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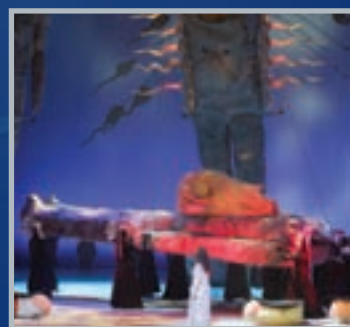
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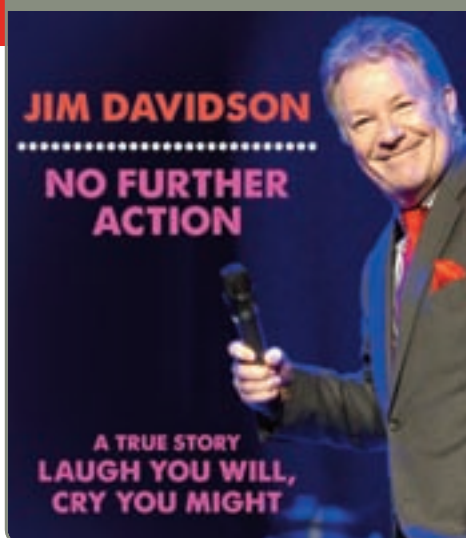


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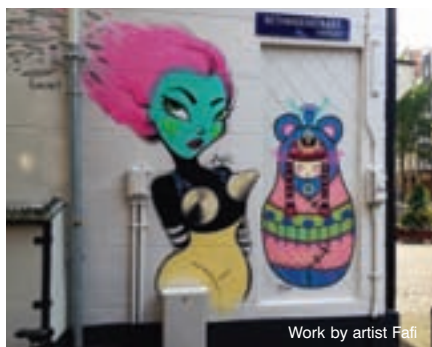
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## A bit of Eye Candy in Brum...

Leading names in pop culture, street art, illustration and style will be making their way to Digbeth this month to take part in Eye Candy, a weekend-long celebration of visual pop culture featuring one-off installations, workshops, talks and performances.

Amongst the big names to look out for are Fashionista favourite Daisy de Villeneuve, all-male collective of illustrators Brothers Of The Stripe, textile artist Felt Mistress and Paris-based artist Fafi, who makes a rare visit to the city to create a bespoke, wall-based mural.

Eye Candy takes place at Boxxed, a cavernous space in Birmingham's cultural quarter, from 13 to 15 November. For further information, visit [www.eyecandyfestival.co.uk](http://www.eyecandyfestival.co.uk)



Work by artist Fafi

## Art Council funding for Warwickshire gallery

Compton Verney, Warwickshire's award-winning independent art gallery, has received a £123,500 investment from Arts Council England (ACE). Part of ACE's National Lottery-funded small-scale Capital programme, the award will enable Compton to install Wi-Fi throughout the Georgian mansion - an improvement benefiting both artists and visitors. The funding will also support the gallery in the replacement and upgrade of its heating, air conditioning and lighting.

## Award-winning comedian returns to the RSC stage

Groundbreaking ventriloquist and acclaimed filmmaker Nina Conti is to return to Stratford's Royal Shakespeare Theatre in the new year. Nina, who's previously appeared at the RST as an actor in productions including *As You Like It* and *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, will be visiting the venue with her most daring and improvised show to date. *Live At The RSC*, on 25 January, is compered by Russell Kane and features support from Kerry Godliman.



Nina Conti



## Six world premieres in Rep's new season

Major revivals of *The King's Speech* and the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Harvey* are among the highlights of a Birmingham Rep spring-summer season that also includes six world premieres.

Jason Donovan stars as Australian speech therapist Lionel Logue in *The King's Speech*, while Mount Pleasant favourite James Dreyfus takes top billing in the Mary Chase comedy, *Harvey*. The season also features a new production of Jim Cartwright's Olivier Award-winning *Rise And Fall Of Little Voice* and the visit of hit *West End* Jeeves And Wooster *In Perfect Nonsense*, starring Robert Webb (*Peep Show*) and *The Young Ones'* Christopher Ryan. A new production of legendary musical *Oh What A Lovely War* commemorates the centenary of World War One.

Commenting on the season line-up, The Rep's artistic director, Roxana Silbert, says: "I'm particularly proud of our commitment to new regional and international work, and this season alone features plays by four local writers and six world premieres."

## Putting On The Ritz in Birmingham's King's Heath

Organisers behind a special concert in King's Heath, Birmingham, are hoping to raise significant funds to help create a new Ritz Community Arts Centre & Pop History Museum on the site of the city's old Ritz Ballroom. The 9 November concert at the Kitchen Garden Cafe features award-winning West Midlands group *Out Of The Shadows*. Public support for the idea of creating a new Ritz Community Arts Centre has so far seen over five hundred people agree to pledge £10 a year, enabling organisers to apply for charitable status and seek lottery funding.

## All good at Coventry theatre

Finding innovative ways in which to diversify its existing income streams has certainly paid off for Coventry's Belgrade Theatre. By renting out facilities for events & conferencing and introducing commercial theatre workshop programmes, the venue has significantly increased its earnings.

The past year has also seen the Belgrade's audience attendance increase by twelve percent to 164,300, with the theatre staging a total of four hundred-and-thirty-four performances of seventy productions, five of which were the venue's own.

## Debut album from Solihull singer-songwriter

An artist who's supported Amy Winehouse and Ben Howard is to launch his debut album in Birmingham this month.

Solihull singer-songwriter Chris Tye's *The Paper Grenade* is described as 'a collection of truthful, sad, romantic and bruised songs, written and recorded over a period of three years, mixing bare acoustic guitar and vocal tracks with more ambitious string-filled arrangements'.

Chris performs the eleven-track collection, recorded in Birmingham with co-producer Michael Clarke (Ron Sexsmith, Dan Whitehouse), at the city's Glee Club on 23 November, a day before the album's release.



Chris Tye

## RSC announces casting for Death Of A Salesman

Harriet Walter makes a welcome return to Stratford's Royal Shakespeare Theatre next year to star as Linda Lohan in the RSC's new production of Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Death Of A Salesman*. Joining Walter will be RSC veteran Sir Antony Sher, who'll play her husband, downtrodden salesman Willy Loman. Alex Hassell plays their son, Biff. Directed by Gregory Doran, the 2015 production marks the centenary of Miller's birth. Walter, who's previously worked with both Doran and Sher, is currently playing King Henry in the all-female production of *Henry IV* at the Donmar Warehouse.



Harriet Walter

## Dragonboat Festival raises bumper funds for charity

Organisers behind the Brindleyplace Dragonboat Festival are rejoicing after the event raised an astonishing £66,000 in aid of Help Harry Help Others. The festival celebrated its fifteenth anniversary this year and so far has raised more than £350,000.



## Alexandra Burke to star in The Bodyguard on tour

News that former X Factor winner Alexandra Burke is to star as Rachel Marron in the UK tour of *The Bodyguard* has delighted fans across the region. Burke, who's received great acclaim for her portrayal of Marron in the West End production, will appear in all evening performances of the show when it visits Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre (21 April to 2 May) and the Birmingham Hippodrome (5 to 29 August). Zoe Birkett (Priscilla Queen Of The Desert, Thriller Live and Rent) will take the lead in all matinee performances.



Alexandra Burke



## Award cements city's standing as 'a major cultural player'

Birmingham Hippodrome and DanceXchange are celebrating after winning the Achievement In Dance Award at the annual UK Theatre Awards.

The award - presented recently at a glittering event in London's prestigious Guildhall - was given in recognition of the 'bold, extensive programming and presentation of International Dance Festival Birmingham 2014'.

Accepting the award, Hippodrome Chief Executive Stuart Griffith (pictured above, left, with DanceXchange's Artistic Director, David Massingham) said: "We're absolutely thrilled to receive this award. This truly is a festival with an international reach, securing the involvement of some of the world's most prominent dance companies, which has helped to establish Birmingham as a major cultural player within the UK. Thanks go to all the talented artists, companies and producers, and for a great team effort. And, of course, we want to recognise all our sponsors and funders, such as Birmingham City Council and Arts Council England, for helping to make the festival so successful."

### IN BRIEF

#### Friendly adaptation showcases skills of local children

Coventry-based theatre company Talking Birds and Stratford's Orchestra Of The Swan have collaborated with Midlands schools to create a unique and family-friendly adaptation of Antony And Cleopatra. Entitled Ant & Cleo, the new version features ninety children aged nine to eleven from three schools. Stratford-upon-Avon's Welcombe Hills and Birmingham's Brays School both cater for special needs. The third primary school partner is the mainstream Bridgetown School, which is also located in Stratford-upon-Avon. The new show's young performers will be supported by four professional actor/singers - who'll be playing the lead roles of Gods and Caesars - and an eleven-piece orchestra. Ant & Cleo shows at Stratford Artshouse on 7 and 8 November.

## Birmingham to become virtual aviary

More than one hundred individually designed owl statues are to appear on the streets of Birmingham as part of a city-wide art event.

The Big Hoot, which takes place across all ten districts of Birmingham next summer, is the latest high-profile project from public art specialists Wild In Art - the team who last year famously hosted Gromit Unleashed, a similar event in Bristol.

On this occasion, Wild In Art is working in partnership with Birmingham Children's Hospital. Its aim is to showcase the city's wide cultural appeal while at the same time raising half a million pounds for the hospital.

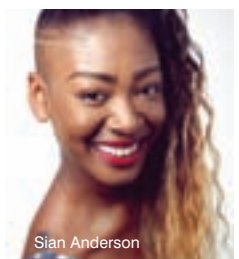
Speaking about the project, Wild In Art's director, Sally-Ann Wilkinson, said: "Our public art projects have a proven track record of increasing tourism and heightening the profile of our host cities. We're confident that this will continue in Birmingham, as visitors and residents alike discover the city through this unique and visually stunning artistic trail."



## Free Birmingham event explores how to make money from music

Birmingham-based arts agency Punch Records - the team behind the city's annual BASS festival - is joining forces with BBC's Radio 1Xtra to bring a Tuned On special to The Studio on Cannon Street on 14 November.

Titled Making Money From Music, the free event sees industry-savvy pioneers (including 1Xtra presenters Twin B and Sian Anderson) share their experiences and knowledge of different aspects of the music industry - including how to be successful and make money. Tuned On is a series of music business seminars designed to explore some of the contemporary issues faced by the music industry. To find out more, visit [www.punch-records.co.uk](http://www.punch-records.co.uk)



Sian Anderson





# Noel Fielding

on why he's glad to be back doing stand-up...

**Noel Fielding is about to embark on his first solo tour for five years. The zany comedian, who has an enormously loyal following thanks to TV shows *The Mighty Boosh*, *Noel Fielding's Luxury Comedy* and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, is now starring in a brand new show, simply entitled *An Evening With Noel Fielding*. James Rampton recently caught up with him to find out what audiences can expect...**

Noel's inimitable blend of stand-up, animation, music and appearances by some of his best-loved characters, including *The Moon*, *The Dark Side Of The Moon* and *Fantasy Man*, makes for a blinding show. As Noel himself puts it, "You'd be a fool to miss out. Come along, bring your nan. Fancy-dress optional."

The critics have been queuing up to praise this hugely talented and impressively off-the-wall comedian, who can be summed up by all those adjectives beginning with C: charismatic, comic, charming, compelling. *The Daily Telegraph* calls Noel 'a comedy wunderkind', while *The Guardian* has described his work as 'a neo-psychedelic riot of mirth'. And *Phill Jupitus* labels him 'a Gothic George Best'.

The five years away from the live arena have only whetted Noel's appetite for stand-up. He can't wait to get back in front of an audience. The performer, who's spent the last few years occupied by semi-animated E4 show *Noel Fielding's Luxury Comedy*, begins by underlining that nothing beats the rush generated by live work.

"The problem with TV is that it takes years to make, and after a while you can't remember what it's like to tell a joke and get a laugh from it. The great thing about live comedy is that it cuts out the middle men - all those TV producers and directors. It takes out everything that gets in the way, so it's just you and the audience. It's a really pure set-up."

Because it's so deeply original and innovative, Noel's comedy can divide people. But he thinks that the infectious nature of his stand-up show can help to win over the agnostics. "Some people might think they're allergic to you, but if they come to a live show and see everyone laughing, it's hard to say that it's not funny. It was the same with the *Boosh*. Sceptics were convinced when they came to our shows."

"As a stand-up, you spend all day being nervous. But as soon as you step onto the stage and get the first laugh, it's 'magic time'. It's like being in a dream. It's a real buzz."

Noel, who for many years has been a highly

popular team captain on BBC2's long-running pop quiz, *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, is also relishing the prospect of touring the country.

"It's great," he enthuses. "You get to visit all these nice places you've never been to before. When you arrive at a lot of towns, you just go, 'Wow!'"

The comedian will be joined on stage by the loose stylings of his brother Michael Fielding (best known as Naboo and Smooth from *The Mighty Boosh*) and the physical lunacy of Tom Meeten (who plays Andy Warhol in *Noel Fielding's Luxury Comedy*).

"The first half is set in a cabaret club," he reveals. "Then I get kidnapped from my own show, and in the second half the rest of the characters have to find me. I'll be playing other characters during the second half. It becomes like a play. It's a sort of farce."

The show promises a typically uplifting variety of disparate elements. "That's why I've called it *An Evening With Noel Fielding*, because it's not something I'd usually do. It's more like something Barry Humphries would do."

The evening will also feature music that Noel's composed with Serge Pizzorno from Kasabian, and some characteristically entrancing stand-up routines.

"I touch on turning forty and my Peter Pan complex. Because I'm now forty, I try to do a bleak bit, but of course it soon becomes completely fantastical. I attempt to go gritty, but I can't help going fantasy."

As an example, Noel says he's been working up the character of Chicken Man. "He's like a figure from a Jodorowsky Spaghetti Western. He's half man, half chicken. He has to fight a bandit, and he's got Tourette's. He's like a cross between *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Foghorn Leghorn*. He keeps flipping in and out of madness."

Noel's comedy is always richly imaginative, but can he tell if he's gone too far? "No!" laughs the comedian, who's also acted in *The IT Crowd*, *Nathan Barley* and *Garth Marenghi's Darkplace*. "Locked away in North London for years making *Noel Fielding's Luxury Comedy*, we'd think, 'Let's do something based on William Blake's

painting, *The Ghost Of A Flea*.' That could be very self-indulgent. But it could only exist on telly. Doing stand-up, you're edited by the audience. If you take too mad a line, you'll lose people. But on the other hand, if something is getting big laughs, it'll never leave the show. There are certain things that you just know will work. At one point I play a herbal tea bag. I knew that would strike a chord because everyone has tea."

"The Chicken Man was more of a gamble, but people really seem to like him. They're also really enjoying a section where Tom plays Antonio Banderas and Michael plays Hawkeye, the living embodiment of the tennis line judge. It's great to think up these ideas and then watch them take flight. The show's so abstract. It's like you turn the radio dial and something random comes on. You're not quite sure what it is, but you warm to it."

So what does the comic hope that audiences will take away from the evening?

"I hope they have a really good time. I hope they laugh their heads off. I've always been very concerned not to sell people short. But the only danger is that the show ends up as long as the film *Gandhi*! I suppose if it doesn't work, I'll have to do something else, like maybe breed shire horses!"

The only drawback about touring, as far as Noel's concerned, is that "You're buzzing with adrenaline when you come off stage. You have to do something with that, and it's very hard not to go and get drunk. In the old days, we'd give the Rolling Stones a run for their money with our after-show behaviour. But now I'm in my forties, I have to find new ways to calm myself down. Like Mick Jagger, I'll have to get fit. After the show, Michael and I used to go drinking. This time we'll have to go to mazes and local markets and drink peppermint tea. It's the Peppermint Tea Tour. I should have called it that!"

An Evening With Noel Fielding shows at **Symphony Hall, Birmingham**, Thurs 20 November; **De Montfort Hall, Leicester**, Tues 25 November; **Victoria Hall, Stoke-on-Trent**, Sat 6 December





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# Story of the ring...

**The world famous Mariinsky Opera visits the Midlands this month. Under the leadership of its Artistic & General Director, the legendary Valery Gergiev, the company will perform in its entirety Wagner's Ring Cycle, an epic production with a total playing time of fifteen hours...**

Written by German composer Richard Wagner across a period of approximately twenty-six years, from 1848 to 1874, the gargantuan Ring Cycle takes the umbrella title of *The Ring Of The Nibelung*, and is a cycle of four epic operas: *Das Rheingold* (The Rhine Gold); *Die Walküre* (The Valkyrie); *Siegfried*; and *Götterdämmerung* (Twilight Of The Gods).

A composition of extraordinary scale, it relates a fantastical tale of gods, heroes, dwarves and giants, and the ongoing struggle across three generations to harness the magical power of the eponymous Ring, which grants its owner domination over the entire world.

Claims that Wagner's Ring Cycle inspired the Birmingham-raised JRR Tolkien to write his fantasy novel *The Lord Of The Rings* were emphatically denied by the author, who memorably stated that "both rings were round, and there the resemblance ceases". The similarities that exist between the two are hardly surprising, though, as Tolkien drew upon much of the same source material as Wagner, including the thirteenth century Icelandic *Völsunga Saga*.

As is usual with the Ring Cycle, this Mariinsky Opera version is presented across

four separate dates. In total, the cycle's playing time is approximately fifteen hours, with the final and longest work, *Götterdämmerung*, taking up to five hours, excluding intervals.

The Artistic & General Director of the Mariinsky Theatre, the renowned Valery Gergiev, is bringing two hundred-and-fifty company members from St Petersburg to Birmingham Hippodrome to perform this particular production of the Cycle, which he conceived in 2003. Because of its size, it's been seen in only a few venues worldwide. Willard White, who stars as Woton, the chief of the gods, is confident that *The Ring Cycle* will have great appeal for opera newcomers as well as for die-hard fans.

"It's a wonderful story of an interpretation of the beginning of an era," said Willard in a recent Classic FM webchat. "It's a very human experience, and the whole Ring is actually connected to choice and conflicts. It's like life!"

One of Gergiev's company is the Chicago-born Christian Knapp. An assistant conductor who steps in for Gergiev when his busy schedule means he can't make a rehearsal, Christian can still clearly recall the first time he met the maestro.

"Gergiev sent for me, gave me a long lecture for about an hour, and then threw me in at the deep end by getting me to conduct Richard Strauss' *Elektra* - that really was a baptism of fire! That was in 2011, and since then I've conducted many productions, but this is my first full season on the books as a conductor."

Stepping in for the maestro is one thing; but how does Knapp feel when, having himself done so much of the musical preparation for a production, Gergiev turns up and takes over?

"I just get on with it! There are a lot of opportunities for achievement here at the Mariinsky Theatre. I've built a great relationship with the singers and am involved in the entire process, from its beginning up to its premiere."

The Hippodrome's presentation of the Ring Cycle is the largest Midlands event in the 2014 UK-Russia Year of Culture.

Wagner's Ring Cycle shows at **Birmingham Hippodrome** from Wed 5 to Sun 9 November.

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# Music

## Frasery Ford

Glee Club, Birmingham, Wed 19 November

With her music heavily influenced by the energy of the 1960s - a time when her parents moved to a Canadian commune to escape the Vietnam War - Frazey is best known as lead singer of Vancouver trio The Be Good Tanyas. Presenting a mellow, folk-infused sound, the British Columbia-born singer-songwriter's first two solo albums - *Obadiah* and the recently released *Indian Ocean* - show she's unafraid of searching her soul to find her lyrics, which she then sings in buttery-sweet vocals.



## The Wailers

O2 Academy, Birmingham, Sat 8 November

This is a band that needs no introduction. Originally curated in Kingston, Jamaica, in 1969 by Bob Marley, Bunny Wailer and Peter Tosh, The Wailers had one ambition and one ambition only - to reach an international audience. In doing so, the band took their inspiration from the Rastafari movement and introduced the sound of reggae to the world. Together with Marley, The Wailers have sold in excess of two hundred-and-fifty million albums worldwide, playing across the globe in the process. Having played at countless festivals this summer, including Glastonbury and V, they're here performing the album *Legend* in its entirety.

## Kasabian

LG Arena, Birmingham, Sat 22 November

"It could be the littlest thing from any track that inspires us," says Kasabian singer Tom Meighan, "even a rubbish track might have a little sound in there that appeals to us."

There are certainly no shortage of influences evident in Kasabian's music - The Stones, The Doors, The Beatles, Motown, Chuck Berry, Roy Orbison, The Four Tops, The Supremes. Add in a little Ennio Morricone and early Pink Floyd and it's easy to see why this hugely successful Leicester band appeal to such a wide range of people.



## Peter Gabriel

LG Arena, Birmingham, Fri 28 November

Peter Gabriel has never been a man to rest on his laurels. As well as being the lead vocalist and flautist of legendary rockers Genesis, he's also enjoyed a hugely successful solo career. And he's made plenty of headway as a humanitarian activist too, co-founding Womad, the Witness human rights organisation and The Elders, a group of global leaders working together for peace and human rights. Inducted into the Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame both as a member of Genesis and, in 2014, as a solo artist, Gabriel returns to Birmingham with his career-spanning *Back To Front* show.

## Paloma Faith

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Mon 10 November;  
Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, Sat 22 November

A familiar presence on the London underground circuit for several years, the multi-talented Paloma Faith eventually broke into the mainstream thanks to her theatrical image and retro-soul sound. After turning down an opportunity to join Amy Winehouse's band, she began writing and performing her own songs, and soon earned a reputation as one of the capital's most unique and flamboyant live acts.

Faith's sixty-six-date tour follows the release of her third album, *A Perfect Contradiction*, which debuted at number two on the UK Albums Chart.





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## Music PREVIEW

### Twin Atlantic

The Institute, Birmingham, Sat 1 Nov

Influenced by fellow Scottish rockers Biffy Clyro, Sam, Barry, Ross and Craig made the decision to pursue music, practised like crazy - and soon found themselves fired from their jobs. Seven years later their sound has really taken off, with their single, Free, being used as the official soundtrack to Felix Baumgartner's record-breaking jump from space. Third album Great Divide was released this summer, and the single Heart And Soul has already been crowned 'hottest record in the world' by Zane Lowe. Taking on their biggest tour to date, the Glaswegians here play to a sold-out audience.



### Carl Barât & The Jackals

The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent, Mon 17 November; Kasbah, Coventry, Tues 18 November

This new project by Libertines and Dirty Pretty Things frontman Carl Barât is set to take the UK indie rock scene by storm. Having decided he wanted a new challenge alongside his Libertines commitment, Barât posted ads online asking if there were any likeminded souls who wanted to try their luck at playing with him. The response was overwhelming and The Jackals were born. Debut single The Glory Days is available as a free download, with the band's first album set for release in early 2015. Catch them here at this intimate warm-up show.



### The Old Dance School

Artrix, Bromsgrove, Sun 2 November

Taking their name from the old Betty Fox School of Ballet in Birmingham, The Old Dance School are a septet of musicians whose provocative songs and cinematic sound have been championed by BBC Radio Two's Bob Harris.

"Our live shows chart our journey," say the band, "from ballet school basement jam sessions and cowshed rehearsals to remote lighthouses and headline appearances at international festivals."

Along the way, they've created all manner of ear-bending contemporary folk landscapes, their duelling fiddles, soaring brass crescendos and irresistible grooves marking them out as true innovators within their chosen genre.



### Lee 'Scratch' Perry

SU Bar, Warwick University, Coventry, Thurs 27 November

Charismatic Jamaican legend Lee is getting on a wee bit nowadays, having earlier this year celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday. Not that age is any barrier to continued success for this innovative reggae producer, whose early adoption of remixing techniques marked him out as one of the pioneers of dub music. One of Rolling Stone Magazine's top one hundred artists of all time, Perry has worked with, among others, Bob Marley And The Wailers, Junior Murvin, the Congos and Max Romeo. "I find the inspiration for my music in love," says Lee, "love and comics. In comic books, good triumphs over evil, just like in my music."

### Beardyman

The Institute, Birmingham, Sun 23 November

Darren Foreman, better known as Beardyman, is a British musician from London renowned for his beatboxing skills and use of live looping technology. Becoming UK Beatbox Champion in 2006 and retaining his title the following year - making him the first beatboxer in UK history to win two consecutive championships - he released twenty-track debut offering I Done A Album in 2011. This UK tour comes in support of his eagerly awaited second album, Distractions, which is released this month.

### Gregory Porter

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Tues 11 November

Brooklyn-based vocalist and songwriter Gregory Porter has been called 'one of the most captivating voices in contemporary jazz'. Not bad for a fella who didn't follow his dream of becoming a professional musician until he was nearly forty - a step he took to fulfill his dying mother's wish for him.

A move from Southern California to New York kickstarted his success story, which last year saw his album, Liquid Spirit, bag a coveted Grammy Award. This sold-out show is sure to captivate.



### Submotion Orchestra

Hare & Hounds, Birmingham, Wed 12 November

Submotion Orchestra are a seven-piece live project from Leeds whose influences include jazz, dubstep, soul, ambient and electronica. The band have performed in both the UK and Europe, with highlights including appearances at Bestival and Latitude and a recent support slot for Ms. Lauryn Hill at the Outlook Festival opening ceremony in Croatia. Following two critically acclaimed albums, Finest Hour and Fragments, they return bigger and brighter with Alium - their first album for Counter Records - which they're supporting with this current tour.



### Hugh Cornwell & Hazel O'Connor

The Robin, Bilston, Tues 25 November

Coventry-born Hazel O'Connor was catapulted to fame in hit Brit movie Breaking Glass, for which she also sang the soundtrack. Her performance kickstarted a career which has subsequently seen her enjoy plenty more chart and screen success...

Stranglers guitarist, singer and main songwriter Hugh Cornwell, meanwhile, boasts a back-catalogue that includes Peaches, No More Heroes, Golden Brown, Always The Sun and Duchess. Latest studio album Totem And Taboo has garnered its fair share of praise, with Mojo hailing it 'his gnarliest record in over thirty years'.



# CHRISTMAS AT SYMPHONY HALL

Saturday 20 December 2.30pm

## CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

Seasonal classics and carols with festive readings by special guest **Brian Blessed**

**Bach** Opening Chorus from Christmas Oratorio  
**Handel** Let the Bright Seraphim  
**Mozart** Alleluia from Exultate Jubilate  
and **CAROLS FOR ALL**



Sunday 28 December 2.30pm

## GLORIOUS HANDEL BY CANDLELIGHT

Handel's masterpieces performed in full period costume in an evocative candle-lit style setting.  
**Zadok the Priest** **Arrival of the Queen of Sheba**  
**Let the Bright Seraphim** **Sarabande** **Trumpet Suite**  
**Mozart Festival Chorus**  
**Mozart Festival Orchestra** in full 18th century costume



Saturday 20 December 7.30pm

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Staged in full 18th Century costume in an evocative candle-lit style setting.

**Handel** Christmas sequence from Messiah  
**Bach** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring  
**Vivaldi** Gloria (First Movement)  
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Monday 22 December 2.30pm

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

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**Let it snow** **O little town of Bethlehem**  
**Jingle Bells** **The Twelve Days of Christmas**  
**Sleigh Ride** **Merry Christmas Everyone**  
**London Concert Chorus & Orchestra**  
special guest **ALISON JIEAR**



Monday 29 December 7.30pm

## THE SOUND OF MUSICALS

Show-stoppers from Broadway and West End.

**Kiss Me Kate** **Singin' in the Rain** **Cabaret**  
**The Sound of Music** **The Phantom of the Opera**  
**Les Misérables** **Oklahoma!**  
with an all-star line up from London's glittering West End  
**Summer Strallen** **Kerry Ellis**  
**Tim Howar** **Graham Bickley**



Wednesday 24 December 2.30pm

## THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

Perfectly captures the true spirit of Christmas.  
**Gruber** Silent Night **Adam** O Holy Night  
**Haydn** Trumpet Concerto (Last Movement)  
**Bach** Sheep may safely graze and **CAROLS FOR ALL**  
**Birmingham Choral Union**  
**Staffordshire Children's Choir**  
**London Concert Orchestra**



Tuesday 30 December 7.30pm

## BEETHOVEN'S NINTH

The acclaimed **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** performs an unmissable all-Beethoven programme.  
**Symphony No. 9 'Choral'**  
**Piano Concerto No. 5 'Emperor'**  
**Cordelia Williams** piano  
members of **City of Birmingham Choir**  
and **Birmingham Choral Union**



Saturday 27 December 2.30pm

## GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA

Favourite wartime chart-toppers & hits from the forties directed by legendary bandleader **Ray McVay**.

**Moonlight Serenade** **Little Brown Jug**  
**String of Pearls** **American Patrol**  
**Chattanooga Choo Choo**  
**Strike Up the Band** **Rhapsody in Blue**  
With special guests **THE JIVING LINDY HOPPERS**



Thursday 1 January 2.30pm

## JOHANN STRAUSS GALA

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Saturday 27 December 7.30pm

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**Strauss** Die Fledermaus Overture  
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**URBAN TRIO** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**MAMA - GENESIS** Solihull Arts Complex  
**SWEDEN DREAMZ - ABBA** TRIBUTE NIGHT The Great Barr Hotel, B'ham  
**KARL JENKINS CONDUCTS THE ARMED MAN** Symphony Hall, B'ham  
**JASPER CARROT'S STAND UP AND ROCK** Bedworth Civic Hall  
**MARK ELLIOT, SHYNA, ZURICH, MATT HENSHAW & BRENDAN MANDERS** MUSIC The Flapper, Birmingham  
**DISCO THROUGH THE DECADES WITH DJ IAN ROGERS** Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, Warwickshire  
**THE JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW** The Swan Theatre, Worcester  
**RHYDIAN** Birmingham Town Hall  
**KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**KLAXONS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**COUNTING CROWS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**ASIA** Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton  
**IMPERICON NEVER SAY DIE! TOUR 2014** The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**AMP FIDDLER** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**URBAN FOLK QUARTET** mac, Birmingham  
**SONGBIRD - THE EVA CASSIDY STORY** Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa  
**TWIN ATLANTIC** The Institute, Birmingham  
**BROKEN WITT REBELS** The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham  
**BOWTOWN** The Drum, Birmingham  
**INDIANA** The Institute, Birmingham  
**THE FATHER TEDS** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**TANG** Ort Cafe, B'ham  
**THE COOPERS & THE FRENZIES** The Roadhouse, Birmingham  
**MOTHER'S WORRY** The Robin, Bilston  
**REBEL REBEL- DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE** Route 44, Birmingham  
**PETER KNIGHT'S GIGSPANNER** Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**COLD OCEAN LIES** The Ooblock, Birmingham  
**TJ DAIRIO** Albany Theatre, Coventry  
**THROWING SNOW & PAUL WHITE** Alfie Bird's, Birmingham  
**THE JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW** Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**REVOLVER, SCREAMING QUAYS, DUKE, BROKEN LOOKING GLASS** The Ooblock, Birmingham

**SHOWADDYWADDY** Palace Theatre, Redditch  
**HOSPITALITY FEAT. CAMO & KROOKED, METRIK, LONDON ELECTRICITY, LOGISTICS, LYNX & ZETEK** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham

## SUN 2 NOV

**JOAN ARMATRADING** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**THE STEVE GIBBONS BAND** The Roadhouse, Birmingham  
**ROGER MCGUINN** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**FUTURE** The Institute, Birmingham  
**THE OLD DANCE SCHOOL** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**TERRY AND GERRY** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**LITTLE JIMMY** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**HARP AND A MONKEY** Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
**CONNOR PIANOMAN** The Green Room Cafe Bar, Birmingham  
**THE MASTERSONS** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**THE MOURNING SUNS & HERO FISHER** The Sunflower Lounge, B'ham

## MON 3 NOV

**THE DUNNETT/BAXTER BIG BAND** The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham  
**NEIL SEDAKA** Symphony Hall, Birmingham  
**HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**LUKE DANIELS** Kitchen Garden Cafe, B'ham  
**RICH HALL'S HOEDOWN** The Glee Club, B'ham  
**EDWINA HAYES** Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

## TUE 4 NOV

**STEVE HACKETT** Symphony Hall, B'ham  
**TALON** Belgrade Theatre, Coventry  
**HAWKLORDS** The Slade Rooms, W'hampton  
**SPYRO GYRA** Birmingham Town Hall  
**THE SHIRES** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**TESSERAECT & ANIMALS AS LEADERS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**B DOLAN** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**THE LEVI FRENCH TRIO** The Jam House, B'ham  
**MAIREADAR GREEN AND ANNA MASSIE** Kitchen Garden Cafe, B'ham  
**ROYAL BLOOD** The Institute, Birmingham  
**THE XCERTS** The Sunflower Lounge, B'ham  
**THE 58'S BLUES BAND** The Asylum, B'ham  
**LIBERTY LIES & IN SEARCH OF SUN** Scruffy Murphys, Birmingham

## WED 5 NOV

**GREN BARTLEY** The Red Lion Folk Club, B'ham  
**GOSPEL GOES CHARITY** Birmingham Town Hall  
**VAMPIRES ROCK** New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**PAOLO NUTINI** LG Arena, Birmingham  
**KILL IT KID** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**FEROCIOUS DOG** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**JOHN MAYALL** Symphony Hall, B'ham  
**BILLY IDOL** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**LACUNA COIL** The Institute, Birmingham  
**THE BEAUBOWBELLES** Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
**MIKE ZITO & SAMANTHA FISH** The Robin, Bilston  
**MIRANDA SINGS** Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton  
**TAMIKREST** The Tin Music & Arts, Coventry

## THUR 6 NOV

**THE FACES STORY** The Robin, Bilston  
**SHOW OF HANDS WITH MIRANDA SYKES** Birmingham Town Hall  
**THE PARIS 1940S** The Jam House, B'ham  
**DEATHSTARS** The Slade Rooms, W'hampton  
**JEHST** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**HOPE AND SOCIAL** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**MICHAEL KING PRESENTS THE BILLY FURY YEARS** New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**BAND OF SKULLS** The Institute, Birmingham  
**ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW AND THE LOW RIDERS** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**RISE AGAINST** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**MOTORHEAD** National Indoor Arena, B'ham  
**GUY JONES & MIKE MENTZ** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**INSOMNIUM FLESHGOD APOCALYPSE & STAMINA** The Ooblock, B'ham  
**THAT'LL BE THE DAY** The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury  
**THE BUFFALO SKINNERS, BUDAPEST & THE BOTTLENECKS** The Tin Music & Arts, Coventry  
**LIGHT THE SKIES** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**INPUT HAVANA, MISERY CHICK, THE FIX & AMY ELLIS** The Roadhouse, Birmingham  
**JASON YARDE** Bramall Music Building, B'ham

## FRI 7 NOV

**THAT'LL BE THE DAY** The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury  
**ROCKET** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**ASKING ALEXANDRIA** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**JEAN GENIE - TRIBUTE TO DAVID BOWIE** The Roadhouse, Birmingham  
**NIMMO** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**STEVE ROTHERY BAND** The Robin, Bilston  
**INTO THE SHADOWS**

Dovehouse Theatre, Solihull  
**CLASSIC CLAPTON** Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**A VISION OF ELVIS** Tamworth Assembly Rooms  
**SHOWADDYWADDY** Bedworth Civic Hall  
**PEACOCK ANGELL - ST PATRICK'S DAY SHOW** mac, Birmingham  
**BRITISH SEA POWER** Warwick Arts Centre  
**MUSE INC** Route 44, Birmingham  
**SAINT MOTEL** The Institute, Birmingham  
**STEVE CLAYTON AND THE 44S** Symphony Hall, Birmingham  
**THE RUBIKONS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**HIGHGRADE - BONFIRE BLAZER** The Institute, Birmingham  
**FRAN THE MAN** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**DEEKLINE & PLUMP DJS** Hare & Hounds, B'ham  
**GEORGE FITZGERALD** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham  
**THE SECOND TRIP** The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**BABAJACK PALACE** Theatre, Redditch  
**OZRIC TENTACLES** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham

## SAT 8 NOV

**ROCKET** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**ANTARCTIC MONKEYS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**KING PLEASURE & THE BISCUIT BOYS** Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**HASSAN SALIH NOUR** Ort Cafe, Birmingham  
**HEART & SOUL PARTY WITH HARRY CAMBRIDGE** Nailcote Hall, Berkswell  
**DIZZY LIZZY** The Roadhouse, Birmingham  
**LA ROUX** The Institute, Birmingham  
**ULTERIOR MOTIVE** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**THINK FLOYD** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**B MOVIE** The Flapper, Birmingham  
**THE WAILERS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**THE BLACKOUT** The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**LOVEABLE ROGUES** The Institute, Birmingham  
**UNDER THE COVERS** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**NEVILLE STAPLE BAND** The Ooblock, B'ham  
**BACK:N:BLACK** The Robin, Bilston  
**THE COUNTERFEIT STONES** The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury  
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Coventry  
**DELTA SPIRIT** The Sunflower Lounge, B'ham  
**REDLIGHT, ZINC, NYTA & MORE** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham

## SUN 9 NOV

**BELLOWHEAD** Symphony Hall, Birmingham  
**NINE BELOW ZERO** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**SKITH** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN** Birmingham Town Hall  
**T R DALLAS** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**RUARRI JOSEPH** Kitchen Garden Cafe, B'ham  
**LUNA ROSSA** The Robin, Bilston  
**THE FREE LOVE CLUB** The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham  
**BRENNEN LEIGH & NOEL MCKAY** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**MALLORY KNOX** Kasbah, Coventry  
**LOOKING BACK, THE GRIMALDI BAND, THE BOURBON ALLEY BLUES BAND AND MORE...** The Roadhouse, B'ham  
**CARVING A GIANT & DEADLY INSCRIPTION** Scruffy Murphys, B'ham  
**OUT OF THE SHADOWS** Fletchers, Birmingham

## MON 10 NOV

**PALOMA FAITH** Symphony Hall, B'ham  
**SHABAZZ PALACES** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**ELECTRIC MARY** The Robin, Bilston  
**STEVE GUNN** The Tin Music & Arts, Coventry  
**SIMPLY DYLAN** The Glee Club, Birmingham

## TUE 11 NOV

**CHRIS DIFFORD & GLENN TILBROOK OF SQUEEZE** Birmingham Town Hall  
**SHARON SHANNON WITH ALAN CONNOR** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**GREGORY PORTER** Symphony Hall, B'ham  
**THRILLER LIVE** Wolverhampton Grand Theatre  
**WINTER MOUNTAIN** Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
**BLUES PILLS & THE VINTAGE CARAVAN** The Ooblock, Birmingham  
**MAD DOG MCREA** The Robin, Bilston  
**SOLENN SUN** The Sunflower Lounge, B'ham  
**THE LOST BROTHERS** Hare & Hounds, B'ham  
**JAKE CLEMONS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**ROB HERON AND THE TEA PAD ORCHESTRA** The Assembly, Leamington Spa

## WED 12 NOV

**GOSPEL CENTRAL** The Jam House, B'ham  
**THRILLER LIVE** Wolverhampton Grand Theatre  
**THREE STEP MANOEUVRE** FUNKY ORGAN TRIO The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham  
**RAY COOPER** The Red Lion Folk Club, B'ham

**GHEETS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**CIRCA WAVES** The Institute, Birmingham  
**FOCUS** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**SUBMOTION ORCHESTRA** Hare & Hounds, B'ham  
**WILD WILLY BARRETT'S** FRENCH CONNECTION Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
**VIRGIL & THE ACCELERATORS** The Robin, Bilston

## THU 13 NOV

**COCKNEY REJECTS** The Robin, Bilston  
**FOSTER & ALLEN** Solihull Arts Complex  
**NICK HARPER** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**MOOD INDIGO** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**CELTIC GUITAR TRIO** Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**WILD CHILD** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**JAMIE T** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**KYNG** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**ANTI-MORTEM, KYNG & LIONSIZE** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**THE RIFLES** The Institute, Birmingham  
**MARIKA HACKMAN** The Sunflower Lounge, Birmingham  
**LADY GAGA** National Indoor Arena, B'ham  
**THRILLER LIVE** Wolverhampton Grand Theatre  
**HOPWOOD JUNCTION, SMALL CHANGES & DAN HARTLAND** The Roadhouse, Birmingham

## FRI 14 NOV

**THE INTENTIONS** The Jam House, B'ham  
**THRILLER LIVE** Wolverhampton Grand Theatre  
**THE REAL THING** The Robin, Bilston  
**GRAFHAM WATER SAILING CLUB, BURNING ALMS, MIRRORHALL & MUTES** The Ooblock, B'ham  
**DR FEELGOOD & NINE BELOW ZERO** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**BUDDY HOLLY'S WINTER DANCE PARTY** Solihull Arts Complex  
**THE MANFREDS** Birmingham Town Hall  
**LEVELLERS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**SUICIDE SILENCE** The Asylum, Birmingham  
**ARHAI** mac, Birmingham  
**AGAINST ME!** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**CALAITA FLAMENCO SON** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**MALA** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**THE GROWLERS** The Institute, Birmingham  
**PAUL LIDDELL** Ort Cafe, Birmingham  
**THE TOTAL STONE ROSES** The Roadhouse, B'ham  
**STOP STOP** Route 44, Birmingham  
**THE HEELS** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham

## SAT 15 NOV

**THE INTENTIONS** The Jam House, B'ham



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**FLEETWOOD BAC** Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**THE SMYTHS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**TOO REX - TRIBUTE TO MARC BOLAN & T-REX** The Roadhouse, B'ham  
**JOANNE SHAW TAYLOR** Birmingham Town Hall  
**SANDI THOM** Ricoh Arena, Coventry  
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**MALARKI, RIVER STREET, CAPTAIN JEFFREY & BATTLE OF THE ROSES** The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham  
**AFFINITY PART 3** The Drum, Birmingham  
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**THIS BURNING AGE & SEEKING DAYLIGHT** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**ANNIE MAC PRESENTS....**  
**FEATURING ANNIE MAC, HANNAH WANTS, TOURIST, LXURY & MONKI** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham

## SUN 16 NOV

**DANCING IN THE STREETS** New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**SEETHER** The Institute, Birmingham  
**KATE TEMPEST** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**LITTLE JIMMY** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**THE LORDS OF THYME** Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
**TRUCKFIGHTERS** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**FOCUS FEAT THIJS VAN LEER** The Robin, Bilston  
**EMILY PORTMAN TRIO** Warwick Arts Centre  
**DR JOHN & THE NITE TRIPPERS** Warwick Arts Centre  
**THE FREE LOVE CLUB** The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham

**CANCER CITY, ASHES, THE DISTANT NORTH, HOMELAND & CROWN ME KING** The Roadhouse, B'ham

## MON 17 NOV

**GARETH GATES** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**JACKSON BROWNE** Symphony Hall, B'ham  
**BANKS** The Institute, Birmingham  
**RICH ROBINSON (THE BLACK CROWES)** The Robin, Bilston  
**BAHAMAS** The Sunflower Lounge, Birmingham  
**KRIS BOWERS** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**JOHNNY LLOYD** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham

## TUE 18 NOV

**PASSENGER** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**LITTLE DRAGON** The Institute, Birmingham  
**CHALI 2NA** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**BIGELF** The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**THE POOZIES** mac, Birmingham  
**THE BOOTLEG SIXTIES** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**DAN WALSH & MEAGHAN BLANCHARD** Kitchen Garden Cafe, B'ham  
**ROY WOOD ROCK & ROLL BAND** The Robin, Bilston  
**SARAH MCQUAID** The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury  
**CARL BARÂT & THE JACKALS** Kasbah, Coventry  
**KATIE ARMIGER & HOLLY MAY** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**PHIL BATES** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**HORISONT, SPIDERS & VIDUNDER** The Oobleck, Birmingham

## WED 19 NOV

**THE FUREYS** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**BRYAN ADAMS** LG Arena, Birmingham  
**THE STYLISTICS** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**EWAN MCLENNAN** The Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham  
**CHRIS DIFFORD & GLENN TILBROOK OF SQUEEZE** Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**TRAMPLED BY TURTLES** The Institute, B'ham  
**DARIUS RUCKER** Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton  
**NIZLOPI** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**FRAZEEY FORD** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**CLOUD NOTHINGS & RYLEY WALKER** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**KING TUFF** The Oobleck, Birmingham

## THU 20 NOV

**THE SPECIALS** Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

**SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD** The Blue Orange Theatre, B'ham  
**WISHBONE ASH** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**MARTYN JOSEPH** Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**STROBES** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham  
**GRUMBLING FUR** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT** The Institute, Birmingham  
**BARRENCE WHITFIELD & THE SAVAGES** The Institute, Birmingham  
**BUDDY HOLLY AND THE CRICKETERS** New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**JOEY BADASS** The Institute, Birmingham  
**KERBDOG** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**THE COURTEENERS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**MY AUTUMN EMPIRE & JAMES BROUGH** Ort Cafe, Birmingham  
**PRIME NUMBERS & SMALL CHANGE** The Roadhouse, B'ham

## FRI 21 NOV

**B'SPOKE** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD** The Blue Orange Theatre, B'ham  
**FLEETWOOD BAC** The Robin, Bilston  
**NORTHCOTE & BILLY THE KID** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**THE HOLLIES** Malvern Theatres  
**THE RUTS DC** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**PETER KNIGHT'S GIGSPANNER** Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**SWINGING 60'S MOTOWN PARTY WITH THE KRYS-TALETES** Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, Warwickshire  
**ROBERT PLANT** Civic Hall, Wolverhampton  
**JACKSON LIVE IN CONCERT** New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
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**DIVIDED LIVES - ROGUES & VAGABONDS** Stratford Artshouse  
**LUPA** Symphony Hall, Birmingham  
**KLASSIDE** The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham  
**BLAIR DUNLOP** Albany Theatre, Coventry  
**SIMONE FELICE** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**GORGON CITY** The Rainbow Venues, B'ham  
**MATRIX CLUB MATRIX** The Roadhouse, B'ham

## SAT 22 NOV

**GO WEST FEATURING PETER COX & RICHARD DRUMMIE** The Robin, Bilston

**PALOMA FAITH** Civic Hall, Wolverhampton  
**B'SPOKE** The Jam House, Birmingham  
**LEFTWING & KODY WAFF, ROBERT JAMES, RHADOW & CHIQUITO** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham  
**THE ZIGGIE PAUL BAND** Hare & Hounds, B'ham  
**[SPUNGE]** The Institute, Birmingham  
**JAMES** National Indoor Arena, Birmingham  
**BOOTLEG BLONDIE** The Roadhouse, B'ham  
**BELLOWHEAD** The Assembly, Leamington  
**SAVAGE MESSIAH** The Institute, Birmingham  
**KASABIAN** LG Arena, Birmingham  
**JIM MORAY** mac, B'ham  
**MAD CADDIES** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**SCOURCHER** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**NOTHING** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**ADAM BARNES** Ort Cafe, Birmingham  
**MALLORY KNOX** The Institute, Birmingham  
**DYING FETUS** The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**JIM NOIR** The Sunflower Lounge, Birmingham  
**DAZ RUSSELL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY DAY** Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton  
**ATTICA STATE, DESPERATE JOURNALIST & GUCCI PIMP** The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham  
**CHUNK! NO, CAPTAIN CHUNK!** The Asylum, Birmingham  
**TALISMAN** The Marr's Bar, Worcester  
**BLAIR DUNLOP** Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa

## SUN 23 NOV

**CHINA CRISIS** The Robin, Bilston  
**ROY ORBISON AND FRIENDS** New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**JAMES BLUNT** National Indoor Arena, B'ham  
**JOHN SMITH** Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**THE GASLIGHT ANTHEM** O2 Academy, B'ham  
**THE ORDINARY BOYS** Hare & Hounds, B'ham  
**HEAVEN 17** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**BLAKE & BRAZIL** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**VOICE** Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
**BEARDYMAN** The Institute, Birmingham  
**CHRIS TYE** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**LILY & MADELEINE** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham

## MON 24 NOV

**THE PRETTY RECKLESS** The Institute, B'ham  
**THE ADRIAN STYLES BAND** Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
**BEING AS AN OCEAN, VANNA, IRON LUNG & CROOKS** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**JAMES BAY** O2 Academy, Birmingham

## TUE 25 NOV

**CELTIC WOMAN** Symphony Hall, B'ham

**PULLED APART BY HORSES** The Institute, Birmingham  
**PERFUME GENIUS** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**HUGH CORNWELL & HAZEL O'CONNOR** The Robin, Bilston  
**MUGENKYO TAIKO DRUMMERS** Bridge House Theatre, Coventry  
**RALEIGH RITCHIE** The Institute, Birmingham

## WED 26 NOV

**NURVRAX JAM** The Yardbird Jazz Club, B'ham  
**MERRY HELL** The Red Lion Folk Club, B'ham  
**UB40** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**DELAI** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**UPON A BURNING BODY** O2 Academy, B'ham  
**SHARON VAN ETTEN** The Institute, Birmingham  
**LILY ALLEN** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**POLICE DOG HOGAN** The Robin, Bilston  
**ALEC DANKWORTH'S WORLD SPIRIT** Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**STANLEY ODD** The Sunflower Lounge, B'ham  
**THE VASELINES** Hare & Hounds, Birmingham

## THU 27 NOV

**DREADZONE** The Institute, Birmingham  
**ELKIE BROOKS** Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa  
**ENRIQUE IGLESIAS NIA**, Birmingham  
**FOCUS** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**THE KING IS DEAD** The Roadhouse, B'ham  
**JACQUI DANKWORTH** Stratford Artshouse  
**CHARLOTTE CARPENTER** Hare & Hounds, B'ham  
**THE WALTER TROUT BAND** The Robin, Bilston  
**EVERYBODY LOOKS FAMOUS** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**BEYOND THE BARRICADE** Palace Theatre, Redditch

## FRI 28 NOV

**CHAS AND DAVE** Birmingham Town Hall  
**ABBA REUNION** Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**BEDWORTH FOLK FESTIVAL** Bedworth Civic Hall  
**TONIGHT ALIVE** The Institute Birmingham  
**PETER GABRIEL** LG Arena, Birmingham  
**HOLLYWOOD UNDEAD** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**ORGY** The Institute, B'ham  
**PAUL HEATON & JACQUI ABBOT** Civic Hall, Wolverhampton  
**THE AMITY AFFLICTION** The Institute, B'ham  
**SHAM 69** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**PASCUALA LLABACA & FAUNA** mac, B'ham  
**RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC** Warwick Arts Centre  
**SWEET BABOO** The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**FLEETWOOD BAC** The Roadhouse, B'ham

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**ELIZA SHADDAD & DUTCH COUSIN** Ort Cafe, B'ham  
**HEIDI** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham  
**IBIBIO SOUND MACHINE** Hare & Hounds, B'ham

## SAT 29 NOV

**THE COUNTERFEIT STONES** The Robin, Bilston  
**THE CLONE ROSES** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**MUSED & KINGS OV LEON** The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**SNOW BALL WITH THE RICHIE SAMPSON'S** DRIFTERS TRIBUTE REVUE Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, Warwickshire  
**SCOTT MATTHEWS** Birmingham Town Hall  
**ERASURE** Civic Hall, Wolverhampton  
**MASTODON** O2 Academy, Birmingham  
**THE TELESCOPES** The Flapper, Birmingham  
**EMBRACE** Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton  
**GOODNIGHT LENIN** The Institute, Birmingham  
**THE TRAVELLING BAND** The Institute, B'ham  
**PAT BRESLIN** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**THE KOMMITMENTS** The Roadhouse, B'ham  
**MAXIMUM ZERO** The Actress & Bishop, B'ham  
**IVOR & LYNN'S CLASSIC ROCK NIGHT** Route 44, Birmingham  
**COASTS** The Institute, Birmingham  
**CUBSTONE, SALUTE SOMETHING FRAMED, GREAT UNCLES & STATIC IRONY** The Oobleck, Birmingham  
**BLU MUSIC TOUR FEAT ELLEN ALLIEN, JACKMASTER, LEVON VINCENT, VIRGINIA JOHN DIMAS, HANFRIY MARTINEZ, LOPASKI, LEVON, JAMES PRIESTLY, GILES SMITH AND LEWIS OXLEY** The Rainbow Venues, Birmingham  
**DANCING QUEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY** Palace Theatre, Redditch  
**THE SUBTERRANEANS** The Jam House, B'ham

## SUN 30 NOV

**LAZULI & MOON SAFARI** The Robin, Bilston  
**MARTY WILDE'S ROCK 'N' ROLL PARTY** New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**PROTEST THE HERO** The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**BEDWORTH FOLK FESTIVAL** Bedworth Civic Hall  
**THE FULL SHA BANG** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**DECLAN NERNEY** Irish Centre, Birmingham  
**THE STEVE GIBBONS BAND** Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham  
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## Andrea Bocelli

LG Arena, Birmingham, Fri 21 November

One of the world's most acclaimed classical music stars, Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli this month stops off in Birmingham as part of a four-date UK tour. The biggest-selling solo artist of all time, Bocelli has performed for four US presidents, two popes and the royal family. He's sung at ceremonies for the Olympic Games and the World Cup, and been praised by Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras and Renee Fleming. Celine Dion, meanwhile, once introduced him by declaring: "I heard someone say that if God had a singing voice, he'd sound a lot like Andrea Bocelli." Bocelli here performs songs from his extensive repertoire, including several from latest album *Passione*, a work influenced by the artist's pre-fame days spent singing in bars and taking requests for popular tunes like *Girl From Ipanema* and *Elvis' Love Me Tender*. The maestro will be joined by two yet-to-be-announced guests. One, a soprano, will accompany him through the classical section; the other, a pop star, will join him to perform a selection of works from his chart career.

## Orchestra Of The Swan

Elgar Concert Hall, Bramall Music Building, University of Birmingham, Thurs 20 November

The Stratford-based Orchestra Of The Swan are here joined by Czech conductor Marek Stilec and his colleague, pianist Kasumi Barouch, for an evening of works entitled *Mozart And The Czech Connection*.

Overture: *Avanti* - a piece by one of the Czech Republic's most esteemed composers, Sylvia Bodorova - opens the evening's proceedings, and is followed by Mozart's Piano Concerto No.27, Rossini's Overture: *Barber Of Seville*, and Vofříšek's Symphony in D.



Marek Stilec & Kasumi Barouch



## Takács String Quartet

Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa, Thurs 13 November

Making classical music history by becoming the first string quartet to win the Wigmore Hall medal earlier this year, Takács are widely recognised as one of the world's great ensembles.

Having performed alongside Meryl Streep at America's Princeton University in September, the quartet this month return to the Midlands to perform as part of Leamington Music's ninth winter season. Their programme features Haydn's Quartet in Bb Op 64 No 3, Mozart's Quartet in C K465 *Dissonance*, and Beethoven's Quartet in Bb Op 130.

## CBSO: Spectacular Classics

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Sat 22 November

Lasers, indoor fireworks and special effects accompany an extensive programme of 'spectacular classics' at Symphony Hall this month.

Under the direction of conductor Anthony Inglis, the City of Birmingham Orchestra performs some of the most popular works from the classical repertoire. Tenor Philip O'Brien, baritone Richard Morrison and violinist Thomas Gould also contribute to a programme that features Verdi's *Chorus Of The Hebrew Slaves*; Ravel's *Bolero*; Delibes' *Prelude and Mazurka from Coppelia*; and Tchaikovsky's *Finale from Swan Lake*.

Prom favourites *Rule Britannia*, *Nimrod* and *Nessum Dorma* also feature, with the evening brought to a suitably rousing and magnificent close by Tchaikovsky's famous 1812 Overture.



Anthony Inglis

## John Lill Piano Recital

The Barber Institute, Birmingham, Wed 12 November

With a career spanning more than fifty years, John Lill is considered to be one of the leading pianists of his generation. Since performing Rachmaninov's Third Piano Concerto under Sir Adrian Boult at the tender age of eighteen, Lill has amassed a repertoire in excess of eighty concertos, performing in over fifty countries alongside some of the world's greatest orchestras.

In association with Birmingham Piano Festival 2015 and Yamaha, he here presents a technically challenging programme of key works for solo piano from the turning point between the Classical and Romantic periods. Featured pieces are: Mozart's Sonata in F, K332; Schumann's *Fantasy in C*, Op. 17; Chopin's *Ballade No.4 in F minor*, Op.52; and Beethoven's *Sonata in F minor*, Op.57, *Appassionata*.





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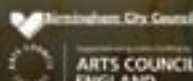
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**COMMEMORATING THE GREAT WAR** Charity fundraising concert in aid of The Royal British Legion & Help For Heroes, Sat 1 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**LADYBROOK SINGERS** Sat 1 Nov, Worcester Cathedral

## NOVA MUSIC OPERA:

### PROMETHEUS

**DROWN'D/AIRBORNE** Stephen McNeff's reworking of an earlier commission from the Presteigne Festival, Sat 1 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

**THE ORCHESTRA OF ST JOHN ANNIVERSARY CONCERT** Featuring soloist Charlotte Moseley. Programme includes works by Brahms, Schumann, Borodin & Tchaikovsky, Sat 1 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove

**CBSO YOUTH ORCHESTRA: THE PLANETS** Featuring Ben Gernon (conductor) & John Mark Ainsley (tenor). Programme includes works by Turange, Vaughan Williams & Holst, Sun 2 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**PRO-MUSICA STRING TRIO** Sun 2 Nov, Hunt-ington Hall, Worcester

**COULL QUARTET: PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA** Programme includes works by Schubert, Shostakovich & Schumann, Mon 3 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**THE DUFAY COLLECTIVE** Programme includes Cancionero's music for The Spanish Courts of Ferdinand & Isabella of Castille and Aragon 1470-1520, Tue 4 Nov, St Mary's Church, Warwick

**PERFORMANCE PLATFORM: ROBIN IRELAND (VIOLA)** Programme includes works by Martini, Paul Patterson & Haydn, Tues 4 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

**WAGNER'S RING CYCLE** Wed 5 - Sun 9 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

**CBSO: WAR AND PEACE** Featuring Lahav Shani (conductor) & Francesco Piemontesi (piano). Programme includes Prokofiev's Overture to War and Peace & Symphony No 5 & Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4, Thurs 6

Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**BEETHOVEN, PROKOFIEV & SCOTTISH FOLK** Thurs 6 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**VALERY GERGIEV AND THE MARIINSKY STRADIVARIUS ENSEMBLE** Programme includes works by Tchaikovsky, Elgar & R Strauss, Fri 7 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

**GARRICK OHLSSON** Yamaha International Piano Series. Programme includes works by Beethoven, Chopin & Scriabin, Fri 7 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**CBSO CENTRE STAGE** Featuring Rainer Gibbons (oboe), Zoë Beyers & Amanda Lake (violins), Christopher Yates (viola) & David Powell (cello). Programme includes works by Crusell, Finzi & Bax, Fri 7 Nov, CBSO Centre, Birmingham

**THE SIXTEEN: MONTEVERDI VESPERS OF 1610** Fri 7 Nov, Worcester Cathedral

**TOTAL BRASS LUNCHTIME CONCERT** Featuring a British themed programme, Fri 7 Nov, The Barber Institute, B'ham

**MARIINSKY CHORUS SING RACHMANINOV'S VES-PERS** Sat 8 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

**ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA BACH CHOIR & BEAUCHAMP SINFONIETTA** Programme comprises Handel's Messiah, Sat 8 Nov, All Saints Church, Warwick

**HALESOWEN CHORAL SOCIETY AUTUMN CONCERT** Conducted by Stephen Davies. Programme includes works by Mozart & Haydn, Sat 8 Nov, St Margaret's Church, Hasbury

**THE HALLE ORCHESTRA** Mark Elder conducts a programme of works by Bax, Sibelius & Dvorak, Sat 8 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**ZELKOVA STRING QUARTET** Programme includes works by Mozart, Webern, Bridge & Debussy, Sun 9 Nov, Shakespeare Institute, Stratford

**SINFONIA OF BIRMINGHAM** Programme comprises Britten's Violin Concerto No.1 & Vaughan Williams' Symphony No.5 in D major, Sun 9 Nov, CBSO Centre, B'ham

**BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE PIANO DAY: HARRY THE PIANO** Sun 9 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

**AARON PILSAN** Sat 10 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

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**PETER DONOHOE PLAYS MOZART** Programme includes works by Haydn, Mozart & Beethoven, Tue 11 Nov, Stratford Artshouse

**JOHN LILL PIANO CONCERT** Wed 12 Nov, The Barber Institute, B'ham

**CBSO RUSSIAN CLASSICS** Programme includes works by Tchaikovsky & Prokofiev, Wed 12 - Thurs 13 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**ENSEMBLE 1685** The Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

**TAKACS STRING QUARTET** Thurs 13 Nov, Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa

**CWMBACH MALE CHOIR** Fri 14 Nov, The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

**KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL & KING EDWARD VI HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS CONCERT** Fri 14 Nov, The Barber Institute, B'ham

**TOM DUNNETT QUINTET** Fri 14 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE ORGAN DEPT.** RECITAL Fri 14 Nov, Birmingham Cathedral

**ARMONICO CONSORT: ELGAR & BRAHMS** Sat 15 Nov, St Mary's Church, Warwick

**DIATONIC & EDWARDS JENKINS** Programme includes works by Copland, Gershwin, Scott Joplin & Richard Rodgers, Sat 15 Nov, Kenilworth Methodist Church

**WORCESTER FESTIVAL CHORAL SOCIETY** Programme includes Jonathan Dove's There Was A Child & Faure's Requiem, Sat 15 Nov, Worcester Cathedral

**SAINT MICHAEL'S SINGERS, YORK MUSICAL SOCIETY & WARWICKSHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Programme comprises Verdi's Requiem, Sat 15 Nov, Coventry Cathedral

**CBSO: THE FINAL** Dudley Yamaha International Piano Competition, Sun 16 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION MALE VOICE CHOIR** Sun 16 Nov, St Nicholas Church, Warwick

**CHANDOS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: THE DVORAK DISCOVERY** Featuring Michael Lloyd (conductor) & David Cohen (cello). Programme includes works by Brahms, Dvorak & Sibelius, Sun 16 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**PETER DONOHOE PLAYS MOZART** Tue 18 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

**CBSO: SPIRIT OF 1945** Programme includes works by Britten, Peter Grimes, Copland,

Strauss & Shostakovich, Wed 19 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**VICKERS-BOVEY GUITAR DUO** Programme includes works by Albeniz, Ginastera, Villa-Lobos, Granados, Rodrigo & Piazzolla, Thurs 20 Nov, Victoria House, Leamington Spa

**ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN - MOZART AND THE CZECH CONNECTION** Thurs 20 Nov, Bramall Music Building, B'ham

**SINAKE, NICHOLAS KRGOVICH & BATSCHE** Thurs 20 Nov, The Tin Music And Arts, Coventry

**ANDREA BOCELLI** Fri 21 Nov, LG Arena, B'ham

**MOSES IN EGYPT** Welsh National Opera present a new production of Rossini's music and visual spectacle, Fri 21 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

**CBSO FRIDAY NIGHT CLASSICS: SONGS FROM THE SIXTIES** Fri 21 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham

**HENRY FAIRS AND DAVID HATCHER** All-Bach recital, Fri 21 Nov, The Barber Institute, B'ham

**THE ALAUDA QUARTET** Programme includes works by Haydn, Joseph Horowitz & Webern, Fri 21 Nov, The Round Room, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

**ROYAL STRING QUARTET** Programme features works by Mozart, Pavel & Beethoven, Fri 21 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove

**CBSO CENTRE STAGE** Featuring Amanda Lake & Caroline Simon (violins), Myriam Guillaume (viola) & Richard Jenkinson (cello). Programme includes works by Panufnik & Mozart, Fri 21 Nov, CBSO Centre, Birmingham

**MIDLAND CHAMBER CONCERT** Programme comprises Mendelssohn's String Quartet in E flat, Fri 21 Nov, Birmingham and Midland Institute

**SPECTACULAR CLASSICS** Sat 22 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

**WILLIAM TELL** Welsh National Opera present a new production of Rossini's epic romantic opera, Sat 22 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

**ARMONICO CONSORT: ELGAR & BRAHMS** Sat 22 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**SPIRES YOUTH ORCHESTRA & SPIRES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA** Programme includes works by Sullivan, Vaughan, Williams, Elgar, Borodin, Praetorius & CPE Bach, Sat 22 Nov, King Henry VIII School, Coventry

**DIVERTIMENTO** Music for St. Cecilia's Day by British composers including Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Paul Sudlow, Sat 22 Nov, St

Nicholas Church, Warwick

**STRATFORD UPON AVON CHORAL SOCIETY** Sat 22 Nov, Holy Trinity Church Stratford

**COLLEGIUM** Programme features Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man & Haydn's Nelson Mass, Sat 22 Nov, St Mary's Church, Warwick

**IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA** A Met Opera Live screening of Rossini's classic comedy, Sat 22 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**JOHN WILSON & THE JOHN WILSON ORCHESTRA** Sun 23 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham

**MARK PADMORE AND PAUL LEWIS PERFORM SCHUBERT'S WINTER-REISE** Sun 23 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

**ELLEN KENT'S MADAMA BUTTERFLY** Puccini's tale of love and tragedy starring Korean soprano Elena Dee, Sun 23 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**JOHN GRANT WITH THE ROYAL NORTHERN SINFONIA** Mon 24 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

**THOMAS TROTTER: WAKE UP CALL!** Mon 24 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham

**MARIO MORA** Performing pieces by Chopin, Liszt & Albinez, Wed 26 Nov, Evesham Arts Centre, Worcester

**CHRIS DEAN'S SYD LAWRENCE ORCHESTRA** Wed 26 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex

**ZEMLINSKY QUARTET** Programme includes works by Beethoven, Zemlinsky & Dvorak, Thurs 27 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**GILDAS STRING QUARTET** Programme includes works by Birtwistle, Skempton, Andy Ingamells, Feldman & Birtwistle, Thurs 27 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

**CBSO: NELSONS CONDUCTS BRUCKNER'S SEVENTH** Thurs 27 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham

**ZEMLINSKY STRING QUARTET** Programme includes works by Beethoven, Zemlinsky and Dvorak, Fri 28 Nov, Birmingham Cathedral

**THALLEIN ENSEMBLE** Programme includes works by Sir Harrison Birtwistle, Blanka Stachelek, Soul Zisso & Edmund Hunt, Fri 28 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

**CONSERVATOIRE THE REDDITCH ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT** Programme includes

works by Mozart, Beethoven & Tchaikovsky, Sat 29 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove

**CHRISTMAS WITH RUSSELL WATSON AND WARWICKSHIRE BOYS CHOIR** Sat 29 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**BIRMINGHAM BACH CHOIR: CHRISTMAS FANTASIA** Programme includes works by Poston, Lauridson, Dove, Britten, Rutter, Finzi, Howells, Vaughan Williams & JS Bach, Sat 29 Nov, Birmingham Cathedral

**SAINT JAMES' SINGERS & PLAYERS** Sat 29 Nov, All Saints Church, Warwick

**CBSO NELSONS CONDUCTS BRUCKNER'S SEVENTH** Sat 29 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham

**UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS** Programme includes works by Brahms & Shostakovich, Sun 30 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**UNIVERSITY CHORUS & SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** Sun 30 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

**PIANO RECITAL BY ANGELA BROWNIDGE** Programme includes works by Beethoven, Liszt, Debussy, Chopin & Scriabin, Sun 30 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

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# Comedy

## Henning Wehn

Birmingham Town Hall, Thurs 13 November;  
Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Tues 21  
November; Stratford Arts House, Stratford-Upon-  
Avon, Wed 29 November

The self-appointed German Comedy Ambassador has made a name for himself via BBC Radio's Unbelievable Truth, News Quiz, Now Show and Fighting Talk, and has frequently turned up on the goggle-box in the corner of your lounge too, courtesy of appearances on QI, Dave's One Night Stand and Edinburgh And Beyond. His style has been described as Teutonic jolliness at its best. We reckon that's such a good way of putting it, we have nothing to add!



## Mark Thomas: Cuckooed

mac, Birmingham, Fri 14 - Sat 15 November

Mark Thomas is no ordinary comedian. Hugely witty and as savage as a rabid dog when it comes to putting hecklers in their place, he takes to the stage with the intention not only of making people laugh but also of exposing governmental and corporate exploitation in its many and varied forms.

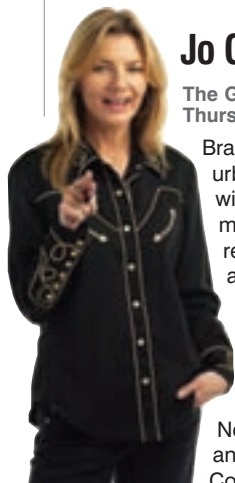
Mark's latest show is described as 'a tale of hubris, planes, demos and under-cover deceit', and tells the story of how Britain's biggest arms manufacturer (BAE Systems) came to spy on a comedian. Expect 'plenty of laughs, some weird characters, documentary styles' and even a tear or two.



## Jo Caulfield

The Glee Club, Birmingham,  
Thurs 27 - Sat 29 November

Brace yourself for an evening of urban comedy from the sharp-witted Jo Caulfield, one of the most successful and instantly recognisable female comedians in the country. Midlands-born Jo has appeared on plenty of well-known telly shows during her career, including Mock The Week, Have I Got News For You, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.



## John Bishop

National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, Fri 7 - Sun 9 November

If you're an admirer of men who like to fly by the seat of their pants, you should check out John Bishop. John left the comfort of a lucrative marketing job to work full-time on making his comedy act so side-splittingly funny that nobody would ever have reason to throw a rotten tomato at him! A brave decision indeed, but John had one major advantage as he endeavoured to make it big in the rough, tough world of comedy - the fact that he's a very funny man! Nowadays a regular face on TV, turning up in shows as diverse as Have I Got News For You and E4 teen drama Skins, his jokes include, "I've lived in Manchester since my twenties and I've only been in three fights - not a bad average", and "Edinburgh is the only place you can be sunburned and get trench foot on the same day".

## Jason Byrne

Artrix, Bromsgrove, Sun 9 November;  
Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry,  
Sun 16 November; Birmingham Town  
Hall, Sat 22 November

Described in one review as 'full-on, doubled-up, gasping-for-oxygen hilarious', Jason Byrne has the claim to fame of having been the biggest-selling comedian at the Edinburgh Comedy Festival. His inspired brand of high-energy, intelligent lunacy has won him an army of fans and a mantlepiece of gongs. TV appearances include stints on Live At The Apollo (BBC1), The Comedy Annual (ITV1), Dave's One Night Stand (Dave), The Channel 4 Comedy Gala (Channel 4), and Comedy Rocks with Jason Manford (ITV1).



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**STEVE GRIBBIN, ADAM BLOOM, TIFFANY STEVENSON & PAUL MCCAFFREY** Sat 1 Nov, The Glee Club, B'ham  
**ROSS NOBLE** Sat 1 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**DAN NIGHTINGALE, ROBERT WHITE, DAVID LONGLEY & TREVOR CROOK** Sat 1 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham  
**CHRIS MARTIN** Sat 1 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**ANDY ZALTZMAN** Sat 1 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre  
**TONY LAW** Sat 1 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa  
**SHAPPI KHORSANDI** Sat 1 Nov, Evesham Arts Centre, Worcs  
**MARKUS BIRDMAN, JEN BRISTER, JASON PATTERSON AND KATE LUCAS** Sat 1 Nov, Coventry Showcase  
**JASON COOK, AVA VIDEL, BRENNAN REECE & ANDY ASKINS** Sat 1 Nov, Players Bar, B'ham  
**DAWN FRENCH** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**MARK WATSON** Sun 2 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**AL MURRAY** Sun 2 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**CHRIS MARTIN** Sun 2 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**JASON COOK** Wed 5 Nov, The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**PAUL FOOT** Wed 5 Nov, The Glee Club, B'ham  
**SIMON EVANS** Wed 5 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**MIRANDA SINGS** Wed 5 Nov, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton  
**STEPHEN GRANT, GARY DELANEY & KATE SMURTHWAITE** Thurs 6 Nov, Bramall Music Building, Birmingham  
**JASON COOK** Thurs 6 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**GARY DELANEY, MICHAEL LEGGE & COMEDY CAROUSEL WITH ANDY ROBINSON** Thurs 6 Nov, The Glee Club, B'ham  
**SARA PASCOE** Fri 7 Nov, The Glee Club, B'ham  
**PETE JOHANSSON** Fri 7 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**TONY HENDRIKS, MAUREEN YOUNGER, SMASH AND KAT** Fri 7 Nov, The Drum, B'ham  
**GARY DELANEY, MICHAEL LEGGE, PAUL MYREHAUG & HARRIET DYER** Fri 7 - Sat 8 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**DAMIAN CLARK, OLA TIFFANY STEVENSON & SEAN MEO** Fri 7 - Sat 8 Nov, Jongleurs

Comedy Club, B'ham  
**JOHN BISHOP** Fri 7 Nov - Sun 9 Nov, National Indoor Arena, B'ham  
**CHRIS RAMSEY** Sat 8 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa  
**JIM DAVIDSON** Sat 8 Nov, The Assembly, Leamington Spa  
**SARA PASCOE** Sat 8 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**MARK STEEL** Sat 8 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**ANDREW RYAN, ANDY WATSON, LLOYD GRIFFITH & RYAN McDONNELL** Sat 8 Nov, Coventry Showcase  
**JIMMY TARBUCK** Sat 8 Nov, Malvern Theatres  
**ROB ROUSE, LEE RIDLEY, ADAM BLOOM & ED GAMBLE** Sat 8 Nov, Players Bar, B'ham  
**CHRIS RAMSEY** Sun 9 Nov, The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury  
**HAL CRUTTENDEN** Sun 9 Nov, The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**JASON BYRNE** Sun 9 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**SEAN HUGHES** Sun 9 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**DOC BROWN** Sun 9 Nov, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-Upon-Avon  
**MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE** Mon 10 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**LOUDEEMY SOUP** Mon 10 Nov, The Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham  
**KATHERINE RYAN** Wed 12 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**DAVE GORMAN** Thurs 13 Nov, De Montfort Hall, Leicester  
**HENNING WEHN** Thurs 13 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall  
**JOHN MOLONEY, DAMIAN CLARK & COMEDY CAROUSEL WITH ANDY ROBINSON** Thurs 13 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**ALAN DAVIES** Fri 14 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham  
**HAL CRUTTENDEN** Fri 14 Nov, Huntingdon Hall, Worcester  
**STAND-UP STAIRS** Fri 14 Nov, Palace Theatre, Redditch  
**TIFF STEVENSON** Fri 14 Nov, The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**MARCUS BRIGSTOCKE** Fri 14 Nov, Evesham Arts Centre, Worcs  
**ROMESH RANGANATHAN & SUZI RUFFELL** Fri 14 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**MARK STEEL** Fri 14 Nov, Stratford Artshouse, Stratford-Upon-Avon  
**ROB DEERING, DAMIAN CLARK, JOHN MOLONEY &**

**ANDY WHITE** Fri 14 - Sat 15 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**MARK THOMAS** Fri 14 - Sat 15 Nov, mac, Birmingham  
**ALEX BOARDMAN, GARY LITTLE, SUSAN MURRAY & GORDON SOUTHERN** Fri 14 - Sat 15 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham  
**ROSS NOBLE** Sat 15 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**THE NOISE NEXT DOOR** Sat 15 Nov, The Slade Rooms, W'hampton  
**NICK PAGE, STUART MITCHELL, JAMES COOK & PHIL CHAPMAN** Sat 15 Nov, Coventry Showcase  
**ROB ROUSE, LEE RIDLEY, ADAM BLOOM & ED GAMBLE** Sat 15 Nov, Players Bar, B'ham  
**KANE BROWN, PRINCE ABDI & RUSSELL HICKS** Sun 16 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**JASON BYRNE** Sun 16 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**THE MAC-NIGFICIENT MEGA MIRTHQUAKE** Sun 16 Nov, mac, B'ham  
**TOADALLY FREE COMEDY!** Mon 17 Nov, The Blue Orange Theatre, B'ham  
**JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH** Wed 19 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall  
**NOEL FIELDING** Thurs 20 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham  
**JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH** Thurs 20 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa  
**SARA PASCOE** Thurs 20 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**SIMON EVANS** Thurs 20 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**ROSS NOBLE** Thurs 20 Nov, De Montfort Hall, Leicester  
**PAUL THORNE, OWEN O'NEILL, MATTHEW OSBORN PLUS COMIC TBC** Thurs 20 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**MARK WATSON** Fri 21 Nov, The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton  
**CRAIG CAMPBELL** Fri 21 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa  
**KEVIN MCCARTHY, STEFANO PAOLINI, STEVE HARRIS & SIMON CLAYTON** Fri 21 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham  
**PAUL THORNE, OWEN O'NEILL & ZOE LYONS** Fri 21 - Sat 22 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham  
**KEVIN MCCARTHY, STEFANO PAOLINI & STEVE HARRIS** Sat 22 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham  
**KATHERINE RYAN** Sat 22 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**JASON BYRNE** Sat 22 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall  
**KEN DODD** Sat 22 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**JEREMY HARDY** Sat 22 Nov, Stratford Artshouse, Stratford-Upon-Avon

**BARNSTORMERS COMEDY NIGHT** Sat 22 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**SIMON BLYTH, ANGIE MCEVOY, STEPHEN CARLIN & MARK PALMER** Sat 22 Nov, Coventry Showcase  
**LLOYD LANGFORD, COLUM McDONNELL & MATT FORDE** Sat 22 Nov, Players Bar, B'ham  
**DAVE GORMAN** Mon 24 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham  
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**LEE MACK** Thurs 27 Nov, LG Arena, Birmingham  
**TOM WRIGGLESWORTH** Thurs 27 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa  
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**HUTCHINSON, MICKEY SHARMA & JIMMY MCGHIE** Fri 28 - Sat 29 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, B'ham  
**PETE FIRMAN** Sat 29 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex, Birmingham  
**JO CAULFIELD, SEAN MEO, OLA & CLINT EDWARDS** Sat 29 Nov, The Glee Club, B'ham  
**HENNING WEHN** Sat 29

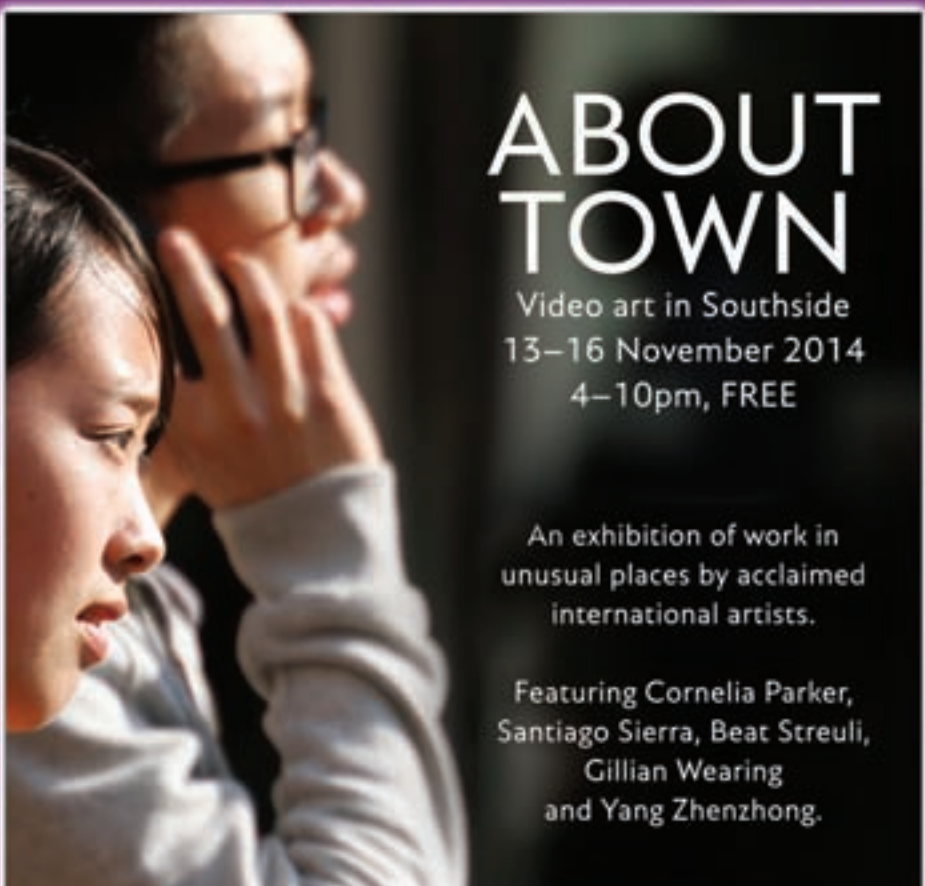
Nov, Stratford Artshouse, Stratford-Upon-Avon  
**DAVE JOHNS, ROB HEENEY, PAUL KERENSA & CHRIS BETTS** Sat 29 Nov, Coventry Showcase  
**SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO COMPERE SPIKY MIKE** Sun 30 Nov, Drummonds Bar, Worcester

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# Theatre



## To Kill A Mockingbird

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Tues 25 - Sat 29 November

Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is set in the Great Depression and focuses on the character of Atticus Finch, a middle-aged lawyer who's appointed to defend a black man accused of raping a young white woman. Viewed through the inquiring eyes of Finch's

daughter, Lee's novel explores the way in which the girl's childhood innocence is undermined by her realisation that the American Deep South is awash with racial hatred and social division.



## Dangerous Corner

The REP, Birmingham, Mon 3 - Sat 8 November; Malvern Theatre, Mon 10 - Sat 15 November; Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, Mon 17 - Sat 22 November

JB Priestley's popular thriller focuses on the meeting of a seemingly happy husband and wife, Robert and Freda, with Freda's brother and sister-in-law. When conversation turns to the dramatic suicide of Robert's brother, Martin, it becomes apparent that there was more to the tragic death than had previously been realised... Dalziel & Pascoe favourite Colin Buchanan and Robin Of Sherwood star Michael Praed are two of the better-known members of a talented cast.

## The Witch Of Edmonton

Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, until Sat 29 November

Written in 1621 by Thomas Dekker, John Ford and William Rowley, *The Witch Of Edmonton* supposedly drew its inspiration from real-life events which had taken place in the now-Borough of Enfield earlier the same year. When a lonely old woman is shunned by her neighbours, she gets revenge by selling her soul to the Devil... BAFTA and Emmy award-winning actress Eileen Atkins makes a welcome return to the RSC to star in the lead role of Elizabeth Sawyer.







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## Around The World In 80 Days

Stratford Artshouse, Tues 4 November

Jules Verne's famous story follows the adventures of Phileas Fogg and his French valet Passepartout as they attempt to circumnavigate the globe in only eighty days in order to win a £20,000 wager. This particular stage adaptation of the 1873 novel is presented by rural touring favourites Oxfordshire Theatre Company, in association with Chip-ping Norton Theatre.



## The Full Monty

Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, Mon 24 - Sat 29 November

Sheffield Theatres is the company behind this stage version of one of the most successful British screen comedies of all time, telling the story of six unemployed steel workers who decide to get their kits off to earn some much-needed cash. Featuring songs from the film by Donna Summer, Rod Stewart, Hot Chocolate and Tom Jones, the show stars Gary Lucy, Andrew Dunn, Louis Emerick, Rupert Hill, Martin Miller and Bobby Schofield.



## Each Slow Dusk

The Hive, Worcester, Fri 7 November

The Shropshire-based Pentabus Theatre Company's new work focuses on people from rural communities, their experiences of the Great War and its legacy. The company commissioned the Harold Pinter Prize-winning Rory Mullarkey to write the play, which charts the experiences of three young men serving on the Western Front, linking their stories to a modern-day woman just home to her village after a tour of the battlefields. Featuring RSC and National Theatre actress Joanna Bacon and actor Lee Rufford, Each Slow Dusk is showing at twenty-five venues across the country this autumn.



## A Farewell To Arms

The REP, Birmingham, Wed 19 - Sat 22 November

Ernest Hemingway's seminal First World War novel is a powerful meditation on the brutality of modern warfare. It focuses on the characters of American ambulance driver Frederic Henry and British nurse Catherine Barkley as they discover the redemptive power of love during the turmoil of the closing months of the Great War. This first UK adaptation of Hemingway's novel is here being premiered by Imitating The Dog, a company described by The Guardian as being 'at the forefront of testing the nature of theatre'.

## The Spinning Wheel

mac, Birmingham, Tues 25 November

This exploration of pacifist activism, loss and legacy is presented by New York hip-hop theatre artist Baba Israel and celebrates the life of his late father, the jazz musician, stand-up comic and countercultural activist Steve Ben Israel. Baba has produced the work in association with Leo Kay, the Artistic Director of Unfinished Business, and skilfully uses his father's extraordinary archive of writing, recordings, interviews and performance footage spanning fifty years to present a thought-provoking show that brings together spoken word, video and live music by Yako 440.



## The Judas Kiss

Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, Sat 22 - Sat 29 November

David Hare's acclaimed play centres around the relationship between Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Douglas, concentrating on two critical points during Wilde's final years - the eve of his arrest at the Cadogan Hotel and a night in Naples after his release from two years' imprisonment. The production contains both male and female nudity and has been deemed unsuitable for young people below the age of fourteen.

## 1914 Local News

Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham, Fri 28 - Sat 29 November

Physical theatre, storytelling and verbatim accounts are here combined to explore the day-to-day lives of people in the West Midlands who lived through the Great War. Tell Tale Theatre, the ensemble behind the production, will perform a different show each day, with both presentations being based upon local news reports, letters, journals, photographs and reminiscences of the same date one hundred years ago.

## Songs From The Ledge

Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham, Mon 17 - Sat 22 November

This brand new musical is described by its producers as a 'blues opera' and focuses on the fictional character of twentieth century jazz'n'blues star Maria Lynwood, a woman variously known as the Wild Child of Blues, the Red Queen and the Little Firebird. Maria's great granddaughter Annalie is struggling to make her life work. Lost in the twenty-first century and desperate for something to fight for, she receives a box of Maria's possessions - letters, recordings and memories which will have the effect of changing her life forever...







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## Slava's Snowshow

Birmingham Hippodrome,  
Wed 12 - Sun 16 November

Trailing in its wake all manner of plaudits, gongs and awards, Slava's Snowshow is a truly unique production. The show has taken the world by storm since debuting in 1993, delighting and touching audiences in over eighty cities worldwide. It's a highly imaginative work, in which a bed becomes a boat, a web of cotton envelops the audience, and one tiny piece of paper becomes a snow-storm that threatens to blow you away. Slava has found his inspiration down the years in a number of international clowns and comedians, among them British performers like Tommy Cooper, Max Wall and, to a lesser extent, Norman Wisdom and Benny Hill. "I love Monty Python too," he adds, "they were a great intellectual team, never mind about the humour!"



## The Gruffalo

Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry,  
Sat 29 November - Sun 4 January

With over four million copies of the book having been sold, it's fair to say that Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's award-winning Gruffalo has captured the hearts and minds of children everywhere. Presenting songs, laughs and scary fun that's ideal for youngsters aged three and upwards, the stage version follows Mouse as he heads out on his journey through the deep dark wood, scaring away hungry animals with tall stories of the terrifying Gruffalo. Imagine his surprise, then, when he suddenly finds himself coming face-to-face with the very creature that he's imagined!



## We're Going On A Bear Hunt

mac, Birmingham,  
Sat 22 November - Sun 7 December

Suitable for children aged two-plus, this Little Angel Theatre adaptation of Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury's popular picture book follows the exciting adventures of a family as they head out on an intrepid quest to find a bear. Catchy songs and enchanting puppets are combined with no shortage of swishy swashy grass and oozy, squelchy mud in a show that seems certain to keep youngsters well and truly entertained.



## The Christmas Truce

Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, Sat 29 November - Sat 31 January

Despite its First World War backdrop, Phil Porter's The Christmas Truce is very much a family play, recommended for children aged nine and older. Presented by the RSC to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Great War, it's set on the Western Front in December 1914, inspired by true events, and focuses on the men of the Warwickshire Regiment. As they shelter in their trenches, they hear the German soldiers singing Christmas carols, and pretty soon find themselves joining their enemies in no-man's land; to talk, exchange gifts and celebrate the festive season. In a world devoid of any peace or goodwill, for a brief time the soldiers decide to live according to their own rules - and as their truce continues, they engage in an unforgettable game of football...

## The BFG

The REP, Birmingham,  
Wed 26 November - Sat 17 January

Roald Dahl's delightful tale has been enchanting children and the adults in their lives for over thirty years now. The story follows the adventures of a little girl named Sophie, who's taken to a magical land by the Big Friendly Giant (or BFG, for short). There, he teaches her whizzpopping, shows her his secret collection of dreams and lets her taste his extraordinary food, the snozzcumber. When it becomes apparent a tribe of boghumping giants are planning to rampage through England, Sophie and the BFG realise they must save the country from unprecedented disaster... Dahl named the heroine in his book after his very own granddaughter, who was only five at the time The BFG was published, but who later became a high-profile fashion model and author.

## Gloriator - Spitz & Co

Artrix, Bromsgrove, Sat 15 November

When was the last time you laughed non-stop for a full hour? One journalist reviewing Gloriator asked that very question at the beginning of her critique, going on to explain that Spitz & Co's first ever show had provoked just such a reaction from her. Indeed, she 'hooted', 'snorted' and 'exploded with such mirth' that the tears streamed down her face. With other reviewers having called the production 'wildly inventive and hilarious' and 'belly-achingly funny', we definitely recommend a trip to Bromsgrove to see what all the fuss is about. Inspired by the epic sword-and-sandal movie Gladiator, Spitz & Co describe their offering as 'an awe-inspiring production of bravery, honour - and costumes made out of cardboard'.

## The Wind In The Willows

Bridge House Theatre, Warwick,  
Thurs 27 - Sat 29 November

A firm family favourite, Kenneth Grahame's classic story ably demonstrates the way in which one life can command the full attention of three others! Mole, Badger and Ratty simply don't have time for any of their own interests - they're far too busy having to look after their reckless and irrepressible friend, Toad... The Wind In The Willows is here brought to the stage by acclaimed touring troupe Oddsocks. Zany humour is a guarantee.

## Horrible Christmas

Old Rep, Birmingham,  
Thurs 13 November - Sat 17 January

The Horrible Histories team are back, this time to stab a sprig of holly through the heart of the yuletide season! Famous festive favourites Charles Dickens, St Nicholas and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer - not to mention Oliver Cromwell and King Henry VIII - are all present and correct in a good-humoured show that brings together Victorian villains, Medieval monks, Puritan parties and Tudor treats.





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**SOLOMON AND MARION** Dame Janet Suzman stars as Marion in Lara Foot's powerful story about two injured souls looking for redemption in a fragile, post-apartheid South Africa, until Sat 1 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

**THIS IS MY FAMILY** Tim Firth's fast-paced, laugh-out-loud musical, which questions the point of family in the modern age. The award-winning show is also the best selling show in the history of Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, until Sat 1 Nov, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

**ON THE PISTE** Brand new production of John Godber's bittersweet comedy, until Sat 1 Nov, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

**ANYTHING GOES** Amateur production presented by TADLOP, until Sat 1 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford, Shropshire

**OF MICE AND MEN** Roxana Silbert directs John Steinbeck's classic story of two migrant farm workers in the USA who go in search of pastures new, until Sat 1 Nov, The REP, B'ham

**UNITED WE STAND** The story of the Builders' Strike of 1972 and The Shrewsbury Pickets, until Sat 1 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**THE HUNDRED YEARS' WAR** Three performers, live music and striking imagery are combined to create a heart-wrenching drama, every word of which is charged with poetry, until Sat 1 Nov, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

**PUSS IN BOOTS** Presented by MCS Rep Company, until Sat 1 Nov, The Old Rep, B'ham

**TOP HAT** Olivier Award-winning musical direct from its West End run, until Sat 1 Nov, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

**DISNEY ON ICE: 100 YEARS OF MAGIC** Join Mickey, Minnie and their friends from Disney's Mulan, The Lion King and Pinocchio in a celebration of all things Disney, until Sun 2 Nov, National Indoor Arena, Birmingham

**THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES** Tread The Boards Theatre

Company presents Arthur Conan Doyle's spinechilling tale. Please note this performance is not for people of a nervous disposition, until Sun 2 Nov, The Attic Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

**FRANKENSTEIN** Presented by Blue Orange Arts, until Sat 8 Nov, The Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham

**JERSEY BOYS** The Tony, Olivier and Grammy Award-winning Best Musical hits the road for its first UK tour, until Sat 8 Nov, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

**THE WITCH OF EDMONTON** RSC Artistic Director Gregory Doran directs the final production in the Roaring Girls season, with Eileen Atkins returning to the Company to play Elizabeth Sawyer, until Sat 29 Nov, The Swan Theatre Stratford, Stratford-upon-Avon

**LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST** Christopher Luscombe directs a new production of Shakespeare's sparkling comedy, until Sat 14 March, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

**LOVE'S LABOUR'S WON** Christopher Luscombe directs the second of Shakespeare's matching pair of comedies that rejoice in man's capacity to find love in the most unlikely places, until Sat 14 March, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

**A WARNING TO THE CURIOUS** Don't Go Into The Cellar present a one-man show based around the Edwardian era's greatest ghost stories, Sat 1 Nov, The Fleece Inn, Evesham, Worcester

**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** Amateur production presented by Lichfield Operatic Society, Sat 1 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

**ROMEO AND JULIET** A new contemporary production combining the purity and beauty of Shakespeare's original text with contemporary street dance, Sat 1 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**JILL-IN-THE-BOX** Fun, songs and audience participation for two-to-nine-year-olds and their families, Sat 1 Nov, Swan Theatre, Worcs

**CHARLIE AND LOLA'S EXTREMELY NEW PLAY** A fusion of puppetry, live action and music come together in this family show based on Lauren Child's much-loved children's books and the

ever-popular BBC TV series, until Sat 1 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**LOVE IN THE AFTERLIFE** An extravaganza of live theatre, music, comedy, dance and visual art wrapped up in a big fat party, Sat 1 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

**CLAMBER UP THE CRUCIFIX** John Kitchen drama exploring the life of a telegraph key operator in the trenches and the mind of an ordinary soldier caught up in the long waits and terrifying bombardments of life on the Front, Sat 1 Nov, Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham

**FRANKENSTEIN** Return of the National Theatre Live's broadcast of Frankenstein, featuring Benedict Cumberbatch as creature, Sat 1 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove

**NOVA MUSIC OPERA: PROMETHEUS DROWN'S/AIRBORNE** Stephen McNeff's reworking of an earlier commission from the Presteigne Festival, Sat 1 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

**CARMEN: MET OPERA LIVE** Richard Eyre's stunning production returns with Anita Rachvelishvili in the title role of the ill-fated temptress. Aleksandrs Antonenko plays Carmen's desperate lover, Don José. Pablo Heras-Casado conducts. Sung in French with English surtitles, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**THE MAGIC PORRIDGE POT** Theatre Widdershins presents a trio of traditional and tasty tales to tantalise and tease, Sun 2 Nov, mac, Birmingham

**STONES IN HIS POCKETS** Multi-award-winning comedy by Marie Jones, Mon 3 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

**TEACHERS** Witty and fast-paced play by John Godber, presented by TACT, Mon 3 - Tues 4 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

**NOT ABOUT HEROES** Feel-good Theatre present a production based on the true story of friendship between war poets Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen, Mon 3 - Wed 5 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**INSOMNIA** A thought-provoking piece for children, adults and insomniacs, weaving strands of physical and musical storytelling, Mon 3 - Wed 5 Nov, mac, Birmingham

**DANGEROUS CORNER** Michael Attenborough Theatre Company present a 'compelling' production of JB Priestley's timeless mystery, Mon 3 - Sat 8 Nov, The REP,



Love's Labour's Won - Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

Birmingham

**THE HYPOCHONDRIAC** Tony Robinson & Imogen Stubbs star in Moliere's medicinal masterpiece, Mon 3 - Sat 8 Nov, Malvern Theatre

**AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS** A frenetic whirlwind of a show, full of daft Victorian invention, daring deeds and downright silliness, Tue 4 Nov, Stratford Artshouse

**TWEET TWEET** A play by young people for young people which explores how casual viral actions can have serious real-life consequences, Tue 4 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

**THIS LAST TEMPEST** Uninvited Guests & Fuel present a sequel to The Tempest which begins where Shakespeare left off, Tue 4 - Wed 5 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**BOEING BOEING** Classic comedy by Marc Camoletti, Tues 4 - Fri 7 Nov, Palace Theatre, Redditch

**REGENERATION** Nicholas Wright's new staging of Pat Barker's Booker-nominated WWI novel, Tue 4 - Sat 8 Nov, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

**MY PERFECT MIND** Told By An Idiot, Young Vic and Theatre Royal Plymouth present a comic tale of a man not doing King Lear, Tue 4 - Sat 8 Nov, The REP, B'ham

**STATE FAIR** St Alphage Musical Production Society presents its premiere of Rodgers and Hammerstein's fun musical, which follows a whole community who come together for the annual state fair, Tue 4 - Sat 8 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex

**THE ACCRINGTON PALS** Poignant and harrowing play portraying the devastating effects of war on a typical Lancashire mill town and the suffering of everyday people, Tue 4 - Sat 8 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

**NEVER FORGET** Worcester Musical Theatre Company present an

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**PIRATES OF PENZANCE** Presented by Worcester Gilbert & Sullivan Society, Tues 4 - Sat 8 Nov, Roses Theatre, Kidderminster

**OLIVER!** WBOS Youth Theatre present an amateur production of the timeless musical, Tue 4 - Sat 8 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

**SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER** A Northern Broad-sides production of Oliver Goldsmith's flamboyant period comedy, Tue 4 - Sat 15 Nov, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

**VAMPIRES ROCK** Musical comedy, Wed 5 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

**AN EVENING WITH PAM AYRES** Wed 5 Nov, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

**MONOLOGUESLAM UK** Tri-Force Promotions bring the newest and most exciting talent in the UK to the REP stage, Wed 5 Nov, The REP, B'ham

**CASTING THE RUNES** Two stories by MR James, performed by Robert Lloyd Parry, Wed 5 - Thurs 6 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

**BROWNHILLS GOES TO BROADWAY** Wed 5 - Sat 8 Nov, Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock

**EACH SLOW DUSK** Pentabus Theatre present a startling new play about action, humanity and the legacy of war, Thurs 6 Nov, Tutbury Village Hall, Staffs

**REMEMBER WHEN AT CHRISTMAS** Festive trip down memory lane, with Neil Sands and his West End cast singing Christmas favourites, Thurs 6 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

**THAT'LL BE THE DAY** Rock'n'Roll spectacular combining music from the '50s, '60s & '70s with wacky comedy routines, Thurs 6 - Fri 7 Nov, The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

**THE SNOW QUEEN** Birmingham Youth Theatre bring a new twist to the family favourite, Thurs 6

- Sat 8 Nov, The Old Rep, Birmingham

**OLIVER!** Get Your Wiggle On present an amateur version of Dickens' classic story about the boy who asked for more... Thurs 6 - Sun 9 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**HALFWAY TO PARADISE - THE BILLY FURY STORY** Musical which charts the rise to fame of a shy young boy from Liverpool who became one of Britain's best-loved rock stars, Fri 7 Nov, Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

**PETE THE TEMP V. CLIMATE CHANGE** Pete the Temp is a poet, a lover and a damn fine administrator! Watch on as he solves the climate-change problem using only his mouth, Fri 7 Nov, mac, Birmingham

**WILDE WITHOUT THE BOY** Gerard Logan presents a dramatisation of De Profundis by Oscar Wilde, Fri 7 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

**HANSEL AND GRETEL** Red Earth Theatre present a deliciously scary story of a tango-dancing witch and her irresistible recipe for an edible house, Fri 7 Nov, Biddulph Moor, Staffordshire

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**SHAKESPEARE'S WRONGED WOMEN** New staging by SYC Director Stewart McGill blending Shakespeare's text, powerful dramatic encounters, movement and sound, Sat 8 Nov, The Dream Factory, Warwick

**CHORDS AND LYRICS: SONGS OF LOVE AND FREEDOM** Poems from Godfrey Brandt's new anthology, Madiba and Other Poems (in honour of the anniversary of Nelson Mandela's death), preceded by an open mic for local poets, Sat 8 Nov, mac, Birmingham

**300:1 - THE MONKEY POET** Fast-paced fun as

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**THE PITY OF WAR** Tread The Boards Theatre Company present a selection of World War I poetry for Remembrance Day, Sat 8 - Sun 9 Nov, The Attic Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

**OCTONAUTS AND THE DEEP SEA VOLCANO ADVENTURE** A brand new stage show based on the popular CBeebies TV show, Sat 8 - Sun 9 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

**KING LEAR** The Crescent Theatre Company present Shakespeare's bloody tale, Sat 8 - Sat 15 Nov, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

**THE BOY FROM THE 'BORO** Three In One Productions present the story of an ordinary soldier, one-time farm-worker and shopkeeper, thrust into the mud and blood of trench warfare, Sun 9 Nov, The Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham

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**THE TRIAL** Music Theatre Wales, the Royal

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**THE OTHER HALF** Collaboration between best-selling crime writer Mark Billingham and internationally acclaimed Americana artists My Darling Clementine (Michael Weston King and Lou Dalglish) which unites song and story in a powerful and moving show exploring the everyday tragedies of ordinary people, Mon 10 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

**NOT ABOUT HEROES** Blackeyed Theatre

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**A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE** Lyric Hammer-smith: Secret Theatre Company present Tennessee Williams' classic story of pride, jealousy and lust, Tue 11 - Fri 14 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**NOISES OFF** Swan Theatre Amateur Company present Michael Frayn's award-winning farce, Tues 11 - Sat 15 Nov, Swan Theatre, Worcs

**OLIVER!** Amateur production presented by the North Staffs Operatic Society, Tues 11 - Sat 15 Nov, Stoke-on-Trent Repertory Theatre

**HANNAH SILVA: SCHLOCK!** A violent sexual feminist satire for the cut-and-paste generation, Wed 12 Nov, mac, B'ham

**THE FALCON'S MALTESER** New Old Friends present a family show following the adventures of the hopelessly inept private detective Tim Diamond and his sharp-witted brother Nick, Wed 12 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

**OUR FRIENDS, THE ENEMY** Alex Gwyther fuses theatre and spoken word to tell the story of the First World War Christmas Truce Wed 12 Nov, The Wightman, Shrewsbury

**THE ACCRINGTON PALS** Shropshire Drama Company present an amateur production of Peter Whelan's epic story, which dramatises the lives of ordinary people caught up in dramatic events, Wed 12 - Sat 15 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**HOME FIRES** Ian Craddock directs five scripts about the Great War, focusing on domestic issues and the role of women: Andy Alsop's Home Service, Liz John's Perversion of Science, Julia Wright's Without Our Consent, Andrew McCoy's Volunteer For Murder and

Martin Drury's Fading Light, Wed 12 - Sat 15 Nov, The Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham  
**SHAKESPEARE'S OTHELLO** Frantic Assembly bring their trademark hard-hitting choreography to Shakespeare's thriller-tragedy of paranoia, jealousy, sex and murder, Wed 12 - Sat 15 Nov, The REP, B'ham

**SOUVENIRS** Codpiece, in association with Freshblood New Writing, present a devised performance which questions how we negotiate worth in everyday life, Wed 12 - Sat 15 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**THE LASTING SENSE OF SUDDEN** A seventy-minute rollercoaster ride across a diverse landscape of human sexuality and relationships. Contains strong language, sexual reference and nudity, Wed 12 - Sat 15 Nov, Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham

**WEST SIDE STORY** Amateur production presented by King's High School & Warwick School, Wed 12 - Sat 15 Nov, Bridge House Theatre, Warwick

**SLAVA'S SNOWSHOW** Award-winning theatrical experience that combines clowning around with stunning images, Wed 12 - Sun 16 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

**HA HA HOOD! AND THE PRINCE OF LEAVES** Starling Su Pollard as Maiden Marian and Ben Langley as Robin Hood, Thurs 13 Nov, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

**FIERCE & FABULOUS CABARET** Showcasing the best and brightest of Britain's female, gay and alternative acts from burlesque, drag, musical comedy and more, Thurs 13 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

**A NOVEMBER DAY** Thingumajig Theatre fuse puppetry, live music and an ever-changing set to tell a timeless fable on war and the miracle of friendship when all else seems lost, Thurs 13 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

**MIDDAY VARIETY** Coventry's finest variety show, with live music and a star variety line-up, Thurs 13 Nov, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

**AN EVENING WITH GERVAISE PHINN** Show about the life of a schools inspector in the

Yorkshire Dales, Thurs 13 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove

**THE POETRY ARMY** Roy Hutchins acts as narrator, introducing a cast of performers who read extracts from over seventy different poets directed by Paul Hodson, Thurs 13 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**SHOW 6** Lyric Hammer-smith: Secret Theatre Company present a new thriller from award-winning playwright Mark Ravenhill, Thurs 13 - Sat 15 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**IT COULD BE ANY ONE OF US** St Luke's Dramatic Society presents Alan Ayckbourn's classic murder-mystery, Thurs 13 - Sat 15 Nov, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock

**HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS** The Horrible Histories team are back, this time to stab a sprig of holly through the heart of the yuletide season, Thurs 13 Nov - Sat 17 Jan, The Old Rep Theatre, Birmingham

**FOGHORN IMPROV** Making it up as they go along, comedy improvisation group Foghorn Improv present an audience-led show featuring improvised games, sketches and a wealth of 'interesting' characters, Fri 14 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex

**KASAI MASAI** Central African music and dance group, Fri 14 Nov, Ludlow Assembly Rooms, South Shropshire

**AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL MANSFIELD QC** Fri 14 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

**STONES IN HIS POCKETS** Multi-award-winning comedy by Marie Jones, Fri 14 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**ONLY ON SUNDAYS** Shout Festival presents Joe White's funny but sad story about searching for acceptance, finding truth, and losing morality in machismo, Fri 14 - Sat 15 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

**DOROTHY TOWERS** A group of LGBT residents from the city centre tower blocks known as Dorothy Towers share their memories, experiences and stories of LGBT life in Birmingham, in a workshop performance using art, song, dance and text, Fri 14 - Sat 15 Nov, The REP, Birmingham



**STEIN SONGBOOK** Sat 15 Nov, Palace Theatre, Redditch

**MISUNDERSTOOD MONSTERS** Children's theatre that uses the power of the spoken word and music to help youngsters overcome their fears of fiends, spiders, aliens and dragons, Sat 15 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

**CHRIS & PUI** Brand new show packed with songs, games and a few surprises!, Sat 15 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex

**AN AUDIENCE WITH DR JONATHAN MILLER** Sat 15 Nov, Stratford Artshouse

**POLARI** Hosted by author Paul Burstyn, this special salon for Shout Festival features performances from author and comedian VG Lee (Always You, Edina), poet Keith Jarrett, author Fanny Gap-

per and more. This event is part of the Polari National Tour, funded by Arts Council England, Sat 15 Nov, mac, Birmingham

**GLORIATOR - SPITZ & CO** World-renowned French actress Gloria Delaneuf and her UK tour manager

Josephine Cunningham present an 'awe-inspiring' production of bravery, honour, and costumes made out of cardboard, Sat 15 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove

**THE ODYSSEY OF TOMMY ATKINS** The story of the Great War as told through the eyes of a generic soldier, Tommy Atkins, and his wife, Sat 15 Nov, Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

**MUSTARDSEED'S MAGICAL MAYHEM** Playbox Theatre present a unique, participatory and lively new work introducing three-to-seven-year-olds to A Midsummer Night's Dream, Sat 15 - Sat 23 Nov, The Dream Facto-

ry, Warwick

**THE COMEDY OF ERRORS** The Will Kemp Company present a 'fun and frolicsome staging' of Shakespeare's play of mistaken identity, magic and mayhem, Sat 15 - Sat 23 Nov, The Dream Factory, Warwick

**BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN THE WORLD**

Reading by Michael Morpurgo of his Christmas book, with Virginia McKenna and Voices At The Door, Sun 16 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**ONLY FOOLS AND... BOYCIE** An intimate evening with actor John Challis, Sun 16 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**DANCING IN THE STREETS** MOTOWN'S GREATEST HITS! A celebration of music from the heart of Detroit, Sun 16 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

**Week Commencing MON 17 NOV**

**THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF MUSIC HALL & VARIETY**

Anita Harris stars in a new show which transports audiences back to the great days of variety entertainment, Mon 17 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**GLITTERLAND** Lyric Hammer-smith: Secret Theatre Company present Haley Squires' story of power, corruption and revenge, inspired by John Webster's The White Devil, Mon 17 - Tue 18 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**DANGEROUS CORNER** Michael Attenborough Theatre Company present a 'compelling' production of JB Priestley's timeless mystery, Mon 17 - Sat 22 Nov, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

**SONGS FROM A LEDGE** New Blues opera based on the troubled life of fictional jazz'n'blues

star Maria Lynwood, Mon 17 - Sat 22 Nov, Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham

**BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE** The Nonentities present Sue Townsend's gentle comedy about a self-help group for agoraphobics, Mon 17 - Sat 22 Nov, Roses Theatre, Kidderminster

**ANTHEM FOR A DOOMED YOUTH** In commemoration of the Great War, Guy Masterson has compiled sixty minutes of WWI poetry and stories from both sides of No-Man's Land, Tue 18 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

**LOVE LETTERS STRAIGHT FROM YOUR HEART** Tues 18 - Wed 19 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**PETER PAN THE MUSICAL** Presented by Bilston Operatic Company, Tue 18 - Sat 22 Nov, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

**KISS ME, KATE** St Augustine's Musical Theatre Company present a musical full of fun, laughter and spirit, Tue 18 - Sat 22 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex

**PITCAIRN** Out Of Joint, Chichester Festival Theatre & Shakespeare's Globe present Richard Bean's brutal retelling of the colonisation of the remote island of Pitcairn by Fletcher Christian and the Bounty mutineers, Tue 18 - Sat 22 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**OH, WHAT A LOVELY WAR** The Arcadians present an amateur production of Joan Littlewood's stirring musical satire, Tues 18 - Sat 22 Nov, The Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR** Redditch Operatic Society present a staging of the Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber classic, Tues 18 - Sat 22 Nov, Palace Theatre, Redditch



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## HANSEL AND GRETEL

Red Earth Theatre present a deliciously scary story of a tango-dancing witch and her irresistible recipe for an edible house, Wed 19 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

**CARMEN** Welsh National Opera present one of the best loved of all operas, Wed 19 - Thurs 20 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

**FLUXX: GAMEPLAN** A mix of theatre and debate, addressing immediate and live concerns. This particular show was created following workshops and consultations with residents of Hall Green, Birmingham, Thurs 20 Nov, mac, Birmingham

## ERASMUS DARWIN

**MEMORIAL LECTURE 2014** Evolution Of The Human Brain: A Tale Of Two Darwins, with speaker Colin Blackmore, Professor of Neuroscience & Philosophy, University of London, Thurs 20 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

**BOUNCERS** Reform Theatre present the John

Godber classic, Thurs 20 - Fri 21 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

**A CHAMBER PIECE** Lyric Hammersmith: Secret Theatre Company present a pitch-black comedy from up-and-coming writer Caroline Bird about power, lethal injection and the desperate need for a Twix, Thurs 20 - Sat 22 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**JESUS CHRIST SUPER-STAR** Aldridge Musical Comedy Society present an amateur production of the hit musical, Thurs 20 - Sat 22 Nov, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock

**MUMMYJI PRESENTS** Join Mummyji as she meets some of the best up-and-coming British Asian variety talent and introduces them to the world... from her living room!, Thurs 20 - Sat 22 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

**MOSES IN EGYPT** Welsh National Opera present a new production of Rossini's visual spectacle, Fri 21 Nov, Birmingham

ham Hippodrome  
**WHERE THE WHITE STOPS** Antler fuse polyphonic song and playful physical storytelling to tell the great adventure of Crab and her tragic obsession with the unknown, Fri 21 Nov, mac, Birmingham  
**FRIDAY TWILIGHT: OUR FRIEND, THE ENEMY** Highly acclaimed play fusing theatre and the spoken word to recount the story of the fabled Christmas Truce on the Western Front in 1914, Fri 21 Nov, Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent  
**STONES IN HIS POCKETS** Multi-award-winning comedy by Marie Jones Fri 21 - Sat 22 Nov, Lichfield Garrick  
**THE STORY GARDEN** Active storytelling sessions where children aged four to eight and their parents/carers can get involved in telling Shakespeare's stories in a fun and lively way, Sat 22 Nov, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**KEN DODD** Sat 22 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**THE PERFECT SEASON** Shrewsbury-based Vested Interest introduce a plethora of characters who each keep the festive spirit alive in their own unique way,



Welsh National Opera's Moses In Egypt - Birmingham Hippodrome

Sat 22 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury  
**THE UGLY GIRL** A wildly comic twist on a queer, disabled, intellectual trouble-maker, full of slapstick, music and dark humour, Sat 22 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton  
**A SERIES OF INCREASINGLY IMPOSSIBLE ACTS** A riotous and uplifting show which sees the Secret Theatre Company try to complete a series of increasingly impossible acts, with the audience in charge of who performs each night. You'll never see the same show twice! Sat 22 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA** A Met Opera Live screening of Rossini's

classic comedy. Isabel Leonard stars as the feisty Rosina, Lawrence Brownlee as her conspiring flame, and Christopher Maltman as the charming barber, Sat 22 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**WILLIAM TELL** Welsh National Opera present a new production of Rossini's epic romantic opera, Sat 22 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome  
**THE JUDAS KISS** The Crescent Theatre Company present David Hare's two-act play about Oscar Wilde's heartbreak and betrayal at the hands of his lover, Bosie, Sat 22 - Sat 29 Nov, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham  
**WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR**

**HUNT** Little Angel Theatre bring Michael Rosen's much-loved children's book to life in a new puppetry production featuring music and lyrics by renowned singer-songwriter Barb Jungr, Sat 22 Nov - Sun 7 Dec, mac, Birmingham  
**THE BORROWERS** Mary Norton's classic family adventure, Sat 22 Nov - Sat 31 Jan, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme  
**MILKSHAKE PARTY PARTY LIVE!** Brand new musical spectacular for children, featuring new songs alongside old favourites, funky dance routines and plenty of laughter, Sun 23 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

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Stand-up comedy  
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writer, theatre opera and film director, TV presenter and doctor of medicine  
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**Saturday 22 November, 8.00pm**  
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**ELLEN KENT'S MADAMA BUTTERFLY** Puccini's tale of love and tragedy starring Korean soprano Elena Dee, Sun 23 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**CHORNA HAATHMA CHAAVI (MARRIAGE IS A GAMBLE)** Hit Gujarati comedy full of romantic twists and turns, Sun 23 Nov, The Drum, Birmingham

## Week Commencing MON 24 NOV

**TWEET TWEET** A play by young people for young people which explores how casual viral actions can have serious real-life consequences, Mon 24 Nov, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock  
**THE FULL MONTY** Sheffield Theatres present a staged version of Simon Beaufoy's award-winning film, Mon 24 - Sat 29 Nov, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre  
**WOTCHA MATES' DAZZLING VARIETY SHOW** Featuring Andy Le Marr & friends... Tues 25 Nov, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock  
**THE SPINNING WHEEL** Unfinished Business combine spoken word, video and live music by Yako 440 in a new show which celebrates the life of Baba Israel's

late father, Steve Ben Israel, a New York jazz musician, stand-up comic, countercultural activist and member of the iconic Living Theatre, Tue 25 Nov, mac, B'ham  
**THE WINTER'S TALE** Bromsgrove School return to Artrix to present one of Shakespeare's best-loved romances, Tue 25 - Thurs 27 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove  
**TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD** Christopher Sergel's stage version of Harper Lee's classic tale - direct from the West End, Tue 25 - Sat 29 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham  
**SCROOGE THE MUSICAL** Amateur production presented by Five Towns Theatre Company, Tues 25 - Sat 29 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent  
**BLACK COUNTRY POETS** An evening of spoken word from some of the region's most popular poets, including Liz Berry, Emma Purshouse, Dave Reeves and Billy Spake, Wed 26 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton  
**ONE OF US WILL DIE** What happens when a British comedian of Average Height and an Australian actress with Dwarfism meet, fall in



Secret Theatre - Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

love, get married and combine their skills and sharp wit? Find out in this stand-up show that smashes conventions in every way, Wed 26 Nov, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall  
**ALADDIN** Wed 26 Nov - Sat 10 Jan, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry  
**THE BFG** Brand new staging of Roald Dahl's popular children's story, Wed 26 Nov - Sat 24 Jan, The REP, Birmingham  
**DAME JOAN PLOWRIGHT IN CONVERSATION WITH RICHARD DIGBY DAY** Wed 26 Nov, Malvern Theatre  
**RUSSIAN SPECTACULAR** Music and dance extravaganza featuring the White Russian Central Band, special guest soloists from The Bolshoi & dancers from The Belarussian National Folk Dance Academy, Thurs 27 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford  
**AN AUDIENCE WITH DES O'CONNOR** Thurs 27 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex  
**REP FOUNDRY SCRATCH NIGHTS** Thurs 27 Nov,

The REP, Birmingham  
**FOGHORN IMPROV: SINGING IN THE FOG** Join the Old Joint Stock's improv team as they create a musical spectacle from audience suggestions, Thurs 27 Nov, Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham  
**AN EVENING WITH GERVAASE PHINN** Thurs 27 Nov, Huntingdon Hall, Worcs  
**THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS** Live music and comedy from Oddsocks as they present their version of the classic tale of boats, cars, trains and washerwomen..., Thurs 27 - Sat 29 Nov, Bridge House Theatre, Warwick  
**PONDWIFE** Holly & Ted present a radical reimagining of Hans Christian Andersen's classic fairytale, The Little Mermaid, Thurs 27 - Sat 29 Nov, The Dream Factory, Warwick  
**ELLEN KENT'S MADAMA BUTTERFLY** Puccini's tale of love and tragedy, starring Korean soprano Elena Dee, Fri 28 Nov, Malvern Theatres

**1914 LOCAL NEWS** Tell Tale Theatre fuse physical theatre, verbatim accounts and vibrant storytelling to recount the stories of Midlanders on the home front during WWI, Fri 28 - Sat 29 Nov, The Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham  
**AN EVENING WITH COLIN FRY** Fri 28 - Sat 29 Nov, Huntingdon Hall, Worcs  
**CHOOSE YOUR OWN DOCUMENTARY** A true story of obsession, childhood sweethearts, friendship, loss and adventure, Fri 28 - Sat 29 Nov, Old Joint Stock Theatre, B'ham  
**DICK WHITTINGTON** Traditional family pantomime, Fri 28 Nov - Sun 4 Jan, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent  
**ROMEO FASS GAYA JUGNI DE PYAR WICH** Gurdip Kaur Chaudhary's romantic comedy, Sat 29 Nov, The Drum, Birmingham  
**SHOWSTOPPER! THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL** A brand new musical comedy, created from scratch at each performance. Audience

suggestions spontaneously become an all-singing, all-dancing show, with unpredictable results, Sat 29 Nov, Malvern Theatres  
**THE GRUFFALO** Songs, laughter and scary fun come together in this family favourite based on Julia Donaldson's best-selling book, Sat 29 Nov - Sun 4 Jan, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE** A specially commissioned play by Phil Porter which draws on true stories of soldiers in the Warwickshire Regiment, Sat 29 Nov - Sat 31 Jan, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**COR BLIMEY** A faithful recreation of the music hall entertainment popular throughout the Victorian and Edwardian eras, Sun 30 Nov, Bridge House Theatre, Warwick  
**ALISON STEADMAN IN CONVERSATION** Sun 30 Nov, Stratford Artshouse

## Festive show LISTINGS

**HORRIBLE CHRISTMAS** Presented by Horrible Histories, Thurs 13 Nov - Sat 17 Jan, Old Rep, Birmingham, £14 - £19.50

**THE BORROWERS** Sat 22 Nov - Sat 31 Jan, New Vic Theatre, New-castle-under-Lyme, £15 - £22

**ALADDIN** Wed 26 Nov - Sat 10 Jan, The Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, £8.25 - £21.75

**THE BFG** Presented by Birmingham Rep Theatre Company, Wed 26 Nov - Sat 24 Jan, The REP, Birmingham, £7 - £35

**DICK WHITTINGTON** Starring Jonathan Wilkes & Christian Patterson, Fri 28 Nov - Sun 4 Jan, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Sat 29 Nov - Sat 3 Jan,

Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, £10 - £23

**THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE** Sat 29 Nov - Sat 31 Jan, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, £5 - £62.50

**THUMBELINA'S GREAT BIG ADVENTURE** Presented by mac Birmingham & Dancing Brick, Mon 1 Dec - Sat 13 Dec, mac, Birmingham, £14.50

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** Presented by The Worcester Repertory Company, Mon 1 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, The Swan Theatre, Worcester, £10.75 - £15.75

**ALADDIN** Wed 3 - Sun 28 Dec, Bedworth Civic Hall, Warwickshire, £12.50 - £14.50

**PETER PAN** Starring Brad Fit, Wed 3 Dec - Sun 11 Jan, Theatre Severn, Shrews-

bury, £11 - £21.50

**CINDERELLA** Thurs 4 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, Lichfield Garrick, Staffs, £12.50 - £24

**SANTA'S DIZZY DAY** Fri 5 - Sun 21 Dec, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, £6.50 - £9.50

**BEAUTY & THE BEAST** Sat 6 Dec, The Festival Drayton Centre, Shropshire, £7 - £8.50

**THE WITCHES** Sat 6 Dec - Sat 20 Dec, The Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, £8 - £15

**OH NO IT ISN'T!** Sat 6 - Sat 27 Dec, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, £8.50 - £15.75

**CINDERELLA** Sat 6 Dec - Sat 3 Jan, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington, £11.50 - £14

**CINDERELLA** Starring Julian Clary and Joe Tracini, Sat 6 Dec - Sun 18 Jan, Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, £20 - £27.50

**CINDERELLA** Starring Anne Charleston, Scott Cripps, Rebecca Tyson, Richard Pocock & Derek Walker, Mon 8 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, Palace Theatre, Redditch

**THE GRUFFALO** Sat 29 Nov - Sun 4 Jan, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, £14.00

**JERSEY BOYS** Tues 9 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, £15 - £60

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

Starring Matt Evers, Nicki French, Phil Butler & Ian Billings, Tues 9 Dec - Mon 5 Jan, The Place, Oakengates, £9.50 - £17

**PINOCCHIO** Presented by Hiccup Theatre, Wed 10 Dec - Sat 3 Jan, The Curve, Leicester, £7

**ROBIN HOOD AND THE BABES IN THE WOOD** Thurs 11 - Sun 21 Dec, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall, £5 - £7

**ALADDIN** Starring Robert Powell, Chris Edgerley, Carrie Rawlings & Derek Moran & Ian Good, Thurs 11 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, Malvern Theatres, £10 - £25

**CINDERELLA** Fri 12 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, Solihull Arts Complex, £15 - £18.50

**CINDERELLA ROCK 'N' ROCK PANTO** Fri 12 Dec - Sat 10 Jan, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, £12.50 - £17.50

**WIND IN THE WILLOWS** Sat 13 Dec - Sat 3 Jan, Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham, £10

**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** Starring Lisa Riley and Brendan Sheerin, Sat 13 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, Crewe Lyceum, £15.50 - £21

**CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT** Tues 16 - Fri 19 Dec, Rose Theatre, Kidderminster, £11

**GHOST STORIES FOR CHRISTMAS** Wed 17 - Thurs 18 Dec, Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham, £10

**PETER PAN** Thurs 18 Dec - Sun 4 Jan, Playbox Theatre, Warwick, £8 - £13

**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** Starring Jane McDonald, Duncan James, Chris Gascoyne, Gary Wilmot, Paul Zerdin & Matt Slack, Fri 19 Dec - Sun 1 Feb, Birmingham Hippodrome, £14 - £40

**SLEEPING BEAUTY** Sun 21 - Tues 30 Dec, Prince Of Wales Theatre, Cannock, £11.50 - £13.50

**THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS** Presented by The People's Theatre Company, Mon 22 - Tues 30 Dec, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, £9

**SLEEPING BEAUTY** Fri 9 - Sat 24 Jan, Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa, £8 - £10



Below are reviews of theatre productions we checked out last month. For further theatre reviews, visit [www.whatsonlive.co.uk](http://www.whatsonlive.co.uk)

## Blood Brothers

Birmingham Hippodrome

This was my most euphoric theatrical experience since watching my very first musical, *West Side Story*, aged just fourteen. Celebrating its twenty-ninth anniversary, Willy Russell's heartbreaking family masterpiece deserved its standing ovation and reduced me to tears!

*Blood Brothers* tells the powerful story of twin boys Mickey and Eddie, who're separated at birth by their single mother - the pivotal role of Mrs Johnstone is here taken by Maureen Nolan. Eventually the two lads become great pals, though remain unaware of the fact that they're siblings - but their friendship eventually brings tragic consequences. The devastating impact which social class has on life opportunities is powerfully depicted through impressive performances by Sean Jones as the working-class Mickey and Joel Benedict as the middle-class Eddie.

The emotional intensity of the Johnstone family's experiences moved me deeply, and is undoubtedly the key to *Blood Brothers*' universal success. Marvellous performances and outstanding music - especially *Shoes Upon The Table*, as sung by the Narrator (Kristofer Harding) - made this an evening I'll never forget..

Malaka Chowdhury ■■■■■

## Inala Symphony Hall, Birmingham

It's not every day that a Zulu ballet comes to town. And when the dancers are accompanied by live music in the form of Ladysmith Black Mambazo - one of Africa's greatest singing groups - it's an event not to be missed.

Teaming those nine singers with eleven classical and contemporary dancers from, among other companies, Rambert and the Royal Ballet was an imaginative if risky move on the part of choreographer Mark Baldwin and composer Ella Spira. For the most part it succeeded beautifully, creating a beguiling show that had the audience on its feet by the finale.

The performance is designed to celebrate twenty years of democracy in South Africa, with the choreography loosely telling the story of a day in the life of the country. A mix of landscapes and soundscapes, relaxed rural birdsong, farmers and fishermen gave way at the climax to the excited noises and dangers of urban streets and traffic.

I can't pretend to have understood what was happening throughout, but the cheery chemistry between the singers and dancers meant it didn't really matter; this was a show to jump into and enjoy. And while the soul-stirring harmonies of Ladysmith Black Mambazo were worth the ticket price alone, the interaction between all the performers, including a terrific backing band, added a feelgood factor that made for a wonderful night.

Steve Adams ■■■■■



## Top Hat Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

It's tough enough being the understudy in a straight play, having to store and retain all those lines in one's memory for weeks on end. Imagine, then, how much more difficult it's sure to be when there are thousands of rapid dance steps to compute too. So when the signs went up at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre advising that the part of Jerry Travers was to be played by Ben Palmer (promoted from a lowly role), I worried for him. But I needn't have.

Travers is, of course, the character Fred Astaire played in the 1930s movie version. Mr Palmer was his match in every department - from spats and taps to waggish gags and a loveable boyish grin. His footwork was fabulous, his enthusiasm infectious, his comic timing immaculate. His personal chemistry with the leading lady fizzed like pink champagne. Charlotte Gooch, in the Ginger Rogers role of Dale Tremont, was equally impressive, kicking so high it was positively dangerous.

The comedy was remarkably fresh too, considering the jokes were all eighty years old and peppered a plot device that dated back beyond Shakespeare.

The dance routines were dazzling and the choreography of *Wild About You* made me laugh out loud. The slick, sliding set worked a treat; the chorus line was all teeth and tempo; the orchestra, full blown. Opulence abounded. It was all terribly confident and clever. The original film was designed to lift the spirits in the midst of recession. This new stage tour is doing exactly the same - only this time it's live and in glorious technicolour. Chris Eldon Lee ■■■■■

## Disney On Ice: 100 Years Of Magic National Indoor Arena, Birmingham

A long, long time ago, before 'Frozen mania' gripped the world, there existed a host of classic Disney movies much loved by children everywhere.

And how better to relive the magic of those favourites - *Aladdin*, *Beauty And The Beast*, *Finding Nemo*, *Pinocchio*, *The Lion King* - than by seeing them magically brought to life on the ice!

After the success of *Worlds Of Fantasy* earlier in the year, *Disney On Ice 100 Years Of Magic* is a further delight for die-hard fans to enjoy.

A total of sixty characters from Walt's vaults appear in this ice-skating extravaganza, which boasts exactly the sort of slick perfection and stunning choreography one would expect from a world-class brand.

A veritable feast for the eyes, the production begins with the genie from *Aladdin*. Then it's the turn of all the original Disney princesses, including Belle, Cinderella, Jasmine and Ariel, to take to the ice in their fairytale gowns, performing to the fitting score of *One Day My Prince Will Come*.

Next up were *Pinocchio* and *Jiminy Cricket*. Even though many children in the audience may have struggled to name these two vintage Disney favourites, they were nonetheless captivated by their performance, which came complete with giant whale and a *Wish Upon A Star* singalong.

Marching toy soldiers filled the stage for the arrival of *Toy Story* characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear and Jessie, much to the delight of screaming youngsters. This was the biggest crowd-pleaser of the evening.

However, it was a delightful scene from *Mulan* which was the most visually spectacular, complete with a dramatic swordfight under a flurry of snow, and a stunning Chinese dragon. This homage to some of the best-loved cinematic characters of yesteryear is positively bursting with Disney magic, and is an absolute must-see for anyone who wants their Happily Ever After - even if only for a couple of hours.

*Disney On Ice 100 Years Of Magic* shows at the NIA, Birmingham, until Sunday 2 November.

Fiona McCartney ■■■■■





## Solomon And Marion The REP, Birmingham

Janet Suzman has been a towering presence on the world stage for as long as I can remember. She was born in Johannesburg in 1939... so she's now seventy-five, and completely undiminished. She has a quiet, uncluttered command of the stage and her lines. She's very matter-of-fact, yet brimming with deep, undemonstrative emotion. She almost invites her audience to reach down into her soul and draw the words out for her. I find her mesmeric; but in this play she's met her equal in a young, naturally talented, black South African actor named Khayaletu Anthony.

Together they play Solomon and Marion. He is her former servant's grandson, emerging from his warrior class. She is a middle class white landowner with a lethargic heart, more that a little fearful about the new democracy. So when Solomon turns up in her living room for the first time in years, Marion feels threatened.

How she lowers her defences and what his purpose really is are the substance of an endearing first period of the play in which they establish how their new relationship should work. He calls her 'Miss Marion', she calls him 'my boy'. Both object until it becomes clear they are both terms of affection and respect.

But the play explodes like a pressure cooker once the truth tumbles out and a past moment is startlingly re-enacted. Suddenly the atmosphere is electric. The background to Lara Foot's script is the awful regularity of meaningless murders and death from AIDS, which still haunts South Africa. Both characters have lost close family, and both feel they have little else to lose. That at least is a commonality in two characters who are cultures apart.

As a pen portrait of South Africa's present problems, Solomon And Marion is superb. So much telling detail is pressed into seventy-five spare minutes. Twenty years after the apparent abolition of apartheid, the tensions are just skin deep - no matter what colour your skin is. But whilst there are Solomons and Marions, there is hope. And whilst there are actors of the quality of Khayaletu and Janet, thank God their stories will be told.

Chris Eldon Lee ■■■■



## Theatre WEST END

### New drama sheds light on the death of Diana

A 'groundbreaking' fictional drama which sheds new light on the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, is to make its UK debut in London next year. Truth, Lies, Diana is the story of Ray, a playwright who uncovers secrets about Diana and her death which the establishment have tried to keep hidden. As Ray strives to reveal the startling evidence, his personal life starts to unravel and he suspects his wife of being unfaithful. Paranoia sets in, and Ray has to decide what to do with the truths that confront him...

Jon Conway's Truth, Lies, Diana shows at Charing Cross Theatre from 9 January to 14 February.



### New Dirty Rotten Scoundrel announced...

This month sees Alex Gaumond take over the role of Freddy Benson in the West End production of Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. Gaumond, whose most recent stage credits include Miss Trunchball in Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre, will star alongside Robert Lindsay and Katherine Kingsley in the critically acclaimed musical. Rufus Hound originally starred as Freddy but quit the show suddenly last month, leaving understudy Gavin Alex playing the role.

Based on Frank Oz's 1988 film starring Sir Michael Caine and Steve Martin - which itself was based on 1964's Bed-time Story with David Niven and Marlon Brando - Dirty Rotten Scoundrels is set in the decadent underworld of the French Riviera, where two seasoned swindlers (Lindsey and Benson) attempt to hoodwink a millionaire soap heiress. The production is currently booking at the Savoy Theatre until 7 March 2015.



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### West End transfer for virtual crime drama

Jennifer Haley's multi-award-winning play, The Nether, is to transfer to the West End for a limited twelve-week run early next year.

A virtual-reality crime drama set in 2050, The Nether follows an investigation into the complicated, disturbing morality of identity in the digital world, exploring the consequences of making dreams a reality.

After its world premiere at the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Los Angeles in 2013, The Nether went on to win an Ovation Award for Best Original Play and an LA Drama Critics' Award for Writing. The production opened to further critical acclaim at the Royal Court Theatre in July this year, with The Times declaring it "A seriously intelligent play - important and thought provoking".

The Nether shows at the Duke Of York Theatre from 20 January to 25 April 2015.



### Extended booking for The Book Of Mormon

The Olivier and Tony Award-winning Best New Musical, The Book Of Mormon, has extended its booking period at the Prince of Wales Theatre to 7 February 2015.

Written by the team behind South Park, The Book Of Mormon follows a pair of mismatched Mormon boys sent on a mission to Uganda.

Attempting to bring the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to a community ravaged by war lords and disease, the pair find their friendship and faith tested by the situation with which they're faced.





# Dance



## The Little Match Girl

DanceXchange, Birmingham Hippodrome, Thurs 27 - Sat 29 November

Celebrated Portuguese director and choreographer Arthur Pita here brings the festive story of The Little Match Girl to life in a fusion of dance, song and original live music by Frank Moon. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic story, the touching tale follows an impoverished young girl as she paces the empty streets on a grim, snowy night, desperately trying to sell her matches. Cold, hungry and with only the flame from her final match to keep her warm, she suddenly sees a vision of her beloved grandmother, who fulfills her dreams by guiding her on a journey through the night sky to the moon, leaving her troubled life behind her... Earlier this year, Pita's choreography for the Royal Opera House's Ballet Black - A Dream Within A Midsummer Night's Dream saw him receiving a nomination for the Outstanding Achievement In Dance Olivier Award. His previous successes include God's Garden and Metamorphosis.

## Diversity: Limitless - The Reboot

National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, Fri 28 November

Since beating Susan Boyle in the live final of Britain's Got Talent in 2009, this London-based dance troupe have taken the world by storm with their breathtaking range of routines, performed to an eclectic soundtrack which includes everything from hip-hop to classical. They return to the Midlands this month to present Limitless - The Reboot, an updated version of last year's arena tour which comes complete with some very special guests. "We've been training for this for a year," says show choreographer and group leader Ashley Banjo, "so we're hoping all that effort shines through. We're going for more of a shock factor this time around."



## The Nutcracker

Birmingham Hippodrome, Fri 28 November - Sat 13 December

Sir Peter Wright's enchanting version of this firm festive favourite returns to the Hippodrome this month, courtesy of Birmingham Royal Ballet. Created in 1990 as a thank you to Birmingham for its support of the company following its move to the Midlands from London's Sadler Wells, Wright's production is seen by many as the finest interpretation of Tchaikovsky's magnificent and mesmerising score. In true Christmas spirit, the story follows the young Clara as she's swept up in a fantasy of soldiers, giant rats, snow fairies, magic and mystery, before finally being transformed into a beautiful ballerina. A magical, must-see show for little princesses everywhere...



## Amina Khayyam Dance: A Thousand Faces

mac, Birmingham, Thurs 27 November

Fusing classical Kathak dance with puppetry, the Amina Khayyam Dance Co. here presents a bold performance examining the world-wide phenomena of acid violence against women.

The piece engages its audience via the intricate and detailed theatrical movements of abhinaya - a South Asian classical technique of communication based on a narrative mode.

The performance is followed by a Q&A with Amina, who is joined by Jaf Shah from Acid Survivors Trust International.



## Beauty Of The Beast

Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Tues 11 November; DanceXchange, Birmingham Hippodrome, Thurs 13 - Fri 14 November

Described as 'an explosive exploration of masculinity and male group behaviour', this latest work from Manchester-based Company Chameleon was commissioned by The Lowry and uses unique physical style, dance, theatre and live music to 'hold a mirror to our times'.

"Beauty Of The Beast is all about male behaviour and how men interact," explains the company's Co-Artistic Director Anthony Missen. "It looks at the different faces of masculinity or maleness - the beauty, the beast, the idiot, camaraderie, strength, vulnerability and sensitivity. Research has come from all over the place, from going to work in a young offenders' institute in South Africa to young men in violent communities in places like Trinidad and Morocco."

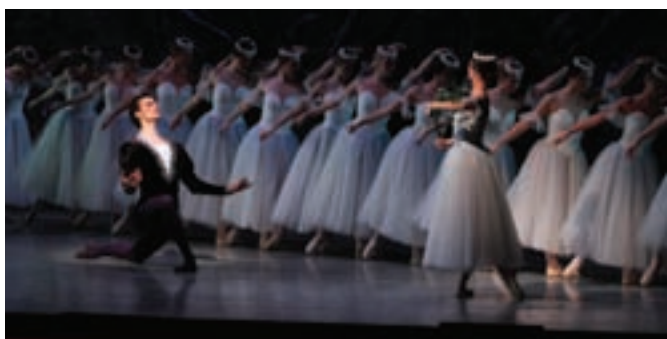


## The Russian State Ballet And Opera House

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Sat 1 - Sun 2 November; Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, Thurs 6 November

"We feel that everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy ballet in their lifetime," says Russian State Ballet producer Alexej Ignatow, "which is why we're dedicated to presenting full and positive new productions in regional theatres."

The company is this month bringing three ballet staples to the Midlands: The Nutcracker (Theatre Severn, 1 November); Giselle (same venue the following day); and Swan Lake (Stafford Gatehouse, 6 November).



## Dance LISTINGS

For full listing information on dance, including times and dates, visit [www.whatsonlive.co.uk](http://www.whatsonlive.co.uk)

**THE NUTCRACKER** The Russian State Ballet of Siberia present a world famous classic, set to Tchaikovsky's mesmerising score, Sat 1 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**DIWALI EVENT** Evening of South Asian dance to celebrate the magical festival of lights, Sat 1 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

**GISELLE** The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia present the heart-rending tale of love, treachery & forgiveness from beyond the grave, Sun 2 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**SWAN LAKE** The Russian State Ballet & Orchestra of Siberia present the greatest romantic ballet of all time, Thurs 6 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

**THE NUTCRACKER** Presented by the Moscow Ballet La Classique, Thurs 6 - Sat 8 Nov, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

**SHINE** Showcase of work from the Hayley Mullock Dance Academy, Thurs 6 - Sat 8 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

**SWAN LAKE** Moscow City Ballet present the much-loved ballet, set to Tchaikovsky's magical score, Mon 10 - Tue 11 Nov, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

**BEAUTY OF THE BEAST** Company Chameleon present an explosive exploration of masculinity and male group behaviour in a choreographed performance which reveals the many faces of men, Tues 11 Nov, Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

**THE FIVE AND THE PROPHECY OF PRANA** Dance Touring Partnership present Boy Blue Entertainment in a dynamic fusion of hip-hop and martial arts; an explosive tribute to manga - Japan's

popular graphic novel form, Tue 4 - Wed 5 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

**SWAN LAKE** Ballet Theatre UK present a retelling of the world-famous ballet, Tue 11 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**AFTER THE DANCE** South Staffordshire College Performing Arts Department present Terrence Rattigan's study of the inequality of love, Wed 12 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

**BEAUTY OF THE BEAST** Company Chameleon present an explosive exploration of masculinity and male group behaviour in a choreographed performance which reveals the many faces of men, Thurs 13 - Fri 14 Nov, DanceXchange, Birmingham

**MARGAM: AN AFTERNOON OF BHARATANATYAM** Classical Indian dance from four acclaimed performers: Lakshmi Srinivasan, Raneesha Manoharan, Magdalen Gorringer & Jyoti Lata Parwana, Sun 16 Nov, mac, Birmingham

**THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL** Arthur Pita's magical show, based on Hans Christian Andersen's classic story and told through a fusion of dance, song and original live music by Frank Moon, Thurs 27 - Sat 29 Nov, DanceXchange, Birmingham

**THE NUTCRACKER** BRB present Sir Peter Wright's enchanting version of this festive favourite, Fri 28 Nov - Sat 13 Dec, Birmingham Hippodrome

**JASMIN VARDIMON: PARK**

A fusion of acute physical theatre, text, athletic dance & funky music. Wed 19 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

**SNOW** Performed by the Judith Bibby Academy of Dance, Thurs 20 - Sat 22 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

**A THOUSAND FACES** Amina Khayyam Dance fuse puppetry with classical Kathak dance to tell the story of women who're discriminately attacked because of their gender, often caught up within cultural expectations. Thurs 27 Nov, mac, Birmingham

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From  
FRI 20  
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## The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 CERT tbc

Starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Banks, Julianne Moore, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Jeffrey Wright, Stanley Tucci, Donald Sutherland, Natalie Dormer, Sam Claflin Directed by Francis Lawrence (USA)

The phenomenon continues... After The Hunger Games: Catching Fire became the highest grossing movie of 2013 (in the US), the suspense surrounding the next instalment has been unbearable. JLaw is back as Katniss Everdeen and in her new role as Mockingjay - the symbol of hope for the persecuted districts of Panem - she must consolidate the divided in their fight against the Capitol. New to the cast is Julianne Moore, who plays the leader of District 13 and is a close associate of Haymitch Abernathy (Woody Harrelson). But can Mockingjay Part 1 rise above the onslaught of all the Hunger Games copycats, in particular Divergent, The Giver and The Maze Runner? We will see... Filmed in Atlanta, Paris and Berlin.



FROM  
FRI 7  
NOV

## Interstellar CERT 12a (170 mins)

Starring Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Michael Caine, Bill Irwin, Ellen Burstyn, Casey Affleck, Wes Bentley, John Lithgow, David Oyelowo Directed by Christopher Nolan (USA/UK)

Everything about Interstellar screams Major Motion Picture. But despite the film's enormously impressive cast (four Oscar-winners, for starters) and running time (one hundred-and-seventy minutes), it's the director and the subject matter that could make this very special indeed. Following the unexpected box-office success of Christopher Nolan's mind-boggling Inception (worldwide gross: \$826 million), Warner Brothers agreed to finance this sci-fi epic, which Nolan co-scripted with his brother Jonathan. Paramount and Legendary Pictures chipped in with more millions and the subject - the journey undertaken by a group of astronauts through a wormhole - could capture the imagination of the public. Think Gravity with more star names.

## TOP 5

### FILM BOX OFFICE

**1** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (12a)

**2** Gone Girl (18)

**3** Annabelle (15)

**4** The Maze Runner (12a)

**5** The Best Of Me (12a)



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles



# Film NEW RELEASES

Released from Fri 7 November

## Say When CERT 15 (99 mins)

Starring Keira Knightley, Chloë Grace Moretz, Sam Rockwell, Ellie Kemper, Mark Webber  
Directed by Lynn Shelton (USA)

When Megan (Keira) is proposed to by her long-term boyfriend, she panics and hangs out with a sixteen-year-old, Annika (Moretz), instead. Then she meets Annika's rather cute dad (Rockwell). Filmed in and around Seattle.



## Set Fire To The Stars CERT 15 (97 mins)

Starring Elijah Wood, Celyn Jones, Kelly Reilly, Steven Mackintosh, Shirley Henderson  
Directed by Andy Goddard (UK)

Taking its title from the last line of Dylan Thomas's 'Love In The Asylum, this is the story of the Welsh poet's first visit to America. Elijah Wood plays the literary critic and aspiring poet John Malcolm Brinnin who brings Thomas along - and has to suffer the consequences. In black-and-white.



## The Skeleton Twins CERT 15 (93 mins)

Starring Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig, Luke Wilson, Ty Burrell, Boyd Holbrook  
Directed by Craig Johnson (USA)

When the estranged twins Milo and Maggie attempt suicide on the same day, they are reunited and take a fresh look at the wrong turns their lives have taken. Expect some laughs - and tears. Nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at Sundance.



## November Man CERT 15 (108 mins)

Starring Pierce Brosnan, Luke Bracey, Olga Kurylenko, Eliza Taylor, Will Patton  
Directed by Roger Donaldson (USA)

As the poster says: "a spy is never out of the game." So Pierce Brosnan, aged sixty-two, unpacks his gun and finds himself at loggerheads with his erstwhile protégé. Luke Bracey, of Home And Away fame, plays the protégé. Filmed in Serbia and Montenegro.



From  
FRI 14  
NOV

Released from Fri 14 November

## Third Person CERT 15 (137 mins)

Starring Liam Neeson, Mila Kunis, Adrien Brody, Olivia Wilde, James Franco, Maria Bello, Kim Basinger  
Directed by Paul Haggis (UK/USA/Germany/Belgium)

Paul Haggis, who wrote and directed the Oscar-winning Crash (2004), is good at the multi-narrative. Here, he interweaves three love stories set in Paris, New York and Rome.



## The Drop CERT 15 (106 mins)

Starring Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace, James Gandolfini, Matthias Schoenaerts, John Ortiz, Ann Dowd  
Directed by Michaël R. Roskam (USA)

If you've seen the films Mystic River, Gone Baby Gone and Shutter Island - based on the novels of Dennis Lehane - you'll be familiar with the textured mix of neighbourhood and violence revisited here. Tom Hardy plays a Brooklyn bartender whose joint is used as a money-laundering operation for the local lowlife. Then things get personal...

## Nativity 3: Dude, Where's My Donkey? CERT U (110 mins)

Starring Martin Clunes, Marc Wootton, Catherine Tate, Celia Imrie, Adam Garcia, Ralf Little  
Directed by Debbie Isitt (UK)

Following in the skid marks of Nativity! (2009) and Nativity 2: Danger In The Manger (2012), comes this third instalment featuring the loose canon that is Mr Poppy (Wootton), whom the students of St Bernadette's adore. As with the

## The Imitation Game

CERT 12a (114 mins)

Starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode, Rory Kinnear, Charles Dance, Mark Strong  
Directed by Morten Tyldum (UK/USA)

At the time of writing, Benedict Cumberbatch is the favourite to win the Oscar next year for his role as Alan Turing, the Father of computer science. Based on the biography Alan Turing: The Enigma by Andrew Hodges, the film chronicles Turing's part in winning the Second World War (by helping to crack the Nazi's Enigma code) and then his criminal prosecution for being homosexual. The director previously brought us the ingenious, breathless and sexy Norwegian thriller Headhunters (2011).

aftermentioned comedies, much of the infantile mayhem is improvised and this time features a new teacher with amnesia (Clunes), a misplaced ass and a trip to New York. You have to enter into the spirit.



Released from Fri 21 November

## Get On Up CERT 12a (139 mins)

Starring Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis, Viola Davis, Octavia Spencer, Dan Aykroyd  
Directed by Tate Taylor (USA)

Tate Taylor directed the Oscar-winning The Help (2011), so it's reasonable to expect great things from this biography of James Brown. Brown, of course, was the Godfather of Soul, and Get On Up chronicles his rise from poverty to celebrity. The script is co-written by Jez Butterworth, he who penned the award-winning play Jerusalem.

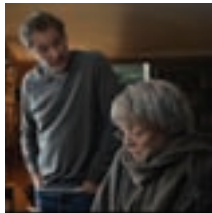


## My Old Lady

CERT 12a (107 mins)

Starring **Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith, Dominique Pinon, Stéphane Freiss**  
Directed by **Israel Horovitz (UK/USA/France)**

This is all a bit of a reunion for Kristin Scott Thomas as she has previously starred alongside both Kevin Kline and Maggie Smith. Here, she plays the old lady's daughter, her mother being the sole occupant of a Parisian apartment inherited by a New Yorker (Kline). The comedy-drama marks the film directorial debut of the American playwright Israel Horovitz.



## No Good Deed

CERT 15 (84 mins)

Starring **Idris Elba, Taraji P. Henson, Leslie Bibb, Kate del Castillo**  
Directed by **Sam Miller (USA)**

Having tucked Nelson Mandela onto his cv, Idris Elba now plays a jailbird convicted of the manslaughter of a man and five women. When he escapes, he moves in on a mother (Taraji P. Henson) with two young children. In case you'd forgotten, Ms Henson was nominated for an Oscar for The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button.



## The Homesman

CERT 15 (123 mins)

Starring **Tommy Lee Jones, Hilary Swank, Hailee Steinfeld, William Fichtner, Meryl Streep** Directed by **Tommy Lee Jones (USA)**

An unlikely Western, this, in which a man and woman team up to escort three mentally impaired women from Nebraska to Iowa. From the 1988 novel by Glendon Swarthout.



Released from Fri 28 November

## I Am Ali

CERT PG (111 mins)

With **Muhammad Ali, Mike Tyson, George Foreman, Tom Jones, Jim Brown**  
Directed by **Clare Lewins (UK/USA)**

Just when you thought there couldn't be another film about Muhammad Ali, along comes another one. This documentary purports to have had unprecedented access to the boxer's personal audio diaries, as well as testimonials from his closest family and friends.



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## Horrible Bosses 2

CERT 15 (108 mins)

Starring **Jason Bateman, Charlie Day, Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston, Jamie Foxx, Chris Pine, Christoph Waltz, Kevin Spacey**  
Directed by **Sean Anders (USA)**

When Dale, Kurt and Nick decide to start up their own business, an investor appears to have two-timed them. So they decide to get the upper hand by kidnapping his son. What a cast.



## Paddington

CERT tbc

Starring **Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent, Peter Capaldi, Nicole Kidman** and the voice of **Ben Whishaw**  
Directed by **Paul King (UK)**

For a film about the loveable bear with a penchant for marmalade, it has trailed a surprising amount of controversy in its wake. The first anybody knew about it was that Colin Firth was voicing the polite creature from Peru. Then, once the film was almost completed, it was decided that Firth's voice just 'didn't fit.' He was replaced by Ben Whishaw. Then Nicole Kidman, who plays the villainous taxidermist Millicent Clyde, decided the movie was too disturbing for her children to see. Let's just hope, then, that there's a little bit of charm left over. Incidentally, it's a live-action rendering, with Paddington himself created via CGI and animatronics.

## Stations Of The Cross

CERT 15 (110 mins)

Starring **Lea van Acken, Hanns Zischler, Birge Schade, Florian Stetter, Franziska Weisz**  
Directed by **Dietrich Brüggemann (Germany)**

Divided into fourteen chapters to mirror the number of stages of Christ's judgement up to his burial, this is probably one of the year's most unusual films. Winner of the best script award at Berlin, it focuses on the fourteen-year-old Maria (van Acken) who follows the aforementioned fourteen stages in which to reach her nirvana per the dictates of the fundamentalist Catholic community in which she's raised. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the whole film was shot in fourteen takes.

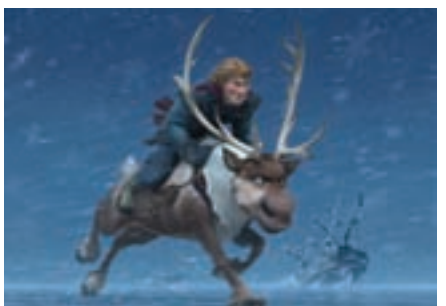
## Frozen

CERT PG (108 mins)

Featuring the voices of **Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff, Josh Gad, Santino Fontana, Alan Tudyk, Jack Whitehall**  
Directed by **Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee (USA)**

Should you have missed Disney's fifty-third animated feature (in their so-called Animated Classics series), here's your chance to catch up with what is now the highest-grossing cartoon of all time. It's a predictably ravishing treat for the eyes as well as boasting a strong story (inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's The Snow

Queen), catchy songs (you may already be familiar with the Oscar-winning Let It Go) and a very funny sidekick in the form of a snowman with a penchant for non sequiturs. It is perhaps fashionable to knock the sentimentality and professional efficiency of Disney's more recent output, but the studio has always been sentimental and here provides us with a whirlwind of emotions: heartbreak, romance, humour, action, thrills and, yes, OK, schmaltz. And as with every noteworthy cartoon, it's packed with enthralling background detail, which rewards its audience with repeated viewings. Furthermore, as the freckled heroine at the heart of this beguiling tale, Anna is a captivating protagonist, a lost soul full of hope and spirit yet also endearingly innocent and vulnerable. Only the introduction of a Transformers-like snow monster sounds a truly false note.





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# Visual Arts

## Imran Qureshi

Ikon Gallery, Birmingham,  
Wed 19 November - Sun 25 January

DeutscheBank 2013 Artist Of The Year Imran Qureshi is widely considered to be one of the subcontinent's most important contemporary creatives. The Pakistan-born artist has reclaimed the regionally and historically-rooted discipline of miniature painting - which flourished in late-sixteenth century Mughal courts - and transported it to the present day. This particular exhibition of Qureshi's work features an array of gold and blood-red miniature paintings depicting people, blossoms, colours, rain, leaves and abstract forms.



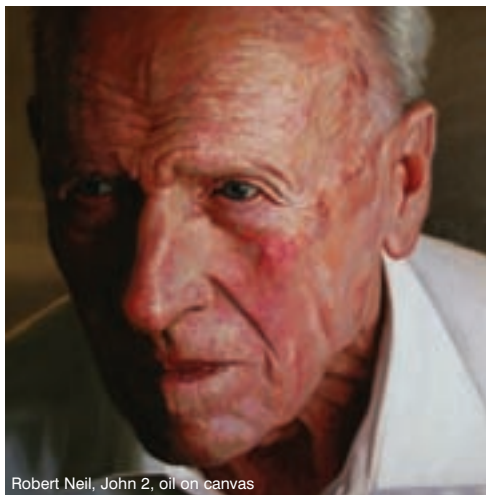
## Birmingham And Beyond

RBSA, Birmingham,  
Wed 19 November - Wed 24 December

The 2014 version of this prestigious exhibition, held annually since 1842, features contributions from numerous highly acclaimed honorary RBSA members, notably David Carpanini, Ken Howard, HRH the Prince of Wales and John Salt.

Work by ten presidents from other UK royal art societies also features in a show which marks the society's two hundredth anniversary.

"We're delighted that our talented members and associates will have the chance to show their work alongside such prestigious and well-known artists from across the UK," says RBSA President Robert Neil. "It's a perfect way to demonstrate the success of our society as we conclude our bicentenary year."



Robert Neil, John 2, oil on canvas



Yan Zhenzhong - Puff

## About Town

Hurst Street, Birmingham, Thurs 13 - Sun 16 November

About Town is an exhibition of video art in Birmingham's Southside district and features the work of highly acclaimed international artists Cornelia Parker, Santiago Sierra, Beat Streuli, Gillian Wearing and Yang Zhenzhong. The project, a collaboration between Hippodrome Plus and Ikon, comprises a wide variety of free night-screenings in unusual urban spaces, bringing together films from Ikon's recent programme with a number of new, location-inspired commissions. Highlights of the show, which presents an exploration of city life, include an experimental music video made in collaboration with Birmingham's Ex Cathedra choir, and a work focusing on Broad Street's frenetic nightlife.

## The Naked And The Nude

Barber Institute, Birmingham,  
until Sun 18 January

Works made between 1500 and 1914 by, among others, Durer, Rembrandt and Matisse are featured in this striking exhibition of images portraying the unclothed human figure. The display reflects the importance which the naked body has played in the history of art, not only as an inspiration for a wide selection of magnificent paintings but also as an important subject for artists to study as they developed their technique.

The exhibition is intended to add context to Zoffany's fascinating painting, A Life Class, which is currently on loan to the Barber.



Rembrandt figure



## Further exhibitions

### West Indies To West Midlands

The Drum, Birmingham,  
Tues 11 November - Thurs 8 January

Documentary photographer Ines Elsa Dalal is a rising star on Birmingham's creative scene, and here presents an exhibition designed both to commemorate the centenary of the First World War and coincide with The Drum's Commonwealth World War One Programme. The display launches an ambitious four-year project to create a contemporary photographic archive documenting the contribution of West Indian service personnel. "I utilise reportage photography as a way of gaining knowledge and understanding of different perspectives," explains Ines, "and of documenting a diverse spectrum of people of varying nationalities. My Swiss, German, Italian and Indian heritage is a natural catalyst for my fascination with Birmingham's kaleidoscopic culture."



### Bruce Bairnsfather

PACCAR Room, Royal Shakespeare Theatre,  
Stratford-upon-Avon, until Sun 15 March

The life and illustrative work of soldier-artist Captain Bruce Bairnsfather is explored in this fascinating new exhibition. Bairnsfather achieved fame during the Great War by virtue of his character Old Bill, a walrus-moustached soldier who appeared in many of his cartoons depicting life on the frontline. Indeed, the illustrator's work was so popular that published volumes of his cartoons sold a staggering million-plus copies, and captured the imagination not only of the soldiers they depicted but also of their families back home... The exhibition is curated in collaboration with leading Bairnsfather expert Mark Warby, and also takes a look at the artist's personal connections to Stratford-upon-Avon and the Royal Shakespeare Company.

### Square Pegs

Library of Birmingham,  
until Sun 30 November

The work of seven international artists well known for blurring the boundaries between documentary and fictional photography is presented in this latest exhibition to feature on the Library of Birmingham's Photographers' Wall. The display highlights the way in which photography has moved from being an embodiment of truth to a medium which embraces fiction. Its curator is the Shropshire-based Christophe Dillinger, editor of Square Magazine, an online publication dedicated to photography that utilises the square format.

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#### SENSATIONAL CLAY

Exhibition of ceramics to stimulate the senses by Hereford-based potter Jon Williams, until Sat 1 Nov, Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum

#### TOM, FRANK AND MAY

Original material, uniforms, handling activities and a short film which demonstrates the role played by the Merry family during World War One, until Sun 2 Nov, Blakesley Hall, Birmingham

#### SYMMETRY IN SCULPTURE

Focusing on the recent work of one of the UK's most exciting British Asian artists, Zarah Hussain, until Sun 2 Nov, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

#### LETTERS HOME

Exhibition exploring different elements of letters written during the First World War, until Sun 2 Nov, Bantock House & Park, Wolverhampton

#### SHED - COLLECT - SHED:

COVENTRY'S LOST AND FOUND Mixed media exhibition which looks at the city of Coventry's character through objects collected and displayed, until Sun 2 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

#### TRUE TO LIFE? NEW PHOTOGRAPHY FROM THE

MIDDLE EAST until Sun 2 Nov, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

CASTLE HIGH until Wed 5 Nov, Dudley Museum & Art Gallery

#### MARCIA FARQUHAR:

LARGER THAN LIFE until Fri 7 Nov, Grand Union, Birmingham

#### COMMUNITY PROGRAMME WITH WOLVERHAMPTON

GURU NANAK Pupils from Khalsa college at the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara on Sedgley Street, Wolverhampton, retell the stories of the

elders of their community, until Sat 8 Nov, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

LEE BUL EXHIBITION The first solo UK show of the artist's visually compelling work, comprising early drawings, photographs, video & sculptural pieces, until Sun 9 Nov, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham

#### YINKA SHONIBARE

Featuring Shonibare's Five Under Garments And Much More (1995), comprising pieces which mimic the structured corsetry of period noble dress, until Sun 9 Nov, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham

#### MOUNTAINS AND MONUMENTS

Featuring paintings of mountain scenery & prehistoric monuments by Brian Fletcher RBSA, until Fri 15 Nov, RBSA, Birmingham

ALISTAIR TUCKER Solo show of new drawings, paintings & prints, until Sat 15 Nov, RBSA, Birmingham

#### USHA KHOSLA RBSA

Featuring handmade textural ceramics, described by Usha as '3D paintings', inspired by the Canadian Rockies and Australia, until Sat 15 Nov, RBSA, Birmingham

A PLACE FOR ART: THE STORY The history and development of the RBSA, from the foundation of the Birmingham Academy of Arts in 1814, is the subject of this landmark exhibition, until Sat 15 Nov, RBSA, Birmingham

#### KEEP UP: NEW WORK BY JACQUELINE DONACHIE

Exhibition featuring Weight, an installation from the Glasgow-based artist which crosses sculpture, drawings and photographs, until Sun 16

Nov, Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington Spa

#### DEALING WITH DREAMS:

THE GARMAN RYAN COLLECTION 40TH ANNIVERSARY Exhibition which tells the story of the Garman Ryan collection, from its conception to the present day, with previously unseen archive material and artworks, until Sun 16 Nov, The New Art Gallery, Walsall

#### TAKE 13: INSIDE OUT

Exhibition of works by thirteen contemporary women artists, until Sun 23 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove

#### FAITH AND FORTUNE

Exploring the early histories of two of the world's great religions, until Sun 30 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

#### QASIM RIZA SHAHEEN: THE LAST KNOWN POSE

Exhibition which contemplates the role of artist as author, object and protagonist, until Sun 30 Nov, mac, Birmingham

#### RAFAL ZAR EXHIBITION

Showcase of new paintings by Sandwell-based Polish artist Rafal Zar, who was awarded the 2014 ESP Members Open Show, until Sat 6 Dec, Eastside Projects, Birmingham

#### SUSAN PHILIPSZ - BROKEN ENSEMBLE: WAR

DAMAGED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (BRASS SECTION) New site-specific work from Turner Prize-winning artist Susan Philipsz, which promises to fill the gallery with the sounds of instruments damaged in World War One, until Sat 6 Dec, Eastside Projects, Birmingham

#### UNRELIABLE EVIDENCE

Bringing together work by modern-day artists from across the globe while looking at the way in which the past is represented in art, until Sat 6 Dec, The Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

#### SOUND AND SILENCE

EXHIBITION Exploring the

experience of prayer & contemplation amongst Birmingham's six major faith groups, until Sat 13 Dec, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

STATIC: STILL LIFE RECONSIDERED until Wed 31 Dec, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

#### SENSING SCULPTURE

Featuring new sculptures alongside old favourites, until Wed 31 Dec, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

#### LEARNING TEAM SHOWCASE

Exhibition of work from the WAVE learning team during 2013/14, until Wed 31 Dec, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

#### TURNING 'AGES EXHIBITION

Installation & exhibition which comments on our connection with the written word, until Wed 31 Dec, Library of Birmingham

#### VOICES OF WAR EXHIBITION

The experiences of men on the Front, the impact of war on children, the contribution of Black & Asian soldiers, and the role of women on the Home Front are among the themes explored in this enlightening WWI exhibition, until Wed 31 Dec, Library of Birmingham

#### STATIC: STILL LIFE RECONSIDERED

Exhibition comprising fifty artworks from Birmingham's collection from the 1800s to the present day, until Wed 31 Jan, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

#### MADE AT MAC: JEWELLERY EXHIBITION

Featuring work created under the watchful eye of artist-tutor Nick Greenhough, until Sun 4 Jan, mac, Birmingham

#### JON TONKS: EMPIRE

Series of photographs which come together to tell the story of life on four remote islands in the South Atlantic, until Sun 4 Jan, mac, Birmingham

#### INFINITE VARIETY

Photographic exhibition celebrating the beauty of the ageing female face, curated by actor and RSC Associate Artist Harriet Walter, until Sun 4 Jan, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

#### AFTER THE GOLDRUSH

An exhibition of work by Stephen Boyd made in response to the finding and conservation of the Staffordshire Hoard, until Fri 11 Jan, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

#### 'DEGENERATE ART'

German expressionist art from the Barber Collection, including early twentieth century prints by celebrated artists Max Beckmann, George Grosz & Egon



West Midlands Open - Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery



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Schlele, until Sun 11 Jan, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

**PEOPLE OF INDIA: PHOTOGRAPHS BY JASON SCOTT TILLEY** Thought-provoking exhibition featuring black-and-white studies taken between 1999 & 2009, until Sun 11 Jan, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

**USEFUL OR BEAUTIFUL CRAFT EXHIBITION**

Curated selection of contemporary craft for sale, until Sat 17 Jan, RBSA Gallery, Birmingham

**REBEL VISIONS**

Groundbreaking exhibition exploring the work of British war artist Richard Nevinson, until Sun 25 Jan, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

**THE GREAT WAR: COVENTRY'S STORY** Exhibition marking the outbreak of World War One which focuses on the experiences of Coventry people during the conflict, until Sun 1 Feb, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

**POP EUROPE!** until Sat 7

Feb, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

**WEST MIDLANDS OPEN**

Biennial public art exhibition featuring work by both professional and amateur artists from all disciplines, until Sun 15 Feb, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

**WORLD WAR ONE: IN THE WORDS OF WORCESTERSHIRE PEOPLE** Part of a series of events in Worcestershire commemorating the anniversary of the First World War, until Sat 14 Mar, Worcester City Museum & Art Gallery

**100 DAYS: THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE TWENTY YEARS LATER**

A display of photographic, digital and installation works from a selection of international contemporary artists, to give voice to the women who lived through the conflict, until Thurs 30 Apr, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

**THE JEWELLERY QUARTER DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR** Exhibition of artefacts, images and oral histories relating to

the recruitment of soldiers from the Jewellery Quarter, until Sat 27 June, The Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham

**SOLDIERS STORIES: BIRMINGHAM AND THE ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT 1914 - 1918**

Exhibition which commemorates the centenary of the First World War and recounts the experiences of Birmingham men who served in the regiment between 1914 and 1918, using personal objects, medals & memorabilia, until Sun 26 July, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

**I HAVE A NAME EXHIBITION** Revealing exhibition that gives a voice to homeless people who have served in the armed forces, Sat 1 - Sun 23 Nov, Library of Birmingham

**TREES, SEA AND PEOPLE**

Exhibition by Colin Monk, featuring a collection of paintings of woodland areas, seascapes & people, Sat 1 - Sun 30 Nov, Birmingham Midland Institute

**LET IT BLEED** An exhibition about tattoos and the people who collect them, Thurs 6 Nov, The Custard Factory, Digbeth

**CRAFTED FOR YOU**

Showcase of works from some of the region's finest craftmakers, Sat 8 Nov - Sat 31 Jan, Worcester City Museum & Art Gallery

**JULIAN OPIE** The last in a series of five exhibitions to be presented in Ikon's Tower Room as

part of the gallery's birthday celebrations, Wed 19 Nov - Sun 25 Jan, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham

**MILLION WOMEN RISE**

**EXHIBITION** Highlighting some of what the MMR has done over the years, Tues 25 Nov -

Wed 10 Dec, Library Of Birmingham

**KATE WRIGGLESWORTH: MAKE BELIEVE & MOVEMENT THROUGH STORY-TELLING AND PAINT** Wed 26 Nov - Sun 4 Jan, Artrix, Bromsgrove

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# Events



## Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show NEC, Birmingham, Fri 14 - Sun 16 November

The biggest event of its kind, the Classic Motor Show draws huge crowds with its vast displays, special guest appearances, trade stands and auction.

Show highlights include rare marques ranging from pre-war through to retro classics, American muscle cars, Japanese performance, European elegance and Great British sports cars, on display from some of the UK's best motoring clubs. There's also an on-site Restoration Theatre, featuring a team of experts offering tips and advice on how to restore a cherished classic.

Discovery Channel presenters Mike Brewer and Edd China once

again host the show's Wheeler Dealer Live Stage, where a packed programme of motoring entertainment awaits. Restoration challenges, 'meet the experts' sessions, game shows and giveaways all feature on the agenda, with this year's special guests including motoring legend Sir Stirling Moss and TV personality Quentin Wilson. The show also features the popular Silverstone Auction, chauffeured dream rides and access to the Classic Motorbike Show, complete with its Pride of Ownership concours, numerous displays, guest appearances and Vintage Wall of Death.

## First World War Family Day

**Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry, Sat 15 November**

Experience what trench life was like in World War One and listen to a soldier's story at this special family day, hosted by the Herbert in collaboration with Coventry Transport Museum.

Suitable for all ages, the programme includes various arts and craft activities, including the chance to make a beautiful poppy - to help remember those affected by war - and the opportunity to create an ID tag using a clever embossing technique.

In *Joining The Colours*, meanwhile, visitors can find out what to expect from military training - and even put their best food forward in a short military drill.

A rare opportunity to see a restored First World War Maudsley lorry also features.



## Crafts For Christmas, Hobbycrafts & Art Materials Live

**NEC, Birmingham, Thurs 6 - Sun 9 November**

A perfect event for crafting enthusiasts at all levels, the International Crafts And Hobby Fair brings together three distinct shows under one roof. With plenty of inspiration for a creative Christmas, the shows feature a huge array of craft materials and handmade gifts from hundreds of exhibitors. Lessons in silkcraft, applique needlefelting, beading and fabric sculpture feature on the long list of workshops, taking their place alongside demonstrations in rag rugging, metal clay jewellery and paper illustrations.

Visitors can also check out a new installation from artist Martyn Pidgen. Tying in with the centenary of the outbreak of World War One, Martyn's presentation features lifelike figures created entirely out of white paper and glue. These are surrounded by colourful wreaths made from four thousand poppies knitted by readers of *Women's Weekly* magazine.





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## Worcester Victorian Fayre

Worcester City Centre,  
Thurs 27 - Sun 30 November

Hailed as 'the most prestigious themed street market in the Midlands', this year's fayre promises to be the 'biggest and best yet'.

With stallholders and entertainers dressed in traditional Victorian costumes, and over one hundred-and-fifty stalls selling Christmas goods, handmade items and local produce, this four-day event has all the ingredients to get visitors in the festive mood - and maybe even kickstart their Christmas shopping. A Victorian carousel and funfair, carol singers and a lively musical procession add to the atmosphere, while a food court selling an array of tasty treats is sure to tantalise the tastebuds and satisfy any hunger pangs.



## BBC Good Food Show

NEC, Birmingham,  
Thurs 27 - Sun 30 November

A long-time favourite on the UK's culinary events calendar, the BBC Good Food Show brings a packed programme of inspiration and entertainment to the NEC. Continuing to attract the creme-de-la-creme of food-connected TV personalities, this year's get-together sees Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, the Hairy Bikers, Antonio Carluccio, Gennaro Contaldo and Lorraine Pascale cooking up a treat in the Supertheatre. Meanwhile, James Martin takes centre-stage at Saturday Kitchen Live, a firm favourite of the show which enables regulars and guest cooks to demonstrate their skills in the sure-to-be-fun omelette challenge. Add into the mix oodles of tastings, a scrummy Bakes & Cakes Village and hundreds of exhibitors showcasing their wares, and you've got yourself the makings of a delicious day out.



## Supreme Cat Show

NEC, Birmingham, Sat 22 November

Offering a purr-fect opportunity to get 'up close and purr-sonal' with marvellous moggies aplenty, the Supreme Cat Show brings together pussies and kittens of all shapes, sizes, breeds and pedigrees. This year's



## The Magical Journey

The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, Sat 22 November - Wed 24 December

The creation of flamboyant interior designer Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, The Magical Journey is a new festive attraction that's being marketed as 'the theatrical production of the year'. The experience begins with the disappearance of Rudi, a reindeer who plays a crucial role in Father Christmas's festive preparations. It's down to the visiting girls and boys (and their accompanying adults!) to establish the whereabouts of Santa's very important helper - a task they can complete by following the clues found in rhymes and riddles along a specially designed trail. Journeying through a winter wonderland, children must check in with the elves before venturing into Father Christmas's Museum, where plenty of memorabilia connected to the 'big man in red' can be found.

Other Magical Journey attractions include the chance to enjoy stories in Mrs Clause's kitchen, a trip to Simion Cowell's academy for talented elves, an express train journey through a snow-covered forest and a visit to Father Christmas in his lodge.

And once Rudi's safely back where he belongs, visitors can relax in the Magical Cafe, sample festive treats from local and regional suppliers, and peruse the numerous handmade gifts on sale at the indoor Christmas Market.

event features breeders' talks, a 'best decorated pen' competition with a Winter Wonderland theme, both pedigree and non-pedigree cats in competition, and lots of trade stands selling everything a cat and its owner could possibly need.

So if you love your common-or-garden moggy and are 'feline' in the mood for what should be a great day out, then this is the show for you!

## Frankfurt Christmas Markets

Victoria Square, New Street, Centenary Square & Chamberlain Square, Birmingham,  
Thurs 13 November - Mon 22 December

This is the largest outdoor Christmas market in the country and sits at the centre of Birmingham's festive celebrations. Drawing crowds from across the city and further afield, the Frankfurt Markets feature a wide range of traditional handmade toys, art and items from throughout the world, as well as plenty of food and drink, including German mulled wine (Glutelin), grilled sausages, vegetarian options, pretzels and German beer. Carol singers, live music and an ornate carousel also feature at this ever-popular event.

## International Tattoo

National Indoor Arena, Birmingham,  
Sat 29 Sun 30 November

Marching bands from Poland, Belarus and Austria join British Forces at the NIA this month in what promises to be the best ever line-up in the International Tattoo's twenty-

six-year history. Displays from the Royal Navy, Army and RAF complement the music of the massed bands, as does a showcase of skills from the Royal British Legion Riders Motorcycle Display Team, who're making their Tattoo debut this year.

A spectacular grand finale brings each day's presentation to a close, with performers joined by the Royal Air Force Cosford Queen's Colour & Escort in a rendition of Land Of Hope And Glory.



## Mod Weekend

Wednesbury Museum & Art Gallery,  
Sat 29 November

A celebration of all things 1960s, this one-day event is positively dripping with nostalgia (well, for people of a certain age!). Highlights include a reconstructed living room and kitchenette, and a DJ and live band playing classics from the era. There's also plenty of interactive fun to enjoy via popular games from the '60s. A vintage fair taking place next door, at Wednesbury Town Hall, provides a great opportunity to pick up period pieces.





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**SAT 1 NOV**

**GHOST BUSTERS** Take the Stratford Ghost Walk and discover terrible tales of ghosts, witches, murder and misery, until Sat 1 Nov, Hall's Croft, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**DREAM LANTERN WORKSHOPS** Join in with the fun, make a lantern and then attend the Birmingham Lights switch-on parade on 8 November to illuminate the route for The REP's float, until Sat 1 Nov, The REP, Birmingham  
**SCAREFEST** Spine tingling spooks and Halloween fun, until Sun 2 Nov, Alton Towers, Staffordshire  
**HALLOWEEN AND GUNPOWDER** Spooky outdoor trail and take-home activities, until Sun 2 Nov, Coughton Court, Warwickshire  
**FIRE BURN AND CAULDRON BUBBLE** until Sun 2 Nov, Hall's Croft, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**NEWCOMEN IN STEAM**

The only full-sized working replica of the world's first steam engine can here be seen in action. Due to the unpredictable nature of the Newcomen, please check running details with the museum prior to travelling, until Sun 2 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRT BIKE SHOW** until Sun 2 Nov, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire  
**WHAT SPOOKS YOU? TRAIL** Wear your scariest Halloween costume and discover spooky secrets and ghostly going-ons... until Sun 2 Nov, Brockhampton Estate, Worcester  
**GORE AND GRIME** Putrid props, scary spiders, repulsive rats and a hidden mystery surprise await visitors to Dudley's award-winning living history museum, until Sun 2 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley  
**SPOOKY OCTOBER HALF TERM - SKULL HUNT** until Tue 18 Nov, Gladstone Pottery Museum,

Stoke-on-Trent  
**OCTONAUTS ON A MISSION** Dive into action with the Octonauts, the team of undersea adventure heroes from CBeebies, with young fans of the TV show invited to embark on a mission where they can meet Kwazil & Peso, until Sun 30 Nov, The National Sea Life Centre, Birmingham  
**OSWESTRY HALLOWEEN TRUCK PULL** See the 'town's toughest' take to the streets in a test of physical and mental endurance, Sat 1 Nov, Oswestry, North Shropshire  
**SPOOKY TILE DECORATING WORKSHOPS** Sat 1 Nov, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire  
**HALF-TERM POTTERY PAINTING** Paint a piece of pottery to take home with you. Choose from animals, bottle ovens, flowers and much more... until Sat 1 Nov, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent  
**HALLOWEEN GHOST TOURS** Exclusive tour of the castle. Hear tales of dark deeds, ghostly apparitions and scary happenings, until Sat 1 Nov, Kenilworth Castle  
**HALLOWEEN NIGHTS** until Sat 1 Nov, Black

Country Living Museum, Dudley  
**BRITCAR/GT ENDURANCE RACES** Sat 1 Nov, Donington Park  
**CAFE INFUSION BELLY-DANCE SHOW** Featuring performers from Italy, the UK, Portugal, Germany & more... Sat 1 Nov, Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton  
**FAMILY WORKSHOP: LOVE'S LABOUR'S WON** Sat 1 Nov, Clore Learning Centre, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**FAWKES FEAST** Exclusive black-tie event with a champagne reception, followed by a private tour of the house, Sat 1 Nov, Coughton Court, Warwickshire  
**BAVARIAN OKTOBERFEST NIGHTS** Sat 1 Nov, National Brewery Centre, Burton-upon-Trent  
**THE TRENCH RAIDERS** Singalong entertainments of the Great War, with popular tunes British soldiers put their own words to, Sat 1 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton  
**GHOST TOUR** Sat 1 Nov, Whittington Castle, Nr Oswestry, North Shropshire  
**MURDER MYSTERY** Look for clues, solve the mystery in the moated manor house, and

enjoy a three-course dinner in the Barn Restaurant, Sat 1 Nov, Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire  
**THE BIG DRAW: IT'S OUR WORLD** Help create a giant map of the world by drawing, painting or collaging your portrait and adding it to the Mead Gallery's ever-growing mural, Sat 1 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**THE BIG DRAW - IT'S OUR WORCESTER AND WE LOVE IT!** Sat 1 Nov, Tudor House Heritage Centre, Worcester  
**HALLOWEEN CRAFTS** Sat 1 Nov, Severn Valley Country Park, Bridgnorth  
**WAR & PEACE WRITING DAY** Sat 1 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham  
**FESTIVAL OF LIGHT** South Asian dance to celebrate Diwali festival of lights, Sat 1 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton  
**HALF TERM FAMILY ACTIVITIES** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire  
**HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR** Arrive in fancy dress for some ghoulish fun and Cadbury World's brand new live show, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Cadbury World, Birmingham

**STICKY CRITTERS** Design and make creepy, suction-cup sticky critters that can stick to your windows, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Enginuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire  
**AY THOU POOR GHOST** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Shakespeare's Birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**HALLOW HOLLOW** Featuring activities such as pumpkin carving, cake and charm-making, falconry demonstrations, archery and much more... Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Mary Arden House, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**THE PATH OF THE PLAGUE WOODLAND WALK** Discover what Tudor England was really like during the plague, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**ALL HALLOWS** Halloween-themed activities as part of the October half-term programme, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Nash's House & New Place, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**HALLOWEEN ACTIVITY TRAIL** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**FAMILY ARTS FESTIVAL EVENT** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Compton Verney

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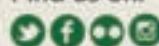


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**HALLOWEEN HALF-TERM TRAIL** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury  
**THE BIG DRAW AT ENGINUITY** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Enginuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire  
**HALLOWEEN AT HOO** Featuring scary surprises in the Halloween Barn, a pumpkin maze for younger visitors, pumpkin carving, a themed fancy dress competition and a Devil's Derby Sheep Race, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom, Telford, Shropshire  
**HALLOWEEN TRAILS** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Wightwick Manor, Wolverhampton  
**PLAY CART** Including an array of craft activities for families, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES** Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Park Hall Countryside Experience, Bridgnorth, Shropshire  
**ADVENTURE BAGS** Check out an RSC adventure bag and enjoy exploring the words of the world's most famous playwright in his hometown, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**DRESSING UP BOX** Half-term dressing-up activity for kids, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon  
**HALLOWEEN TRAIL** Follow spooky clues to earn a sweet prize, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Upton House & Gardens, Warwickshire  
**CONCRETE COLLECTIVE** Hosted by Uprising, one of the top youth leadership development organisations in the country, this two-day social action academy features hands-on workshops & seminars hosted by some of the UK's most talented and inspirational individuals, Sat 1 - Sun 2 Nov, Thinktank at Millennium Point, Birmingham  
**WINDMILL SAILING** Weather permitting, specially trained volunteers will sail Avoncroft's windmill, Sun 2 Nov, Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove  
**FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE** Sun 2 Nov, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton  
**ULTIMATE STANCE** One-day indoor event displaying slammed and stanced vehicles from

all over the UK, Sun 2 Nov, Telford International Centre, Shropshire  
**FIRE & PLAGUE** Sam Pepys pays Blakesley Hall a visit to share stories and observations from his famous diary, Sun 2 Nov, Blakesley Hall, Birmingham  
**ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR** Sun 2 Nov, Centennial Centre, Birmingham  
**ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR** Sun 2 Nov, Three Counties Showground, Malvern

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**MON 3 NOV**

**SILVER JEWELLERY WORKSHOP** With tutor Trevor Edwards, Mon 3 Nov, Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Redditch  
**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS SNOOKER** Mon 3 - Sun 9 Nov, Ricoh Arena, Coventry  
**VOICES OF WAR EXHIBITION GUIDED TOURS** Tue 4 Nov, Library Of Birmingham  
**LUNCHTIME TALK: TOP OF THE VICTORIAN POPS** Join Andy Casserley as he takes a look at Victorian & Edwardian popular music, Tues 4 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton  
**TILE DECORATING WORKSHOP** Drop-in sessions where participants use the technique known as tube lining to decorate their very own tile to take home, Tues 4 Nov, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire  
**WINTER LECTURE: THE LAPWORTH MUSEUM** Unearthing a Geological Treasure, Thurs 6 Nov, Winterbourne House & Garden, Birmingham  
**SYMPOSIUM: BLACK COUNTRY LANDSCAPE IN LITERATURE** Exploring depictions of the Black Country in nineteenth and twentieth century literature, Thurs 6 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton & Wolverhampton Art Gallery  
**SHREWSBURY BEER FESTIVAL** Thurs 6 - Sat 8 Nov, The Morris Hall, Shrewsbury  
**HOBBYCRAFTS & ART MATERIALS** Award-winning creative crafts extravaganza, Thurs 6 - Sun 9 Nov, NEC, Birmingham  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** Contemporary craft fair featuring unique hand-made gifts, Fri 7 - Sat 8 Nov, Shire Hall Gallery,

Stafford  
**THE NATIONAL GRADUATE RECRUITMENT EXHIBITION** Specialist event to help graduates find their dream job. Key features include Advice Clinic, CV Clinic & Mock Assessment Centre, Fri 7 - Sat 8 Nov, NEC, Birmingham  
**THE INTERNATIONAL MODEL BOAT SHOW** One of the UK's leading marine modelling exhibition, Fri 7 - Sun 9 Nov, Warwickshire Exhibition Centre  
**CAKE INTERNATIONAL** The world's largest sugar craft, cake-decorating and baking show, Fri 7 - Sun 9 Nov, NEC, Birmingham  
**SPORTS & SALOON CAR RACES** Sat 8 Nov, Donington Park  
**MAD JACKS 5** Hosted by Shrewsbury Athletics Club, Sat 8 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury  
**BRENDON'S BONFIRE PARTY** Sat 8 Nov, Route 44, Birmingham  
**VINTAGE AND HANDMADE FAIR** Featuring Karl Memphis, Miss Fortunes & Dance With Me Henry dance group, Sat 8 Nov, Walsall Town Hall  
**THE PRINTED WORD: FOR FAMILY HISTORY** Exploring the uses of newspapers & books to widen your knowledge of ancestors, Sat 8 Nov, Warwickshire County Record Office  
**POETRY WORKSHOP** Join Black Country poet Emma Pursehouse for an 'inspiring' session in poetry writing, Sat 8 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery  
**MURDER MYSTERY EVENING** An evening of thrills, spills, surprises & food, Sat 8 Nov, Worcestershire County Museum  
**FESTIVE TOURS BY CANDLELIGHT** Sat 8 Nov, Birmingham Back to Backs  
**TRADICRAFT CHRISTMAS FAIR** Sat 8 Nov, St Annes Church, Bewdley  
**LOCAL HISTORY FAIR** Featuring local societies & historians from across the Black Country, Sat 8 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery  
**HISTORY WORKSHOP: A DAY IN THE LIFE** A peek into Georgian Lichfield and the daily life of the Johnson family, Sat 8 Nov, Samuel Johnson Birthplace, Lichfield, Staffs  
**A NIGHT IN THE TRENCHES** Opportunity to experience a soldier's life in the trenches in WWI, Sat 8 Nov, Staffordshire Regimental Museum  
**DSLR PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS** Sat 8 Nov, Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
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**SOOTY'S WACKY WORKSHOP** Taking time out from his CITV show to visit Birmingham, Sooty is joined at Cadbury World by friends Soo and Sweep, Sat 8 - Sun 9 Nov, Cadbury World, Birmingham

**THE IMAGINEERING FAIR** Family fun day featuring scores of engineering & technology activities, Sat 8 - Sun 9 Nov, Ricoh Arena, Coventry  
**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** Sun 9 Nov, RAF Cosford, Nr Wolverhampton  
**JOIN THE DOTS: MUSIC & FILM WORKSHOP** Afrika Eye and the WOMAD Foundation present a participatory workshop exploring the exciting opportunities and challenges that arise when composing music for film, Sun 9 Nov, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery  
**BREADMAKING WORKSHOP** Sun 9 Nov,

Fordhall Farm, Market Drayton, Shropshire  
**NORDIC WALKING COURSE** Consisting of two two-hour sessions which will help participants master the basics to be able to competently Nordic walk on their own or within a group, Sun 9 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury  
**CONSERVATION CENTRE OPEN WEEK** Sun 9 - Sat 15 Nov, RAF Cosford, Nr Wolverhampton

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## Celebrating Bonfire Night ...



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**FIREWORK NIGHT** Sat 1 Nov, Tamworth Castle  
**FIREWORKS FRENZY** An evening of family entertainment with Jet Car, monster truck and stunts, topped off with a huge bonfire and firework display, Sat 1 Nov, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton  
**WEST MID BONFIRE & FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA** Sat 1 Nov, West Mid Showground, Shrewsbury  
**FAMILY FIREWORKS** Sat 1 Nov, Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire  
**BONFIRES, FIREWORKS AND FAWKES** Themed crafts using recycled materials, Sun 2 Nov, Elgar Birthplace Museum, Worcester  
**BONFIRE & FIREWORKS** Sat 2 Nov, Weston

Park, Staffordshire  
**NO BANGS BONFIRE NIGHT** A bonfire night celebration for younger visitors who don't like bangs. Guy Fawkes will be on hand to tell the story of the Gunpowder Plot, Wed 5 Nov, Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove  
**BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY** Fri 7 Nov, Trentham Gardens, Staffordshire  
**FIREWORK'S NIGHT** Sat 7 Nov, Conkers, Staffordshire  
**FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA** Fri 7 - Sun 9 Nov, Alton Towers, Staffordshire  
**BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY** Hosted by Stafford FM, with a variety of family fair rides, stalls and catering outlets for all the family, Sat 8 Nov, Shugborough

Historic Working Estate, Staffordshire  
**BONFIRE NIGHT** Bonfire, stationary engines, hand bells and vintage Tilley lanterns - a more traditional way to celebrate Bonfire night, Sat 8 Nov, Fleece Inn, Evesham, Worcestershire  
**FIREWORK DISPLAY** Sat 8 Nov, Shugborough Estate, Staffordshire  
**HIMLEY BONFIRE & FIREWORKS** Sat 8 Nov, Himley Hall & Park, Dudley  
**WARWICKSHIRE TOWN BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY** Sat 8 Nov, Warwick Racecourse  
**FIREWORK FESTIVAL** Inc late-night rides, safari illuminations & themed music, Sat 8 - Sun 9 Nov, West Midlands Safari & Leisure Park, Bewdley, Worcs



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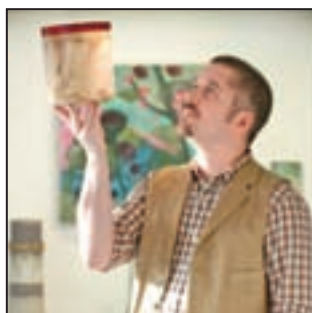


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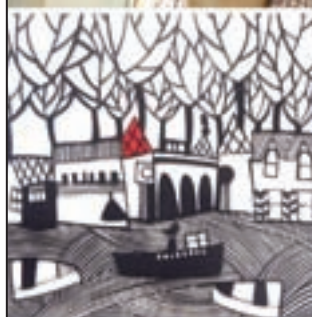
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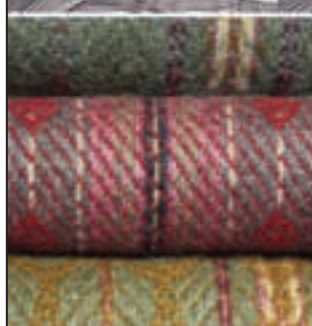
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**ART OF BREAD AND BUTTER** Find out how people in the seventeenth century ran their home; bake a loaf of bread and make butter, Mon 10 Nov, Moseley Old Hall, Nr Wolverhampton

**VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA** Mon 10 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton

**VOICES OF WAR: BIRMINGHAM PEOPLE 1914 - 1919** An event which looks at the impact of World War One on Birmingham, and at the collections held in the Library which tell that story, Tues 11 Nov, Northfield Library, Birmingham

**ELGAR AND THE GREAT WAR** A talk by musician Simon Baggs about the life and works of Elgar during the years of the First World War, Tues 11 Nov, Elgar Birthplace Museum, Worcester

**TILE DECORATING WORKSHOP** Drop-in sessions where participants use the technique known as tube lining to decorate their very own tile to take home, Tues 11 Nov, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** Tue 11 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

**GRUESOME & GHOSTLY TOURS** Hear about the ghosts that haunt the streets & houses of Lichfield, and gruesome tales of the city's past, Tues 11 Nov, Lichfield City Centre

**DRIFT WHAT YA BRUNG** Chance to practise drifting in safe and legal conditions on some of the Pod's thirty acres of open tarmac, where there are beginners, intermediate and advanced tracks open at the same time each DWYB day, Wed 12 Nov, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

**THE ROAD TO MORDOR: HISTORY TALK** Author Bob Blackman explores JRR Tolkien's West Midlands roots, and how this and his WWI experiences might have influenced themes and imagery in *The Lord Of The Rings*, Wed 12 Nov, Wolverhampton City Archive

**OFF THE PAGE WITH LISSA EVANS & ANNA HOPE** Special event which brings together stories exploring love & loss during turbulent times which changed the nation forever, Thurs 13 Nov, Library of Birmingham

**PUBLIC TALK: EVERYDAY LIFE AND LIVING IN THE 1950S** Paul Harding, of professional historical interpreters Discover History, looks at what life was like in the 1950s... Thurs 13 Nov, Walsall Museum

**THE SKILLS SHOW** The nation's largest skills and careers event, which provides young people with opportunities to discover what they're good at and what they enjoy via plenty of interactive activities and hands-on experiences, Thurs 13 - Sat 15 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

**SHOUT QUEER ARTS FESTIVAL** Thurs 13 - Sun 16 Nov, various venues around Birmingham

**FRANKFURT CHRISTMAS MARKET** The largest authentic German market outside of Germany, Thurs 13 Nov - Mon 22 Dec, Victoria Square, New Street, Centenary Square & Chamberlain Square, Birmingham

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON** Fri 14 Nov, Leek, Staffordshire

**CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW** A must-attend show for all classic car enthusiasts, the Lancaster Insurance Classic Motor Show showcases some of the most impressive car displays in the UK. Vehicles range from pre-war through to retro classics, American muscle cars to Japanese performance, and European elegance to Great British sports cars, Fri 14 - Sun 16 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

**SHREWSBURY CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL** Showcasing the very best chocolatiers from across Shropshire & the UK, Fri 14 - Sun 16 Nov, St Mary's Church, Shrewsbury

**LINOPRINTING WORKSHOP DAY** Create a unique print from your own hand-carved lino, Sat 15 Nov, Fusion at Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire

**SILVER RING JEWELLERY WORKSHOP** Sat 15 Nov, Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET** Sat 15 Nov, Priory Hall, Lower Bull Ring, Much Wenlock, Shropshire

**MURDER MYSTERY EVENT** Enjoy a three-course

meal as the plot unfolds before your eyes, Sat 15 Nov, Severn Valley Railway, Bewdley, Nr Kidderminster

**MURDER MYSTERY EVENING** An evening of thrills, spills, surprises & food, Sat 15 Nov, Worcestershire County Museum

**A FIRST WORLD WAR DAY SCHOOL** Series of talks, workshops & readings on World War One literature, poetry & song, Sat 15 Nov, Shrewsbury Sixth Form Campus

**MAGICAL VICTORIAN LANTERN SHOW** Sat 15 Nov, St Michael Church, Munslow, South Shropshire

**FESTIVE RAG WREATH MAKING** Workshop - all tools & materials are provided, together with traditional Christmas refreshments, Sat 15 Nov, Birmingham Back to Backs

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON** Sat 15 Nov, Kidderminster Town Hall

**ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR** Sat 15 - Sun 16 Nov, Oswestry Showground

**HERITAGE WEEKEND** Listen to informative talks about the Cadbury family before taking a stroll around the historic Bournville Village, Sat 15 - Sun 16 Nov, Cadbury World, Birmingham

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** Sat 15 - Sun 16 Nov, Dudmaston Estate, Bridgnorth

**FRIENDS' CRAFT FAIR & CAROLS** Family activity, Sun 16 Nov, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

**HIGHBURY HALL BY CANDLELIGHT** Find out about the history of Highbury Hall, Joseph Chamberlain and his family, and the ornate architecture of the decadent Grade II listed building, lit by hundreds of candles, Sun 16 Nov, Highbury Hall, Birmingham

**MAGENTA CLOSE HARMONY A CAPPELLA WORKSHOP** Afternoon workshop of close harmony acappella singing for women, Sun 16 Nov, Library of Birmingham

**NORDIC WALKING COURSE** Consisting of two two-hour sessions which will help participants master the basics, to be able to competently Nordic walk on their own or within a group, Sun 16 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury

Week Commencing  
**MON 17 NOV**

**VOICES OF WAR EXHIBITION GUIDED TOURS** Tue 18 Nov,



Frankfurt Christmas Market - Birmingham

Library Of Birmingham

**TILE DECORATING WORKSHOP** Drop-in sessions where participants use the technique known as tube lining to decorate their very own tile to take home, Tues 18 Nov, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire

**HERBERT ILLUMINATIONS** Join Andrew Rigby, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies at Coventry University, for a discussion on conscientious objection to the First World War, Tues 18 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

**CURATORIAL GALLERY TOUR: ARTISTIC RESPONSES TO THE FIRST WORLD WAR** A curatorial gallery tour led by Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art, Lisa Beauchamp, Tues 18 Nov, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

**FROM PARK TO PLATE** Enjoy a two-hour guided walk through the parkland and learn about the park's animals and how the estate is managed, Wed 19 Nov, Charlecote Park, Warwickshire

**SHREWSBURY'S CHRISTMAS CRACKER EVENT** Festive fun including musical entertainment, special guests and lantern parade, all ahead of the town's annual Christmas light switch-on, Wed 19 Nov, The Square, Shrewsbury

**GRUESOME & GHOSTLY TOURS** Hear about the ghosts that haunt the streets & houses of Lichfield, and gruesome tales of the city's past, Wed 19 - Thurs 20 Nov, Lichfield City Centre

**VALUATION DAY: FINE ART & ANTIQUES** Hosted by Fieldings Auctioneers, Thurs 20 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton

**ERASMUS DARWIN MEMORIAL LECTURE 2014** Evolution Of The Human Brain: A Tale Of Two Darwins, with

speaker Colin Blackmore, Professor of Neuroscience & Philosophy, University of London, Thurs 20 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

**FESTIVE GIFT FAIR** The perfect place for shoppers to buy unusual and affordable Christmas presents, with over three hundred gift stalls, Thurs 20 - Sun 23 Nov, NEC, B'ham

**BAGOT'S CASTLE GHOST HUNT** Join ASYLUM 666 for a ghost hunt with a difference. Over-18s only, Fri 21 Nov, Bagot's Castle, Baginton, Warwickshire

**SANTA'S WINTER WONDERLAND** Fri 21 Nov - Wed 31 Dec, Snowdome, Tamworth, Staffs

**STAFFORDSHIRE HOARD SAGA TOURNAMENT** Players of the SAGA wargame system are invited to battle in a tournament themed around the Staffordshire Hoard. Prizes will be awarded to the winning warlords, Sat 22 Nov, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

**FROST FAIR** See the fourteenth century building adorned with evergreens, ivy and holly. Be guided into the Great Hall by the site's very own Lord of Misrule, where an array of gifts and crafts will be on sale, Sat 22 Nov, Almonry Heritage Centre, Evesham, Worcs

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON** A day of Christmas fun with festive market, storytelling corner, themed activities for kids, mulled wine & mince pies, Sat 22 Nov, Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke-on-Trent

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** Sat 22 Nov, Selly Manor, Birmingham

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT & FAMILY DAY** Sat 22 Nov, Barber Museum & Art Gallery, Birmingham

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** Featuring handmade gifts from local makers,

Sat 22 Nov, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

**HARRY POTTER BOOK SELFIE** Choose your house scarf, jump into the jacket and take a picture alongside Harry Potter & Hagrid, Sat 22 Nov, Library of Birmingham

**MAYFAIR'S FESTIVE FROST FAIR** Showcasing wares from local designer makers, food producers & more... Sat 22 Nov, Mayfair Community Centre, Easthope Rd, Church Stretton, Shropshire

**MAKING MERRY** Sat 22 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

**G.C.C.F SUPREME CAT SHOW** The prestige event on the feline calendar, Sat 22 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

**CRAFT AND CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Himley Hall & Park, Dudley

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEKENDS** The run-up to Christmas sees Bournville's chocolate paradise converted into a festive wonderland filled with seasonal entertainment and activities, Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Cadbury World, Birmingham

**WARLEY NATIONAL MODEL RAILWAY** The UK's premier model railway show, featuring more than eighty working model railway layouts and exhibitors from both the UK, and Europe, Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

**GORGEOUS CONTEMPORARY CRAFT FAIR** Popular annual show packed with a wealth of Christmas present ideas, Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Enginuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Coventry Transport Museum

**CASTLE BY CANDLELIGHT** See the castle in all its splendour, walk through the period rooms and soak up the atmosphere of castle life, Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov,



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Tamworth Castle, Staffordshire  
**MGM COMIC CON AND MEMORABILIA** Europe's leading festival of popular culture, jam-packed with geeky goodness and special guests, Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, NEC, Birmingham  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE WEEKEND** Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Highbury Hall, Birmingham  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE** Featuring wares from the site's own workshops, Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Bromsgrove  
**SCENTS OF CHRISTMAS** Find out how people prepared for Christmas feasting in the seventeenth century, Sat 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Moseley Old Hall, Nr Wolverhampton  
**DRAYTON'S MAGICAL CHRISTMAS** Fri 22 - Sun 23 Nov, Drayton Manor Park, Tamworth, Staffs  
**MOTORCYCLE LIVE** The largest and most prestigious motorcycle show in the UK, with seventeen feature areas, live entertainment in a custom-built arena and riders showcasing their skills, Sat 22 - Sun 30 Nov, NEC, Birmingham  
**WINTER FESTIVAL** See the house decorated for Christmas and do a spot of shopping in the Coach House gift shop, Sat 22 - Sun 30 Nov, Coughton Court, Warwickshire  
**TOY AND COLLECTORS FAIR** Sun 23 Nov, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire  
**DONINGTON PARK HALF MARATHON** Sun 23 Nov, Donington Park  
**CAMPERS CHRISTMAS** In association with TMS Volvo in Coventry, Sun 23 Nov, Coventry Transport Museum  
**STIR UP SUNDAY** Featuring festive events & craft activities, Sun 23 Nov, St John's Museum, Warwick  
**SAMUEL JOHNSON CHRISTMAS LIGHT NIGHT** Warm up with festive refreshments & activities before the Lichfield lights switch on, Sun 23 Nov, Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum, Lichfield, Staffs  
**CAMPERS CHRISTMAS** Scooters event which sees Millennium Place transformed into a festive wonderland of blinged-up campers & scooters, Sun 23 Nov, Coventry Transport Museum  
**KING'S CHRISTMAS MARKET** Sat 23 Nov, Kings Hall, Stoke-on-Trent  
**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

**SWITCH ON** Sun 23 Nov, Lichfield City Centre  
**TAMWORTH LIGHTS SWITCH ON** Visit the market & enjoy a traditional carol concert, Sun 23 Nov, Tamworth, Staffs

Week Commencing  
**MON 24 NOV**

**TILE DECORATING WORKSHOP** Drop-in sessions where participants use the technique known as tube lining to decorate their very own tile to take home, Tues 25 Nov, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire  
**GROOVY '60S TOUR** Travel back in time to the 1960s to explore a selection of costumes & objects from the museum's social history collection, Tues 25 Nov, Warwickshire Museum  
**DRIFT WHAT YA BRUNG** Chance to practise drifting in safe and legal conditions on some of the Pod's thirty acres of open tarmac, where there are beginners, intermediate and advanced tracks open at the same time each DWYB day, Wed 26 Nov, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton  
**WOLVERHAMPTON LIGHTS SWITCH ON** Wed 26 Nov, Market Square, Wolverhampton  
**BLACK COUNTRY POETRY** An evening of spoken word from some of the Black Country's most popular poets, Wed 26 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton  
**TRUFFLE-MAKING WORKSHOP** Wed 26 Nov, Powis Castle, Nr Welshpool, Powys  
**MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH** Wed 26 Nov, Charlecote Park, Warwickshire  
**GRUESOME & GHOSTLY TOURS** Hear about the ghosts that haunt the streets & houses of Lichfield, and gruesome tales of the city's past, Wed 26 Nov, Lichfield City Centre  
**ADULT CRAFT WORKSHOP- FIFTIES FELTING** Create your own unique felted piece inspired by the distinctive 1950 fashions and home-ware on show in Austerity To Prosperity... Thurs 27 Nov, Walsall Museum  
**WEDNESFIELD LIGHTS SWITCH ON** Thurs 27 Nov, High Street, Wednesfield  
**MAYOR'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** Thurs 27 Nov, Mayoral Suite,

Wolverhampton  
**FLOG IT** Ragley Hall hosts the popular BBC antiques show, presented by Paul Martin, Thurs 27 Nov, Ragley Hall, Warwickshire  
**CANDLE-LIT CHRISTMAS** Thurs 27 - Fri 28 Nov, Greyfriars House & Garden, Worcester  
**WORCESTER CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** Thurs 27 - Sat 29 Nov, Greyfriars House & Garden, Worcester  
**BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW** A long-time favourite on the culinary calendar, the BBC Good Food Show comes packed with inspiration and entertainment. Celebrities confirmed for the 2014 event include James Martin, the Hairy Bikers, Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, Thurs 27 - Sun 30 Nov, NEC, Birmingham  
**TEN TO ONE BOOK LAUNCH** Featuring readings from some of the writers and a chance to find out how ten people can write one novel, Fri 28 Nov, Library of Birmingham  
**PENKRIDGE VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET** Featuring various food and drinks stalls, craft stalls, special guest appearances and much more, Fri 28 Nov, Penkridge, Nr Wolverhampton  
**ELLESMERE WINTER FESTIVAL** Carol singers & Santa parade ahead of the Christmas lights switch-on, Fri 28 Nov, Ellesmere Town Centre, Shropshire  
**BAVARIAN OKTOBERFEST NIGHTS** Featuring the Karl's Brass Oompah band, Fri 28 Nov, The National Brewery Centre, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs  
**CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON** Fri 28 Nov, Trentham Shopping Village, Stoke-on-Trent  
**BILSTON LIGHT SWITCH ON** Fri 28 Nov, Church Street, Bilston  
**CHRISTMAS AT RAYS FARM** See baby Jesus in the donkey's stable with Mary, Joseph, the Three Kings and the Wise Men, Fri 28 Nov - Wed 24 Dec, Rays Farm Country Matters, Bridgnorth  
**FROST FAIR** Selling unusual, high-quality gifts for Christmas, Fri 28 - Sat 29 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN THE CLOISTERS** Fri 28 - Sun 30 Nov, Worcester Cathedral  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR AND CANDLELIT MANSION HOUSE** Family fair with a wide range of arts, crafts, food and gift stalls for Christmas, Fri 28 - Sun 30 Nov, Shugborough Historic Working Estate,



Winter Wonderland - Snowdome, Tamworth, Staffs

Staffordshire  
**DRAYTON'S MAGICAL CHRISTMAS** Fri 28 - Sun 30 Nov, Drayton Manor Park, Tamworth, Staffs  
**CHRISTMAS ARTISAN MARKET** Fri 28 - Sun 30 Nov, Trentham Estate, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs  
**CHRISTMAS FUN DAY** Festive fun with magic shows, face painting, balloon modelling & donkey rides, Sat 29 Nov, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent  
**VICTORIAN MARKET** Sat 29 Nov, Market Square, Stafford  
**MOD MANIA** Fun event celebrating everything 1960s, Sat 29 Nov, Wednesbury Museum & Art Gallery  
**ENAMEL TASTER SESSION WORKSHOPS** Try your hand at enamelling in these taster workshops. Find out about the materials and processes involved, and decorate and fire your own sample piece, Sat 29 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery  
**TETTENHALL LIGHTS SWITCH ON** Sat 29 Nov, Upper Green, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton  
**LUDLOW MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Popular annual event featuring medieval jesters, minstrels & traders, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Ludlow Castle, South Shropshire  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR** Meet Father Christmas and Mrs Claus, decorate glass baubles, enjoy storytelling and have a go at Christmas crafts, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford  
**WINTER WONDERLAND** Let Santa's chief elf and his team of elves lead you through the enchanted forest to the woodland grotto where Santa resides, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Conkers, Staffordshire  
**THE 2014 BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TATTOO** Britain's biggest indoor

international tattoo returns to the region. The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, the Central Band of the Belarus Armed Forces and Ceremonial Band of the Polish Army are just a taster of what's on offer at the 2014 event, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, National Indoor Arena, Birmingham  
**SANTA HUNTS A** fun-filled search for Santa, where costumed guides and Christmas clues point the way to Santa's workshop. This is a pre-book event, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley  
**SANTA EXPERIENCE** Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Park Hall Countryside Experience, Oswestry, North Shropshire  
**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** Step back in time and enjoy Christmas with traditional carol singing, Victorian entertainment, Christmas crafts, mulled wine & roast chestnuts, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch  
**PREPARE TO DECK THE HALL** Adults can help make swags ready to decorate the halls early December, while children can take their pick from a variety of festive craft activities, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Moseley Old Hall, Wolverhampton  
**CRAFT FAIR** Bag yourself a unique Christmas gift, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Red House Glass Cone, Stourbridge  
**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEKENDS** The run-up to Christmas sees Bournville's chocolate paradise converted into a festive wonderland filled with seasonal entertainment and activities, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Cadbury World, Birmingham  
**FAMILY WEEKEND:**

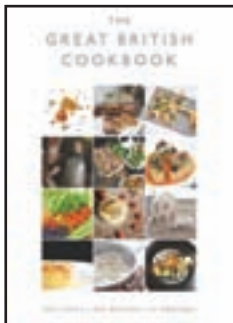
**WINTER WONDERLAND** Journey into a winter wonderland at Warwick Arts Centre this Christmas. Follow the animal trails and seek out a packed programme of festive family fun with creative workshops, theatre shows, sports activities and delicious wintery food, Sat 29 - Sun 30 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry  
**LEDBURY WAYTES** Medieval music and dance. Meet the Medieval Minstrels, listen to their music, talk to them about their costumes and try on some armour Sun 30 Nov, Brockhampton Estate, Worcester  
**SMILE FOR STEPHEN** Free Radio present a night of comedy and music in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust, Sun 30 Nov, LG Arena, Birmingham  
**MAC FOOD MARKET** Indulge yourself with tasty treats and specialist goods at a special festive edition of mac's monthly food market, featuring a host of local artisan producers, Sun 30 Nov, mac, Birmingham  
**CHRISTMAS FUN** Sun 30 Nov, Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens, Birmingham  
**SANTA'S LUNCHESES** Fun-packed festive day including Christmas lunch, a visit to Santa, rides in CBeebies Land, a splash in the Waterpark and a Christmas movie in the on-site cinema, Sun 30 Nov, Alton Towers, Staffordshire  
**WINTER CHILLI FESTIVAL** Featuring chilli products from more than thirty of the best chilli vendors in the UK, as well as live music, entertainment, a chilli cook-off and a chilli eating competition, Sun 30 Nov, The National Brewery Centre, Burton-upon-Trent



# Eating Out

## Midlands chefs contribute to cookbook

Michelin star chef Richard Turner from Turners in Harborne features alongside some of the country's top chefs - Michael Caines, Rick Stein, Sat Bains, Cyrus Todiwala and Richard Corrigan included - in a new book which hopes to raise £200,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support Trust and Hospitality Action. The Great British Cookbook comprises diverse dishes from regions around Great Britain with the Midlands well represented. Rachel Dorrell from Birmingham's Hotel La Tour, Shropshire's award-winning Thai chef Suree Coates and Andy Waters of The Queens in Belbroughton, Worcestershire, have all contributed to the book. Of his involvement, Richard Turner, said: "The diversity of the region is well represented in the book and its great to be able to raise awareness of the good causes." The Great British Cookbook will be available from all main on-line shopping sites, later this year.



## New gastro pub opens in Birmingham's Edgbaston

A classic white villa in the heart of Edgbaston has been given a new lease of life as a gastropub and restaurant. A welcome addition to the area's social scene, The High Field features 'a buzzing bar, elegant places to eat overlooking the leafy garden and glamorous private rooms for meetings or celebrations'. Fresh seasonal food comes from the kitchen of Dean Jeffers, formerly of the Swallow Hotel and Browns in the Bullring, with Lobster Shepherds Pie and Tidenham Farm Duck Breast & Duck Cottage Pie, just two of the lip-licking dishes on the menu.



## Wolverhampton venue features in prestigious guides

A family-run Indian and Bangladeshi restaurant is celebrating after maintaining its standing in two esteemed guides. Bilash in Wolverhampton features in both the AA Restaurant Guide 2015, and the Good Food Guide 2015. Mohammed Khan, manager of the Michelin rated restaurant, said of the news: "I think we have been accredited because of the cooking. It is fine dining and we have a number of exclusive specialities", adding, "We also value customer feedback and are willing to make changes that are necessary." To book a table at Bilash, call 01902 427762, or visit, [www.bilash.co.uk](http://www.bilash.co.uk)



## It's child's play at Simpsons!

What happens if you let children be restaurant critics? This is what Fierce Festival decided to find out. During October, a group of twelve-year-olds from Wheelers Lane Technology College visited five Birmingham restaurants, giving their uncensored opinions on the food, service and décor to members of the public who'd paid to eat amongst them. The group savoured Italian food at Piccolino, where they saw the pizza chef twirling dough; Mexican at Bodega, where they learned to mix a virgin mojito; and Indian at Manzils, where the waiters taught them napkin folding and how to lay a table. They also had a taste of Polish cuisine surrounded by animal furs at The Karczma, and a fine dining experience at Simpsons, one of Birmingham's Michelin-starred restaurants. The idea for Eat The Street came from the Canadian artists group Mammalian Diving Reflex, who try to break down

barriers between people of different ages and social backgrounds - past projects have included Haircuts By Children and Nightwalks With Teenagers...

### JOSHUA'S REVIEW

It was curious, not knowing what the food would be like or who I would be sitting with. Simpsons from the outside seemed more like a large, elegant house. We received a warm welcome and sat in front of the fire on comfy settees, drinking lemon juice or blackcurrant. A disappointing fact - the table hadn't been cleared before we sat down, so we marvelled at the size of someone else's bill! We inspected the kitchens - all very clean - and met the chefs, all very friendly. We were then shown to a table in the conservatory. The table looked beautiful with white linen. Majestic smells wafted from the kitchen. Our co-guests were friendly, and we settled down to

the reason we came - the food. I began with an amuse bouche (something to make your mouth happy) of coconut curry soup, followed by lobster for the first time in my life. It was delicious. My main was cod with chicken wings. Although I didn't think the wings worked, the cod was exquisite. Pudding was chocolate soufflé with coffee ice cream, and it was awesome. Wonderful food and great service meant my bouche was most definitely amused!

*Joshua Russon-Thomas*

Food: ■■■■■  
Service: ■■■■■  
Ambience: ■■■■■  
Overall value ■■■■■  
**OVERALL** ■■■■■

**Simpsons**  
10-12F The Waters Edge  
Brindleyplace  
Birmingham  
B1 2HL  
021 271 0600



# Restaurant LISTINGS

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## Birmingham

**AALTO RESTAURANT** Hotel La Tour, Albert Street, Birmingham B5 5JT 0121 718 8000  
**AIR RESTAURANT** LG Arena, Bickenhill Rd, 0844 338 0333  
**BALCONY BRASSERIE** Selfridges On4, The Bullring, B5 4BP  
**BANK** 4 Brindleyplace, B1 2JB 0121 633 4466  
**BAR ESTILO** 10-114 Wharfedale St, The Mailbox, B1 1RF 0121 643 3443  
**BARAJEE** 265 Broad Street, B1 2DS 0121 643 6699  
**BELLA ITALIA** 102 New Street, B2 4HQ 0121 643 1548  
**BERLIOZ** Burlington Arcade, New St, B2 4JQ 0121 633 1737  
**BLUE GINGER** 32 Poplar, Rd, Kings Heath, B14 7AD 0121 444 0999  
**BLUE MANGO** Regency Wharf, Broad St, B1 2DS 0121 633 4422  
**BLUE PIANO RESTAURANT** And Bar 24-26 Harborne Rd, B15 3AA 0121 454 6877  
**BUONISSIMO** 1 Albany Rd, Harborne, B17 9JX 0121 426 2444  
**CAFE OPUS** 1 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, B1 2HS 0121 248 3226  
**CARLUCCIO'S** The Water's Edge, Brindleyplace B1 2HP 0121 633 9262  
**CENTENARY BAR & BRASSERIE** Broad Street, B1 2EP 0121 245 2080  
**CHI BAR & GRILL** 61 Newhall Street, B3 3RB 0121 233 3150  
**CHIMICHANGA** 41 Mill Lane Arcade, Touchwood, Solihull, B91 3GS 0121 704 0749  
**CHUNG YING** 16-18 Wrottersley Street, B5 4RT 0121 622 5669  
**CHUNG YING CENTRAL** 126 Colmore Row, B3 3AP 0121 400 0888

**CHUNG YING GARDEN** 17 Thorpe St, B5 4AT 0121 666 6622  
**CIELO** 6 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, B1 2JB 0121 632 6882  
**COAST TO COAST** 9 Brindleyplace, Broad Street, B1 2HJ  
**COTE** The Mailbox, B1 1RX 0121 631 1587  
**CUCINA RUSTICA** 24 Ludgate Hill, B3 1DX 0121 233 2277  
**DEL VILLAGGIO** Unit 528, Middle Mall, The Bullring, B5 4BE 0121 643 1400  
**EASTZEST** 167 Broad Street, Birmingham, B15 1AY, 0121 643 4808  
**EDMUNDS** 6 Brindley place, B1 2JB 0121 633 4944  
**FIESTA DEL ASADO** 229 Hagley Road, Birmingham, B16 9RP 0121 445 9331  
**FLEET STREET KITCHEN** Fleet Street, Islington Gates, B3 1JH 0121 236 0100  
**ITIHAAS** 18 Fleet St, B3 1JL 0121 212 3383  
**JAMIE'S ITALIAN** Middle Mall, Bullring Shopping Centre, B5 4BE 0121 270 3610  
**JIMMY SPICES** Regency Wharf, Broad St, B1 2DS 0121 643 2111  
**LAS IGUANAS** Arcadian Centre, Hurst St, B5 4TD 0121 622 4466  
**LASAN** 3-4 Dakota Buildings, James St, St Paul's Square, B3 1SD 0121 212 3664  
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**THE RECTORY** 50-54 St Paul's Sq, B3 1QS 0121 605 1001  
**RED PEPPERS** 117 Wharfedale St, B1 1RF 0121 643 4202  
**SAN CARLO** 4 Temple St, B2 5BN 0121 633 0251  
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**WATERS ON THE SQUARE** Chad Square, Hawthorne Rd, Edgbaston, B15 3TQ

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**7 SQUARE** 7 Old Square, Warwick CV34 4RA 01926 411 755  
**NO. 9 CHURCH STREET** Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire CV37 6HB 01789 415522  
**AGRA PLACE** 12 Abbey Green, Nuneaton, CV11 5DR 024 7635 0515  
**THE ALMANAK** Abbey End North, Kenilworth, CV8 1QJ 01926 353 637  
**AUBERGINE** 32 Smith St, Warwick CV34 4HS 01926 400 086  
**THE ALMANACK** Abbey End North, Kenilworth CV8 1QJ 01926 353637  
**THE BELL** Alderminster, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 8NY 01789 450414  
**BLUE BISTRO** 21 Spon St, Coventry, CV1 3BA 024 7622 9274  
**BROWNS** Earl St, Coventry CV1 5RU 0247 622 1100  
**CARLUCCIOS** 13 Waterside, Stratford-Upon-Avon CV37 6BA 01789 267424  
**CASTLES** 6 Castle Street, CV34 4QU 01926 495421  
**CATALAN** 6 Jury St, Warwick CV34 4EW 01926 498 930  
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**EDWARD MOON** 9 Chapel Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6EP 01789 267069  
**EGO** 29 The Square, Kenilworth, CV8 1EF 01926 864463  
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**FINEST CATCH** B'ham Rd, Henley in Arden. B95 5QR 01564 793783  
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**HELP OUT MILL** Heather Rd, Shakerstone, Nuneaton. CV13 0BT 01530 260666  
**INDIA RED** 25 Abbey Street, Nuneaton, CV11 5BX 024 7634 2090  
**JIMMY SPICES** 64-66 Station Rd, Solihull, B91 3RX 0121 709 2111  
**LE BISTRO PIERRE** Swans Nest, Bridgford, Stratford

upon Avon. CV37 7LT 01789 264804  
**MALLORY COURT** Harbury Lane, Leamington Spa, CV33 9QB, 01926 330214  
**MATRICARDIS** 97 High St, Henley in Arden. B95 5AT 01564 792735  
**MERCHANTS** Swan Street, Warwick CV34 4BJ 01926 403833  
**NICOLINIS** 14 The Parade, Leamington Spa, CV32 4DW 01926 421620  
**NUMBER SIX** Castle Street, Warwick, CV34 4BP 01926 497663  
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**PREZZO** 1-3 High St, Warwick CV34 4AP 01926 475867  
**RESTAURANT 23** 34 Hamilton Terrace, Holly Walk Leamington Spa, CV32 4LY 01926 422422  
**RISTORANTE DA VINCI** 50 Earlsdon Street, Coventry, CV5 6EJ 024 7671 3554  
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**THE SAXON MILL** Coventry Rd, Guys Cliffe, Warwick CV34 5YN 01926 492 255  
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**TAILORS** 22 Market Place, Warwick CV34 4SL 01926 410590  
**THE TREVELLYAN** Warwick Rd, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 0NR 01789 295252  
**THE VINE INN** 86 - 88 West St, Warwick CV34 6AW 07873 219005  
**WARWICK SPICE** 24 Smith Street, CV34 4HS 01926 491736  
**ZIZZI** 85-87 Regent Square House, Parade, Leamington Spa CV 32 4NL 01926 432532

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**ANAKARI** 47 The Tythings, Worcester. WR1 1JT 01905 21412  
**ANGEL CHEF** 1 Angel St, Worcester WR1 3QT 01905 731131  
**ANUPAM** 85 Church Street, Malvern. WR14 2AE 01684 573814  
**BACCHUS** 44 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove B61 0TA 01527 877557  
**BENEDICTOS** 34 Sidbury, Worcester WR1 2HZ 01905 21444  
**BINDLES BAR & BRASSERIE** 55 Sidbury, WR1 2HU 01905 611120  
**BRAMBLINGS** Hither Green Lane, Redditch, B98 9BE 01527 406600  
**BRIDGE INN** Plough Road, Droitwich WR9 7NQ 01905 345874  
**BROWNS** 24 Quay St, Worcester WR1 2JJ 01905 26263  
**CHADDESLEY RESTAURANT** Brockencote Hall Hotel, Kidderminster DY10 4PY 01562 777876  
**THE CHASE INN** Chase Rd, Upper Colwall, Malvern. WR13 6DQ 01684 540276  
**CHESTERS** 51 New St, Worcester, WR1 2DL 01905 611638  
**CROWN & SANDYS** Main Rd, Ombersley, WR9 0EW 01905 62025  
**ewe AND LAMB** Hanbury Road, Bromsgrove B60 4DN 01527 871 929  
**THE FIG TREE** 99 Church Street, Gt Malvern, WR14 2AE 01684 569909  
**FOUR SEASONS** 61 Lowesmoor, Worcester WR1 2RS 01905 27026  
**FUSION BRASSERIE** Hawbridge, Stoughton, Worcester WR7 4RJ 01905 840647  
**THE INN AT STONEHALL** Stonehall Common, Worcester, WR5 3QG 01905 820462  
**KING CHARLES II** King Charles House, New St, Worcester WR1 2D 01905 22449  
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**LANGTREYS** 89a High St, Bromsgrove. B61 8AQ 01527 878242  
**LITTLE VENICE** 1 - 3 St Nicholas St, Worcester WR1 1UW 01905 726126  
**LOTUS HOUSE** 33 Ombersley St East, Droitwich, WR9 8QX 01905 770079  
**MAEKONG THAI** 12 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove B61 7AE 01527 578888  
**MASSALLA LOUNGE** 35 Broad St, Worcester WR1 3NH 01905 729955  
**MUG HOUSE** Claines Lane, Worcester WR3 7RN 01905 456649  
**ON THE ROCKS** 44 Worcester Road, Bromsgrove, B61 7AE 01527 882412  
**PORTOFINO**, 6 Worcester Rd, Droitwich. WR9 8AD 01905 794799  
**PORTWAY ITALIAN**, Alcester Rd, Redditch. B48 7HT 01564 824794  
**PUCCINI'S**, 12 Friar St, Worcester WR12LZ 01905 277770  
**RAJDOOT** Cutnall Green, Droitwich. WR9 0PW 01299 851000  
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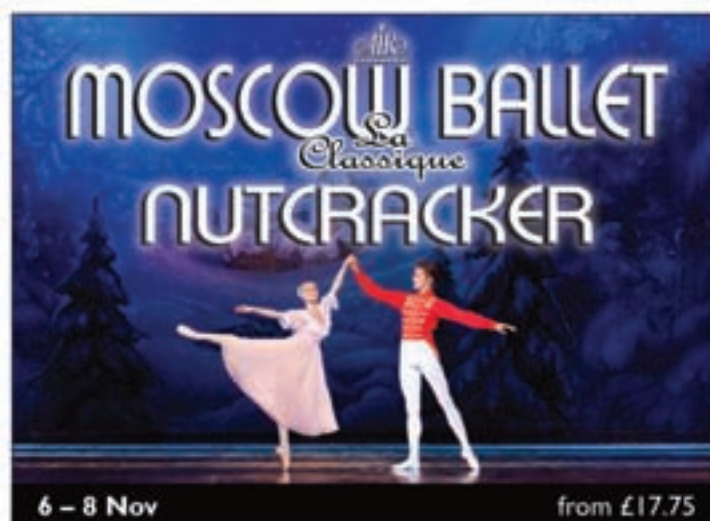
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