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WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

Welcome to Stamford Arts Centre and our exciting Summer 2026 season. We're delighted to bring you a programme filled with inspiring live events — both within our beautiful building and beyond.

Alongside our Arts Centre programme, we're once again preparing for another wonderful summer of 'Music in Quiet Places'. This much-loved concert series showcases talented musicians performing in some of the most beautiful and historic churches in the area. These intimate venues with stunning acoustics, create a unique and memorable listening experience for attendees. The series celebrates the rich musical heritage of the region and allows the opportunity to appreciate the historic and cultural significance of the churches themselves. This year we'll be visiting churches in Harlaxton, Billingborough, West Deeping and Careby.

Did you know that Stamford Arts Centre is also home to a thriving cinema? Over the past couple of years, our cinema has gone from strength to strength, allowing us to bring you the latest blockbusters sooner than ever. Alongside major releases,

we continue to champion foreign-language and arthouse films that you may not find at larger cinema chains. Our popular National Theatre Live, Royal Ballet and Opera screenings also remain a highlight of our programme. We're also pleased to introduce our new cinema discount scheme, available to all customers. By booking multiple films in one transaction, you can enjoy great savings — for example, four films now cost just £22 instead of £28. We hope this discount encourages you to explore even more of our diverse film programme.

Our Summer 2026 season was packed with sold-out events, and it has been wonderful to welcome so many of you back through our doors. With demand continuing to grow, we strongly recommend booking early for events you don't want to miss!

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

The Stamford Arts Centre Team





SATURDAY 9TH MAY, 7:30PM

TANNAHILL WEAVERS

The Tannahill Weavers are one of Scotland's premier traditional bands. Their diverse repertoire spans the centuries with fire-driven instrumentals and songs, and original ballads and lullabies. They have that unique combination of traditional melodies, driving rhythmic accompaniment, and rich vocals that make their performances unforgettable.

Over the years the 'Tannies' have been international trailblazers for Scottish music, and their tight harmonies and powerful, inventive arrangements have won them fans from beyond the folk and Celtic music scenes. Members of the Scottish Traditional Music Hall of Fame, in recent years the Tannahill Weavers have been joined by piper Iain MacGillivray, who has worked on such exciting productions as *Outlander* and *Men in Kilts*, and fiddle player extraordinaire Alistair McCulloch, who teaches at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland when not on tour.

As they begin recording their 20th album, they are firmly established as one of the premier groups on the concert stage - from reflective ballads to foot-stomping reels and jigs, the variety and range of the material they perform is matched only by their enthusiasm and lively Celtic spirits.

"The music may be pure old time Celtic, but the drive and enthusiasm are akin to straight ahead rock and roll." - Winnipeg Free Press

"An especially eloquent mixture of the old and the new." - New York Times

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 12TH JUNE, 7:30PM

DISCOS FOR GROWN UPS

After our last few sold out discos in Stamford - we are bringing Discos for Grown Ups back for more disco fun with a brand-new playlist of 70's 80's and 90's dance floor classics. It's a fun and fab night of dancing with people your own age - it's going to be a boogie night to remember!

£19.50, £24.50 VIP | Strictly 18+ Ballroom | Hire

SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 7:30PM

THE FRUITCAKE BAND

The Fruitcake Band is a local and very popular English ceilidh band. They bring together some of the best local traditional musicians to produce an exciting and energetic sound with melodeon, fiddle, whistles, mandolin, guitar, bouzouki and hammered dulcimer. They have regularly played for local village and other social events, so it is fitting that we have them now in the Ballroom. The Fruitcake Band are Alan Wood, on melodeon, hammered dulcimer, Si Garbutt on whistles, Steve Youngman on guitar and mandolin, Tim Richards on fiddle and bouzouki and caller Maggie Wood on percussion. We are also pleased to welcome a new local Ukrainian dance group, with Maryna Vashchenko to teach us a few of their wonderful dances at some time during the evening.



£15 (£8 under 25s) | Ballroom

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE, 7:30PM

SAM SWEENEY TRIO

The Sam Sweeney Trio brings together three of the UK's most distinctive folk musicians to play music from across Sam's discography. Fusing masterful musicianship with emotional depth and a forward-thinking approach to traditional music, the trio creates a sound that is both deeply rooted and strikingly modern. Sam Sweeney is widely regarded as one of the finest fiddle players of his generation. A member of Bellowhead and Leveret, and now an acclaimed solo artist, Sam has carved out a unique space in contemporary folk music — blending English fiddle traditions with cinematic composition and innovative ensemble work. Together, the Sam Sweeney Trio creates music that is at once intimate and expansive — weaving traditional English melodies with contemporary arrangement, improvisation, and a deep sense of musical conversation.



£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom



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FRIDAY 26TH JUNE, 7:30PM

BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

Christian Garrick & the Budapest Café Orchestra return to Stamford Arts Centre following last year's sold-out performance! BCO are a boutique band of four virtuoso musicians. They present music from all corners of the world in their own unique, fresh and surprising way. From Balkan and Russian traditional music to their artful distillations of Romantic masterworks to soaring Gaelic folk anthems, BCO is an infectious musical experience that will enter your bloodstream and stay there forever.

With sixteen albums to their name Budapest Café Orchestra was established by British composer and violinist Christian Garrick in 2009. BCO combines violin, guitar, accordion, double bass, saz, balalaika, domra and percussion to dazzling effect creating an astonishing soundscape and aural alchemy characteristic of larger ensembles,

Evoking vivid images of Tzigane fiddle maestros, Budapest café life and gypsy campfires - plus a few surprises along the way - hugely entertaining, immense skill and profound musicianship. A show by the BCO is enough to make you want to book that holiday down the Danube!

"Not so much a band name as a whole genre of its own, Budapest Café Orchestra embraces an encyclopaedia of music and mischief." – SCOTSMAN

£20 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 20TH JUNE, 7:30PM

THE WORLD OF GILBERT & SULLIVAN

Join 'The Wandering Minstrels' as they sing, act and dance their way through the Savoy Operas including *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Mikado*, *HMS Pinafore*, *Princess Ida*, *The Gondoliers*, *The Yeomen of the Guard* and *Ruddigore*. The concert will be a tribute to the late Angela Storey, Headmistress of Peterborough High School from 1977-1999, who died in July 2025 and was a great Gilbert and Sullivan fan.

£16 (including commission) | Ballroom
Hired

MUSIC



CLAIRE MARTIN OBE

The Jazz Divas

IN CONCERT

FRIDAY 17TH JULY, 7.30PM

CLAIRE MARTIN

Multi award-winning jazz vocalist, Claire Martin OBE, is joined by her world-class musicians for an intimate celebration of the great Jazz Divas of the Twentieth Century.

Through a wonderfully diverse programme, specially arranged and curated by Claire, the concert features a sparkling collection of music inspired by the great 'Jazz Divas' – including the likes of Billie Holiday, Peggy Lee and Ella Fitzgerald - whose legacy and influence continues to define a classic era of jazz singing.

Expect a truly world-class evening of music, featuring fresh interpretations of the music made famous by the Jazz Divas, stylish reworkings of their lesser-known gems, as well as a few surprises along the way.

"She ranks amongst the four or five finest female jazz vocalists on the planet" - Jazz Times USA

"A consummate jazz singer with old-school virtues ... she wins plaudits everywhere she works" - The Guardian

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom

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SATURDAY 27TH JUNE, 7:30PM

SUMMER SURPRISES (AND DELIGHTS)

Prepare to be enchanted and delighted in this joyful summer celebration from Stamford Chamber Orchestra! From Mendelssohn's magical Midsummer Night's Dream Overture to Haydn's famous 'Surprise' Symphony, this programme sparkles with wit and wonder. We're thrilled to premiere Sturt's new commission, A Wealden Rhapsody, alongside Casadesu's charming London Sketches and Elgar's ever-popular Serenade for Strings.

£16.50 (£13.50 concessions)
£6 under 26s | Ballroom | Hired

FRIDAY 3RD JULY, 7:30PM

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

Join Classic-BRIT nominated soprano Katie Marshall for an evening celebrating iconic songs from Broadway to Hollywood. Featuring classic favourites from Carousel, West Side Story, My Fair Lady and the King and I, this will be an evening of glamour, music and romance. Katie is one of the most exciting young artists in the classical world today and captivates audiences with her pure tone, artistry and compelling stage presence. Her album, 'Voice Divine', was mastered at Abbey Road Studios and she featured on Warner Music's 'Christmas at Downton Abbey' Album. She has performed at venues including the O2 and St Paul's Cathedral and toured with G4 and André Rieu's soprano Mirusia Louwerse in the Netherlands.

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom | Hired



MONDAY 17TH AUGUST, 3PM

NATIONAL YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA CAMERATA AND SINFONIA

Catch up with the players of the National Youth String Orchestra's Camerata and Sinfonia ensembles at the close of this year's summer residency in Stamford. Founded in 1995, NYSO is one of the UK's most prestigious training organisations for string players aged from 7 to 21, bringing together talented young players from across the country for residencies in the spring and summer. Players benefit from outstanding personalised coaching from a dedicated team of leading chamber orchestra musicians. Working on challenging repertoire they unlock the potential in each player, developing their musicality and confidence as individuals and as members of a section. Repertoire includes music by Arensky, Bizet, Boyce, Kuula, Nielsen, Rautavaara and Respighi.

£15 (£7.50 concessions) | Ballroom | Hired



TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST, 6PM

NATIONAL YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA SENIOR ENSEMBLE

Join the National Youth String Orchestra's senior ensemble at the close of this year's summer residency in Stamford. Founded in 1995, NYSO is one of the UK's most prestigious training orchestras for string players up to the age of 21, bringing together talented young players from across the country for residencies in the spring and summer. Players benefit from outstanding personalised coaching from a dedicated team of leading chamber orchestra musicians. The senior ensemble's recent performances include appearances at the Three Choirs Festival, Lake District Summer Music, MusicFest Aberystwyth and Cambridge Summer Music; the ensemble returns to perform at Snape Maltings later this week. Programme includes wonderful music for string orchestra by Dvořák, Gipsy, Mozart and Stravinsky, under Music Director Damian Iorio.

£15 (£7.50 concessions) | Ballroom | Hired



STAMFORD INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL



THURSDAY 21ST MAY, 6PM

MENDELSSOHN CONCERTO, BEETHOVEN & KORNGOLD

The festival opens with a programme that welcomes listeners into three days of chamber music, setting out the emotional terrain of the days to come: music that balances wit and warmth, elegance and intensity; music to laugh and cry to. Ludwig van Beethoven's String Trio in D major, Op. 9 No. 2 is one of the finest works of his early Vienna years, a fitting open to the festival.

£32 (free for under 17's) | Ballroom



THURSDAY 21ST MAY, 9PM

DIFFERENT TRAINS LATE NIGHT

This late-night concert brings together two works written 160 years apart, tracing very different kinds of journeys. From an inward voyage in Schubert to a starkly documented passage through twentieth-century history in Reich. Franz Schubert's Fantasie in F minor for piano four hands, D. 940 is among his most searching and emotionally charged works. Steve Reich's Different Trains (1988) shifts the programme into the soundworld of the late twentieth century.

£22 (free for under 17's) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 22ND MAY, 1PM

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING LUNCHTIME

A varied lunchtime programme that offers audiences the chance to hear festival artists in a more intimate offering, exploring music that ranges from lightness and charm to inward intensity; music to laugh and cry to on a smaller, more personal scale. The programme concludes with György Ligeti's String Quartet No. 1, Métamorphoses Nocturnes, a work of extraordinary imagination.

£18 (free for under 17's) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 22ND MAY, 7PM

DVORÁK 'DUMKY' TRIO

A programme at the heart of this year's festival, bringing together driving rhythmic intensity, folk-inspired reflection and richly lyrical chamber writing across the evening. Jörg Widmann's 180 Beats per Minute (1993) opens the concert with propulsive energy and razor-sharp intensity. Compressed, urgent and uncompromising, the piece makes its impact in just five exhilarating minutes.

£32 (free for under 17's) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 22ND MAY, 9:30PM

LATE NIGHT BEETHOVEN, STRING QUARTET OP.130

Beethoven's String Quartet in B-flat major, Op. 130 stands as one of the most searching and innovative works of his late period. Vast in scale and rich in contrast, the quartet moves from moments of lightness to passages of profound introspection. Performed late at night in the historic setting of Browne's Hospital, one of Stamford's oldest buildings.

£22 (free for under 17's) | Browne's Hospital



SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 11:30AM

TCHAIKOVSKY PIANO TRIO

Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A minor, Op. 50, subtitled *À la mémoire d'un grand artiste*, stands among the great Romantic chamber works. Written in memory of Nikolai Rubinstein, the trio combines moments of grandeur with deeply personal expression, shaped by a powerful sense of loss. Its final movement unfolds as an extended set of variations, moving from intimate reflection to passages of almost symphonic breadth.

£18 (free for under 17's) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 2PM

CHILDREN'S CONCERT 'THE CIRCUS'

This relaxed, interactive 40-minute concert introduces children to chamber music through music from *Souvenir de Florence* by Tchaikovsky and *The Circus* by Turina, performed with piano, violins, violas and cellos. With musical games, playful listening activities, and plenty of imagination, this concert offers a welcoming and informal way to enjoy live music and the concert experience.

£8 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 7:30PM

FESTIVAL FINALE

The festival closes with a celebratory programme that draws together many of the strands explored across the three days. Dance and rhythm, theatrical character, lyricism and large-scale Romantic expression, offering a final look back before opening out into the festival's concluding statement. A world premiere arrangement of Turina's *The Circus*, commissioned by the festival and arranged by Joseph Havlát, brings theatrical colour to the evening.

£32 (free for under 17's) | Ballroom

FRIDAY 15TH MAY, 8PM

BEN MARTIN QUARTET 'FULL GAS' THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK

The quartet, with over a decade performing together, will showcase a curated selection of jazz standards and classic songs that have defined American music for decades. The Great American Songbook, a treasure trove of iconic songs from composers like George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and Harold Arlen, holds a special place in the heart of music lovers. It represents an era of sophistication, romance, and storytelling rarely equalled in modern times. Ben has performed all over the world with such diverse acts as Sir Paul McCartney, Groove Armada, Kenny Wheeler and a many more.

£15 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 5TH JUNE, 8PM

ROMANCING THE SONG WITH REBECCA POOLE

Join highly acclaimed singer songwriter Rebecca Poole on the tour of her brand-new album 'Play On'. Enjoy a captivating mix of timeless jazz classics and Rebecca's heartfelt originals. A masterful entertainer with an infectiously playful character, deep velvet vocals and great variety of heart achingly romantic ballads, feel good swing, Americana and moody blues. Rebecca supported Jools Holland on tour, including knock out shows at the Royal Albert Hall and Wembley Stadium. Rebecca has shared the stage with Jamie Cullum, Lana Del Rey and Simply Red.

£15 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 10TH JULY, 8PM

JAMES ALLSOPP QUARTET PLAYS STAN GETZ

Join us at Stamford Jazz for a tribute to the inimitable master saxophonist Stan Getz. This program will feature music from his extensive catalogue which has set the standard for generations of artists to come, expect lush ballads, uplifting bossa novas, swinging standards and motoring bop compositions played by some of London's most in-demand musicians. Featuring the award-winning saxophonist James Allsopp with Colin Oxley on guitar, Oli Hayhurst on double bass and Dave Storey on drums playing music from their brand-new album "Ballads and Bossas".

£15 standard | Ballroom



WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY, 7:30PM

ALBATROSS

MENAGERIE THEATRE COMPANY

Written by award-winning playwright Martha Loader. Do family ties make us act with more care or blind us to the facts? Albatross takes us to the very boundaries of love in the age of climate catastrophe. Alice, a glaciologist, returns from Antarctica – back home to her daughter Alba and her mother Eve. There's been a flood, a new romance and now a strange gift. It's 1.30am. Alba sleeps. Eve has never been more awake. And Alice? Maybe those cracks she discovered in the Antarctic ice have followed her home. And maybe they're calling her to go back...

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



THURSDAY 14TH MAY, 8PM

PLEASURE INCORPORATED

What if sex workers could get drunk at the office Christmas party? Had colleagues they could gossip with? Went to performance reviews with their managers? What would it be like if the oldest profession in the world was just a regular office job? Drawn from Jemima's lived experience of escorting in Berlin and as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse (CSA), this lyrical one-woman play is an insightful, witty and sensitive exploration of one woman's route to selling sex; what it means for her to do the work and how that spools out into her friendships, relationships and society.

£12 (£10 concessions) | Suitable for ages 16+ | Theatre



SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 3:15PM & 5:45PM

TYD JUNIOR SHOWCASE 2026

TYD presents two innovative, exciting and moving one act plays as part of our annual Junior Showcase 2026. We are so proud to be celebrating our 25th anniversary this year as we continue to make theatre for, with and about young people. Join us for this year's beautifully crafted production, performed and co-created by our younger members.

£15 standard | Theatre | Hired



TUESDAY 2ND JUNE – SATURDAY 6TH JUNE, 7:45PM

LEMONS LEMONS LEMONS LEMONS LEMONS

STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

When the government imposes a new 'hush law', Oliver and Bernadette's life is about to get turned upside down. The everyday dramas of their relationship – tricky enough – now dealt with in as few words as possible. Let's hope those games of Articulate have paid off... A dystopian rom com like no other, watch as a young couple face the many trials of cohabited life. Funny, moving and thought-provoking in equal parts, this award-winning script will have you laughing, crying and carefully considering what's best left said and unsaid in our relationships.



£12 (£10 concessions) | Theatre

THURSDAY 18TH & FRIDAY 19TH JUNE, 7:30PM

PRIDE & PREJUDICE... BUT FUNNY

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY

What do you get if you cross Jane Austen's most famous novel with a bunch of buffoons? Pride and Prejudice...but funny! A ridiculous romp through all the Bennets, Bingleys, bachelors and balls (not that kind), and not forgetting the De Bourghs and Darcys. Featuring at least one soaking wet shirt and some excellent boiled potatoes, this hilarious retelling of Austen's most loved story is not to be missed!



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

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY, 7:30PM

THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE

HOTBUCKLE PRODUCTIONS

An Exploration of Fate, Society, and Nature. Thomas Hardy's "The Return of the Native" is a profound exploration of human desires and the indomitable forces that shape destiny. Set against the haunting backdrop of Egdon Heath, the novel tells the story of Eustacia Vye, a young woman whose passionate longing for escape and fulfilment drives the narrative inevitably towards its tragic conclusion. With live music, high energy, multi role playing, humour and inventiveness, yet another English classic novel is brought wonderfully to life—Hotbuckle style!



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

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY, 7:30PM

AN EVENING WITH AGGERS

Returning to Stamford Arts Centre after his last sold-out talk! With a new cricket season upon us, Jonathan Agnew returns to the stage to relive the trauma of the winter's Ashes series and look ahead to what the impact of that tour will be on English cricket. Packed full of anecdotes and guaranteed laughter, Aggers will also take us deep into the extraordinary Australian outback on the Cessna he piloted during the tour, raising money for charity.

£25 standard | Theatre



WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE, 7:30PM

THE SECRET HISTORY OF BRITAIN'S FOOTPATHS: NICHOLAS CRANE

A fascinating coast-to-coast look at Britain's most historic footpaths and walkways from the acclaimed geographer and author Nicholas Crane. Discover the prehistoric routeways walked by European migrants 12,000 years ago, how Saxons, Normans and the industrial revolution changed our landscape and how our beloved national parks emerged from the ashes of two world wars. Nicholas Crane will take you on a journey to discover some of his most memorable walks and calls on all of us to rediscover the lifeblood of our landscapes.

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



SUNDAY 5TH JULY, 11AM

JOHN CLARE COTTAGE TOUR

Enjoy the idyllic surroundings of John Clare Cottage with a guided tour of the museum and gardens. A delicious lunch, included in the ticket price, will then be served. The afternoon continues with a poetry walk around Helpston village, led by Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours in collaboration with local Stamford poets.

John Clare was born in 1793 in the village of Helpston, Northamptonshire, in what is now preserved as John Clare Cottage. The cottage now operates as a museum, cafe and gardens, welcoming visitors from all over the world to engage in Clare's belief in our shared and timeless right to nature.

£30 standard | John Clare Cottage, Helpston





FRIDAY 29TH MAY, 2:30PM

AIRPORT ALIEN RHUBARB THEATRE

It's the summer of 1974 at the world's busiest airport. Everyone's excited about their holidays. But what's this arriving on the runway? Holy Moly! A spaceship from another world!

ArVi the Alien has been sent from Planet X. HER MISSION... to find happiness! Surrounded by technology, her species have lost their way. Their last hope... Earth. But ArVi's in trouble. Everything's so different, the language, the people, and even the fashions!

Can Carol the Cleaner, Snuffles and Colin the Customs Officer help her? From Bell-bottoms to Benidorm, sandals to sniffer dogs, Rhubarb Theatre's brand-new family show is sure to take you out of this world!

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. AIRPORT ALIEN is a show told through visual inventiveness, puppetry, physical theatre, dance, song and lots of laughter.

£12 adult, £8 child | Suitable for ages 5-11 | Theatre

FRIDAY 29TH MAY, 3:45PM

Don't forget to book for our post-show workshop too! Join Hannah's creative play session inspired by the fantastic and imaginative show **Airport Alien**. Colour your favourite characters and create your own solar system mobile and flying saucer!

£5 child | Ballroom

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SATURDAY 4TH JULY, 2:30PM

THE VERY BUSY BUMBLEBEE

LET'S ALL DANCE BALLET COMPANY

Mr. Grumpy the Gardener is a litter bug! When he is finished with his sandwich bag and coffee cup, he just throws it on the ground! Mr Grumpy also doesn't like bees. He doesn't like them buzzing or flying round his head, and he's always worried they will sting him.

But Beatrice the Very Busy Bumblebee wants to whizz from flower to flower, collect nectar and make lovely, sweet honey, and she certainly doesn't want rubbish messing up her lovely garden.

Can Beatrice teach Mr. Grumpy to tidy up and just how important she is for the garden and for the whole world? With themes of friendship and sustainability, this sweet, funny show is the perfect introduction to live ballet and helps children understand just how important looking after our planet really is.

With larger-than-life characters, crystal clear storytelling and fabulous dancing, the Let's All Dance Ballet Company creates beautifully engaging shows for young and family audiences.

£10 adult, £8 child | Suitable for ages 0-8 | Theatre



ARTS CENTRE CINEMA

Did you know we have a packed cinema programme at Stamford Arts Centre? From foreign films to the latest blockbusters, indie gems and event cinema, enjoy a carefully curated selection in a charming, historic setting. Relax, unwind and let great stories unfold on screen—right in the heart of Stamford!

KIDS WORKSHOPS



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE, 10AM & 11AM

SATURDAY 18TH JULY, 10AM & 11AM

WILDLING WORKSHOPS

Artist Portia Graves will be demonstrating how to use watercolour paints and a range of other materials to create an under the sea piece of art (June) and a pre-historic piece of art (July), teaching children how to paint and draw. All materials are provided - please dress your children in comfy clothes they don't mind getting paint on!

£8 child | Suitable for ages 9-12 | Ballroom



THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST, 10AM & 11:15AM

KITE MAKING & SUMMER GARLAND WORKSHOP

Come and join our arts facilitator Hannah for a summer kite making and garland workshop, using recycled materials and paper. Decorate with tissue paper, ribbon and crayons to create your unique summer inspired designs.

£5 child | Suitable for ages 3+ | Ballroom



THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST, 10AM & 11:15AM

DIY BIRD FEEDER MAKING

Join Hannah for a DIY bird feeder making workshop. Using a combination of string, glue and recycled materials, create a bird feeder ready for your gardens and outdoor spaces during the summer holidays.

£5 child | Suitable for ages 4+ | Ballroom



THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST, 10AM & 11:15AM

BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTS

Join Hannah for a creative craft morning to get back into the school spirit ready for the new term, or your very first school term. Make your very own DIY bookmark, caterpillar pen pots and confidence crowns ready for the new term. There will also be a doodle matt for any extra doodles!

£5 child | Suitable for ages 3+ | Ballroom

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

A POPULAR CONCERT SERIES THAT SHOWCASES TALENTED MUSICIANS PERFORMING IN SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC CHURCHES IN THE AREA. ALL TICKETS ARE £17 (£15 CONCESSIONS).



THURSDAY 28TH MAY, 7:30PM

CHAMELEON

With a quartet of musicians sharing 13 instruments between them, Chameleon's concerts are full of excitement as they perform different styles, sounds and genres. This programme features a mix of original compositions and player-arranged works, drawing on diverse instrumentations and time periods. From the folk-inspired melodies of Dvorák to the serene piano music of Amy Beach, the programme pairs the old with the new, the familiar with the unexpected.

St Mary & St Peter's, Harlaxton, NG32 1JQ



THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 7:30PM

K'ANTU

K'antu Ensemble invites you on a journey through the glittering courts of Renaissance Europe, where the Elizabethan elite were captivated by exquisite lute songs and elegant dance music. Performed by a quartet of K'antu Ensemble's award-winning players, this programme traces the musical connections between England, Continental Europe, and the New World—from the refined courts of Spain and England to the distant missions of South America.

St Andrew's, West Deeping, PE6 9HU



THURSDAY 11TH JUNE, 7:30PM

ELMORE QUARTET

The Elmore Quartet currently hold the position of Hans Keller Chamber Fellows at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama following a Fellowship position at the Royal Northern College of Music where they taught chamber music to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students. Over the past two years, the Elmore Quartet have recorded multiple times for BBC Radio 3 and performed at esteemed venues including Wigmore Hall, Kings Place London and Bridgewater Hall.

St Andrew's, Billingborough, NG34 0QG



THURSDAY 9TH JULY, 7:30PM

SIMON THACKER

Simon Thacker is a composer, classical guitarist, improviser and ensemble leader. Equally at home playing Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* with orchestra or performing his reimaginings of Bengali Baul spiritual songs for an audience of 60,000 at South Asia's largest folk festival, Thacker is one of Scotland's most distinctive and compelling musical figures.

St Stephen, Carey, PE9 4EA

LOCAL EVENTS



SATURDAY 2ND MAY, 7:30PM

TRIO STRADELLA

To open the Brazenose Chamber Concert Series 2026 Trio Stradella will be performing an evening of rich and expressive repertoire for violin, cello and piano. Together, Trio Stradella has quickly gained recognition as one of the UK's most exciting young chamber groups. Each member brings deep musical insight and an engaging stage presence, making this a performance not to miss.

£21 | £5 (U18s & Full-Time Students) | St Martin's Church



SATURDAY 11TH JULY, 7:30PM

MICHAEL PETROV & SUSIE SUMMERS

Join us for an expressive duo recital featuring a programme that spans the emotional depth of Beethoven and the sweeping romanticism of Rachmaninov. Award-winning cellist Michael Petrov has captivated audiences and critics with his "captivating musical temperament and a direct eloquence" (Die Welt), reflecting his commanding presence on the international stage. He is joined by pianist Susie Summers, a prize-winning alumna of the Royal Academy of Music and Cambridge University.

£21 | £5 (U18s & Full-Time Students) | St Martin's Church



SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

ELEDONE QUARTET

Experience the rich sonorities of Ravel and Mozart in an evening of quartet classics performed by the Eledone Quartet on Brazenose instruments. Brazenose Violins are the creation of Stamford's very own violin shop, Stamford Strings. The Eledone Quartet have known each other for over ten years and formed formally in 2023. Individually they are graduates of leading UK conservatoires with numerous awards and have performed at prestigious venues across the UK.

£21 | £5 (U18s & Full-Time Students) | St Martin's Church



SELECTED SATURDAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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. Keep an eye out on our website for special themed tours too!

£12 (£10 concessions) | Meet at Stamford Arts Centre

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SKETCHING STAMFORD WORKSHOPS – KAREN NEALE

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

MONDAY ART CLASS – HEATHER HARRISON

MONDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM (DURING TERM TIME)
heatherlindaharrison@gmail.com

LOVE TO DANCE (STAMFORD) - MODERN JIVE CLASSES

MONDAYS 8PM
07730 269969
Facebook: Love To Dance (Stamford)

STAMFORD DANCE ACADEMY VARIETY OF DANCE CLASSES FOR AGES 2 ½ - 18

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS
charlotte@stamforddanceacademy.co.uk
www.stamforddanceacademy.co.uk

ADVANCED LIFE DRAWING CLASS

TUESDAYS 10AM - 12:30PM
pacrewe@yahoo.co.uk | 07540 075764
Paul Crewe

NICKY HAYES YOGA

TUESDAYS 10AM – 1:30PM,
WEDNESDAYS 7:30PM – 9PM
07739 589810
www.nickyhayesyoga.co.uk

THE ARTS SOCIETY STAMFORD

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 11AM
stamford@theartsociety.org
www.theartsocietystamford.org.uk

EVENING LIFE CLASS

THURSDAY 7PM - 9.30PM
mikealabaster@googlemail.com
01780 763806

WILDCATS THEATRE SCHOOL – STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

VARIOUS CLASS TIMES TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS
admin@wildcats-uk.com
www.wildcats.org.uk

PAINTING & DRAWING CLASS – TIM BEASLEY

WEDNESDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM & 1:30PM - 4PM
smcfoundry@yahoo.co.uk | 07453 993340

THE ARTS SOCIETY BURGHLEY

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 10:45AM
Burghley@theartsociety.org
www.theartsociety.org/Burghley

LIFE DRAWING CLASS SCULPTURE CLASS – TIM BEASELY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM – 9PM
smcfoundry@yahoo.co.uk | 07453 993340

DROLMA MEDITATION

THURSDAYS 1PM - 2PM
addrolma@gmail.com | 07717 420057
www.drolmacentre.org.uk

LIFE DRAWING CLASS

THURSDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM
pacrewe@yahoo.co.uk | 07540 075764
Paul Crewe

60+ DANCE CLASS – SARAH HILL

THURSDAYS 2PM - 3PM
01778 421229

WOVEN CHORDS

THURSDAYS 7:30PM - 9:30PM
(SEE WEBSITE FOR TERM DATES)
info@wovenchords.com
www.wovenchords.com

EXPLORING ART

SATURDAYS 10AM - 1PM
malcolmpugh@btinternet.com | 07913 938908

Pint Of Poetry



PINT OF POETRY

Join us for Pint Of Poetry, held in our Ballroom 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! These events are free to attend!



TUESDAY 26TH MAY – SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

ART TUTOR EXHIBITION

Join us at the Arts Centre for a vibrant exhibition, celebrating the creativity, diversity and achievements of our inspiring local art groups and classes. Enjoy the imaginative skill and community spirit that bring these Stamford art groups and individuals together.

DESIGN NATION NOTTS GROWTH

TUESDAY 12TH – SATURDAY 23RD MAY

GROWTH

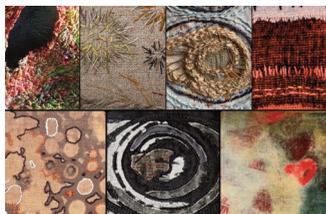
Growth is a year-long exploration by designer-makers working in many disciplines, (textiles, ceramics, metal work, jewellery, woodwork) experimenting with new techniques & materials. Drawing from nature's resilience & personal challenges, this diverse collection reveals creative breakthroughs & the many meanings of growth.



TUESDAY 9TH – SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

ARTSPACE NOW

"ArtSpace Now", aims to showcase each individual artist's interests and visual responses, with an emphasis on our own personal work development. We are a diverse group of artists that work in very different ways, and we chose to remain on our own working pathways for this exhibition. Celebrating our various styles, subject matter and range of media.



TUESDAY 23RD JUNE –

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

FRAGMENTS

A must-see exhibition by SoArt, showcasing a range of styles and techniques, incorporating fabric, paper, stitch, paint and print. Their work is inspired by the theme 'Fragments'.



TUESDAY 7TH – SATURDAY 18TH JULY

SCRATCHING THE SURFACE

NoliteX is a group of textile and mixed media artists from Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Inspired by circles, lines and graffiti, *Scratching the Surface* explores marks and uncovers the stories embedded in the surfaces around us. These traces, whether literal or metaphorical, reveal narratives that are hidden, overlooked, forgotten or ignored.



TUESDAY 21ST JULY –

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

THE DOUBLE TAKE

The *DOUBLE Take* exhibition presents recent works from Gina Glover and Susan Williams exploring environmental themes and reflections on place through photography, camera-less and digital imagery, installation and film. On offer is a thought-provoking range of works using compelling colour and delicate light, to bare, other-worldly simplicity.



TUESDAY 4TH - SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

M.A.D. IN THE SUMMERTIME

The ever-popular Maxey Art Group & Deepings Art Club (M.A.D.) Art Exhibition returns to Stamford this summer, showcasing the work of many talented local artists. Most of the exhibits are for sale.



On selected Tuesdays throughout the year, Stamford Record Players Club brings the Gallery to life with curated vinyl sessions. These evenings are becoming increasingly popular, so why not come along and experience it for yourself? To stay up to date with upcoming dates and news, follow Iwan Powell on Instagram and Facebook.

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

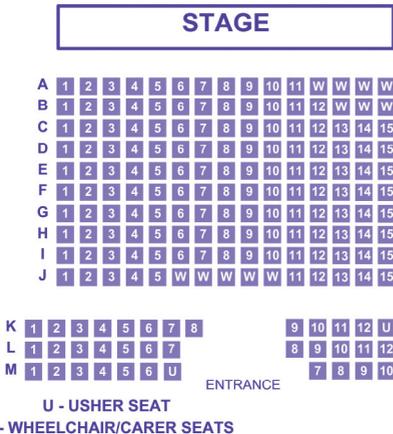
You can buy a gift voucher for any amount you require over the phone, via our website or by popping into the box office.

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](mailto:Events@southkesteven.gov.uk) for more information.

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

THEATRE SEATING PLAN



BALLROOM SEATING PLAN

