lincolnshire, Rutland & Cambridgeshire exhibiting a mix of Felt Art, Copper Creations, Artistic Woodwork, Jewellery, Ceramics, Sculptures, Original Paintings, Art Prints & Cards. Many exhibits will be available to buy.



TUESDAY 10TH – MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER

INSPIRATION TO REALISATION

"Inspired by landscape, seascapes and nature: Realised in my latest collection of paintings, prints, cards and Christmas cards often using experimental styles and techniques."

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER - SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

A BRUSH WITH AIR, LAND AND SEA

Graham Cooke is a Stamford based artist who specialises in landscape, maritime and aviation paintings – mostly oils on canvas. He is a Vice-President of the Guild of Aviation Artists and a past president of the Welland Valley Art Society. The exhibition will also include work by the late Peter Sumpter GAvA.



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



WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS, 11AM

GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF STAMFORD

Join Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours on 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.

£10 (£9 concessions)

Meet at Stamford Arts Centre



SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 3PM

MEET THE GEORGIANS AND STAMFORD'S POETS

A special walking tour exploring Georgian life with Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours. Meet at 3pm at Stamford Arts Centre for a guided walking tour of Georgian locations throughout the town, with fun poetry readings from Stamford's poets along the way. Stamford is well known as a Georgian town, but how did people live and who were they?

£10 standard

Meet at Stamford Arts Centre



FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 6PM

GONG BATH MEDITATION

Sally will create a soundscape using light percussion instruments and gongs. All you have to do is to lie on a mat in a comfortable space and be open to receiving the enveloping sound vibrations which can help bring you into a restorative state of balance and relaxation. Please bring a thick comfy mat, a blanket and a small cushion.

£17 standard | Ballroom | Ages 13+

Live & Local is a not-for-profit arts organisation working with a network of voluntary groups. They provide a range of support for arts activities that keep people in touch with their communities and enhance their quality of life, including high-quality, entertaining and affordable professional live theatre, music, dance and film screenings in their local village hall, church or school. SKDC proudly supports Live & Local, providing funding towards their programme of events. Head to liveandlocal.org.uk for more information or pick up one of their brochures from the Arts Centre.

**LIVE
& LOCAL**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SKETCHING STAMFORD WORKSHOPS – KAREN NEALE

MONDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM

karen@karenneale.co.uk | 07710406967

www.karenneale.co.uk

WILDCATS THEATRE SCHOOL

VARIOUS CLASS TIMES TUESDAYS &
SATURDAYS

admin@wildcats-uk.com

www.wildcats.org.uk

MONDAY ART CLASS - HEATHER HARRISON

MONDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM

(DURING TERM TIME)

heatherlindaharrison@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY ART CLASS – TIM BEASLEY

WEDNESDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM &

1:30PM – 4PM

smcfoundry@yahoo.co.uk | 07453993340

Facebook: Thurningstudios

LOVE TO DANCE (STAMFORD) - MODERN JIVE CLASSES

MONDAYS 8PM

07730269969

Facebook: Love To Dance (Stamford)

MEDITATIONS & HABITS OF HAPPY PEOPLE WITH BUDDHIST NUN KELSANG MALAYA

THURSDAYS 1PM-2PM

(SEE WEBSITE FOR TERM DATES)

addrolma@gmail.com | 07717420057

www.drolmacentre.org.uk

STAMFORD DANCE ACADEMY

VARIETY OF DANCE CLASSES

FOR AGES 2 ½ - 18

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS

charlotte@stamforddanceacademy.co.uk

www.stamforddanceacademy.co.uk

60+ DANCE CLASS – SARAH HILL

THURSDAYS 2PM - 3PM

01778421229

NICKY HAYES YOGA

TUESDAYS 10AM – 1:30PM,

WEDNESDAY 7:30PM – 9PM

07739589810

www.nickyhayesyoga.co.uk

WOVEN CHORDS

THURSDAYS 7:30PM-9:30PM

(SEE WEBSITE FOR TERM DATES)

info@wovenchords.com

www.wovenchords.com

PINT OF POETRY

THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Join us for Pint Of Poetry, held in our Gallery Bar on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Stamford poets (and budding poets) perform live stand-up poetry. Enjoy reading aloud to an appreciative crowd or simply enjoy the poetry of others over a drink!

WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

Welcome back to another exciting season at Stamford Arts Centre! As we embrace the fun and festivities ahead, we're especially excited about Christmas and our upcoming pantomime. We're delighted to bring a professional pantomime back to the arts centre, and this year, it's made in Stamford, for Stamford! Don't miss out on 'Mother Goose' - the perfect way to celebrate the festive season with family and friends.

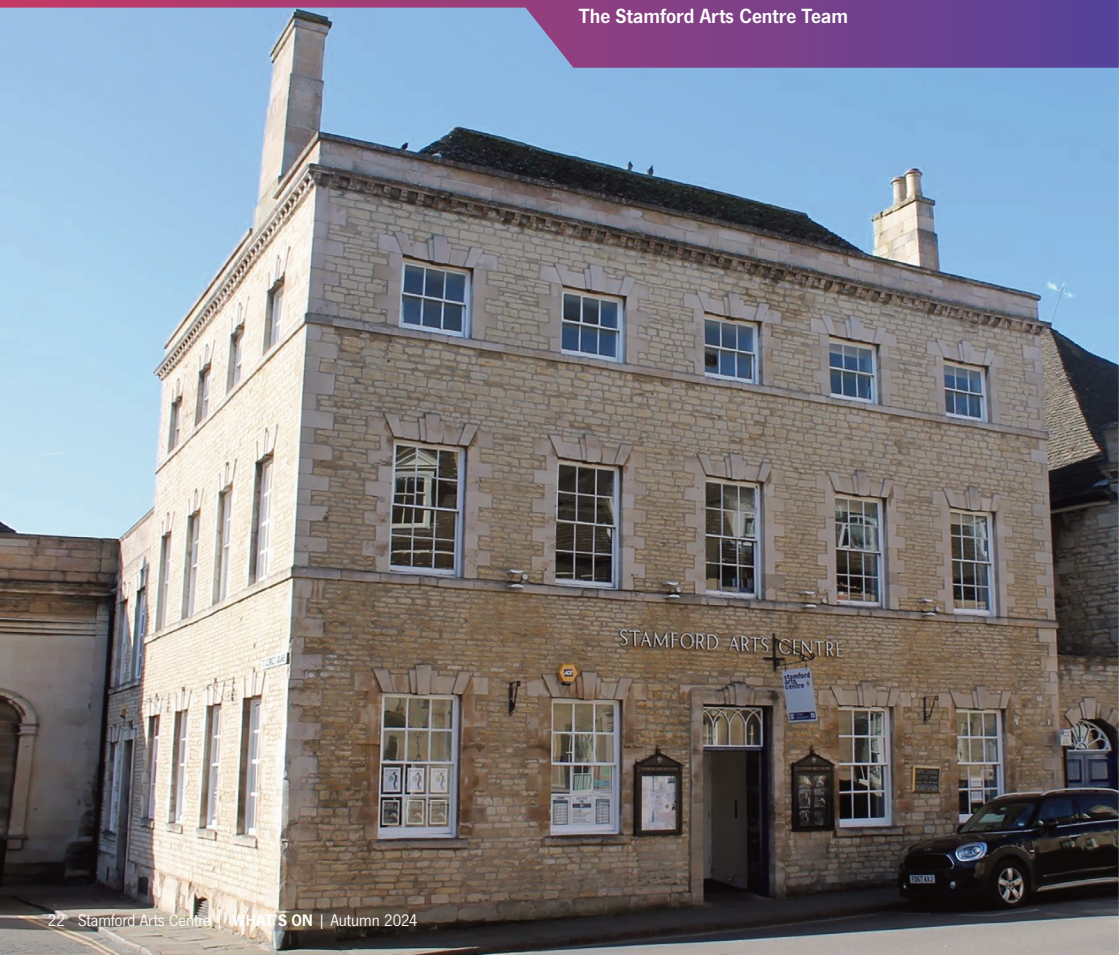
One of the highlights from last season was the Poet Laureate Competition on Wednesday 24th April. The atmosphere was electric and the turnout was fantastic. We are proud to announce Caroline Avnit as the new Poet Laureate of Stamford and Jasper Cairns as the Stamford Youth Laureate. This event highlighted the importance of our local poetry scene. Caroline, a lifelong poet, will engage in a variety of performances, commissions, and civic events throughout her tenure and is passionate about promoting the town.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our 'Music In Quiet Places' events this summer. These concerts, set in local churches, offered an unparalleled experience of classical music in beautiful settings. The incredible turnout this year was heartwarming and we look forward to seeing you again next year - or even sooner at one of our classical events here at the arts centre.

In addition to our live performances, our cinema offers a wide selection of films. We're thrilled to introduce a new addition to our programme: 'Kids Club!' This exciting initiative is designed to inspire and entertain our youngest audiences. At Kids Club, adults pay kids' prices, ensuring an affordable and unforgettable cinematic experience for all. Don't forget to pick up a free loyalty card from the box office too. Get it stamped at each Kids Club screening and enjoy free popcorn on your third visit and a free ticket on your sixth visit!

We look forward to welcoming you soon,

The Stamford Arts Centre Team



BOOKING INFORMATION

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

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