



**MARCH-  
MAY 2010**

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Welcome to Artrix's Spring 2010 brochure in which, amazingly, we mark the venue's 5th birthday (we opened with a performance of *Così fan tutte* on Saturday 23rd April 2005). To celebrate we will be holding an open afternoon on Saturday 24th April with free events in the auditorium and foyer and guided tours of areas you would not normally see. Come and join us.

Our current programme includes the pick of the Oscar nominated films, some great comedy and poetry, dance from Vienna Festival Ballet and ACE, music for most tastes and some fantastic theatre. As for the past five years the Spring season also sees BOS's annual musical (this year *Kiss Me Kate*) and, of course, Bromsgrove Festival with performances by The European Chamber Orchestra, The King's Singers, Chris Barber and Ex Cathedra.

We have just had confirmation that Arts Council England, Screen West Midlands and the Ernest Cook and William A Cadbury Trusts will be supporting Artrix's integrated education and outreach programme, a major new community project that will be starting in the late Spring. This marks a major development that will see us working with young people on media and music projects both in the community and at Artrix itself!

Best wishes

**Andy Woods,**  
Director.



JASON MANFORD

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Artrix is incredibly lucky to have a skilled team of volunteers who keep customers smiling, ensure the beer flows in the bar and provide invaluable assistance to our technicians. If you would like to join them, or if you would just like to be on our free mailing list to discover what the future has in store, give the box office a ring.

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We are very grateful for the support we receive from our funders and supporters:



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FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AT 8PM  
BROMSGROVE CONCERTS  
PRESENTS

## MARK BEBBINGTON PIANO

£16 (£15) & £6 STUDENTS

Ivor Gurney *Sehnsucht The Sea*  
Prelude in D Flat  
Howard Ferguson *Piano Sonata*  
in F minor  
John Ireland *Sarnia An*  
Island Sequence  
Frank Bridge *Piano Sonata*

Bromsgrove Concerts has put on a series of 'occasional' concerts concentrating on the neglected 'Glories of British Music' from the 20th Century. Now it will turn its spotlight onto English piano music of that period, and who better to help it in this than Mark Bebbington, who has covered this repertoire widely in his critically acclaimed series of recent recordings for Somm. (BAA)



SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY AT  
7.30PM  
**GLAMBA - THEATRICAL  
PERCUSSION SHOW**  
£8 (£6)

Glamba's lively new stage show includes multi-media effects, dance and a tantalizing mix of percussive rhythms from instruments as varied as traditional Samba drums through to experimental and contemporary work with drum kits, electronic drums, congas, dustbins, saucepans and even a kitchen sink!

This year's performance will feature special guest appearances from Masquerade Musical Theatre, Severn Valley Samba and integrated performance films from Ian Price. (BAA)



SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT  
7.30PM  
**STEVE KING BIG BAND**  
£13 (£11)

The Steve King Big Band returns for another exciting evening of big band music from the last 50 years. Always a great night, it is joined as usual by top American vocalist Lynn Dawes plus some surprise guests.



"THE STEVE KING BIG BAND  
BLEW US ALL AWAY"  
BIG BAND WORLD

"WORLD CLASS"  
LICHFIELD JAZZ FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH AT 8PM  
**DR TEETH BIG BAND**  
(STANDING/DANCING AND LIMITED  
SEATING) £10 (£8)

Fresh from a host of smokin' hot shows across the UK in 2009 (including The Pigalle Club in Piccadilly Circus, The Voisey Festival, The Jam House in Birmingham and a sold-out Jazz Promenade in the Iford Arts festival) the revamped Doctor Teeth Big Band touch down at Artrix for their third show to kick off an early Spring! Come get your fill of rockin' rhythm and blues with The Teeth!  
[www.thedrteethbigband.com](http://www.thedrteethbigband.com);  
[www.myspace.com/thedrteethbigband](http://www.myspace.com/thedrteethbigband)



SATURDAY 6TH MARCH AT 8PM

**BLUES WEEKEND  
ACOUSTIC BLUES  
HOUSE PARTY!***(STANDING & LIMITED SEATING)  
£12 (£10)*

Alan Glen (harmonica), Rich DelGrosso (slide guitar/mandolin), Sonny Black (guitar) and Michael Roach (guitar).

Alan Glen is best known for his harmonica work with Nine Below Zero, The Yardbirds and The Barcodes. Rich DelGrosso, from Houston, Texas is recognized as one of the leading slide guitarists and blues mandolin innovators. Sonny Black's acoustic guitar is like a little orchestra in a box and Michael Roach sings and plays guitar in a style that dates back to the 1920s. Together they will play Ragtime to Delta blues.

TUESDAY - FRIDAY  
9TH - 12TH MARCH AT 7.30PM**NORTH BROMSGROVE  
HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS  
SWEENEY TODD***TICKETS: TUESDAY £8 (£6)  
WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY £9 (£7)*

Enjoy the black humour in this Tony award-winning thriller given the Sondheim treatment. The musical tells the story of Benjamin Barker, alias Sweeney Todd, who returns to London after 15 years' transportation on false charges. Sweeney vows revenge on Judge Turpin, the man who wrongly transported him in order to seduce his wife.

The all-student cast is accompanied by an orchestra in this enduring tale of love and revenge. (BAA)

SATURDAY 13TH MARCH AT 8PM

**GERRY AND THE  
PACEMAKERS***£16.50*

Join in this musical journey through the life and times of one of our greatest 60s icons, Gerry Marsden.

Gerry and the Pacemakers topped the British and American charts for much of the 60s with hits such as How Do You Do It, I Like It and You'll Never Walk Alone. Gerry's popularity means that he continues to tour extensively in the UK and abroad delighting audiences with his fabulous show.

This is a rollercoaster ride of music, fun and nostalgia not to be missed.

**EXTRA DATE**  
6TH JUNE AT 7.30PMMOTHERS DAY SPECIAL  
SUNDAY 14TH MARCH AT 7.30PM**JULIAN SMITH AKA  
JOOZ GIANNI***£15*

Saxophonist Julian Smith, aka Joolz Gianni, became better known after appearing in the 2009 series of Britain's Got Talent. He achieved third place with 700,000 votes, one position behind Susan Boyle.

In this very first special theatre concert with his band, Julian will play music he performed on the show and also pieces from his Sony released album Chilled 2 The Sax plus many more.

We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity to book an EXCLUSIVE PRE-SHOW MEAL AT The Queens Head Inn, Stoke Pound. Phone the box office for details!



**MONDAY 15TH MARCH AT 8PM**

**GERALD LOGAN IN  
SHAKESPEARE'S**

## **THE RAPE OF LUCRECE**

**£12 (£10)**

**Directed by Gareth Armstrong.**

Following a 5-Star winning run at the 2008 Edinburgh Fringe, sell-out performances at the Kings Head, Islington, the Rose, Kingston and the Rose, Bankside; Olivier award nominee and RSC actor Gerard Logan now presents his tour-de-force solo performance of Shakespeare's great narrative poem at Artrix - bringing emotional intensity to this account of the terrible crime of rape and its dreadful consequences.

Theatre at its purist: a single actor, an empty stage - and the torment of rapist and victim spring brilliantly to life.



**"SENSATIONAL"**  
SIR TREVOR NUNN

**WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH AT  
8PM**

## **THE BLUES BAND**

**£18.50**

**Simply the best purveyors of the Blues in the UK today.**

The Blues Band - Paul Jones, Dave Kelly, Rob Townsend, Gary Fletcher and Tom McGuinness - are celebrating their 30th year together!

These blues lovers and great showmen continue to delight audiences with their extensive mix of Rhythm & Blues and Roots music. Their extensive canon of recorded material includes a large catalogue of original songs as well as their own interpretations of songs from the genre's finest writers including Willie Dixon, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf and Sleepy John Estes.



**THURSDAY 18TH MARCH AT  
7.30PM**

**NEW CENTURY THEATRE  
COMPANY PRESENTS**

## **THE BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS**

**£9 (£8)**

**Dennis Potter's brilliant and often hilarious evocation of war-time childhood games, rivalries, jealousies - and tragedies - is brought to life by New Century Theatre Company, one of the West Midlands' most dynamic and innovative theatre companies.**

This apparently simple tale relates the activities of seven-year-olds on a summer afternoon. Willie tags along as burly Peter bullies Raymond, Audrey is overshadowed by Angela's prettiness and all of them gang up on the terrified 'Donald Duck'. In a unique twist, the children's roles are acted out by a cast of adults.



**SATURDAY 20TH MARCH AT  
7.30PM**

**THEATRETRAIN ANNUAL  
SHOW -**

## **SHINE A LIGHT**

**£9**

**The TheatreTrain annual show has been devised and created by the students and staff who have Eurovision as their theme, with each age group performing dances, song and theatre.**



**SUNDAY 21ST MARCH AT 6.30PM****EXCELS DANCE ACADEMY  
PRESENTS****SPRING SHOW 2010****£7 (£5 CHILDREN UNDER 16)**

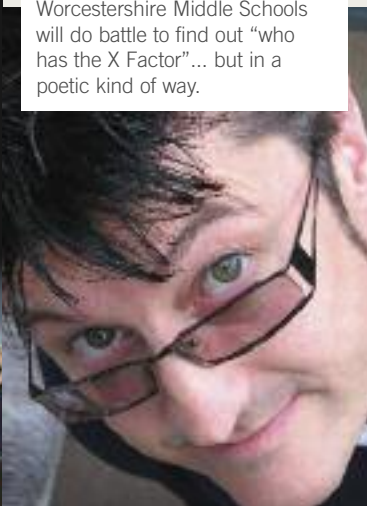
Students of Excels Dance Academy present an evening filled with dancing which includes ballet, tap, modern/jazz, lyrical and gymnastics performances.

For one night only come along and enjoy their spectacular show! (HIRE)

**TUESDAY 23RD MARCH AT 7PM****WORCESTERSHIRE  
MIDDLE SCHOOLS  
POETRY SLAM FINAL****£3**

Last year... like gladiators to the coliseum... they came to wage a war of words. Some word warriors fell and some triumphed... and some went home with a jolly nice trophy, a pat on the back from teacher and no detentions for at least a week.

This March, a new crop of verbose vagabonds from Worcestershire Middle Schools will do battle to find out "who has the X Factor"... but in a poetic kind of way.

**WEDNESDAY 24TH MARCH 7.30PM****NEW COLLEGE PRESENTS  
FUNK OFF!****£5**

A night of Contemporary Funk, Hip-Hop, and Indie Rock, from a selection of the Midland's Brightest emerging new talents such as Stratford's Zell Am See.

With the seats back and dance floor exposed, join us and boogie the night away!

**(Student Production)****THURSDAY 25TH MARCH AT 8PM****ACE DANCE PRESENTS  
SWITCH****£12 (£10)**

Following the success of 'Skin', ACE Dance and Music return with another dance masterpiece.

Dancing from the heart, ACE will draw energy from ancient practices, transforming them into something fresh, new and pulsating. Set in a black and white space, this is a collaboration between ACE's directors Gail and Ian Parmel and choreographers Douglas Thorpe and Andile Sotiya. This is sophisticated dance, music and visuals, accompanied by six agile dancers. Watch ACE for a night of full-on dance to make you think and feel.



FRIDAY 26TH MARCH AT 8PM  
BROMSGROVE CONCERTS  
PRESENTS

## DORIC QUARTET

£16 (£15) & £6 STUDENTS

Alex Redington violin; Jonathan Stone violin; Simon Tandree viola; John Myerscough cello

Haydn Quartet in E Flat,  
op. 76 no. 6

Britten Quartet No. 2, op. 36

Beethoven Quartet in F,  
op. 59 no. 1

In 2008 the Doric Quartet won 1st Prize in the Osaka International Chamber Music Competition in Japan, as well as prizes in competitions in Italy and Germany, and is now established internationally as one of the finest quartets of their generation.  
(BAA)



SATURDAY 27TH MARCH AT  
7.30PM  
PUTTING ON THE RITZ

£10

Your chance to experience, for one night only, highlights from Broadway and West End Musicals, with professional leading artists and choreography. Razzle-dazzling hits from Sweeney Todd, Young Frankenstein, Hairspray, La Cage aux Folles and Showboat are just a few of the evening's line up. Don't miss out on this Musical Show Stopper.



SUNDAY 28TH MARCH AT 6PM  
ELITE ACADEMY OF DANCE  
AND GYMNASTICS  
PRESENTS

## DANCE CONCEPTS

£9 (£8)

Award winners at the international festival "Severnaya Zora" held in Russia, students of Elite Academy of Dance & Gymnastics present an evening filled with dancing & singing.

Their ability will amaze you, their tricks will astound you, for one night only come along and enjoy their show.

(HIRE)



TUESDAY 30TH MARCH AT  
7.30PM  
WEDNESDAY 31ST MARCH AT  
1PM & 7.30PM

## NEW COLLEGE PRESENTS TITUS ANDRONICUS

£5

'These words are razors to my wounded heart' Before Tarantino, there was Shakespeare...

NEW College year two students present a bold, powerful and gritty production of Shakespeare's bloodiest revenge tragedy in which the lives of the Andronicus family are turned upside down around us and the venue follows suit...

'Pray to the devils, the gods have given us over'. NOT SUITABLE FOR UNDER 14s.

(Student Production)



FRIDAY 2ND APRIL AT 8PM

**T-REXTASY****£16.50**

T-Rextasy, the only band to have been authorised and endorsed by Marc Bolan's Catalogue Management, is now officially recognised as the world's No. 1 group dedicated to the greatest glam rocker of them all, Marc Bolan of T.Rex. With its uncanny doppelganger lead singer and lead guitarist Danielz, T-Rextasy perform a powerful and mesmerising presentation of Marc Bolan's rock and pop anthems. Now in it's 17th year of touring, this sensational show will take you on a journey through all those fantastic hits - I Love To Boogie, Children of the Revolution, Metal Guru, Jeepster and Telegram Sam.



SATURDAY 3RD APRIL AT 6PM

**STAGE ONE VOCAL STUDIO PRESENTS****SING TO ME****£10**

An evening showcasing Bromsgrove's premier vocal talent. This final night will see one of our ten finalists crowned the 'Sing To Me Star - 2010', recording their debut album in the weeks to follow, with all money raised going to the music department of Chadsgrove School. For more information please visit us at [www.stageonevocals.co.uk](http://www.stageonevocals.co.uk) (HIRE)



WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

**CHRISTINE WALKDEN**

PRESENTS

**THE LIFE OF A PLANTSWOMAN & HORTICULTURIST****£14.50**

The official gardening expert on BBC Television's The One Show, Christine has made appearances on BBC's Gardeners World and has fronted two series of Christine's Garden for BBC2. She also makes regular appearances on Channel 4's Paul O'Grady show. The show will be both informative and entertaining, recounting her life as a leading horticulturist, plus there will be ample opportunity to quiz Christine in her very own Gardener's Question Time session.



FRIDAY 9TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

SATURDAY 10TH APRIL AT

2.30PM &amp; 7.30PM

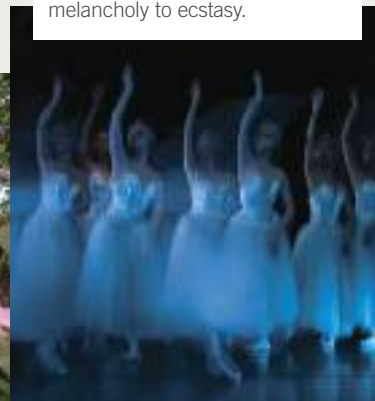
VIENNA FESTIVAL BALLET

PRESENTS

**SWAN LAKE****£19 (£12) + £55 FAMILY TICKET (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN)**

Vienna Festival Ballet celebrate 30 years with one of the best known love stories, performed with lavish costumes, stunning scenery, international stars, and the glorious music from Tchaikovsky to make this a night not to be missed.

Swan Lake captures like no other the full range of human emotions - from hope to despair, from terror to tenderness, from melancholy to ecstasy.



STAND UP SPECIAL  
SUNDAY 11TH APRIL AT 8PM

DR PHIL HAMMOND  
PRESENTS

## DR PHIL'S RUDE HEALTH SHOW

£14 (£12)

**If you only see one doctor this year, make it Dr Phil...**

Phil Hammond is a GP, writer, broadcaster and possibly the only comedian to have appeared at a public inquiry. He is Private Eye's medical correspondent and has appeared on Have I Got News for You, The News Quiz, The Now Show and Countdown. He is rude about everything (politicians, doctors, death, drugs, sex, himself) but in a funny way.



"ONE OF THE MOST  
ENTERTAININGLY SUBVERSIVE  
PEOPLE ON THE PLANET"  
THE GUARDIAN

FRIDAY 16TH APRIL AT 8PM

## THE NEW AMEN CORNER

£12 (£10)

**Be sure to wear some flowers in your hair if you are going to a New Amen Corner concert because you'll soon be in a 'Summer of Love' mood.**

The New Amen Corner have emerged in the last couple of years as the hottest band on the 60s circuit because of their ability to recreate so perfectly the sound and atmosphere of that era.



SATURDAY 17TH APRIL AT 1.30PM

BROMSGROVE FESTIVAL  
FRINGE PRESENTS

## HAROLD TAYLOR, PIANO RECITAL

£4

**Harold Taylor will play works by Beethoven, Liszt, Schubert and Chopin. (BAA)**



SATURDAY 17TH APRIL AT  
7.30PM

## THE SEARCHERS

£17

**John McNally, Frank Allen, Spencer James and Eddie Rothe.** With such classic hits as Sweets For My Sweet, Needles and Pins, Don't Throw Your Love Away and When You Walk In The Room, The Searchers have contributed enormously in establishing the UK as the world's leading nation in the music industry. With total record sales well in excess of 40 million, their recent compilation album 'The Very Best of The Searchers', which includes all of their hits, has seen a recent welcome and deserved return to the UK charts.



**SATURDAY 17TH APRIL AT  
7.30PM**

THE HAPPINESS PATROL  
PRESENTS

## TALES OF TERROR

BASED ON ORIGINAL COMMISSIONS BY  
LICHFIELD FESTIVAL AND YORK  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST FEATURING  
THE STORIES OF MR JAMES, LAFCADIO  
HEARN AND OTHERS

£10 (£8) (IN THE STUDIO)

Welcome to the quietly sinister world of the ghost story... Take a trip to the hotel where withered hands shoot out of darkened doorways to snatch at passers-by, where rickety scarecrows lie chained to iron beds, and where unpleasant surprises lurk amongst the leaves at the bottom of a cup of tea...

Join us for an intimate evening of gentle chills and pleasing terrors from some acknowledged masters of the macabre.

**SUNDAY 18TH APRIL AT 8PM**

## ALBERT LEE & HOGAN'S HEROES

£17.50

Albert Lee, by common consent one of the world's finest guitar-players, needs no introduction to Country Music & Rock fans. He has worked with some of the world's top artists, from Emmylou Harris to the Everly Brothers, Dolly Parton to Eric Clapton.

Hogan's Heroes was formed by their namesake Gerry Hogan over 20 years ago, specifically to back Albert. Their first gig took place in 1987 at Gerry's annual festival for pedal steel guitar.



**FRIDAY 23RD APRIL AT 7.45PM**

A PERFORMANCE  
CELEBRATING THE 30TH  
BROMSGROVE YOUNG  
MUSICIANS PLATFORM  
WITH

## THE EUROPEAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

(DIRECTOR: NICOLA SWEENEY)  
AND THE THREE 2009 FINALISTS ILYA  
MOVCHAN (VIOLIN); MIKHAIL NEMTSOV  
(CELLO); JONATHAN WILSON (PIANO)

£20 FROM THE FESTIVAL OFFICE

Haydn	Symphony No 49
	La Passione
Mendelssohn	Violin concerto in D minor
Mozart	Piano Concerto in A major K414
Haydn	Cello Concerto in C major



SEE ALSO FRINGE PIANO CONCERT BY HAROLD TAYLOR (17TH APRIL)  
AND A SONG TO REMEMBER (U) (20TH APRIL)

**BROMSGROVE**

Tickets for concerts are only available from the Bromsgrove Festival Ticket Office Methodist

**FRIDAY 30TH APRIL AT 7.45PM**

## THE KING'S SINGERS

£20 FROM THE FESTIVAL OFFICE

The Singers will perform a musical Tour de Force from Byrd and Tallis to Sullivan and Lennon & McCartney.



**FESTIVAL 2010**

Church, 19 Stratford Road, Bromsgrove B60 1AS Tel: 01527 876504 from 27th March

SATURDAY 1ST MAY AT 7.45PM

**THE CHRIS BARBER  
BIG BAND****£20 FROM THE FESTIVAL OFFICE**

The band returns to Bromsgrove in the Festival's 50th anniversary year by special request.



FRIDAY 7TH MAY AT 7.45PM

**A CHORAL EVENING  
WITH THE EX-  
CATHEDRA CHAMBER  
CHOIR AND CHILDREN  
OF ST JOHN'S MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

DIRECTED BY JEFFREY SKIDMORE

**£12 (£6 PARENTS OF  
PERFORMERS) & £3 (CHILDREN)  
FROM THE FESTIVAL OFFICE**In association with the David  
Morgan Music Trust.  
(BAA)

AND FRINGE SCREENINGS OF DEATH IN VENICE (12A) (19TH APRIL)

SATURDAY 24TH APRIL 1PM - 4PM

**ARTRIX FIFTH  
BIRTHDAY BASH**

FREE

Come along to help us celebrate Artrix's fifth birthday with free events in the auditorium and foyer and guided tours of the areas you would not normally see!



SATURDAY 24TH APRIL AT 8PM

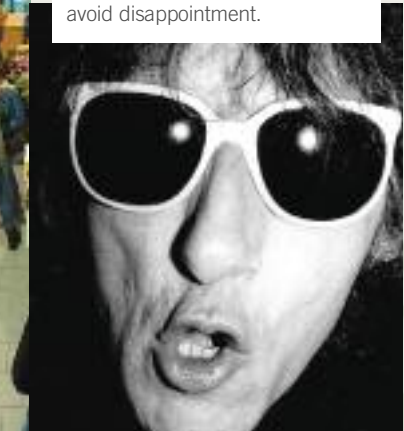
**JOHN COOPER CLARKE**

SUPPORTED BY OUR OWN SPOZ

**£16.50**

John Cooper Clarke, the Bard of Salford, first aired his unique rapid fire delivery of his poems, razor sharp gags and tales of the absurd or just hilarious, with Be-Bop Deluxe on their 1977 UK tour.

Since then he has never looked back, providing perfect punk poet support for Buzzcocks, Joy Division, The Fall and many others and more recently inspiring The Arctic Monkeys and even HBO TV hit The Sopranos! John is a legend - book early to avoid disappointment.



STAND UP SPECIAL  
MONDAY 26TH APRIL AT 8PM  
KATY BRAND IN  
**KATY BRAND'S  
BIG ASS TOUR**

£18.50

Katy Brand is taking her Big Ass on tour. Join the British Comedy Award Winner and star of ITV2's Katy Brand's Big Ass Show, Have I Got News For You and Peep Show, for an evening of anarchic comedy, celebrity satire, music spoofs and much, much more.

Following the success of her hit TV show, Katy is returning to her live roots with this silly, sassy and smart evening of comedy.

Featuring old favourites and new material, there's something here for everyone.

Recommended for ages 14+.



WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL AT 8PM  
EUROPEAN ARTS  
PRESENTS  
**THE STRANGE CASE  
OF DR JEKYLL &  
MR HYDE**

£12 (£10)

International touring company European Arts invites you on a trip down the smoggy, gaslit alleyways of Victorian London to hear The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

Set in a Whitechapel tavern in 1888, a versatile ensemble cast will tell the gruesome story of Dr Jekyll and his charismatic alter-ego using only the things you would find in a pub. Tankards, darts, barstools and billiard cues are used to create the physical world of Victorian London with great ingenuity, horror and imagination.



SATURDAY 8TH MAY AT 8PM  
**CLASSIC CLAPTON**

£12.50 (£10.50)

Formed in 1985 in Newcastle upon Tyne long before the term 'tribute band' was invented, Classic Clapton features front-man Mike Hall who not only looks like Eric, but also sings and plays guitar like him and excellent musicians who stunningly recreate Slowhand's electrifying stage performances.

The whole of EC's illustrious career is covered including Cream, The Bluesbreakers, The Yardbirds, Derek & The Dominos and the solo years.

[www.classic-clapton.com](http://www.classic-clapton.com)



MONDAY 10TH MAY -  
SATURDAY 15TH MAY AT 7.30PM  
BOS INCORPORATING  
BROMSGROVE MUSICAL  
PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

**KISS ME KATE**  
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY  
COLE PORTER, BOOK BY  
BELLA AND SAMUEL  
SPEWACK

MON £10, TUE & WED £12.00  
THU - SAT £13.00

The play-within-a-play has egotistical actor-producer, Fred Graham, and his ex wife, Lilli Vanessi, bickering and romancing their way through one of Cole Porter's most-loved musicals, a parallel of Shakespeare's Pretruccio and Kate in Taming of the Shrew.  
(BAA)



STAND UP SPECIAL  
TUESDAY 18TH MAY AT 8PM  
**REGINALD D HUNTER**

(18TH MAY SOLD OUT, EXTRA  
DATE 26TH MAY) £17

Reginald D Hunter's uniquely non-secular approach to comedy continues.

A well-known face on primetime television shows such as 8 Out Of 10 Cats, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and QI, Reginald is also a frequent guest on Have I Got News For You and has just finished starring alongside Andy Hamilton in BBC4's It's Only A Theory.



"ONE OF THE MOST  
BRILLIANTLY UNPREDICTABLE  
COMICS IN THE COUNTRY"  
SUNDAY TIMES

"HE SHIMMERS WITH STAGE  
PRESENCE AND HIS COMIC  
TIMING IS SHARP ENOUGH  
TO BURST BALLOONS"  
INDEPENDENT

FRIDAY 21ST MAY AT 8PM  
**COMEDY NIGHT OUT**

£18

Everyone likes a good laugh, and who better to provide the laughter than the local legends Ian 'Sludge' Lees, Lee Wilson, Nipper Thomas and Terry Webster.

These are the funnymen who entertained at the Night Out, Kings Theatre, The Kingfisher and not forgetting those packed out nights during the heydays of the local clubs, and have entertained millions on TV's The Comedians and Who Do You Do. In 2006 they performed on a sell out theatre tour and now return to bring you some of the best gags about. See how many you can remember at work the next day!!!



SATURDAY 22ND MAY AT 8PM  
**AND FINALLY...  
PHIL COLLINS**

£15

The 11 piece band includes the 'And Finally' 3 piece Horn section that provide the final touch in recreating the wonderful Phil Collins big sound.

New songs have been introduced into the show, but it still captures the main highlights from the original concert, including such timeless classics as Against All Odds, One More Night, Can't Stop Loving You, In the Air Tonight, Easy Lover, and many more... as well as the impressive double drum solo featured at the beginning of the performance.

[www.andfinally-philcollins.co.uk](http://www.andfinally-philcollins.co.uk)



SUNDAY 23RD MAY AT 3PM  
**FIVE STAR SWING**

£12 (£10)

Following their performance at the Vera Lynn Charity Ball in London, this show boasts multi-instrumentalists and singers lead by Chris Smith, the former composer for Glenn Miller's brother - Herb Miller, the BBC Big Band and the Royal Variety Performance. Special Guest - Simone, from the latter days of the Ivy Benson Orchestra.

As seen on BBC TV's Children in Need, an exciting evening of hits you'll know and love from the swing era - Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller through to vocals like Mr Bojangles and Bad, Bad Leroy Brown plus foot stomping Jools Holland style jazz.



STAND UP SPECIAL  
WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY AT 8PM  
**REGINALD D HUNTER**

£17 (EXTRA DATE - SEE 18TH  
MAY FOR DETAILS)



THURSDAY 27TH MAY AT 8PM  
**NEW COLLEGE  
PROMOTIONS  
PRESENTS A TRIPLE  
BILL OF NEW COLLEGE  
STAFF TALENT**

£5 (£3)

'The Coopers' are a superb 60s covers band that are well known around the West Midlands for their dynamic performances who feature New College marketing manager Jeff Caseley on Bass. In support are the classic RnB and blues sounds of 'The Summers' featuring superb vocalist and music technology lecturer Angie Keogh. Finally, media lecturer Sean Macreavy who is better known as lead singer with Beach Boys tribute band Surf's Up, will be showcasing some of his renowned solo compositions. (An HND music technology student production).

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central**  
.co.uk

STAND UP SPECIAL  
FRIDAY 28TH MAY AT 8PM  
**STEWART FRANCIS**

£15

Great comedians come in cycles.  
As seen on Mock The Week,  
Michael McIntyre's Comedy  
Roadshow and 8 Out Of 10 Cats.  
[www.stewartfrancis.com](http://www.stewartfrancis.com)



"A BRILLIANT COMIC  
BRAIN...THIS STAND-UP CRACKS  
SOME OF THE BEST ONE-LINERS  
I'VE EVER HEARD"  
THE GUARDIAN

"ONE OF THE FUNNIEST  
COMEDIANS IN THE WORLD"  
THE LATE LATE SHOW

SATURDAY 29TH MAY AT 8PM  
**ANDREW MARSHALL IN  
CARUSO AND  
THE QUAKE**

£12 (£10)

The famous tenor Caruso was trapped in the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. In order to return home to the family he loved, he had to escape his collapsing hotel room, cross a city swept by fire and fight his way past the military on to the only ferry out of town. Beautiful storytelling and live opera singing combine to reveal the heart behind a legend featuring live music from Puccini, Rossini, Leoncavallo, Tosti and the immortal song that Caruso introduced to the World: O Sole mio.



STAND UP SPECIAL  
SUNDAY 30TH MAY AT 7.30PM  
**JANICE CONNOLLY**  
AS BARBARA NICE -  
**HIYA AND HIGHER**  
£12 (£10)

Mrs Barbara Nice, mother of two from Stockport, is worried that we are living in a world of ever-diminishing friendliness. A world where we increasingly keep ourselves to ourselves, heads down, afraid to catch each other's eye. She wants us all to stand proud. To be open with ourselves and with each other and to look the world right in the eye and say 'Hiya'. What's the point otherwise?



"CATCH HER BEFORE SHE GOES STRATOSPHERIC"  
THE SCOTSMAN GUIDE

STAND UP SPECIAL  
THURSDAY 3RD JUNE AT 8PM  
(SORRY. SOLD OUT)  
**JASON MANFORD**  
£15

As seen on Live At The Apollo, Walk On The Wild Side, 8 Out of 10 Cats, The Royal Variety Performance & on Radio 2 Jason Manford and Friends.



"ONE OF THE MOST CONSISTENTLY FUNNY AND EFFORTLESSLY CHARMING NEW COMICS AROUND"  
JONATHAN ROSS

"ONE OF THE FUNNIEST FRIENDS I'VE GOT"  
PETER KAY

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE AT 8PM  
**DESPERADO PRESENTS**  
**HEART OF THE EAGLES**  
£14 (£12)

A full evening featuring all the classic Eagles songs delivered in full Eagles sound and vision; Hotel California, New York Minute, Lyin' Eyes, New Kid In Town, Tequila Sunrise and more. If you missed The Eagles recent stadium tour dates, don't worry, its all here in 'The Fast Lane!' PURE ENTERTAINMENT! PURE EAGLES!

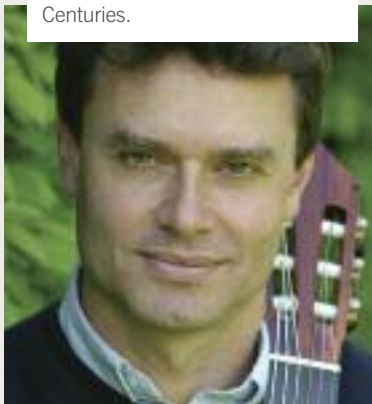


THURSDAY 10TH JUNE AT 8PM  
**JULIE FOWLIS 'UAM'**  
**& SUPPORT**  
£18.50

Uam is a Scots Gaelic phrase meaning 'from me', an appropriate title for Radio 2 folk awards 'Singer of the Year' Julie's third album. Helping her explore her Hebridean roots will be Éamon Doorley (bouzouki), Highland fiddler Duncan Chisholm, driving guitarist Tony Byrne and award-winning bodhrán player Martin O'Neill, along with friends, family and fellow musicians.



FRIDAY 11TH JUNE AT 7.30PM

**ENGLISH STRING  
ORCHESTRA WITH  
CRAIG OGDEN (GUITAR)****£16 (£15) £6 STUDENTS**Mozart Divertimento in D K136  
Giuliani Concerto for Guitar  
and StringsDjango Reinhardt Nuages  
Fernando Sor Introduction theme  
and variations op 9Vivaldi Concerto for Guitar in D  
Ireland Minuet and Rondo  
Warlock Capriol SuiteBoccherini Fandango  
The ESO join forces with the  
brilliant Australian guitarist once  
more for a programme of string  
music from the 18th and 20th  
Centuries.**STAND UP SPECIAL**

SATURDAY 12TH JUNE AT 8PM

**MUTTON****£12 (£10)**

What does a woman do when her 'babies' flee the nest for Uni, work or, horror of horrors, their own family? Well for the Mutton girls, feeling helpless, abandoned and with time on their hands, it was simple...write a comedy show full of their own experiences and those of their friends, the joys, trials, anguishes, confusions and coping...in short...**LIFE, WITH IT'S FUNNY (and sometimes peculiar) HAT ON!**

These fast and hilarious comedy sketches including many new ones, along with perennial favourites are not only for the Women who 'suffer' but for their men who will be 'oh so familiar' with what they see!!!



SATURDAY 19TH JUNE AT 7.30PM

**MAPPA MUNDI**

PRESENTS

**DANGEROUS LIAISONS****£13 (£11)**

A Mappa Mundi: Theatr Mwldan co-production. Mappa Mundi, Wales' most dynamic theatre company, turns its attention to Dangerous Liaisons with a new stage adaptation of Pierre Choderlos de Laclos' 1782 novel of lust, greed, deception, and romance. *Supported by the Welsh Assembly Government and the Arts Council Of Wales through the Arts Outside Cardiff Scheme.*

**PLEASE NOTE** - There will be scenes and innuendo of a sexual nature that may not be deemed suitable for those under the age of 16.



## // COMINGSOON

THURSDAY 24TH JUNE

**VERVE DANCE**

FRIDAY 25TH JUNE

**PAUL LEEGAN  
AND THE  
LEGENDS**

SATURDAY 26TH JUNE

**GERMAINE  
GREER**

FRIDAY 9TH JULY

**U2UK**

SATURDAY 17TH JULY

**QUADROPHENIA  
NIGHT**

FRIDAY 23RD JULY

**ROCK BACK  
THE CLOCK**

SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST

**FRED ZEPPELIN**

*Cinema prices, unless otherwise stated: Standard: £5.50 (£4.50). Holiday specials screenings before 5pm: £5 (£4).*

*Friday matinees: £5 (£4 senior citizens) including tea, coffee and biscuits.*

**CINEMA DISCOUNT CARD** Give us £5, and we will give you a voucher with 10 £1 film discounts for use by you or your friends on any cinema screening (one discount per ticket).



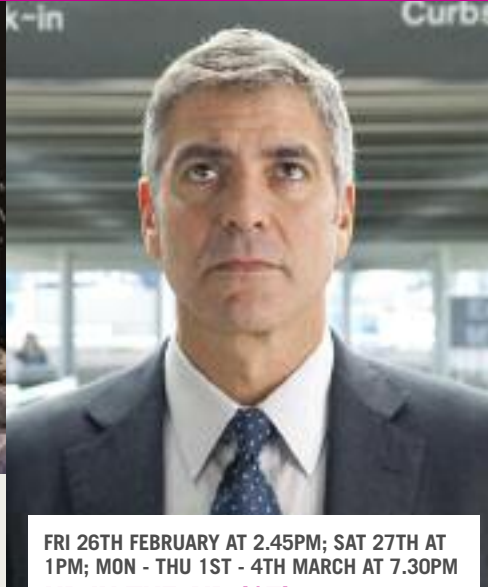
MON - THU 22ND - 25TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM

## **NINE (12A)**

**DIR: BOB MARSHALL (USA 2010. 118MINS)**  
**WITH DANIEL DAY-LEWIS, PENELOPE CRUZ,**  
**MARION COTILLARD, NICOLE KIDMAN,**  
**JUDI DENCH & SOPHIA LOREN**

Nine, a Broadway musical loosely based on Fellini's 8 ½, tells the story of famous film director Guido as he confronts an epic mid-life crisis with both creative and personal problems. The latter include the need to balance his relationship with the many women in his life, including his wife, mistress, muse, costume designer and his mother.

4 Oscar nominations.



FRI 26TH FEBRUARY AT 2.45PM; SAT 27TH AT 1PM; MON - THU 1ST - 4TH MARCH AT 7.30PM

## **UP IN THE AIR (15)**

**DIR: JASON REITMAN (USA 2009. 109 MINS)**  
**WITH GEORGE CLOONEY, VERA FARMIGA &**  
**ANNA KENDRICK**

Ryan Bingham is a corporate downsizing expert whose cherished life on the road is threatened just as he is on the cusp of reaching ten million frequent flyer miles and just after he's met the frequent-traveller woman of his dreams!

6 Oscar nominations.



FRI 12TH MARCH AT 2.45PM;  
 TUES 16TH AT 7.30PM

## **NOWHERE BOY (15)**

**DIR: SAM TAYLOR WOOD (UK 2009. 98 MINS)**  
**WITH AARON JOHNSON, ANNE-MARIE DUFF &**  
**KRISTIN SCOTT THOMAS**

In 1950s Liverpool John Lennon is being brought up by loving but restrictive guardian Aunt Mimi.

Meanwhile his estranged biological mother Julia, a chain smoking free spirit, introduces him to an exciting new world of skiffle and rock 'n' roll.



FRI 19TH MARCH AT 2.45PM & 7.30PM;  
MON 22ND AT 7.30PM

## AVATAR (12A)

*DIR: JAMES CAMERON (USA 2009. 161 MINS)  
WITH SAM WORTHINGTON, ZOE SALDANA &  
SIGOURNEY WEAVER*

Disabled ex-marine Jake is sent to aid a mining expedition on the distant moon of Pandora by infiltrating the indigenous Na'vi. When he falls for native girl Neytiri complications inevitably ensue. The biggest grossing film of all time!

9 Oscar nominations.



THU 1ST APRIL AT 7.30PM; FRI 2ND AT 1PM

## THE LOVELY BONES (12A)

*DIR: PETER JACKSON (USA/UK/NZ 2010. 135 MINS)  
WITH SAIRSE RONAN, MARK WAHLBERG &  
RACHEL WEISZ*

Based on Alice Sebold's best seller, The Lovely Bones follows murdered teenager Susie as she looks down from above on her grieving parents, and the neighbour who killed her as he anxiously tries to cover his tracks.

1 Oscar nomination.



MON 5TH APRIL AT 4.30PM;  
TUE 6TH AT 2.30PM & 7.30PM

## FAMILY SPECIAL

## PONYO (U)

*DIR: HAYAO MIYAZAKI (JAPAN 2009. 103 MINS)  
WITH THE VOICES OF CATE BLANCHETT,  
MATT DAMON & LIAM NEESON*

Animated tale by Japan's brilliant Studio Ghibli. Ponyo, half human, half fish, escapes from her father, marine lord Fujimoto, and is adopted by five year old Sosuke. With the elements thrown out of balance, the natural world around them starts to disintegrate.



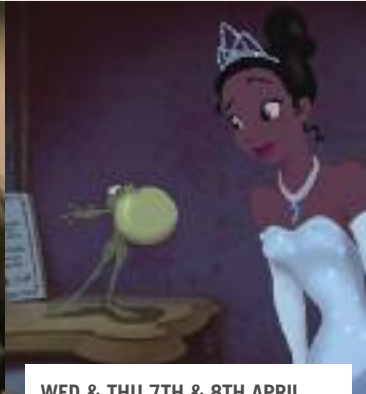
MON 5TH APRIL AT 7.30PM;  
THU 8TH AT 7.30PM

## SEX, DRUGS AND ROCK 'N' ROLL (15)

*DIR: MAT WHITECROSS (UK 2010. 113 MINS) WITH ANDY SERKIS, NAOMIE HARRIS & OLIVIA WILLIAMS*

After years on the pub circuit Ian Dury finds critical and commercial acclaim with the Blockheads.

The contradictions of the excesses that come with success and the limitations of his polio-ravaged body take their toll, however, especially on his relationships with those closest to him.



WED & THU 7TH & 8TH APRIL  
AND TUE 13TH AT 2.30PM

## FAMILY SPECIAL THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (U)

*DIRS: RON CLEMENTS & JOHN MUSKER (USA 2010. 97 MINS) WITH THE VOICES OF ANIKA NONI ROSE, BRUNO CAMPOS & OPRAH WINFREY*

Hardworking New Orleans waitress Tiana, trying to earn enough for her own restaurant, is persuaded by Naveen, a lazy prince turned into a frog by Voodoo, to kiss him back to humanity.

Instead Tiana becomes a frog as well, and the two set off on an adventure to regain themselves.

3 Oscar nominations.



MON & TUE 12TH & 13TH APRIL  
AT 7.30PM

## INVICTUS (12A)

*DIR: CLINT EASTWOOD (USA 2010. 133 MINS) WITH MORGAN FREEMAN, MATT DAMON & TONY KGORGE*

In his first term in office Nelson Mandela struggles to unite his long divided country.

The Rugby World Cup of 1995, taking place in South Africa that year, provided an ideal arena for him to unite white and black through a sport previously strongly identified with apartheid.

2 Oscar nominations.



WED 14TH APRIL AT 7.30PM;  
FRI 16TH AT 2PM

## THE BOYS ARE BACK (12A)

*DIR: SCOTT HICKS (AUS/UK 2010. 103 MINS) WITH CLIVE OWEN, EMMA BOOTH & LAURA FRASER*

When sportswriter Joe's wife dies he commits to bringing up his six year old son Artie alone, and the two set off on a bonding road trip.

Come along early to the Friday screening to enjoy a light lunch prepared and served from 12.30pm by the Bromsgrove committee of the NSPCC. Money raised will support NSPCC's work with local children and Childline. (Lunch tickets, at £5, must be purchased in advance and are available from the Artrix box office).





MON 19TH APRIL AT 7.45PM  
BROMGROVE FESTIVAL FRINGE  
PRESENTS

## DEATH IN VENICE(12A)

*DIR: LUCHINO VISCONTI (ITALY/FRANCE 1971. 130 MINS) WITH BJORN ANDRESEN, DIRK BOGARDE & MARISA BERENSON. IN ENGLISH, ITALIAN, POLISH AND FRENCH WITH SOME SUBTITLES. FROM THE NOVEL BY THOMAS MANN*

£7.50 including a pre-screening glass of wine or soft drink from 7.15pm.

Composer Gustave Aschenbach, suffering a creative block, takes a break in a Venetian resort. Here he develops a troubling attraction to the adolescent Tadzio, who embodies an ideal of beauty that he has long sought. The onset of a deadly pestilence threatens them both, however. Visually and conceptually brilliant, the film features Mahler's haunting 3rd and 5th symphonies.

1 Oscar nomination 1972.



TUE 20TH APRIL AT 7.45PM  
BROMGROVE FESTIVAL FRINGE  
PRESENTS

## A SONG TO REMEMBER (U)

*DIR: CHARLES VIDOR (USA 1945. 113 MINS) WITH PAUL MUNI, MERLE OBERON & CORNEL WILDE*

£7.50 including a pre-screening glass of wine or soft drink from 7.15pm.

Prof. Joseph Elsner guides his brilliant protégé Frederik Chopin through his formative years in Poland. When the young Chopin insults his hosts at an important recital, however, they are forced to flee for Paris where the young musician comes under the wing and influence of novelist George Sand.

6 Oscar nominations 1945.



WED & THU 21ST & 22ND APRIL AT 7.30PM

## A PROPHET (UN PROPHETE) (18)

*DIR: JACQUES AUDIARD (FRANCE 2009. 149 MINS) WITH TAHAR RAHIM, NIELS ARESTRUP & ADEL BENCHERIF. IN FRENCH WITH SUBTITLES*

Jailed for six years for an unspecified crime, illiterate French Arab teenager Malik is initiated into the prison's criminal underworld and sets about ascending its brutal and violent hierarchy with the help of Corsican crime boss Cesar.

1 Oscar nomination.



TUE & THU 27TH & 29TH APRIL AT 7.30PM

## MICMACS (12A)

*DIR: JEAN-PIERRE JEUNET (FRANCE 2009. 104 MINS) WITH DANY BOON, JULIE FERRIER & ANDRE DUSSOLLIER. IN FRENCH WITH SUBTITLES*

Delicatessen meets Amelie in JeUNET's bizarre story of hapless video store worker Basil. Surviving a gun battle that leaves him injured, homeless and jobless, Basil falls in with a bunch of scrapyards-dwelling misfits.

He then sets about wreaking revenge on the arms manufacturers who made the bullet that ruined his life.



"A BLOW-YOUR-SOCKS OFF TRIUMPH. BE MOVED. VERY, VERY MOVED"

EMPIRE

MON & TUE 3RD & 4TH MAY AT 7.30PM

## PRECIOUS (15)

*DIR: LEE DANIELS (USA 2010. 110 MINS) WITH GABOUREY SIDIBE, MO'NIQUE & MARIAH CAREY*

Sixteen year old Precious is illiterate, obese, physically and mentally abused and pregnant again by her father.

However, when an incident at school brings her to the attention of the authorities she is placed on a special programme for problem girls and is given the chance to turn her life around.

6 Oscar nominations.



WED & THU 5TH & 6TH MAY AT 7.30PM

## A SINGLE MAN (12A)

*DIR: TOM FORD (USA 2010. 101 MINS) WITH COLIN FIRTH, JULIANNE MOORE & MATTHEW GOODE*

Based on Christopher Isherwood's 1964 novel, A Single Man finds ex-pat West Coast college professor George coming to terms with the death of his long-term partner and planning his own demise against a backdrop of the Cuban missile crisis.

1 Oscar nomination.



FRI 14TH MAY AT 2.45PM;  
SUN & MON 16TH & 17TH MAY AT 7.30PM

### THE LAST STATION (15)

*DIR: MICHAEL HOFFMAN (GERMANY/RUSSIA/UK 2010. 110 MINS) WITH HELEN MIRREN, CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER & JAMES MCAVOY*

Naïve young Valentin, thrilled to become secretary to the aged Leo Tolstoy in the wilds of Russia, soon find his illusions shattered.

Tolstoy and his wife Countess Sofya constantly argue, while socialist acolyte Cherkov is angling for the Tolstoy copyrights for the cause.

2 Oscar nominations.



WED & THURS 19TH & 20TH MAY AT 7.30PM

### THE WHITE RIBBON (DAS WEISSE BAND - EINE DEUTSCHE KINDERGESCHICHTE) (15)

*DIR: MICHAEL HANEKE  
(AUSTRIA/GERMANY/France/  
ITALY 2009. 144 MINS) WITH CHRISTIAN  
FRIEDEL, LEONIE BENESCH & ULRICH TUKUR. IN  
GERMAN, ITALIAN, POLISH AND LATIN WITH  
SUBTITLES*

In a small Lutheran village in pre-First World War Germany a series of mysterious and disturbing incidents form the background to Haneke's stark black-and-white morality tale examining communal guilt, distrust and punishment.

2 Oscar nominations.



FRI 21ST MAY AT 2.45PM;  
SUN & MON 23RD & 24TH AT 7.30PM

### CRAZY HEART (15)

*DIR: SCOTT COOPER (USA 2010. 111 MINS)  
WITH JEFF BRIDGES, MAGGIE GYLLENHAAL &  
ROBERT DUVALL.*

Veteran country singer Bad Blake ekes out his life in endless tours of small venues in dead end towns, fighting the demon drink and ever encroaching insolvency.

An interview with reporter Jean Craddock challenges him to re-assess his life, however.

3 Oscar nominations.



TUE 25TH MAY AT 7.30PM;  
FRI 28TH AT 2.45PM

## THE RED SHOES (U)

*DIR: MICHAEL POWELL & EMERIC PRESSBURGER  
(UK 1948. 133 MINS) WITH MOIRA SHEARER,  
ANTON WALBROOK & MARIUS GORING*

Under the authoritarian rule of charismatic ballet impresario Lermontov, young ballerina Victoria Page is poised for superstardom. However, when she falls in love with composer Julian Craster she finds herself torn between Lermontov's demands and those of her heart. One of the greatest films about the creative spirit ever made.

2 Oscars 1949.



MON 31ST MAY AT 2.30PM & 7.30PM;  
TUE & WED 1ST & 2ND JUNE AT 2.30PM

## FAMILY SPECIAL ALICE IN WONDERLAND (CERT TBC)

*DIR: TIM BURTON (USA 1010. TIME TBC) WITH  
MIA WASIKOWSKA, JOHNNY DEPP, HELENA  
BONHAM CARTER & STEPHEN FRY*

Director and subject matter make for a perfect marriage in Tim Burton's version of the Lewis Carroll classic.

When 19-year-old Alice returns to the magical world from her childhood adventure, she reunites with her old friends and learns of her true destiny: to end the Red Queen's reign of terror!



TUE & WED 1ST & 2ND JUNE AT 7.30PM

## ONDINE (CERT TBC)

*DIR: NEIL JORDAN (IRELAND/USA 2010. 111  
MINS) WITH COLIN FARRELL, TONY CURRAN,  
ALICJA BACHLEDA & STEPHEN REA*

Irish fisherman Syracuse's life is transformed when he catches a beautiful and mysterious creature in his nets.

His daughter Annie comes to believe that the woman is a magical creature, while Syracuse falls helplessly in love.

THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 7PM - 10PM

EUROBLUES PROMOTIONS LIMITED AND ARTRIX PRESENT

## RAGS, DRAGS, STOMPS AND SHUFFLES, THE MUSIC OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MANDOLINIST

A MANDOLIN MASTERCLASS WITH RICH DELGROSSO  
£30 (£25)

Rich DelGrosso, widely regarded as the leading exponent of mandolin blues, has written articles for several US publications and has published three instruction books on mandolin for Hal Leonard.

Rich will explore the music of the early string and jug band musicians and the music of the post war era with arrangements and examples from a variety of great performers. Full details from the box office.

[www.mandolinblues.com](http://www.mandolinblues.com)

FRIDAY 5TH - SUNDAY 7TH MARCH

EUROBLUES PROMOTIONS LIMITED AND ARTRIX PRESENT

## AN ACOUSTIC BLUES WEEKEND OF WORKSHOPS, JAMS AND PERFORMANCE

WEEKEND: £125 (£115)

SATURDAY: £70 (£65)

SUNDAY: £55 (£50)

The programme will offer classes starting Friday from 1pm to 5pm and an evening jam session from 8pm to midnight for 'participants only'. On Saturday, classes will run from 10am to 5pm followed by a public concert at 8pm. On Sunday, classes will run from 10am to 4pm. The classes will cater for all levels and we recommend you bring along a portable recorder for future reference. The tutors are Alan Glen (harmonica), Rich DelGrosso (bottleneck slide guitar) and Sonny Black and Michael Roach (country blues guitar).

Full details from the box office.

MONDAY 19TH APRIL FOR 10 WEEKS (EXCLUDING HALF TERM 31ST MAY & 7TH JUNE) 7.15PM - 8.15PM

## ADULT JAZZ/BEGINNERS JAZZ

WITH CAROLINE ZDRAVKOVIC

£47

New style class for a brand new term! We will be exploring more freestyle dance including modern theatre, musical theatre and basic jazz style, and continuing with basic tap techniques culminating in routines and opportunities to explore your inner selves as individuals and team members.

Come along, have fun, make friends and above all enjoy!

New beginners welcome.

Jazz shoes or soft soled shoes - no trainers.

Tap shoes please.

MONDAY 19TH APRIL FOR 10 WEEKS (EXCLUDING HALF TERM 31ST MAY & 7TH JUNE) 8.30PM - 9.30PM

## ADULT INTERMEDIATE JAZZ/MUSICAL THEATRE

WITH CAROLINE ZDRAVKOVIC

£47

More swing, modern jazz style but with a feel of modern day trends and today's definitive musical theatre influences. Think Fame meets Fosse meets fusion! It's smart, sassy and slick. You will need some dance background, and a reasonable level of fitness.

Prepare to be HOT!

Jazz shoes or jazz sneakers suitable. No trainers please.



TUESDAY 20TH APRIL FOR 10 WEEKS (EXCLUDING HALF TERM 1ST JUNE & 8TH JUNE) 7.15PM - 8.15PM

## BEGINNERS ADULT BALLET

WITH CAROLINE ZDRAVKOVIC  
£47

Our journey continues into the world of classical ballet, exploring steps, terms, techniques and progresses to the interpretation of this truly wonderful performing art. Old and new class members will create their own special combination of ideas and strengths, skills and inspirations to make a highly enjoyable weekly session. All are welcome. Soft shoes please, ballet preferably, but no trainers.

TUESDAY 20TH APRIL FOR 10 WEEKS (EXCLUDING HALF TERM 1ST JUNE & 8TH JUNE) 8.30PM - 9.30PM

## INTERMEDIATE ADULT BALLET

WITH CAROLINE ZDRAVKOVIC  
£47

A more rigorous and challenging, but hugely enjoyable and entertaining class. Old friends and new faces will continue theoretical work, but will also be learning new dances and pieces incorporating traditional style classical ballet and more contemporary influences from today's extensive dance repertoires. You will require some balletic knowledge and background for this class, and a reasonable level of fitness. Ballet shoes are essential.

WEDNESDAY 21ST APRIL FOR 10 WEEKS (EXCLUDING HALF TERM 2ND JUNE AND 9TH & 16TH JUNE)

## BEGINNERS BELLY DANCING

6.30PM - 8PM £50

## INTERMEDIATE BELLY DANCING

8PM - 9.30PM £50

WITH TRACEY GRIFFITHS

Set your spirit free!

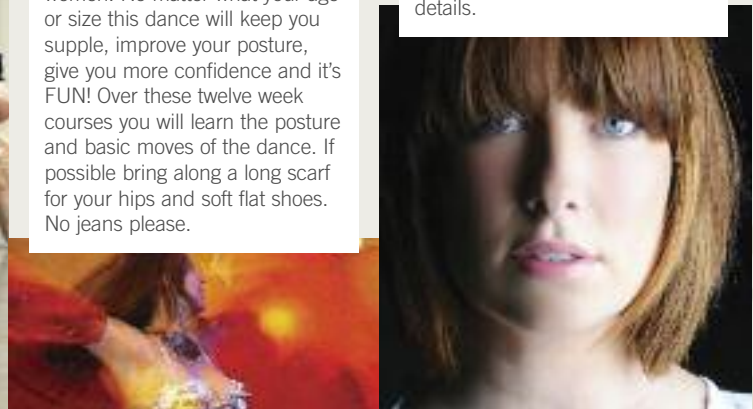
No experience necessary to learn this beautiful dance form. This dynamic and feminine dance of the East has been handed down from mother to daughter through many generations as entertainment for women, by women. No matter what your age or size this dance will keep you supple, improve your posture, give you more confidence and it's FUN! Over these twelve week courses you will learn the posture and basic moves of the dance. If possible bring along a long scarf for your hips and soft flat shoes. No jeans please.

SUNDAYS TO AUGUST 29TH  
5PM - 7PM

## SINGING MASTERCLASSES WITH AVA THOMPSON

£15/SESSION PAYABLE TO THE TUTOR

Ava, who has been teaching singing since graduating from Central School of Speech and Drama, holds singing masterclasses every Sunday evening (except Easter Sunday) for adults and under-16s on alternating weeks. Interested students will be invited to participate in a cabaret performance on 29th August. Phone the box office for further details.



**SATURDAYS FROM 9TH JANUARY 10AM - 1PM**  
**THEATRETRAIN BROMSGROVE**  
**PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL**

**AGE GROUPS 6 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 18**

Theatretrain teaches a wide range of skills in acting, dance and singing with each discipline taught for one hour each week to pupils. Full details and a prospectus can be obtained from Mandi Ashwood on 01527 572692

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**SATURDAY 24TH APRIL FOR 12 WEEKS**  
**(EXCLUDING HALF TERM, 5TH JUNE) 1.30PM - 4.30PM**

**STAGE IT YOUTH THEATRE**  
**11 - 18 YEAR OLDS**  
**£150**

STAGE IT is a youth production company for young performers who want to experience creating full scale productions and perform on the Artrix stage. Working with professional actors, choreographers and designers the STAGE IT Company will use the techniques of improvisation, voice work, physical theatre and core acting skills to develop and create theatre that is relevant for today's generation. No experience necessary, just commitment and enthusiasm.

The end of term presentation will be performed on Thursday 15th July at 7.30pm.



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 Thursday 15th April 2010 at 7.00 pm



For further information contact Mandi on 01527 572692  
 email: [mashwood@ne-worcs.ac.uk](mailto:mashwood@ne-worcs.ac.uk)  
 or visit the website: [www.artrix.co.uk](http://www.artrix.co.uk) Please fill in application forms overleaf

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# STAGE A PLAY

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 Performance at artrix theatre  
 Friday 4th June 2010 at 7.00 pm



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Please enclose course fee of £95.00. Once Paid. All Fees Are Non-Refundable.

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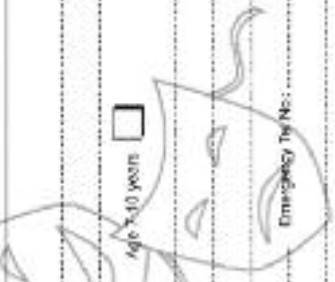
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Signed by Parent or Guardian: .....

Print Full Name: .....

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## PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

Complete this section and return to Artrix (STAGE IT) at School Drive, Brumagrove, Warcs, BS50 1AX  
Please enclose course fee of £95.00. Once Paid. All Fees Are Non-Refundable.

Name of Child/ren: .....

Age/ix: ..... Please Tick Age Box:  Age 7-10 years  Age 11-16 years

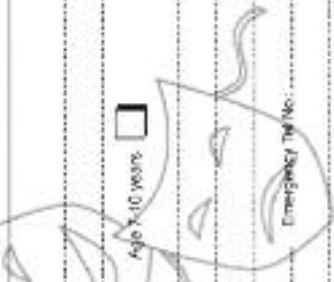
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The Artrix gallery brings the best in challenging new work to Bromsgrove in its monthly exhibition programme of 2d, 3d and mixed media artwork. It is open 10am - 4pm Monday - Saturday and on performance evenings. Many of the works on display can be purchased, and would make ideal presents!

WEDNESDAY 3RD MARCH - SATURDAY  
3RD APRIL

## ALEX WOODS

Alex was a talented young photographer and musician whose life was tragically taken suddenly in August 2009.

He was keen and enthusiastic in his commitment to Artrix as its resident photographer, recording all of the last years' major Theatretrain productions. His own performing background as a musician and drummer gave him an empathy with the students and a rare understanding of the dynamism of stage performance.



WEDNESDAY 7TH APRIL - SUNDAY 2ND MAY

TREVOR LAY:

## A QUANTUM LEAP IN THE DARK

**Cosmology.** How the Universe exists, at least as far as we know is key. It's because we know so little that the artist finds cosmology so interesting.

We can see only 4% of the Universe; current thinking suggests the remaining 96% is made up of something called dark matter and dark energy, both as yet undetected. Trevor's abstract paintings are his response to these invisible forces. The Mystery, wonder and power; seemingly chaotic, but ever humbling



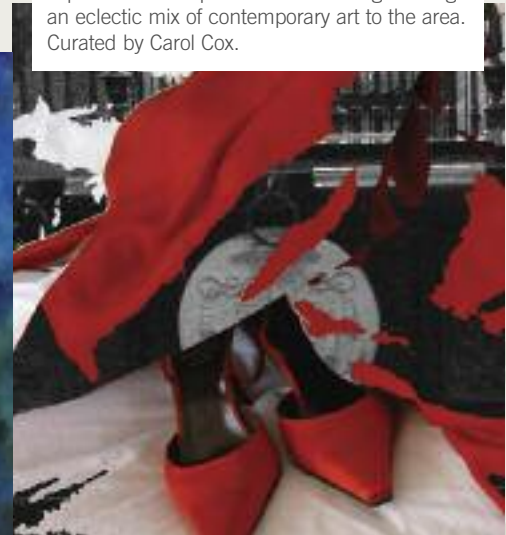
THURSDAY 6TH MAY - SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

## NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE ART OPEN

As part of the spring calendar this year Artrix is hosting an open art exhibition.

The exhibition is to showcase new, exciting, contemporary art work by professional and amateur artists.

All work will have been selected by a panel of experienced arts professionals looking to bring an eclectic mix of contemporary art to the area. Curated by Carol Cox.



## SEATING PLAN

Black areas denote wheelchair positions.



## INFORMATION

### ACCESS

We welcome people with disabilities and are committed to ensuring that your visit is easy, enjoyable and straight-forward. We have level access to the main foyer, an adapted toilet on the ground and top floors and an induction loop system for the hard of hearing downstairs in the auditorium (turn your hearing aid to the T position). Wheelchair spaces can be made available in the auditorium on the ground floor and in the side galleries via a lift: please make your requirements known when booking.

### MAILING LIST

You can join our free mailing list by phoning the box office on 01527 577330. Better still, and to ensure you get the fullest, up to date, information on events you also need to sign up to our e mail list.

**SAVE TREES BY SAVING PAPER.** Let the box office know and we can send you your seasonal brochure in a PDF format to your e mail address, rather than in paper form!

## BOOKING INFORMATION

### HOW TO BOOK

#### In person

Our box office is open from 10am-4pm Monday-Saturday and for 1 hour prior to ticketed events and activities.



### By post

Send us details of your ticket requirements to our postal address, ARTRIX, School Drive, Bromsgrove B60 1AX, together with a cheque or postal order payable to ARTRIX. We can then either hold your tickets or send them by return.

**A booking fee of £1.50 per transaction is payable.**

### By telephone

Call us on 01527 577330. Credit/debit card bookings can be made 10am-4pm Monday-Saturday.

**A booking fee of £1.50 per transaction is payable.**

### Booking on-line

Visit [www.artrix.co.uk](http://www.artrix.co.uk) and follow the simple on-screen instructions.

### REFUNDS

Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded unless an event is cancelled.

### LATECOMERS

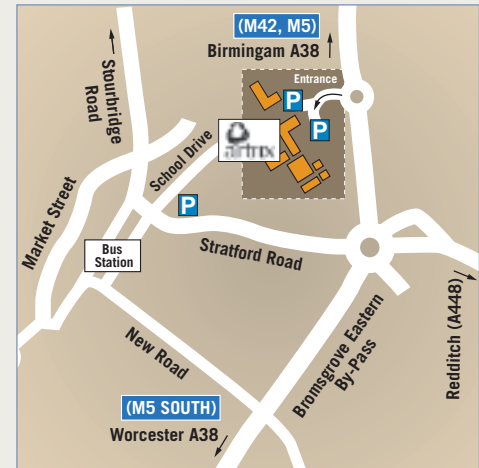
Latecomers may have to wait for a break in the performance to be seated.

### CONCESSIONS

Concessionary ticket prices (in brackets) apply to children, students in full time education, senior citizens, registered disabled and those on benefits unless - otherwise stated. Proof of eligibility is required.

### BAA

Events marked BAA are presented by members of Bromsgrove Arts Alive, a forum of arts organisations based or working in the District. Phone 01527 572739 for details.



### SEATING

Unless otherwise noted, all events are fully seated.

### DIRECTIONS

#### By car:

Leave the A38 (Bromsgrove Eastern bypass) at the Guild/Premier Inn/David Lloyd leisure centre roundabout onto Slideslow Drive - SatNav postcode B60 1PQ. Ample free parking is available adjacent to the venue.

#### By foot from the town centre:

We are at the end of School Drive off Stratford Road.

**ARTRIX RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADMISSION AND, IF UNAVOIDABLE, TO MAKE ALTERATIONS TO THE PROGRAMME WITHOUT NOTICE.**

# Diary of Events

## FEBRUARY

GRAHAM ROBERTS EXHIBITION		
Mon 22nd	7.30pm	NINE (12A)
Tue 23rd	7.30pm	NINE (12A)
Wed 24th	7.30pm	NINE (12A)
Thu 25th	7.30pm	NINE (12A)
Fri 26th	2.45pm	UP IN THE AIR (15)
	8pm	MARK BEBBINGTON PIANO
Sat 27th	1pm	UP IN THE AIR (15)
	7.30pm	GLAMBA - THEATRICAL PERCUSSION SHOW
Sun 28th	7.30pm	STEVE KING BIG BAND

## MARCH

Mon 1st	7.30pm	UP IN THE AIR (15)
Tue 2nd	7.30pm	UP IN THE AIR (15)
Wed 3rd		<b>ALEX WOODS EXHIBITION STARTS</b>
	7.30pm	UP IN THE AIR (15)
Thu 4th	7-10pm	BLUES WEEKEND MANDOLIN WORKSHOP
	7.30pm	UP IN THE AIR (15)
Fri 5th	1pm-5pm & late	BLUES WEEKEND
	8pm	DR TEETH BIG BAND
Sat 6th	10am-5pm	BLUES WEEKEND
	8pm	BLUES WEEKEND CONCERT
Sun 7th	10am-4pm	BLUES WEEKEND
Mon 8th		<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 9th	7.30pm	NBHS SWEENEY TODD
Wed 10th	7.30pm	NBHS SWEENEY TODD
Thu 11th	7.30pm	NBHS SWEENEY TODD
Fri 12th	2.45pm	NOWHERE BOY (15)
	7.30pm	NBHS SWEENEY TODD
Sat 13th	8pm	GERRY AND THE PACEMAKERS
Sun 14th	7.30pm	JULIAN SMITH AKA JUILZ GIANNI
Mon 15th	8pm	THE RAPE OF LUCRECE
Tue 16th	7.30pm	NOWHERE BOY (15)
Wed 17th	8pm	THE BLUES BAND
Thu 18th	7.30pm	BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS
Fri 19th	2.45pm	AVATAR (12A)
	7.30pm	AVATAR (12A)
Sat 20th	1pm	YOUTH THEATRE SHARING
	7.30pm	THEATRETRAIN
Sun 21st	6.30pm	EXCELS DANCE ACADEMY
Mon 22nd	7.30pm	AVATAR (12A)
Tue 23rd	7pm	POETRY SLAM
Wed 24th	7.30pm	FUNK OFF
Thu 25th	8pm	ACE DANCE AND MUSIC
Fri 26th	8pm	DORIC STRING QUARTET
Sat 27th	7.30pm	PUTTING ON THE RITZ
Sun 28th	6pm	ELITE DANCE AND GYMNASTICS
Mon 29th		<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 30th	7.30pm	TITUS ANDRONICUS
Wed 31st	1pm	TITUS ANDRONICUS
	7.30pm	TITUS ANDRONICUS

## APRIL

Thu 1st	7.30pm	THE LOVELY BONES (12A)
Fri 2nd	1pm	THE LOVELY BONES (12A)
	8pm	T-REXTASY
Sat 3rd	6pm	SING TO ME
Sun 4th	Easter Day	<b>CLOSED</b>
Mon 5th	4.30pm	PONYO (U)
	7.30pm	SEX, DRUGS AND ROCK 'N' ROLL (15)
Tue 6th	2.30pm	PONYO (U)
	7.30pm	PONYO (U)
Wed 7th		<b>TREVOR LAY EXHIBITION OPENS</b>
	2.30pm	THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (U)
	7.30pm	CHRISTINE WALKDEN
Thu 8th	2.30pm	THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (U)
	7.30pm	SEX, DRUGS AND ROCK 'N' ROLL (15)
Fri 9th	7.30pm	VIENNA FESTIVAL BALLET SWAN LAKE
Sat 10th	2.30pm	VIENNA FESTIVAL BALLET SWAN LAKE
	7.30pm	VIENNA FESTIVAL BALLET SWAN LAKE
Sun 11th	8pm	DR PHIL HAMMOND
Mon 12th	10am-4pm	STAGE A PLAY
	7.30pm	INVICTUS (12A)
Tue 13th	10am-4pm	STAGE A PLAY
	2.30pm	THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (U)
	7.30pm	INVICTUS (12A)
Wed 14th	10am-4pm	STAGE A PLAY
	7.30pm	THE BOYS ARE BACK (12A)
Thu 15th	10am-4pm	STAGE A PLAY
	7.30pm	STAGE A PLAY PERFORMANCE
Fri 16th	12.30pm	NSPCP CHARITY LUNCH
	2pm	THE BOYS ARE BACK (12A)
	8pm	NEW AMEN CORNER
Sat 17th	1.30pm	HAROLD TAYLOR PIANO RECITAL
	7.30pm	THE SEARCHERS
	7.30pm	TALES OF TERROR
Sun 18th	8pm	ALBERT LEE AND HOGAN'S HEROES
Mon 19th	7.45pm	A DEATH IN VENICE (12A)
Tue 20th	7.45pm	SONG TO REMEMBER (U)
Wed 21st	7.30pm	A PROPHET (18)
Thu 22nd	7.30pm	A PROPHET (18)
Fri 23rd	7.45pm	EUROPEAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
Sat 24th	1pm-4pm	ARTRIX 5TH BIRTHDAY BASH
	8pm	JOHN COOPER CLARKE
Sun 25th		HAPPY FEET SCHOOL OF DANCE
Mon 26th	8pm	KATY BRAND
Tue 27th	7.30pm	MICMACS (12A)
Wed 28th	8pm	JEKYLL & HYDE
Thu 29th	7.30pm	MICMACS (12A)
Fri 30th	7.45pm	KING'S SINGERS

## MAY

Sat 1st	7.45pm	CHRIS BARBER BIG BAND
Sun 2nd		HAPPY FEET SCHOOL OF DANCE
Mon 3rd	7.30pm	PRECIOUS (15)
Tue 4th	7.30pm	PRECIOUS (15)
Wed 5th	7.30pm	A SINGLE MAN (12A)

Thu 6th		<b>NORTH WORCS ART OPEN EXHIBITION STARTS</b>
	7.30pm	A SINGLE MAN (12A)
Fri 7th	7.45pm	EX CATHEDRA
Sat 8th	8pm	CLASSIC CLAPTON
Sun 9th		<b>CLOSED</b>
Mon 10th	7.30pm	KISS ME KATE
Tue 11th	7.30pm	KISS ME KATE
Wed 12th	7.30pm	KISS ME KATE
Thu 13th	7.30pm	KISS ME KATE
Fri 14th	2.45pm	THE LAST STATION (15)
	7.30pm	KISS ME KATE
Sat 15th	7.30pm	KISS ME KATE
Sun 16th	7.30pm	THE LAST STATION (15)
Mon 17th	7.30pm	THE LAST STATION (15)
Tue 18th	8pm	REGINALD D HUNTER
Wed 19th	7.30pm	THE WHITE RIBBON (15)
Thu 20th	7.30pm	THE WHITE RIBBON (15)
Fri 21st	2.45pm	CRAZY HEART (15)
	8pm	COMEDY NIGHT OUT
Sat 22nd	8pm	AND FINALLY PHIL COLLINS
Sun 23rd	3pm	5 STAR SWING
	7.30pm	CRAZY HEART (15)
Mon 24th	7.30pm	CRAZY HEART (15)
Tue 25th	7.30pm	THE RED SHOES (U)
Wed 26th	8pm	REGINALD D HUNTER
Thu 27th	8pm	NEW COLLEGE STAFF TALENT
Fri 28th	2.45pm	THE RED SHOES (U)
	8pm	STEWART FRANCIS
Sat 29th	8pm	CARUSO AND THE EARTHQUAKE
Sun 30th	7.30pm	JANICE CONNOLLY
Mon 31st	10am-4pm	<b>PLAY IN A WEEK</b>
	2.30pm	ALICE IN WONDERLAND (CERT TBC)
	7.30pm	ALICE IN WONDERLAND (CERT TBC)

## JUNE

Tue 1st	10am-4pm	<b>PLAY IN A WEEK</b>
	2.30pm	ALICE IN WONDERLAND (CERT TBC)
	7.30pm	ONDINE (CERT TBC)
Wed 2nd	10am-4pm	<b>PLAY IN A WEEK</b>
	2.30pm	ALICE IN WONDERLAND (CERT TBC)
	7.30pm	ONDINE (CERT TBC)
Thu 3rd	10-4pm	<b>PLAY IN A WEEK</b>
	8pm	JASON MANFORD
Fri 4th	10am-4pm	<b>PLAY IN A WEEK</b>
	7pm	PLAY IN A WEEK PERFORMANCE
Sat 5th	8pm	DESPERADO
Sun 6th	7.30pm	JULIAN SMITH AKA JULES GIANNI
Thu 10th	8pm	JULIE FOWLS
Fri 11th	7.30pm	ENGLISH STRING ORCHESTRA
Sat 12th	8pm	MUTTON
Sat 19th	7.30pm	MAPPA MUNDI DANGEROUS LIAISONS

Live events in bold.  
Exhibitions & workshops in italics.