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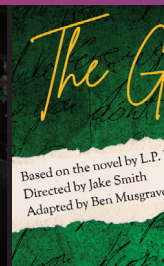
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WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

Welcome to a brand-new season of events and activities to round off 2026 in style. Our favourite time of year has arrived once again, and we're delighted to bring you this year's pantomime, Rapunzel. This is our third in house professional pantomime, following the success of Mother Goose and Alice in Wonderland in previous years. It's been a joy to see our audiences grow each year and tickets are selling further in advance than ever before, so make sure to book early to avoid disappointment!

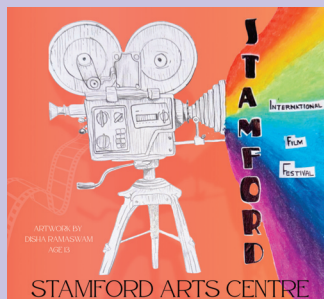
As well as our pantomime, this season has some fantastic shows and workshops for children and families. We're thrilled to welcome back Kevin F Sutherland and his hugely popular Comic Art Masterclass. After two sold out workshops in April, with children creating incredible comic masterpieces and parents giving glowing feedback, we're excited to offer it again. If you have children aged 7+, this is an unmissable activity! We're also very excited to be bringing you 'A Tale Of Us', a beautiful new

play created especially for parents and their babies, ending with a sensory stay-and-play session. If you joined us for the baby sensory show 'Persephone' in 2025, you'll love this!

You'll also notice a new feature in our guide: Out & About SK. This exciting new programme provides engaging arts and cultural experiences to communities across the district. Through a diverse range of creative projects, these district wide events aim to celebrate local talent, support artistic expression, and make the arts accessible to everyone. From innovative community initiatives to large-scale cultural events, the projects foster creativity, connection, and a sense of place.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Arts Centre soon.

The Stamford Arts Centre Team



Join us at the Stamford International Film Festival on 7th October 2026. We have carefully curated a day filled with short films from rising filmmakers across the world and insightful talks lead by industry professionals. At SIFF we champion the future of cinema, with films that are not only visually compelling, but whose stories resonate with our audience. Use this exclusive Arts Centre brochure code for 20% off – STAMFORD20

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

FOLKSTONE

Folkstone Productions CIC is a UK-based cultural organisation dedicated to sharing the rich traditions of Hungarian folk music and dance with international audiences through performances, workshops, and community events. The ensemble will feature musicians including Bence Vörösmarty, possibly Ádám Romer, Tamás Ferencz, and Nándor Kiss, alongside dancers from the Hunique Dance Ensemble. The performance will introduce audiences to the vibrant world of Hungarian folk culture through live music, energetic dancing, and interactive teaching sessions. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn simple traditional social dances and experience the communal spirit of the Hungarian táncház ("dance house") tradition — a UNESCO-recognised cultural heritage practice centred around music, dance, and community participation.

£15 (£8 under 25s) | Suitable for ages 8+ | Ballroom



SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

RICHARD DURRANT

A wonderful live music event for acoustic and classical guitar lovers and the musically curious. Featuring Richard's original, haunting guitar music including his newly released track 'The Art of Levitation'. Indie-classical composer & concert guitarist Richard Durrant will also play music from the High Baroque, the English Baroque and (in a fascinating homage to John Renbourn & Bert Jansch) the English Folk Baroque. Durrant's intriguingly unpretentious style of delivery should not belie the emotional depth of his music; witness the onstage persona of an informative, friendly stand-up and the playing of one of the world's most inventive, guitar virtuosos.

£20 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

EMILY PORTMAN

Emily Portman is an award-winning singer and songwriter with a passion for traditional songs, hailed as 'one of the new British folk scene's most beguiling presences' (Uncut). She has toured widely for over 15 years as a band leader, with The Furrow Collective and in a duo with Leveret's Rob Harbron. Emily was awarded a BBC Folk award for 'Best Original Song' and has released three critically acclaimed albums of original songs that recast old ballads and fairytales into new shapes. Her new album tells tales of women encountering challenges and transformations in midlife and embarking on quests to find wonder in a jaded age. The songs chronicle Emily's own midlife experiences, with reflections on motherhood, burnout, the redemptive power of music... and shapeshifting into a werewolf!

£18 (£16 concessions) | Theatre



SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 7:30PM

YAROSLAV OLIINYK

A classical event you won't want to miss! Yaroslav Oliinyk is an incredible composer, pianist and improviser who blew us all away with his performance at the Arts Centre last year. A graduate of the Tchaikovsky National Music Academy in Kyiv, he is a prize-winner of international competitions held in Germany, Italy, Spain, France, and the Czech Republic. As a performer, he is known for his virtuosity. As a composer, for his distinctive style and cinematic sensitivity. Since 2023, he has been based in the UK, where he has performed solo concerts across the country. He holds a Global Talent Visa, endorsed by Arts Council England. Each of his live performances blends structured composition with improvisation, making every concert a one-of-a-kind experience.

£20 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

JACK RUTTER

Yorkshire folk singer Jack Rutter has established himself as one of the standout voices of the folk, roots and acoustic music scene in recent years. A hugely engaging stage presence, his soaring vocal, powerhouse guitar and bouzouki playing and masterful arrangements of traditional songs and contemporary covers have enthralled audiences from the largest festival main stages to the most intimate folk clubs. This year sees the release of his critically acclaimed third album *This Is Something Constant*, a compelling and spellbinding showcase of gripping story ballads and upbeat festival-stage firecrackers, perfectly pitched and delivered with soaring, crystal clear vocals that breathe new life into ancient tales.

£15 standard | Theatre



SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

MARTIN HARLEY

Martin Harley is celebrated as “One of the UK’s finest contemporary roots musicians” (Guitarist Magazine) and a “slide guitar master” (Roots Magazine). For three decades, Harley has captivated audiences worldwide, recording albums in Texas, Nashville, and Wales. His spellbinding slide guitar style and ability to blend Americana, Blues, and Folk have earned him acclaim, including nominations for the Americana Music Awards Instrumentalist of the Year and Best Acoustic Blues Artist. His collaborations with luminaries like Jerry Douglas and Grammy winner Derek Mixon have further solidified his place in the roots music scene. Albums like *Static* in the Wires reached #2 on the iTunes Blues charts.

£20 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

JUAN MARTÍN

Juan Martín learned his art in the land of its origin, Andalucía in southern Spain where he spent his early formative years and where he still retains a home. At the age of 17, already playing professionally, he performed in the film 'Donde tu estès', filmed in the Málaga region. He also accompanied singers including El Chocolate, Manolo Gafas and Antonio Canillas. He was voted into the top flamenco guitarists by the magazine Guitar Player for two years running and was invited to perform at Picasso's 90th birthday celebrations which later led him to record his groundbreaking album Picasso Portraits.

£20 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

THE DORIC STRING QUARTET

The Doric String Quartet brings elegance and intimacy both to the Classical canon and new music, with the depth and integrity of their interpretations winning them fans across the world. Having performed complete cycles of Haydn, Mendelssohn and Bartók at the most prominent European venues, including Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Vienna Konzerthaus and Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie, the players have turned their attention to Beethoven and Britten. The first instalment of their Beethoven cycle was released in 2023 and was praised by The Times as 'a joy'. The series culminates in 2026–27, in time for the 200th anniversary of Beethoven's death.

£26 (£24 concessions) | Ballroom

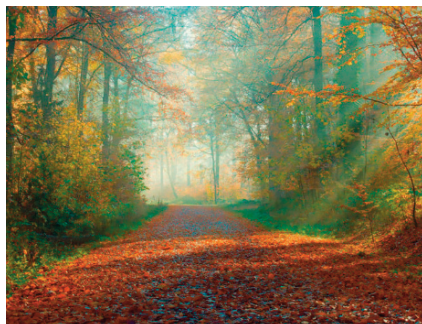


SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

AUTUMN SERENADE — STAMFORD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

This programme brings a feast of wit, elegance and hidden treasures. Rossini's sparkling overture to L'italiana in Algeri sets the scene with irresistible comic élan, before we welcome clarinettist Oliver Janes for Mozart's sublime Clarinet Concerto, one of the most wonderful works ever written for the instrument. The evening culminates in Hoffmann's First Symphony. He was a writer, critic, and polymath, and this symphony is a fascinating example of early Romantic music, reflecting his dual passions for classical architecture and intense, emotional Romantic expressivity. Join SCO for an evening that pairs the familiar with the fascinatingly unexpected.

£18 (£15 concessions) £7 under 25's | Hired | Ballroom





FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

JAMES LISNEY

James Lisney returns to Stamford's Ballroom with a garland of romantic piano music inspired by poetry, song, and the spirit of dance. The programme includes works by Franz Liszt, Franz Schubert, Fryderyk Chopin and finally, Sergei Rachmaninoff. James presents two celebrated songs originally written for soprano - and two waltzes that the celebrated violinist Fritz Kreisler passed off as "Old Viennese Dances" before confessing that they were his own. Rachmaninoff's virtuosic and humorous transcriptions are a splendid tribute from one emigré musician to another.

£22.50 (£10 for under 18's and full-time students) | Hired | Ballroom



FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

THE ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND

The Albion Christmas Band returns this December for its 27th year of touring, continuing a cherished festive tradition that marks the true beginning of Christmas for audiences across the UK. Described by The Guardian as "the perfect antidote to the corporate Christmas", the show blends seasonal songs, carols, storytelling and stellar musicianship into an evening filled with warmth, humour and winter magic. At its heart is the extraordinary voice of Kellie While. This tour sells out early on every year – try not to miss it.

£30 standard | Ballroom



THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 8PM

WOVEN CHORDS WINTER CONCERT

Stamford's popular community choir, Woven Chords are back on stage! 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, be uplifted and filled with seasonal cheer. How is all this possible, we hear you ask? Come along and find out!

£12 standard | Hired | Ballroom

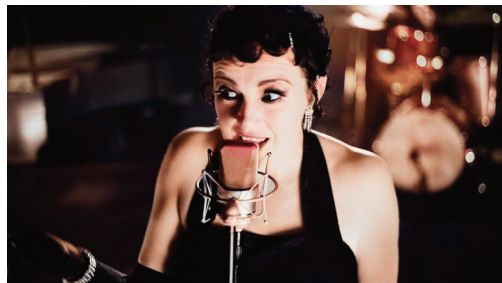


SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM

SIMFEST - MENDELSSOHN AND RAVEL: SIMFESTIVAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Join Festival Director Freya Goldmark and festival artists including Alessandro Ruisi and Nathaniel Boyd for an evening of chamber music. The programme brings together two landmarks of the string quartet repertoire. Mendelssohn's quartet writing combines clarity, energy and expressive depth, while Ravel's String Quartet remains one of the defining works of the early twentieth century, admired for its rich textures, subtle craftsmanship and distinctive sound world.

£23 (+ £2 commission) | Hired | Ballroom



FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 8PM

ME & MR JONES

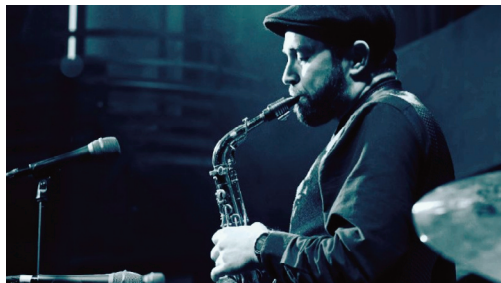
Me & Mr Jones is the captivating collaboration of Rachel Foster (voice) and Paul Deats (piano), crafting beautiful, original songs made with heart and soul. Their music feels gently nostalgic, echoing another era, yet remains unmistakably rooted in the present. The duo is joined by the talented Simon Paterson (double bass) & Stevie Smith (drum kit). Rachel Foster has toured the US with Weekend Players, achieving Billboard Chart success - reaching No. 3 and topping the Dance Chart at No. 1. Paul Deats has toured extensively across Europe and the UK and is nationally renowned as a constantly inventive arranger and composer.



FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 8PM

SIMON SPILLETT

Stamford Jazz is delighted to welcome back tenor saxophonist Simon Spillett. Expertly accompanied by a trio of musicians familiar to the Stamford Arts Centre audiences, including bassist Martyn Spencer, pianist Matthew Ratcliffe and host/drummer Andrew 'Woody' Wood. This is guaranteed to be a special evening of top quality, straight ahead swinging jazz. Over his twenty-five-year career Simon Spillett has become a multi-award-winning instrumentalist (BBC Jazz Awards, British Jazz Awards) and a solid fixture on the UK jazz landscape, regularly playing sold-out gigs at major festivals (Birmingham, Brecon, Swanage, Southport etc.) and world-famous club venues (Ronnie Scott's).



FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 8PM

KOKO COLLECTIVE

KoKo Collective brings together some of the finest jazz talent from the UK, united by their passion for music that swings. This exceptional ensemble features seasoned musicians from the festival circuit and the jazz club scene, offering audiences an immersive journey through jazz's golden eras. Led by the extraordinary multi-reed virtuoso Arran Kent, this ensemble is a powerhouse of talent, guaranteed to deliver an unforgettable performance. This dynamic show is a lively exploration of jazz history, showcasing styles from early jazz and swing to bebop, Latin jazz, hard bop, and modern jazz.



FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 8PM

ELIOT RICHARDS 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 for arrangers to rearrange to their heart's delight. And the musicians don't stop there, even Christmas carols are mercilessly ripped apart and put back together again in the name of Swing!

The Go-Between

Based on the novel by L.P. Hartley
Directed by Jake Smith
Adapted by Ben Musgrave

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SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 7:30PM

THE GO BETWEEN EASTERN ANGLES

Under the vast Norfolk skies, a secret is burning.

Young Leo Colston is staying at his friend's grand country house when he becomes caught up in a dangerous web of desire and deception, delivering secret letters between two forbidden lovers. As the summer months pass by, Leo soon finds that even the smallest of actions can have devastating consequences.

With original live music, stunning visuals, and a powerful sense of place, Eastern Angles bring new life to L.P. Hartley's classic novel. This is a story of memory and longing, set amongst the wide skies and golden fields of the Norfolk countryside.

Discover The Go Between and experience a haunting story of lost innocence in this bold reimagining of a classic Norfolk tale.

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



TUESDAY 15TH – SATURDAY 19TH

SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM

1984 - STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

In 2050, a group of historians pore over the diary of 'Winston Smith', a records clerk at the Ministry of Truth. In a world of telescreens and thought police, Winston has chosen to rebel. He searches for the truth, falls in love, joins the rebellion of Emmanuel Goldstein. But Big Brother is watching, and the doors of Room 101 can swing open in an instant...

£12 (£10 concessions) | Hired | Theatre



cally beaton

NAMASTE

MOTHER F*CKERS

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 7:30PM

CALLY BEATON: NAMASTE MOTHERF*CKERS

Now a Sunday Times best seller Namaste Motherf*ckers is the new show from Cally Beaton (QI, Live at the Apollo) - a quick-witted, unexpected and unapologetic insight into life in midlife. Combining Cally's comedic and storytelling prowess with extracts from her provocative, stereotype-busting book of the same name, the show has at its heart her own story of radical reinvention - taking her from meetings in boardrooms to treading the boards, thanks to a chance conversation with the late, great Joan Rivers. A funny show about a deadly serious subject, Namaste Motherf*ckers is a celebration of and for the female of the species. Invisible no more. The show celebrated an Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2025 sell-out, and it will include a Q&A and meet-and-greet with Cally (who knows, Jeff the wonder dog may even be there too).

*'Sprightly wit and considerable storytelling prowess', 4**** The Scotsman*
*'Original and clever', 4**** The Arts Desk – pick of the Edinburgh Fringe*
'Gripping, perceptive and uplifting', Chortle
'Exciting and hilarious talent...she's got it', Time Out

£20 standard | Suitable for ages 16+ | 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!

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

OF MICE AND MEN

Set against the harsh backdrop of the Great Depression, *Of Mice and Men* is the story of George and Lennie, two friends with a simple dream: to own a farm and live off the fat of the land. There are times, though, when sharp-witted George feels the burden of looking after Lennie, while gentle giant Lennie doesn't realise his own strength... As they drift from job to job, trouble's never far away, and before long it's time to move on again. When the pair get work in Soledad, California, however, the dream looks set to become a reality. But a tragic turn of events threatens to destroy George and Lennie's friendship and leaves George faced with an impossible choice...

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



WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

ROWAN MCCABE: HARD KNOCKS

Following the release of his new book, *The Door-to-Door Poet*, as well as a hit programme on BBC Radio 4, Rowan McCabe returns to the stage with *Hard Knocks*, a show of spoken word and comedy about community and connection. *Hard Knocks* is a collection of all new material that lifts the lid on some of the most funny and challenging moments of this unconventional career path. Expect stories of mistaken identity, odes to rebellious snails, and ruminations on time travelling public officials, all delivered with Rowan's trademark warmth and wit. With support from multi-award-winning poet and battle rapper Mark Grist.

£10 standard | Suitable for ages 14+ | Theatre



FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

EMMELINE PANKHURST: ANGEL OR ANARCHIST?

This powerful one-woman show, starring acclaimed actress Liz Grand, brings to life the extraordinary story of Emmeline Pankhurst, one of the most influential and iconic British women in history. A tireless champion of women's rights, Pankhurst led the fight for women to gain the vote, enduring multiple imprisonments and undertaking numerous hunger strikes in the name of equality. This performance offers a compelling, intimate portrait of a woman whose courage reshaped history—and of a movement that changed the world.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre



WEDNESDAY 18TH – FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM / SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 2:30PM & 7:30PM

MADE IN DAGENHAM COLLEGE PLAYERS

Following last year's hugely popular Betty Blue Eyes, College Players are delighted to bring another feel-good British story to Stamford. Britain is changing, but not fast enough for the sewing machinists at Ford Dagenham, who discover they're being paid far less than the men doing similar work. What begins as a small workplace dispute soon grows into a national movement. Made in Dagenham is a celebration of friendship, community and the power of ordinary people to make extraordinary changes. With uplifting songs, big laughs and plenty of heart, it's a show that will leave you smiling, humming and perhaps even feeling a little inspired.

£16.50 standard | Hired | Theatre | PG – Contains strong language



THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

KENNETH WILLIAMS: A CENTENARY CELEBRATION

2026 is the centenary year of the great Kenneth Williams, one of Britain's most distinctive and beloved performers. To mark this, join Simon Cartwright, Russell Davies, Mark Farrelly and Madeline Smith for an unforgettable journey through Kenneth's extraordinary life. The performance showcases readings of scenes and sketches from his most iconic work, alongside moving and revealing extracts from his private diaries which will be shared onstage for the very first time. By turns hilarious and deeply poignant, this celebration pays tribute to the wit and brilliance of a true national treasure.

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



TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER – SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 7:45PM

THE LADYKILLERS STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

When criminal mastermind Professor Marcus and a motley crew of misfits pose as amateur musicians to rent rooms from the sweetly eccentric Mrs Wilberforce, the police have no idea that they're planning a daring robbery. But Mrs Wilberforce is not too easily deceived. With his brilliant plot rumbled, the Professor decides there's only one way to keep the old lady quiet – Mrs Wilberforce must face the music. And he doesn't mean a string quartet. A hilarious adaptation of the Ealing film classic by award-winning television comedy writer Graham Linehan (Father Ted, Black Books, The IT Crowd).

£12 (£10 concessions) | Hired | Theatre





Stamford Arts Centre's professional in-house pantomime returns with a brand new adventure, **RAPUNZEL**. It's a production by the Arts Centre team, made in Stamford...for Stamford, with lots of local cast and creatives.

This hair-raising pantomime is all about the missing Princess with magical hair. The show promises to be packed with hair-larious jokes, toe tapping tunes and stunning scenery designed by local artist Karen Neale.

We're thrilled that the fabulous cast of last year's pantomime are all returning - the hilarious **HANNAH PEACOCK** as Daft Dotty, **VICTORIA FALLOW-NORTON** as Fairy Thistledown, **KAYLEIGH BARNES** as Rapunzel, **JONATHAN SISMEY** as King Collyweston and our very own **PHIL NORTON** as Nanny Knickerbocker. Also back this year is the wickedly talented **ERIN BILLINGTON** as Deadly Nightshade who appeared in our 2024 panto, 'Mother Goose', plus talented young performers from Welland School of Dancing.

TICKET PRICES

ADULTS £16.50 | CONCESSIONS £15.50
FAMILY OF FOUR £62 | GROUPS OF 10+ £15.50 EACH

PERFORMANCES

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER
6.30pm

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER
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WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER
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THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER
11am & 2.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY
No Performances

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER
2.30pm & 6.30pm

MONDAY 28 DECEMBER
11am & 2.30pm

KIDS THEATRE AND WORKSHOPS

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TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER 10:30AM, 12:30PM & 3:30PM

A TALE OF US TINY & TALL PRODUCTIONS

Sleep is like an old friend I've not seen for a long time. She's stopped returning my calls. But some nights feel sort of magic. Just you and me watching a new day being born.

Ivy's just had a baby. She's never felt so full of love – or so alone. Days (and nights) can be tough. But she's working it out.

A Tale of Us is a brand new play for parents and their babies. Join Ivy and her little one on a funny, frank and magical journey through their first year of life together. Blending drama and multi-sensory playtime in a relaxed and beautifully designed environment, this is a celebration of the wonder, joys and challenges of becoming a new parent.

After each performance there will be a guided Stay and Play session – a chance for everyone to explore the world of the show and meet other parents and babies.

£7.50 standard | Suitable for ages 0-18 months

Please be aware seating for this performance is on the floor in the Ballroom



SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 10AM & 2PM

COMIC ART MASTERCLASS

Back by popular demand! Kev F Sutherland has written and drawn for Beano, Doctor Who and Marvel comics, and now makes graphic novels adapted from Shakespeare. Now he'll teach you how easy it is. After the end of a Comic Art Masterclass, we all take away a comic containing a strip by everyone in the class plus an individual caricature by Kev F.

£12 child | Suitable for ages 7+ | Ballroom

KIDS THEATRE AND WORKSHOPS

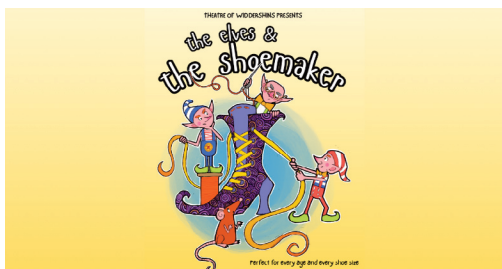


THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 2:30PM

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS BOX TALE SOUP

From the peaceful pleasures of Ratty's beloved riverbank to the fearful frights and wicked weasels of the Wild Wood, join Mole and Ratty on their marvellous adventures, along with gruff old Badger and magnificent Mr. Toad. A beautiful new adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's much-loved classic by award winning theatre company Box Tale Soup, featuring wonderful puppetry, innovative theatre and a charming original score.

£12 adult | £10 child | Suitable for ages 3+ | Theatre



SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 2PM

THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER THEATRE OF WIDDERSHINS

Elvis Schumacher, cobbler and craftsman, has worked all his life creating the most beautiful footwear. But now he's hit hard times.... Everyone's buying boring shoes from the evil businessman, Bunyan Sole-less. With one piece of leather left and Bunyan's factory growing, can anyone help him? Inspired by the exquisite Ladybird Book, Theatre of Widdershins brings you another Classic fable using magical puppets, intricate design, original music and the simplest of dialogue.

£12 adult | £10 child | Suitable for ages 3+ | Theatre



FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER, 10AM & 11:15AM

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS MORNING

Join Hannah Peacock for a fun Halloween Craft Morning. Using recycled materials, participants will design and build their very own haunted house, mini spooky spider webs and with wool and lolly sticks, create a range of spooky creatures, big and small. This creative session encourages imagination, sustainability, and invites you to create together as a family this half term.

£5 per child | Suitable for ages 3+ | Ballroom



SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 10AM & 11AM

WILDLING WORKSHOP: RAPUNZEL

Join artist Portia Graves as she hosts another workshop at the Arts Centre. She has designed a simple colour-in stained glass window style decoration based around this year's pantomime, Rapunzel! Children can decorate their chosen design (Rapunzel or Knight & Horse) with pens or paints and can then hang their acrylic decoration from their Christmas Tree. It will be a lovely keepsake. All materials are provided - please dress your children in comfy clothes they don't mind getting paint on!

£8 per child | Suitable for ages 6-12 | Ballroom



THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 7:30PM

THE KILLER CATCHERS - CRACK THE CASE

Following the phenomenal success of the Manhunter and Mindhunter UK theatre tour in 2025, Colin Sutton and Steve Gaskin bring audiences inside a real murder investigation — and this time, you are part of the team. Killer Catchers: Crack the Case is not just a show. It is an immersive journey into real criminal investigation. For the first time on a UK stage, audiences don't simply observe a murder investigation — they actively take part in it.

Both Colin Sutton and Steve Gaskin are former Detective Chief Inspectors with decades of experience investigating high-profile murders as part of New Scotland Yard's elite Murder Squad. This is not fiction. There are no actors. Everything you hear comes from real cases, real investigations, and real decisions.

In the first half of the evening, Colin and Steve take you behind the scenes of a real murder investigation, exploring how a murder squad operates, what it feels like to catch a killer, what really happens during a post-mortem and much more. After a short intermission, the evening transforms into a fully interactive investigation. Every audience member will receive a murder case file and be briefed exactly as a real murder squad would be. From there, it's over to you.

£24 standard | Suitable for ages 14+ (if attending with a paying adult) | Theatre



FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER, 7:30PM

IT'S NICE UP NORTH - JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH Q&A

A 20th-anniversary screening tour of Graham Fellows' much loved comedy documentary starring his alter ego, John Shuttleworth. It's Nice Up North follows the legendary comic character on a gently absurd journey through the Shetland Islands to test the theory that the further north you go, the nicer people become. Graham Fellows will be in attendance for a post-screening Q&A and to discuss his on and off screen relationship with the late Martin Parr.

£16 standard | Theatre

THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN STAMFORD

Philippa investigates who provided health care in Stamford. For about 350 years the 6 houses of religion were the focus for hospitals, medicines and nursing care, but the dissolution of the monasteries radically altered this provision. From the 18th century onwards, named medical practitioners are recorded in the town. She looks at the opening of the Infirmary, great strides in medicine and surgery, chemists' shops, and the strong surgeries and practices in Stamford after the National Health Service. What does health care in Stamford look like in the 21st century?

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre



WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 7:30PM

SPIRIT OF THE AMAZON

The Xingu River basin, in the heart of Brazil, is larger than Great Britain. It plays a vital role in regulating the global climate, storing carbon and protecting an incredibly rich biodiversity. Its indigenous inhabitants protect it for the benefit of mankind. Few outsiders are permitted access, but Sue and Patrick Cunningham were invited by the 17 ethnic groups to travel the river's 2,500-km length, visiting 48 villages. The Original Brazilians they encountered taught them to experience the natural environment as both a spiritual and a physical entity. This led to an enduring partnership and a mutual determination to protect the Spirit of the Xingu, to defend it against threats to its integrity.

£8 standard | Theatre | Some photos will contain naked people



THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

POWER TO THE PEOPLE - TOM HEAP

Tom Heap, author, BBC Countryfile, BBC Radio 4's Rare Earth, and Sky News' Climate Show presenter, will bust media peddled myths about the cost of green energy, the unpopularity of climate action, the role of China and the unshakeable dominance of fossil fuels. But he will also aim a couple of swipes at dogmatic environmentalists. Expect storytelling, insight, humour and genuine optimism - exploring how people across the UK are fixing what's broken and building a greener future. A perfect evening for fans of talks, ideas and meaningful conversation.

£19.50 standard (£10 under 18's) | Suitable for ages 12+
Theatre



ADULT WORKSHOPS



SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 10AM

DOUBLE SIDED LAMPSHADE WORKSHOP

Finch and Toad Upholstery are back with this fantastic adult workshop! In this workshop you will create a professionally made, eye-catching double-sided lampshade. All you need to bring is ½ metre of fabric for the outside and 30cm height for the inside. Wallpaper or fabric can be used for the inside pattern.

£35 per participant | Adults only | Art Room



SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 10:30AM

SINGING WORKSHOP WITH BRUCE NCUBE

Bruce Ncube is a UK based Zimbabwean award-winning artist who travels across the globe teaching traditional/folk & gospel songs from his home country and other Southern African countries in multiple languages & 3 to 6-part harmonies. His approach is inclusive & participatory, building people's confidence in singing. One does not need to be able to read music or be in a choir to take part in his workshops. He welcomes everyone at any level.

£25 per participant | Adults only | Ballroom

Mindfulness Summer's over!

How will you prepare for winter?

*Feeling
less stressed,
more relaxed?*

MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER – MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 10AM

FREE INTRODUCTORY SESSION ON MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

MINDFULNESS COURSE: SUMMER'S OVER!

Summer's over! How will you prepare for winter? During a series of 8 weekly sessions, you will learn simple practices that help settle the mind and bring it back to the present moment, which is the only moment there is. All with an attitude of allowing, curiosity and above all kindness as we discover more about ourselves. Gavin Breeze has over 50 years' experience of meditation and is qualified to teach Compassion-Based Mindfulness by the Mindfulness Association.

£100 (+£2 commission) | Adults only | Burley Room



SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER, 2PM & 6PM

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Join us for a relaxed and creative afternoon where you will be guided through making your own wreath ready for the Christmas season! There'll be festive music throughout and mulled wine available to purchase on the day. Foliage and accessories provided. Please bring your own cutting tools suitable for foliage and wire.

£35 per participant | Adults only | Cellar Bar



Get **Out & About** this autumn and explore a packed programme of events and activities across South Kesteven!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PROGRAMME



BOURNE SUMMER FILM NIGHT | £5

THE RED HALL, SOUTH ST, BOURNE, PE10 9LY

Enjoy an evening of romance in the gardens of the Red Hall with an outdoor screening of William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet (12A).



SAT 5 SEP
6PM



BMX SKILLZ SHOWCASE | FREE

MARKET DEEPING BMX TRACK, GODSEY LANE, PE6 8HZ

Enjoy an exhilarating BMX stunt show, designed to inspire riders of all ages to learn new skills and get out on their bikes.



SAT 26 SEP
11AM - 2PM



HENRY VIII USED TO HATE US

£5 ADULTS / UNDER 21S FREE

THE RED HALL, SOUTH ST, BOURNE, PE10 9LY

Discover Lincolnshire's hidden history through folklore and live folk music.



SAT 3 OCT
7PM



POP-UP CINEMA - HOCUS POCUS

£3 ADULTS / CHILDREN FREE

CORONATION HALL, MARKET DEEPING, PE6 8DB

Half-term screening of Hocus Pocus (PG) with family fun and fancy dress.



SAT 24 OCT
7PM



VILLAGE ART CLUB - FOLKINGHAM | FREE

FOLKINGHAM VILLAGE HALL, SLEAFORD, NG34 0SF

Join Nadya and Louise from Lumo Workshop to explore a range of printmaking techniques and create a Christmas-themed willow lantern.



WED 2 DEC
1PM - 5PM

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SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 11AM

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THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 10:45AM

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LIFE DRAWING CLASS

SCULPTURE CLASS – TIM BEASLEY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM – 9PM

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LIFE DRAWING CLASS

THURSDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM

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THURSDAYS 2PM - 3PM

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GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

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!



WEDNESDAY 2ND – THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

STAMFORD FIFTEEN ART EXHIBITION

From paintings, textiles and glass art to jewellery and ceramics, this exhibition showcases diverse visions, bold experimentation and contemporary expression. Our Stamford Fifteen Art Exhibition is part of the Northants & Rutland Open Studios events taking place during September.



TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER – SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

WELLAND VALLEY ART SOCIETY AUTUMN EXHIBITION

The second of this year's shows held annually, 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 art including paintings and sculptures from over 50 artists. Discover original artworks, both framed and mounted, all for sale, including the 'Affordable Art' wall offering small paintings at £75 or less.



TUESDAY 20TH – SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

ONE WORLD WEEK

A week of inspiration for taking action for a more just, equal and inclusive world. Organised by Stamford Fairtrade, events include displays of artwork and projects by Stamford College students and pupils from local primary schools; exhibition preview Tuesday 20th October at 6:30pm; stalls selling fairly traded products (Friday & Saturday only); interactive activities.



TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER – SATURDAY 7TH 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 11th Escape The Ordinary exhibition, promoting extraordinary workmanship and talent. The Exhibition will include various artists from Lincolnshire, Rutland & Cambridgeshire exhibiting an eclectic mix of Felt Art, Copper Creations, Jewellery, Wood Art, Ceramics, Sculptures, Fused Glass, Original Paintings, Art Prints & Cards. Several exhibitors will be demonstrating their craft throughout the exhibition.



TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER – SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

HOME IS WHERE THE ART IS

What if domestic activity became the art form? Stamford based artist Soraya Smithson is joined by her family, all art school graduates – a carpenter, an embroider and an editor – in an exhibition that celebrates their everyday acts of making; from ceramics to furniture, embroidery to jam, print making to DIY.



UFFORD ART SOCIETY

8th – 20th December



TUESDAY 8TH – SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER

UFFORD ART GROUP EXHIBITION

Ufford Art Society, comprising 30 members has been meeting weekly for 20 years. Our individual styles in subject matter and mediums are diverse and interesting. Whilst some produce stunning delicate art others employ expressive and loose style. Our common bond is our love of art. Our aim for this exhibition is to invite you to share this enjoyment.



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.

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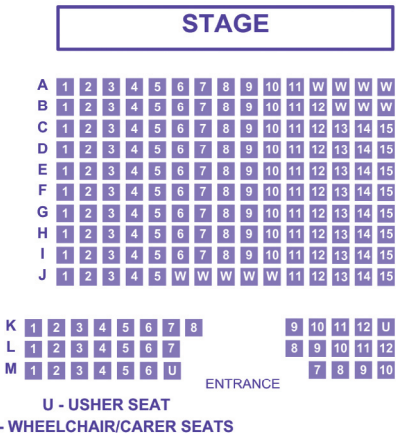
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