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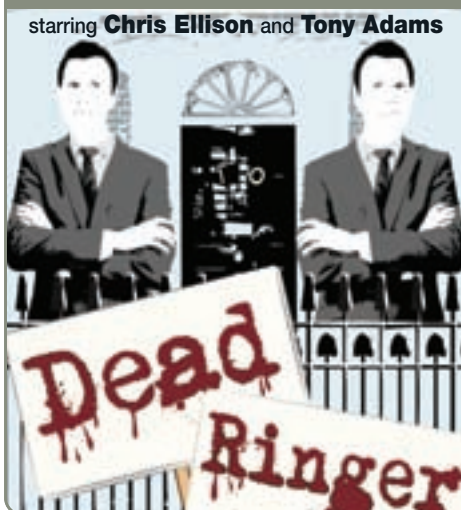
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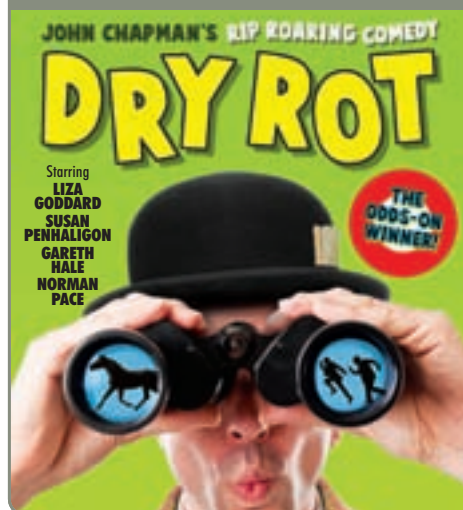
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Bhangra legend gets his star

Birmingham's King of Bhangra Malkit Singh has been honoured with a star on the city's Broad Street Walk of Stars. A recent event at the city centre's Gatecrasher also saw the best-selling Bhangra artist presented with a plaque by the city's Lord Mayor, Councillor Anita Ward (pictured), in recognition of his global contribution to Bhangra music. The plaque and star are the latest in a long line of accolades to be bestowed on the Punjabi artist.



Vegetarian shark discovered at Birmingham attraction

The National Sealife Centre in Birmingham's Brindleyplace has announced that one of its prime specimens - a six-foot-long tropical shark - is, in fact, a vegetarian! In an effort to ensure that 'Florence' gets the natural protein she needs, numerous tactics have been employed, including hiding fish inside celery sticks, hollowed-out cucumbers and in between lettuce leaves. Florence's vegetarianism was discovered when she underwent an operation to retrieve a fishing hook buried deep inside her mouth.



Queen arrives in Shropshire...

Two evenings of outdoor musical celebration are planned at the Shrewsbury Showground this month. The well-toured Queen II take to the stage on 29 June, while on the 30th, the Shrewsbury Light Orchestra present a patriotic Last Night Of The Proms concert and firework finale. What's On has joined with the promoters of these two concerts to offer readers the chance to win tickets to both events. Interested? Then visit www.whatsonlive.co.uk to find out how to enter...



All-star line-up for Jesus Christ Superstar

Radio One DJ Chris Moyles, Aussie comedian Tim Minchin and former Spice Girl Mel C are confirmed to appear in the forthcoming arena tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's legendary rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar. The production, which comes to Birmingham's National Indoor Arena in October, will see Moyles take on the role of King Herod, while Mel B will star as the show's only female lead, Mary Magdalene. Award-winning Tim Minchin assumes the role of Judas Iscariot. The search is now on for an actor to play Jesus, and Andrew Lloyd Webber and ITV1 have rekindled their relationship to find the country's most suitable candidate in a soon-to-be-screened new talent show. Of his role as Herod, Chris Moyles said: "To receive a call from Andrew is very cool, but then when he asks you to be in his musical, that's pretty amazing too. There's only one way to respond, and that's by saying yes! Absolutely! My mum's gonna be well excited!"

Industry accolade awarded to Birmingham art gallery

The Birmingham Institute of Fine Arts has been honoured with a prestigious industry award for its recent Court On Canvas exhibition. The museum was shortlisted from hundreds of entrants at a recent ceremony in London, during which comedian Sue Perkins presented the Barber team with their well-deserved gong.



Festival in need of street performers

Organisers of Lichfield's Florette Festival Market have issued a plea for local jugglers, magicians, storytellers and troubadours to step forward and showcase their skills at the 7 July event. The annual market, taking place around Lichfield Cathedral Close, features numerous craft stalls and demonstrations, as well as plenty of local produce. Local entertainers already confirmed for the one-day event include the Enigma Brass Band, Watershed Theatre Company and West Bromwich Operatic Society. So if you're an entertainer and are interested in putting on a show for an expected twenty thousand visitors, give Market co-ordinator Jennifer Smith a ring on 01543 306275.



Micky Flanagan dates announced...

One of Britain's best-loved comedians has announced that he's to stop off in the Midlands as part of a brand new UK tour in 2013. Micky Flanagan's risky brand of East End comedy has proved a real hit with audiences, and if previous gigs are anything to go by, this much-anticipated show is sure to be a quick sell. Micky brings his Back In The Game tour to Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, in February, Birmingham's National Indoor Arena in March and Wolverhampton's Civic Hall in April.



Casting announced for Phantom Of The Opera

The Birmingham Hippodrome has confirmed the line-up for the forthcoming production of Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular Phantom Of The Opera. Acclaimed West End performer Earl Carpenter will play Phantom, while Katie Hall will assume the role of Christine. Phantom Of The Opera shows at the Birmingham Hippodrome from 13 March to 4 May 2013.



Britpop band set to play in the Midlands

Eighties Britpop band Blur have announced that they've chosen Wolverhampton's Civic Hall as one of only three UK venues in which they'll perform prior to their highly anticipated sold-out return to London's Hyde Park later this summer. Blur last performed in Wolverhampton in 2009, and return to the Civic Hall on 5 and 6 August.

Arts Council funding for Coventry arts centre

Warwick Arts Centre has announced that it's secured £120,000 of funding from the Arts Council England's Catalyst Arts Scheme. This will enable the venue to enhance the quality of its future commissions and further develop its education programme.



The Saturdays show their Pride

Chart-topping female band The Saturdays are headlining this year's gay and lesbian Birmingham Pride. Taking the theme of It Gets Better, the two-day event gets under way with a colourful Carnival Parade, which will wind its way through the city centre to the main festival site of Birmingham's Gay Village. A dance arena, main stage, cabaret marquee, funfair and community village green also feature. Joining The Saturdays at this year's Pride are Stooshe, BBC Radio One's Scott Mills, acclaimed DJ Judge Jules, Freemasons vocalist Amanda Wilson and the increasingly popular L Project. Wristbands will be required to get into the Pride Entertainment Zone - main stage, dance arena, cabaret marquee and women's area - and are available both on the day and also in advance from www.birminghampride.com. Birmingham Pride takes place in and around the city's Gay Village on 2 & 3 June.

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Early bird offer to keep the kids entertained...

A summer camp for children, set in the beautiful Shropshire countryside, has issued an early booking offer for week-long stays during the forthcoming summer holidays. A centre of excellence, JCA at Conder Hall provides safe and secure adventure residentials for schoolchildren, and features a range of land and water-based activities, and, with kayaking, fencing, body zorbing and rope courses, there's something to suit every child's tastes. The early bird offer of £199 per child is for a full seven-night, Saturday to Saturday, activity programme including meals, accommodation and insurance. For further information, visit www.jca-adventure.co.uk

Dinosaurs heading to Coventry

Online tickets for the Herbert Museum And Art Gallery's latest exhibition, Dinosaurs Uncovered, go on sale this month. Featuring lifesize models and replica fossils, the exhibition invites visitors to travel back two hundred-and-fifty million years to come face-to-face with some of the most fearsome creatures ever to have walked the earth. Springwatch presenter and wildlife expert Chris Packham makes an appearance in holographic form as he uncovers the facts about the dinosaurs and the world in which they lived. Tickets are on sale from 1 June at a cost of £5.95 for adults and £4.95 for children, with family concessions also available. A 10% discount is available for all advanced online bookings. Dinosaurs Uncovered opens at the Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry, on 21 July.



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Paterson Joseph

talks about Gregory Doran's *Caesar*

Described as having one of those faces that's instantly recognisable, British actor Paterson Joseph has an impressive list of TV and theatre credits to his name - a repertoire that ranges from Othello at the RSC to Channel Four's Peep Show. Patterson returns to the RSC this month to appear as Brutus in Gregory Doran's Julius Caesar. What's On caught up with him to find out more...

How does Gregory Doran's version of Julius Caesar differ from previous versions?

It's not an adaptation but more of a concept that takes place somewhere in the African continent, presenting a story of coups and counter-coups, and of the vacuum left by a strong man in the centre. That's our take on it and it seems to work brilliantly. It fits more snugly than you would imagine.

The performance is being filmed for the BBC. Has that proved distracting in any way?

Initially, it felt like quite a challenge, because the Royal Shakespeare Theatre is about a thousand seats and so we rehearsed it for that. On the Friday, we finished rehearsing; on the Saturday, we were filming. But what was interesting about the whole experience was that bringing it down to the level of screen performance wasn't as difficult as we'd imagined it would be. Some of the physical stuff had to change, because we didn't need to move so much, but what we found was that the detail we had in the rehearsal room was heightened on camera, which was great. It showed us how far we'd come after three-and-a-half weeks of rehearsal. The trickiest bit, of course, is bringing it back into the theatre space. We've got two weeks back in the rehearsal room to make it a stage show rather than a camera show. It's a very interesting journey.

You've performed with the RSC on numerous occasions. Who, for you, is the most interesting of all Shakespeare's characters?

That's a major question and the honest answer is that I don't know. I think the great thing about Shakespeare is that we can revisit. There are characters and plays that I've done that I'd love to revisit, Othello being the obvious one. I played the role in my early forties, and I'd love to play him again in my fifties. I also think that plays are relevant for their time. Plays like Troilus And Cressida, which I did at the RSC when I was last there, is a neglected play because it's about war, the situations of war and why one goes to war. Sam Mendes directed us in 1990, and the Gulf War hit about the time we were opening the show. It just seemed quite pertinent to talk about going to war, who were the warmongers and who were the peacemakers.

You've got a lot of TV roles under your belt - what draws you back to the stage, and in particular the RSC?

I think it's a bit like the engine of a sports car, really. I know it sounds a bit grand, but you tick away in steady traffic, which is what TV can be like; you're not always asked to go to the highs and lows of emotion on the screen. Certainly with Shakespeare, and a lot of drama, they tend to be big themes where big emotions are needed to be expressed. That's where an actor really loves to burn his engine, to really rev and go as far as he can.

Is it correct that you were a chef before becoming an actor?

That's very grand. I was actually a catering assistant at the Royal Free in Hampstead Heath for a short while before I went to drama school. I thought I wanted to be a chef, I was geared towards getting my qualifications, and then I was put off. I won't tell you how, but it was to do with hygiene. That was that for me, so I decided to seek out something else that was also creative but a bit more physically challenging. So I tried a youth theatre called The Cockpit in Marylebone, and from there I went to drama school.

What barriers, if any, did you have to overcome to pursue a career in acting?

None at all. It was very un-dramatic. The only comment that my mum made about it was, "do what you like, as long as you make some money". I tried to point out to her that it was unlikely I'd ever make any money, due to the fact that actors are unemployed most of the time, and also because it wasn't my goal to make any money. I was very young and naive but I was also very truthful. I think it's very fortunate when any actor can make any money, as most of us, as I'm sure you know, are unemployed most of the time.

What was your first major role?

I think my first job was probably my first major role, and that was playing a young, unemployed man from Derbyshire at the Bush Theatre in Shepherd's Bush. That was my introduction to the profession, and it was a great first role for a young actor - he was an angry and articulate young man.

You're professional CV features a lot of very varied work. Is it a conscious decision to keep things fresh, or do you just accept whatever comes along?

It's a bit of both. With most actors, the only real power that we have is to say yes or no when offered a job or an interview. Most of the time, the culling of those things that I don't want to do happens before the interview stage. If it's something I find interesting, or if I just need to work because I haven't got any money, then that will dictate what I do. I try not to second-guess where my career is going. For example, I got together with some friends to do some improvisation, just for ourselves. One of those actors was connected to a comedy casting director who worked a lot for Channel Four; hence Peep Show came into my life. And out of Peep Show came Green Wing, and out of all of that came Dead Ringers and That Mitchell And Webb Look.

And will we be seeing you in the new series of Peep Show?

Definitely. We start filming the end of July.

Is Alan Johnson a good character to play?

Yeah, I spend a lot of time giggling, and have to really control myself to do that deadpan thing. He's a great character to

play, mainly because he's larger than life, which is why we probably only get one episode of him in every series - less is often more. What's surprising is that he's very popular with young people. Students adore him; I don't know why, because he's horrible...

Do you have much influence over the character?

I don't think I have any. People say "you created this character", but he's the creation of Jesse Armstrong and Sam Bain. I just interpreted him in my way, which they seemed to like. So they now tend to write about him with me in mind - but then they do that with all the characters.

You commented once that you'd like to appear in a TV period drama. Is there a particular role that you'd like to play?

Yeah, I've fallen in love with this eighteenth century African called Charles Ignatius Sancho, who is famously painted by Gainsborough as a gentleman. He wrote many, many letters, and I've adapted the letters to make a monologue for myself, which I've performed and will perform again next year. I'm trying to work on a screenplay in the hope that someone will run with it. One of the difficulties connected to it is that it's a Black story, if you like. It's a story of a man who makes his way despite the fact that his colour might be against him, and that's a concept which makes TV executives shy away, thinking that there may be very little interest. But times will change, and maybe there'll be room for a black character in lovely eighteenth or maybe nineteenth century costume.

Do you think there are now more roles available to black actors, or is the glass ceiling still very much in evidence?

I think there's a bit of both going on. There's more of an openness in terms of casting black actors - or actors who happen to be black, if you like - in roles that wouldn't traditionally be seen in that way. And I think that the traditions are changing in themselves. Hopefully it will start to happen more rapidly than it has been doing. I think that there's a desire, certainly amongst directors and producers, to cast a bit more widely.

If you could change one rule in theatreland, what would it be?

It would be that all theatres could be subsidised so that they could do the work that they wanted, not the work that they had to do in order to get revenue. We earn millions for the nation with people coming to the West End and to other theatres and we're not subsidised to the degree that perhaps classical music and opera are. So I think that would make a major difference.

Paterson Joseph star in Julius Caesar at The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon until Sat 7 July



“My feeling is that as long as people like and appreciate Barbara she will continue, but she won't outstay her welcome...”

Janice Connolly

talks about women in comedy...

Whether as Mrs Barbara Nice or as herself, actor/comedian/producer Janice Connolly is a well-known face on the Midlands entertainment circuit. A self-confessed workaholic, Janice is this month compering a Laughing Sole comedy night in West Bromwich and is also appearing in a brand new musical, entitled Underrated: Birmingham The Musical, at mac. What's On caught up with her to find out more...

You recently made a comment on your blog about people thinking that female comedians couldn't be as funny as male comedians. Can you expand on this?
I think it's deeply complicated, this whole thing about females and comedy and who we want to see on stage. I think undoubtedly that women are as funny as men, and some men are less funny than some women. I think it's a complicated discussion to have, but the truth of the matter is that it's not a true assumption. Women can be as funny and often funnier than some men...

Is it a perception that holds some would-be female comedians back?

No, I think comedy is one of those things that you'll do if you really want to. Maybe in the past some promoters have thought that they couldn't put more than one woman on a bill, but things are changing. There's now a higher percentage of female comedians around.

You're bringing your acclaimed show Higher And Higher back to the Midlands. Has this been adapted in any way?

Audiences bring a lot to this particular piece, so every performance is different depending on the audience. It's that which provides the show with its variety.

You're also working on a new show, called Mrs Nice, for the Edinburgh Festival. Where do you begin when devising a new show?

I collect ideas of things that are funny, things that are worth talking about, worth doing. Higher And Higher is about being connected with people, and Mrs Nice is about re-discovering the fun that exists in all of us, and especially nowadays, in 'austerity Britain'. It's about discovering the kid in us all, I guess.

Who is Barbara Nice based on?

She's a mixture of women I've met; She's probably like your favourite mad auntie.

What inspired you to get into comedy?

Thinking I could do it. I was in a play with Frank Skinner in Birmingham years ago, before he was famous, and then went to see him at the Edinburgh Festival. I remember thinking, "I can do that". He was kind of talking to the audience and being 'in the moment'. So I decided to try and do that type of thing. I also felt that there was room for lots of different voices in comedy. At the time, it was more or less a case of one fella after the next standing up and basically saying the same thing. I wanted to provide audiences with more variety, more choice, which is what Laughing Sole is all about.

Who's your favourite female comedians?

I think Isy Suttie is really good. She's absolutely lovely and really clever. I think audiences really appreciate intelligence in comedy. They often get comedy wrong and think it's all about insulting people and

putting people down, but that's only a very small aspect of comedy. Proper comedy is really a broad church; there are lots of types - surreal, topical, political. I think that audiences appreciate an intelligent approach. In this day and age, when things are tough economically, I think it's a comedian's job to speak up a bit. I think it's their job to have a go at the status quo.

Will Barbara Nice just go on and on?...?

It's interesting; who really knows? My feeling is that as long as people like and appreciate Barbara she will continue, but she won't outstay her welcome...

Barbara has quite a gay following; why do you think this is?

I wasn't aware that she had that appeal until I did some shows in Brighton. I don't know what it is, really. She's just an ordinary lady. Maybe it's because she loves wearing leopard skin! I think she probably reminds people of their mums, their nannas or maybe their aunties - women in their lives who make them laugh, basically. She's very inclusive, and never has a go at any minorities - well, apart from the posh.

How would you define posh?

All these people who've gone to Eton, I guess - the government, really. All these people who are in power and are connected. Their kids all go to the same parties and ride the same horses. I really don't like abuse of power.

How did your working relationship with Peter Kay come about?

He saw me in a comedy competition in Manchester - I'm from Stockport originally - and asked me to be in one of his television programmes. It was one of those showbiz dream stories of being in the right place at the right time. It's been brilliant to be involved with him.

Can you explain your Women And Theatre initiative?

We work with a variety of different communities to produce new theatre and drama, as well as comedy courses for community groups. We've just received some funding to take comedy workshops into older people's residential homes.

How did Women And Theatre come about?

I've been involved in theatre and performance since I was a kid. I was doing a lot of pub theatre in the evenings, and the opportunity arose to start up a theatre group. So I gave up my day job - at the time I was working for Barnardos. That was nearly thirty years ago. Four of us started the company, and now I'm the only original founding member.

Are you still very hands-on with the group, then?

Yes, very much so...

How do you find the time?

It's quite difficult sometimes to fit everything in, particularly as I continue to be a freelance actor. I've just had a little part in In With The Flynns, which is a television programme with Will Mellor on BBC One. So I'm still doing freelance acting, stand-up comedy and running a theatre school. They all dovetail into each other, really. Finding the time can be a bit of a problem, but you get used to it.

Do you have any social life?

Not massively. But thankfully, I do enjoy the audiences, and I have a good chat with people who come to see me. I always make a point of meeting and mingling with people afterwards.

What's the concept behind Woman And Theatre's new production, Underrated: Birmingham The Musical, which you're staging this month at mac?

We're working with three different groups of young people. One is a group of young asylum-seekers, one is a group from Queensbridge school, and the other group is from a school where pupils have visual impairment. Nationally, people still look down on the city, and this is about young people saying what's great about Birmingham. It's going to be a musical, and we've written about three or four new songs which are very catchy. In fact, one of them should have been a Eurovision entry, but we left it too late. Engelbert Humperdinck pipped us to the post!

What, in your opinion, has contributed most to making Birmingham the cultural hub that it is today?

I still think that nationally it's not recognised as such. Sandi Toksvig, who I think is lovely, recently commented on the high-speed rail by saying "who wants to get to Birmingham any quicker?". I think the national prejudices remain the same, even though, when you go into Birmingham, it's such a great city. It's so wonderfully multicultural, but I don't think it's appreciated nationally as much as it should be. Even though the architecture looks great, there's still an old-fashioned attitude from the rest of the country about it. Birmingham has a wonderful community spirit and is a very friendly place. That's one of the messages we want to get across in Underrated: Birmingham.

Finally Janice, what's been the highlight of your career?

To be honest, and I know this sounds a bit of a cliché, I think you're only as good as your last gig. Last night I went down very well at The Glee Club. That's what keeps me going, thinking 'that was good, people liked it'.

Janice Connolly comperes Laughing Sole at The Public, West Bromwich Wed 6 June. Underrated, Birmingham The Musical shows at mac, Birmingham, Thurs 14 to Fri 15 June.

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With his visionary and all-encompassing approach to music, Warwickshire-born Jonathan Harvey has received worldwide critical acclaim and numerous accolades, the latest of which was the UK's prestigious Royal Philharmonic Award. This month sees Harvey's longest ever work, *Weltethos*, being given its UK debut, performed in Birmingham as part of the London 2012 opening celebrations. What's On caught up with the talented composer to find out more...

How do you feel your upbringing in Sutton Coldfield influenced your career as a composer?

I was born in Little Aston and had a very nice childhood. I used to go into Birmingham to see the CBSO with my father, who was an amateur musician - a very good one, I might add.

I suppose I was about six when I wrote my first composition. My father would sit in his armchair, puffing his pipe, and I'd sit at the piano with my pencil and paper. I would play something and write it down, and he would say "try an F sharp there!", and so we went on...

How old were you when your first piece of music was performed to the public?

I think I was about eleven; it was performed on local BBC radio.

How do you think people's perceptions of classical music have changed over the years?

I don't think they've changed that much, but I do think the borders between different types of music have blurred - though probably not as much as they should have done. There are now many more crossover ventures and composers. I suppose it's like the class system in England; it's become much less marked. And nowadays, of course, recordings are much more available, which makes classical music a lot more accessible.

This month sees the UK premiere of *Weltethos*. Can you tell us a bit about this particular piece?

It means 'world ethic'. I set it in German for the first performance in the Berlin Philharmonic Hall, with the orchestra conducted by Simon Rattle.

What was your starting point when writing this particular piece?

Well, the words obviously formed the basis. In this particular case, one meditated on the words and then the different sections. In *Weltethos*, there are six sections, each devoted to a different culture - Confucianism, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity. All of these cultures have their own music; in a way, it was that factor which began to form the musical thinking.

How did the commission come about?

Through Hans Kung, one of the most distinguished theologians alive. He's the president of the Foundation for a Global Ethic - a kind of religious/political organisation for world peace. He wanted to commission a work to celebrate the ideals of goodness for which his institute stands. He looked around and found me, in collaboration, I think, with the Berlin Orchestra, who advised him.

And how long did it take to complete?

About two years. It took much, much longer than usual. It's a big, big work - a whole evening. Normally my works last fifteen to

twenty minutes. This lasts a full hour-and-a-half.

What does it mean to you as a composer to have your work performed as part of London 2012?

It's a great honour, and I'm very proud to help in the theme of the Olympics, which is all about nations coming together in an attitude of kindness. It's not about economic hostility or any of the other hostilities we're used to hearing about when nations come together. It's a gesture of kindness and goodness. And it's exactly this, the aesthetics of goodness, which my work is celebrating.

And what, over the years, has influenced your work the most?

I think spiritual aspiration in music can raise us all higher. A composer can be a sort of medium for greater psychological and spiritual profundity. Not necessarily to do with the composer being like that, but more

about the composer being open and allowing such things to form.

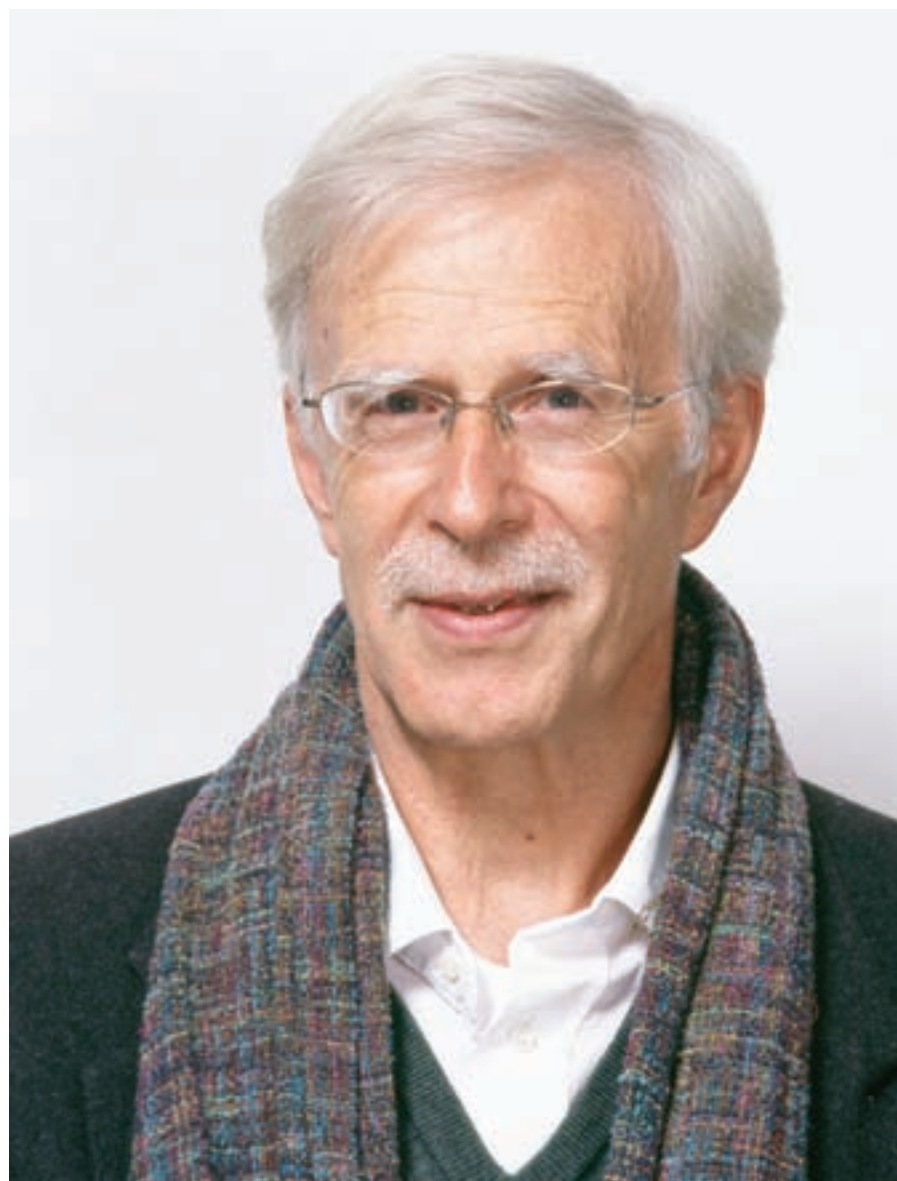
Do you have an all-time favourite piece of music?

I don't think I can answer that, because I love so much music. I love the great classics, and, of course, I'm very interested in World Music. I've always found music from distant places fascinating, and I've always loved jazz. As for pop music, I leave that to my daughter...

What's the greatest accolade you've ever received?

I received the Royal Philharmonic Award recently, which is the biggest prize that you can get in this country. So probably that.

The CBSO perform Jonathan Harvey's *Weltethos* at **The Symphony Hall, Birmingham**, Thurs 21 June





Porgy And Bess

Cape Town Opera's Michael Williams talks to Nancy Groves

Was there ever a song as seasonally appropriate as Summertime? Guaranteed to raise temperatures, this standard of the American songbook has been covered more than twenty-five thousand times by artists including Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Sam Cooke, Miles Davis, Janis Joplin and even The Doors. So many times, in fact, that it's easy to forget it started life as an operatic aria in George Gershwin's 1935 masterpiece, Porgy And Bess.

This summertime, however, the tune will be restored to its rightful origins by Cape Town Opera (CTO), the pioneering South African company whose triumphant version of Porgy And Bess took the UK by storm in 2009 and now returns for a six-venue tour throughout the month of June. 'One of the mornings, you're going to rise up singing' - never have the words seemed so appropriate.

Transferring the story from the sweltering humidity of Charleston, South Carolina, to the deep heat of South Africa's Western Cape, the production boasts a cast including Soweto-born soprano Tsakane Valentine Maswanganyi, last seen in the title role of Carmen Jones at the Royal Festival Hall, and a chorus that Rupert Christiansen, opera critic of The Telegraph, has called 'quite magnificent'.

Given the rapturous reviews CTO received last time round, bringing Porgy And Bess back to the UK was a no-brainer, says managing director Michael Williams. "It was a revelation to see how warmly the Brits took to a South African company tackling an American standard with such vigour and in such a novel fashion," says Williams. "People were taken away by our enthusiasm, the quality of our voices and the opportunities for those voices which Gershwin's score provides."

Porgy And Bess was George Gershwin's attempt to write an opera that showcased the true depth and range of African-American voices. Despite the beauty of his music, the concept challenged both white and black audiences alike, and for many years the opera was presented in a watered-down 'musical' format. "Even by Gershwin!" Williams points out. "He wrote the piece to give black singers an opportunity, but when it turned out that it wasn't cutting it with the opera glitterati - the mink and pearls brigade - he tried to make it into a Broadway show." Happily, Porgy And Bess is now a stalwart of the operatic canon, and "people know they shouldn't tamper with it". At least not with the music - transferring the setting is another matter, says Williams, who insists that the South African relocation is faithful to the themes and spirit of the opera. Not to mention the characters of Catfish village: beautiful but broken Bess, her brute of a boyfriend Crown, no-good drug pusher Sportin' Life, and, of course, noble but crippled Porgy himself. "If you pick up any newspaper in South Africa, you'll see the issues we deal with," says Williams. "First, there's the poverty in South Africa; the gap between rich and poor is the largest in the world. Then, the drugs - there are many Sportin' Lives roaming our schools and city landscapes. And finally, the male on female violence - South Africa's rape statistics are well known."

But it's not all doom and gloom, he adds. "In amongst all this death and misery, there is an abundance of joy to Porgy And Bess, which is what we have in this country too. You've got to realise that singing is a way of life here. We have choral competitions that last

five days, every high school has two or three choirs, and when I do auditions for our ensemble, at least five hundred people turn up!"

Making Porgy And Bess the perfect match for CTO: "When you have a piece with so many great tunes, it's ideal for our singers. Turning life into song is very much what our people do. They sing about marriages, about death, about lovemaking, about harvesting, about buying a new car. For every significant event, there's a song. Singing forms the patterns of people's lives here."

Tsakane Maswanganyi agrees. "We are a nation of singers," proclaims the thirty-two-year-old soprano, based in Italy but back on home-turf for Porgy And Bess rehearsals. "There is something very familiar about singing this music," she says. "I heard my own African music from when I was a tiny baby, and here I am singing with my people and my nation again. It reminds me of where and who I am. It takes me back to being young, and the reasons why I'm a singer." Maswanganyi was thirteen when she first heard opera via a chance clip on TV. "I think it was La Bohème, and it was just one clip, one aria, but I was mesmerised, completely taken over," she recalls. Throughout her teenage years, she sang acapella in her local church choir, but it wasn't until university, when a friend invited her to a music masterclass, that Maswanganyi realised her calling.

"Opera is the highest form the voice can reach for me," she says, "not in the sense of the highest kind of living, but in the capacity of what your voice can do when music and emotion are combined. It's so expressive and yet so composed at the same time - combining nature and art together into a more powerful form."

Maswanganyi had to go abroad to pursue her musical career, which included an award-winning stint in best-selling opera group, Amici Forever. Opera, once a strong tradition in South Africa, fell out of favour along with other 'classical' art forms with the arrival of the ANC government in 1996, who withdrew public subsidy for the arts to channel much-needed funds into impoverished rural areas. Regional opera departments and orchestras folded, and only Cape Town survived, thanks to the benevolence of its supporters and the leadership of Williams and his team, who

fought hard to win it charitable status.

CTO is still South Africa's only full-time opera company - its nearest competitor almost a continent away in Cairo - but it works hard to spread the gospel of opera as widely as possible. "We do a national tour every year to ten different cities, and the kids who do our workshops are the same kids who say, 'We want to come and sing and audition for you'," reports Williams. "We did La Bohème and every one of the soloists came through our programme. The average age on stage was twenty-three."

The company aims to present at least one new African work each season. Recent successes include Poet And Prophetess, a NorrlandsOperan co-production with a libretto by Williams, and Mandela Trilogy, which will be performed twice at the Wales Millennium Centre before Porgy's Cardiff dates.

"What we strive to do is not only the European classics," says Williams. "Do foreign audiences really want to see our version of La Bohème, or is that taking coals to Newcastle? We want to represent the miracle that is South Africa: look at what we can do here, look at the art we can produce."


And people are certainly looking - this September, CTO will travel to Berlin at the personal invitation of Sir Simon Rattle to perform the complete Porgy And Bess with the Berlin Philharmonic.

"All this and we're a country still in our adolescence," Williams marvels. "We are only seventeen years old, you must remember - we're the pimply kid who drives his dad's car down the highway." He pauses for thought. "I wonder what Gershwin would have thought of a South African cast singing his piece?"

Maswanganyi is in no doubt. "This works," she says. "Storytelling is storytelling. Once you put music to it, it's going to communicate. Porgy And Bess is from the Western world but there's nothing Western about it. This is African song, this is South African opera, and music is a universal language."

Cape Town Opera perform Porgy And Bess at **Birmingham Hippodrome** from Wed 6 - Sat 9 June



A man with grey hair, Kevin Finnan, is sitting on a bright yellow plastic chair. He is wearing a black t-shirt with a graphic that says "IRONHEAT", blue jeans, and black sneakers. He is leaning back with his legs crossed at the ankles. His right arm is resting on the back of the chair, and he is wearing a watch and a ring. The background is dark with some metal structures.

“ Twenty-five years in dance is a creative lifetime, and to have achieved it and still be here after all sorts of ups and downs is amazing. ”

Kevin Finnan

Motionhouse's Artistic Director takes us on a voyage...

With the celebratory mood surrounding the Queen's Jubilee festivities and the Olympic Games, living in the UK in 2012 is proving to be a special experience for many people. For leading dance theatre company Motionhouse, it's a particularly special time. Established in 1988 by Kevin Finnan and Louise Richards, Motionhouse creates startling dance theatre. Although rooted in dance, the company also draws on theatre, circus, acrobatics and film to create visually stunning performances. 2012 marks a career highlight for Artistic Director Kevin, as he's created and choreographed *The Voyage* - in collaboration with Patrick Nolan, his counterpart from Australian aerial specialists *Legs On The Wall* - a presentation which will open the West Midlands' celebrations of the London 2012 Festival.

What does it mean to be invited to be involved in the official Olympic celebrations, Kevin?

It's a tremendous honour. We're all absolutely thrilled to be opening the London 2012 Festival. There's a real feeling that we want to do everybody proud, acknowledge the honour that we've been given and really do it justice.

Is *The Voyage* Motionhouse's most challenging production to date?

This is the biggest production in terms of scale, without a doubt. We've created pieces in the past where we worked with a thousand young people, so that was bigger in terms of numbers. But there's no doubt that, in terms of scale of the project, the money that's gone into it and the profile, this is the biggest to date. It's just extremely thrilling and humbling to be given this opportunity.

Where did the concept of *The Voyage* come from?

The Voyage is a story that explores the courage which inspires us to embark on journeys in pursuit of our dreams. Olympic athletes are journeying to the UK from all over the world, in hope. Their hopes will be different. For one athlete it will be the hope of a gold medal, whereas for another it will be the hope that they're fit enough to run in their particular heat. In countries across the world, people have made similar journeys to other lands in hope. Some journey to make their fortune and aim to change the world, while others journey in the hope of having their own home and a better standard of living for their children. This theme of journeying in hope is a fundamental theme in life, so I wanted to create a show that speaks about a moment in time but that mirrors an experience that binds us all. It's really about looking at the Olympic moment and realising that there's something profound for us all to celebrate.

How much does touring the USA with Motionhouse's production of *Scattered* mean to you?

I think it's an extraordinary achievement for Motionhouse. We have our first tour confirmed and are already talking about the second one. What's so extraordinary is that when a lot of companies go to the US, they might do New York, LA and Chicago, whereas we're doing twenty dates - so it's a massive new market for the company. It's also great as we're not being exported; we've done it off our own back and it's an enormous step. It can only help to develop and strengthen the company. Plus, I jumped around playing rock and roll very badly on my guitar as a teenager, as we all did, dreaming of going on a US road tour, so to have that as a reality is hilarious and exciting.

Can you believe that you'll be celebrating Motionhouse's twenty-fifth anniversary next year?

Twenty-five years in dance is a creative lifetime, and to have achieved it and still be here after all sorts of ups and downs is amazing. What's most significant for me, and what is utterly thrilling, is that we're making and doing the best work we've ever done, and have the biggest audiences, widest international reach and most exciting projects to date. Creatively it feels like the most exciting time in the company's life. It's also very exciting that we've been signed by IMG Artists, the same company that represents the Bolshoi Ballet, on the eve of our twenty-fifth anniversary.

You're based in Leamington Spa in Warwickshire. How important is it not to forget your roots, despite becoming increasingly global with your shows?

A lesson we've learned is that a company builds an audience by its connections with people. The more we engage in every way, the more we can speak honestly and plainly about issues, and make them into a form that's exciting, challenging and stimulating. We have strong local roots, and a long-standing relationship with Warwick Arts Centre and Birmingham's mac, who helped support us, and we're not a disconnected observer. We see ourselves as a tree that's growing from an area, and we reach out our branches, our aspirations, from the roots of where we are.

What advice would you give to those people who aren't readily open to contemporary dance?

What perhaps people don't realise is that the Motionhouse dance experience cradles virtually all other art forms. We're working with people who are filmmakers, composers, visual artists and digital artists to create our productions. Our dancers are gymnasts, break dancers, aerialists, and this diversity in skills and art forms means a production can be a very moving experience, but also an extraordinary visual event. You should explore it even if you think it's not for you, because it's so incredibly diverse.

Does 2012 feel like a defining year for Motionhouse?

Yes - I don't think you can look at it in any other way. With our first tours to China and the USA being in place, and doing our biggest project to date with *The Voyage*, it's a watershed moment for the company, for Louise Richards and for myself. It's something that, as a company, we have consistently worked for. And in a lifetime of creating work, you have to acknowledge moments when it's fantastic and has gone your way. They are wonderful gifts, and it's just marvellous.

The Voyage shows at Victoria Square, Birmingham from Thurs 21 to Sun 24 June



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Music

Editors

HMV Institute, Birmingham, Tues 26 - Wed 27 June

One of Birmingham's most famous indie bands, Editors have been quiet since the 2009 release of last studio album *In This Light And On This Evening*. Currently in the studio working on their fourth album, the band confirmed the departure of guitarist Chris Urbanowicz in April, stating that he'd left "in a decision entirely based upon future musical direction", and that his departure is "entirely amicable". This Birmingham gig is their only UK show of the year.



The View

Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, Fri 29 June

Scottish indie band The View found fame in 2007 with the release of *Same Jeans*, their best selling single to date. Now, ahead of the release of fourth studio album *Cheeky For A Reason* in July, the fresh-faced quartet have headed out on a twenty-two-date UK tour. The first release on the band's new label, Cooking Vinyl, the album has been described by lead singer and guitarist Kyle Falconer as 'Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours* done by The Clash'.



Mica Paris

The Assembly, Leamington Spa, Wed 6 June

Hitting the headlines recently for her dramatic weight loss, Mica Paris is not just a singer but a TV presenter and actress too. Starting out singing soul and gospel music in her local church, she released platinum-selling debut album *So Good* while still a teenager. Seven albums and a string of successful collaborations with the likes of Prince, Boy George and Mark Morrison later, the soul singer is still going strong, and played three sold-out shows at Ronnie Scott's in September.



Nicki Minaj

National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, Tues 26 June

Known for her wacky outfits and use of alter-egos, the Pink Friday rapper and singer has seen her 2010 debut album go multi-platinum this year, and has also found time for a row on Twitter over the leaking of songs from her recently released *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded* album. Famously mentored by Lil Wayne, the artist who discovered her and helped her secure a record deal, Nicki toured extensively with Britney Spears last year on the *Femme Fatale* tour. She's going it alone this time, though, and touring the world with songs from both her albums.

Jay Z And Kanye West

LG Arena, Birmingham, Wed 13 & Fri 22 June

Two of the biggest names in rap, Jay Z and Kanye joined forces last year to become The Throne, releasing an album - *Watch The Throne* - which took a year to make and has been described by West as "very dark and sexy, like couture hip-hop". Hot on the heels of their huge success at the 2012 Grammy Awards, winning the coveted gong for Best Rap Performance, they here perform songs from both the album and their classic back-catalogues.



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Patti Smith

Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, Mon 25 June

A singer, songwriter, activist, poet and visual artist, Patti is cited as a pioneer of punk rock, storming onto the scene in 1975 with groundbreaking debut, *Horses*. A huge influence on musicians, including most notably Michael Stipe of REM, she's devoted much of her life to causes such as AIDS and the anti-Iraq war movement. Patti appears in Wolverhampton as part of an eleven-date UK tour, showcasing songs from her tenth studio album, *Banga*, including *This Is The Girl* - a tribute to Amy Winehouse - and *Fuji-san*, dedicated to the people of Japan.

All The Young

O2 Academy, Birmingham, Mon 18 June

Stoke quartet All The Young are tipped for stardom as one of XFM's Twelve For 2012, and have recently appeared on stage as guests of Morrissey, The Courteneyers, The Wombats, Hard-Fi and The Pigeon Detectives. About to embark upon a headlining twenty-one-date tour, the band will play Europe's festivals this summer, including Southside and Hurricane in Germany, as well as the Blue Balls Festival in Switzerland. With a Britpop sound influenced by The Smiths, The Cure, The Stone Roses and The Clash, the band have recently released their debut album, *Welcome Home*.



Citizens

The Yardbird, Birmingham, Sun 17 June

On a mission to provide credible band-based pop music, Citizens are five young London men who were NME's Radar Band of the Week in March. The hotly tipped ensemble recorded the tracks for debut LP *Here We Are* in Scotland last year, and enlisted Franz Ferdinand frontman Alex Kapranos to produce the record. PRISMS and Vigilance Committee support at this free show.



Panic Room

The Robin, Bilston, Sun 24 June

Formed from the embers of Karnataka, Welsh band Panic Room started off the year by announcing that they'd signed to Esoteric An-



Elton John

LG Arena, Birmingham, Fri 15 June

A much-cherished national treasure, Elton John is a man who wears his heart on his sleeve, tells it how it is, and doesn't take himself too seriously. He's the top chum of superstar celebrities the world over, an absolute must at any big showbiz bash worth its salt, and has earned his stripes as a much-respected musician by reason of over four decades in the upper echelons of a notoriously unforgiving business. The man, quite simply, is celebrity personified. "I'm still as excited about playing live as I was when my career began" says Elton "In fact, probably more so. I've played Birmingham many times since my first concert there in January 1971 at Mothers, and the audiences have always been fantastic, so I'm looking forward to returning."

tenna, which is part of Cherry Red Records. Playing their biggest ever tour last year, covering twenty cities in six weeks, the band are going from strength to strength, winning five awards in the Classic Rock Presents Prog magazine awards. With third album *SKIN* due for release this summer, they're playing a handful of shows before embarking on a full album launch tour in the autumn.



Lucy Wainwright Roche

Hare & Hounds, Birmingham, Wed 13 June

A member of the multi-talented Wainwright family, Lucy finally got involved in the 'family business' of musicmaking after years spent teaching at elementary school. Releasing her debut album, *Lucy*, in 2010, she's this summer playing at just a handful of shows in the UK before heading back over the pond to appear at numerous folk festivals.

Django Django

O2 Academy, Birmingham, Wed 6 June

Edinburgh psychedelic pop quartet Django Django are David Maclean (drummer and producer), Vincent Neff (singer and guitarist), Jimmy Dixon, (bassist) and Tommy Grace (synth operator). Meeting in art school in 2009, the band released their self-titled debut album earlier this year. Earning rave reviews from *The Guardian* and *NME*, Django

Django's music is a colourful explosion of the tropics, tribal drums, electro and animal noises. Check them out live on their twelve-date UK tour before they head off to play a summer's-worth of festivals.



The Chieftains

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Tues 5 June

Six-time Grammy Award-winners and one of the first bands to make traditional Irish music popular around the world, The Chieftains are back with a nationwide tour to celebrate fifty years in the business. Starting out in 1962, the band have tirelessly promoted their instrumental music, and remained extremely loyal to their roots. Having appeared with a veritable who's who of talented performers, including Luciano Pavarotti, the Rolling Stones, Van Morrison and Willie Nelson, the four-piece are currently touring in support of their latest album, *Voice Of Ages*.



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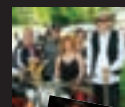
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Carly Connor

The Hare & Hounds, Birmingham, Wed 27 June

Signed on the spot after auditioning at Atlantic Records at just seventeen, Carly moved to London from Scotland two years ago and has spent her time writing and perfecting her debut album, set for release later this year. She's also racked up an impressive live résumé, having supported fellow Scots The View and Paolo Nutini on tour across the UK and in Europe.



Blink 182

National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, Thurs 7 June; LG Arena, Birmingham, Sat 16 June

Multiple MTV award-winners Blink-182 certainly caused a stir with their 1999 breakthrough album *Enema Of The State*, racking up sales in excess of fifteen million. Since that time, the San Diego band have enjoyed no shortage of success, their next two albums, *Take Off Your Pants And Jacket* (2001) and *Blink-182* (2003) helping to cement their position as a pop punk supergroup.



Kids In Glass Houses

Kasbah, Coventry, Sat 2 June

Welsh rockers Kids In Glass Houses got together in 2003, and after a few quiet years - highlighted by support slots for Lostprophets, 30 Seconds To Mars, Hundred Reasons and The Goo Goo Dolls - released their debut EP in 2006. Unusually for an unsigned band, they received significant levels of press support from NME, Kerrang and Radio One, and were nominated for a Kerrang award in 2007 before being signed later that year. Three albums later, the band have just completed a tour in support of latest release, *In Gold Blood*. Catch them in this Coventry show before they continue with their festival schedule.



The Musgraves

The Ballroom, Birmingham, Fri 8 June; The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent, Sat 9 June

In February, Midlands band The Musgraves became the first unsigned band to appear on The Graham Norton Show - albeit in borrowed clothes and with borrowed instruments after their belongings were stolen from a van the night before, a crime which prompted their genial Irish host to launch a Twitter manhunt! A few months on, they've just released their second single and announced a string of UK tour dates. Set for big things in the near future, catch them before they get huge.

Sam Leak Quartet

The Hive, Shrewsbury, Sat 9 June

Sam Leak is a pianist and composer who broadcaster Helen Mayhew called, "one of the brightest young stars in the Jazz piano galaxy, a heavenly improviser and a brilliant prospect for the future". Performing at famous venues including Ronnie Scott's, Pizza Express Dean Street and The Vortex, his debut album, *Aquarium*, was recorded by his quartet of the same name, and has been described in *Jazzwise Magazine* as 'a mature and often sumptuous statement of intent'.

Roy Orbison And Friends

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Sat 23 June; Solihull Arts Complex, Sat 6 October; Bedworth Civic Hall, Thurs 11 October; Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Fri 19 October

He may be long gone, but the music of Roy Orbison shows no sign of fading away - particularly with men like Barry Steele doing their damndest to pay fitting tribute to the man who was lovingly referred to as The Big O. Steele is widely recognised to be straight out of the top drawer of Orbison tribute performers, and augments his own remarkably accurate stage performance with the backing of a five-piece band and a backdrop of original film footage from the era. The show also features the sounds of The Shadows and Ray Charles, and includes special star guest tributes to Johnny Cash, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis. All in all, then, an evening of high-energy tribute performances for all lovers of rock'n'roll to enjoy.

Best Coast

O2 Academy, Birmingham, Mon 18 June

Creating music that's the perfect soundtrack to laidback summers everywhere, Best Coast comprises frontwoman/songwriter Bethany Cosentino and multi-instrumentalist Bobb Bruno, joined on stage by former Vivian Girls drummer Ali Koehler.

Based in Los Angeles, their music is a low fi style of surf rock and a homage to the city. The follow-up to debut album *Crazy For You* is the recently released *The Only Place*, an album that they describe as a departure from their usual style of songwriting. *Fear Of Men* and *Spectrals* support.



George Benson

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Fri 29 June

With a career spanning more than four decades behind him, the hugely talented George Benson is one of the most respected performers in modern music. A formidable jazz master, George has also enjoyed great success in the worlds of pop and R&B music, along the way garnering a reputation for excellence that's seen him collect no fewer than ten Grammy Awards.

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Rizzle Kicks

LG Arena, Birmingham

These two Brighton boys have more energy than a Duracell bunny. Jordan and Harley may be twenty and twenty-one respectively, but with their baby faces and low-slung jeans, they must get ID'd all the time. Forthcoming single Dreamers was already well known by their diehard fans, whilst the audience started dancing early to When I Was A Youngster. Showing that they're not afraid to do the unexpected, a mixed-up cover of Ed Sheeran's You Need Me, a skit of the James Bond theme and a Latino version of Down With The Trumpets kept things interesting. Harley showed off his musical talents on guitar, and the boys' impressive acrobatics even earned them some bras! Not even the lazy style of Miss Cigarette and Even On A Rainy Day could dampen the audience's enthusiasm, as evidenced by their enthusiastic response to encore number Mama Do The Hump. Young, talented and already boasting a legion of fans, these boys have the world at their feet. **Alev Dervish** ■■■■■



Professor Green

Civic Hall, Wolverhampton

Hundreds of fans braved the weather on a dull Wolverhampton evening to see the amazing Professor Green. A set by Smiler, which also featured guests Bigz and Amy Pearson, ensured the crowd were in a suitable party mood by the time Pro Green hit the stage, performing classics like Read All About It, Monster and At Your Inconvenience alongside new single Remedy. Iconic song Jungle sent the crowd absolutely mental - the screams were so loud it was a wonder they weren't heard in Walsall! In short, this was one of the best live performers I've ever seen. **Stew Middleton** ■■■■■



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REGGAEBABY LOUNGE The Drum, Birmingham
DORIAN FORD TRIO Symphony Hall, Birmingham
BLUE ONYX - MOODY BLUES TRIBUTE BAND The Robin, Bilston
MUSICAL YOUTH Palace Theatre, Redditch
DESPERADO Artrix, Bromsgrove
ISLET A four-piece experimental rock band from Cardiff, The Rainbow, Birmingham
THE YOUNG RUNAWAYS Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton
THIS IS NIRVANA Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon
CHURCHFITTERS Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
HUNGARY KIDS OF HUNGARY Kasbah, Coventry
THE SOUL SESSION BAND The Jam House, Birmingham
RANG A TANG The River Rooms, Stourbridge
THE ESTABLISHMENT The Cavern, Warwick
SARAH GILLESPIE Barton Arms, Aston, Birmingham

sembly Rooms
THE MAGIC OF MOTOWN Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
ANDY HAMILTON & THE BLUE NOTES Symphony Hall, Birmingham
JOE BROUGHTON'S CONSERVATOIRE FOLK ENSEMBLE Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
STAKEOUT! 02 Academy, Birmingham
BLEECH + MILLION EMPIRE Sunflower Lounge, Birmingham

SUN 3 JUN

QUEST Civic Hall, Wolverhampton
GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
MICHAEL KING PRESENTS THE BILLY FURY YEARS Tamworth Assembly Rooms
PAUL DRAKELEY & THE ALLSTARS BAND Himley Hall & Park, Dudley
JOOLS HOLLAND & HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA Malvern Theatres
TALON - THE BEST OF THE EAGLES Lichfield Garrick
ARE YOU EXPERIENCED - JIMI HENDRIX TRIBUTE The Robin, Bilston
THE NIGHTINGALES The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
LIMEHOUSE LIZZY The River Rooms, Stourbridge
STRANGLE KOJAK The Ballroom, Birmingham
MACCABEES Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham



SALOPIAN BRASS The Quarry Park, Shrewsbury

MON 4 JUN

K* AND THE GANG** The Ballroom, Birmingham
PUNK'D The River Rooms, Stourbridge
GAVIN HARRISON & 05RIC 02 Academy, Birmingham

TUES 5 JUN

THE CHIEFTAINS Symphony Hall, Birmingham

WE ARE KNUCKLE DRAGGER PLUS SHIRT LIFTER, THE DOUBLE HAPPY AND FICKLE TWIN The Flapper & Firkin, Birmingham
BY LANTERN LIGHT Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon
ITCHYFEET The Jam House, Birmingham

WED 6 JUN

PATSY FULLER & THE REV-ELATORS The Jam House, Birmingham
MICA PARIS The Assembly, Leamington Spa
SAM FORREST (NINE BLACK ALPS) The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham
AMONG BROTHERS, DON'T TOUCH THE WALLS The River Rooms, Stourbridge
MAXIMO PARK The Glee Club, Birmingham
THE MANFREDS Lichfield



Garrick
DJANGO DJANGO 02 Academy, Birmingham
HOODIE ALLEN 02 Academy, Birmingham
DOUGIE MACLEAN IN CONCERT Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
THE HACKENSAW BOYS Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

THUR 7 JUN

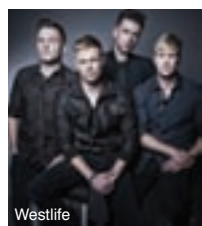
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THE UPBEAT BEATLES Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa
MAGIC - A KIND OF QUEEN Regent Theatre, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent
FRAGILE - CLASSIC YES The Robin, Bilston
THE MANFREDS Artrix, Bromsgrove
NO SPRING CHICKEN The River Rooms, Stourbridge
SOIL The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
MARY BLACK IN CONCERT Birmingham Town Hall
THEY WROTE THE SONGS The music of four great piano singer/ songwriters of the last decades of the 20th century, Crewe Lyceum
DR TEETH BIG BAND The Jam House, Birmingham
DEL BROMHAM'S BLUES DEVILS The Cavern, Warwick
TRADITIONAL SONG SESSION Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham

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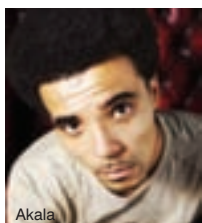
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THE SUBTERRANEANS The Jam House, Birmingham
WESTLIFE LG Arena, Birmingham



DR TEETH BIG BAND Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon
ALBERT LEE & HOGAN'S HEROES The Assembly, Leamington Spa
KICK UP THE 80'S The River Rooms, Stourbridge
THE MUSGRAVES The Ballroom, Birmingham
THE ESTABLISHMENT The Cavern, Warwick
A VISION OF ELVIS Palace Theatre, Redditch
THE SKA AND 2-TONE REVIEW The Robin, Bilston
VOULEZ VOUS - THE MAMMA MIA CONCERT Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa
MIRANDA SYKES AND REX PRESTON Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
CHARLOTTE GLASSON BAND Symphony Hall, Birmingham
BEN - A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton
AKALA LIVE IN CONCERT The Drum, Birmingham



ABBAMANIA The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton
THEY WROTE THE SONGS The music of four great piano singer/songwriters of the last decades of the 20th century, The Swan Theatre, Worcester
THE SMYTHS 02 Academy, Birmingham

SAT 9 JUN

STARS OF THE OPERA The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton
CURSIVE 02 Academy, Birmingham

Birmingham
THE SUBTERRANEANS The Jam House, Birmingham
GERRY CROSS THE MERSEY The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford
ALAN PRICE Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
T-REXTASY The Robin, Bilston
DAHOLL KURDISH ENSEMBLE Symphony Hall, Birmingham
RUBY TURNER Artrix, Bromsgrove
RAT PACK VEGAS SPECTACULAR Regent Theatre, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent
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MOTOWN'S GREATEST HITS Lichfield Garrick
TALON - THE BEST OF THE EAGLES Bedworth Civic Hall
GANDALF MURPHY & THE SLAMBOVIAN CIRCUS OF DREAMS The Ballroom, Birmingham
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THE MUSGRAVES The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
THE TOWN, THE QUEUE, MARMALADE SKY & DJ SCOTT SPENCER The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
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MAGIC - A KIND OF QUEEN Belgrade Theatre, Coventry
MIKE DENVER PLUS BLAKE & BRAZIL Birmingham Town Hall
BACCHUS Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon
BUSBY BABES The Cavern, Warwick
STRAY SOUL REMEDY, VILLAGE GREEN MACHINE, LOOCA Sunflower Lounge, Birmingham

SUN 10 JUN

FOSSIL COLLECTIVE The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham
JANE TAYLOR Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

MON 11 JUN

SD-JEM Kasbah, Coventry
THE ELVIS YEARS Belgrade Theatre, Coventry
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Heath, Birmingham

TUE 12 JUN

FOREVER JACKSON Belgrade Theatre, Coventry
TERRY REID Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon
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WED 13 JUN

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THE MILK Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
LUCY WAINWRIGHT ROCHE Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
GOSPEL CENTRAL The Jam House, Birmingham
THE RAPTURE The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
JAY-Z & KANYE WEST LG Arena, Birmingham
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THUR 14 JUN

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LUCY ROSE Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
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BACKWASH The Marr's Bar, Worcester
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TOO PETTY The Robin, Bilston
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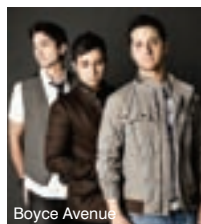
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TIME IN A BOTTLE Ludlow Assembly Rooms, South Shropshire
JAMES FAGAN & NANCY KERR Huntingdon Hall,

Worcester
THE CUREHEADS 02 Academy, Birmingham
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FRED ZEPPELIN The River Rooms, Stourbridge
URBAN INTRO The Jam House, Birmingham
ELTON JOHN LG Arena, Birmingham
THE ILLEGAL EAGLES Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

SAT 16 JUN

UNDER A BANNER & ONE CURE FOR MAN Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton
BLINK 182 LG Arena, Birmingham
URBAN INTRO The Jam House, Birmingham
DIO TRILOGY Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon
THE MILK Kasbah, Coventry
TOWNS/SULK The Flapper & Firkin, Birmingham
MR BEN The Cavern, Warwick
ONE STOP BOOGIE - 70S V 80S The River Rooms, Stourbridge
BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY Celebration of the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, Palace Theatre, Redditch
LET'S HANG ON - THE MUSIC OF FRANKI VALI & THE FOUR SEASONS Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock
BOOTLEG ABBA The Robin, Bilston
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BOYCE AVENUE 02 Academy, Birmingham



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SILENT RESISTANCE 02 Academy, Birmingham
THE JACKIE GENERATION Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa
MJ THE TRIBUTE The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

SUN 17 JUN

SILENT FILTER FT. CALL ATLANTIS PLUS SUPPORT 02 Academy, Birmingham
JOE LONGTHORNE New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham
BRAVADO - TRIBUTE TO RUSH The Robin, Bilston
TIR NA NOG The Marr's Bar, Worcester
KING PLEASURE & THE BISCUIT BOYS The Roadhouse, Birmingham
TRANSMISSION (JOY DIVISION TRIBUTE) The Cavern, Warwick
CITIZENS The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham
JAMES FAGAN & NANCY KERR The Hive, Shrewsbury
ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN Crewe Lyceum
TRASH TALK The Rainbow, Birmingham
WRECKLESS ERIC & AMY RIGBY Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

MON 18 JUN

ALL THE YOUNG 02 Academy, Birmingham
BEST COAST 02 Academy, Birmingham
STEVE TILSTON Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

TUE 19 JUN

CHRIS CORNELL Symphony Hall, Birmingham
THE SOUNDS OF THE SUPREMES Lichfield Garrick
THE GREYISH QUARTET The Jam House, Birmingham
LESS THAN JAKE The Assembly, Leamington Spa
CARA LUFT Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

WED 20 JUN

GRAINNE DUFFY The Jam House, Birmingham
JAKE MATTISON The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham
BUDDY HOLLY'S WINTER DANCE PARTY Crewe Lyceum
BERNIE MARSDEN Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon
TOM HINGLEY The Robin, Bilston

THU 21 JUN

ANDY OLIVERI Sym-

phony Hall, Birmingham
UK SUBS The Robin, Bilston
GA GA Malvern Theatres
OMAR The Jam House, Birmingham
CLEM CURTIS AND THE FOUNDATIONS The Cavern, Warwick

FRI 22 JUN

THE TREVOR BURTON BAND, THE MAZ MITRENKO TRIO AND THE DEL RAY ROCKETS The Cavern, Warwick
THE DOMINO SET, SHOCK-PARADE, REBEL MOVIE MAKER, ONLY ROUTE OUT & THE ARKHAMISTS The Ballroom, Birmingham
PINK MISS UNDERSTOOD The River Rooms, Stourbridge
JAY-Z & KANYE WEST Fri 22 Jun, LG Arena, Birmingham
UP4 THE DOWNSTROKE The Jam House, Birmingham
STEVE GIBBONS Cox's Yard, Stratford-upon-Avon



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THE GUNS N' ROSES EXPERIENCE Lichfield Garrick
DESPERADO Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock
THE ELO EXPERIENCE Artrix, Bromsgrove
KWARTET WITH TIM WHITEHEAD & TONY WOODS Symphony Hall, Birmingham
BERNIE MARSDEN The Robin, Bilston
KENNY BALL & HIS JAZZ MEN Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
VOICES UNLIMITED The Swan Theatre, Worcester

SAT 23 JUN

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UP4 THE DOWNSTROKE The Jam House, Birmingham
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EVERYBODY LOOKS FAMOUS, THE BLACK TEARS, MY FAVOURITE RUNNER UP, IN THE CARDS, ARCADE PARADE, STATIC PINK & LITTLE WING 02 Academy, Birmingham
KATY SETTERFIELD AS DUSTY SPRINGFIELD Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
VOICES UNLIMITED The Swan Theatre, Worcester

'MOTOWN' LEGENDS PARTY WITH BROTHERS OF SOUL Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, Warwickshire
THE RAT PACK The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford
GERRY CROSS THE MERSEY Artrix, Bromsgrove
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NAVI - KING OF POP Michael Jackson tribute, Genting Club Star City, Birmingham
SOUTHVILLE The Cavern, Warwick

SUN 24 JUN

MARINA AND THE DIAMONDS The Assembly, Leamington Spa
PAUL DRAKELEY & THE ALLSTARS Band Himley Hall & Park, Dudley
BRIT FLOYD Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
KATE NASH The Glee Club, Birmingham
PANIC ROOM The Robin, Bilston
TONY BENNETT Symphony Hall, Birmingham
ALYSSA REID 02 Academy, Birmingham
STEVE AJAO Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

MON 25 JUN

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PATTI SMITH Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton
CLOUD SALE & ESCAPE IN PARIS Kasbah, Coventry
TOM MORIARTY & NIGEL PASSEY Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

TUE 26 JUN

EDITORS HMV Institute, Birmingham
KEITH JAMES: THE SONGS OF LEONARD COHEN The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury
NICKI MINAJ National Indoor Arena, Birmingham

TERRI CLARKE The Glee Club, Birmingham
THE GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, South Shropshire

WED 27 JUN

R.E.M UK The Robin, Bilston
PAST LIVES WITH CIPHER Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
FAT FIGHTERS The Robin, Bilston
LAUNCH PAD A showcase of unsigned bands, The Jam House, Birmingham
CARLY CONNOR Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
EDITORS HMV Institute, Birmingham
THE DOLLY PARTON STORY Belgrade Theatre, Coventry
THE BIG CHRIS BARBER BAND & ACKER BILK & HIS PARAMOUNT JAZZ BAND Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

THUR 28 JUN

THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN Birmingham Town Hall
DEL CAMINO The Jam House, Birmingham
YOUFO TRIBUTE BAND TO U.F.O The Robin, Bilston
AMINGTON BRASS BAND Lichfield Garrick
TERRY CLARKE BAND The Cavern, Warwick

FRI 29 JUN

AND FINALLY - PHIL COLLINS TRIBUTE SHOW Lichfield Garrick
QUEEN II West Midland Showground, Shrewsbury
AYNSLEY LISTER BAND The Robin, Bilston
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CBSO London 2012 Festival Opening Concert

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Thurs 21 June

This momentous concert not only kicks off the nationwide celebrations that make up the London 2012 Festival, it also premieres a major new work from one of Britain's foremost composers, Sutton Coldfield-born Jonathan Harvey. Principal Guest Conductor Edward Gardner directs the City Of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, CBSO Chorus, CBSO Youth Chorus and Children's Chorus in a performance of Harvey's *Weltheos*. The work is inspired by the shared spiritual heritage of humanity, and celebrates the common values held by six of the world's greatest religions - Confucianism, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity. *Weltheos* will broadcast live on BBC Radio Three.

Read our interview with Jonathan Harvey on page 11

Symphony Hall Anniversary Concert

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Tues 12 June

Acclaimed Welsh bass-baritone Bryn Terfel here leads the celebrations in a special gala concert to mark the twenty-first anniversary of the Midlands' premier concert hall. CBSO Chorus Director Simon Halsey conducts the orchestra as they pay homage to Birmingham's rich musical heritage with a performance of Elgar's *The Music Makers*. Ravel's *Daphnis And Chloe* - a piece performed at the very first concert to be held at Symphony Hall in 1991 - closes the evening's performance. The programme also features - under the directorship of Andris Nelsons - works by Donizetti, Hazell, Puccini and Bizet.



Bryn Terfel



The King's Singers

Lichfield Cathedral, Fri 1 June

A busy concert schedule for 2012 sees the Grammy Award-winning King's Singers touring to no fewer than twenty countries, in the process performing at some of the world's greatest concert halls, including Sydney Opera House and Carnegie Hall. Stopping off in the Midlands to perform as part of the annual Lichfield Festival, the British ensemble celebrate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee with a lively programme of secular music. Having commissioned composer Paul Drayton to write a new work for the occasion, The Singers here present a choral history of England's monarchs, from Alfred the Great onwards.

Shropshire Proms

Oswestry Showground, North Shropshire, Fri 1 June

The renowned Royal Philharmonic Orchestra are set to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style this month when they stop off in Shropshire to present an evening of pomp and ceremony. An orchestra of fifty will lead the crowd through rousing renditions of prom favourites, including *Jerusalem*, *Rule Britannia*, *Land Of My Fathers* and *Land Of Hope And Glory*. A 'spectacular' firework display rounds off proceedings with a bang (or several).

CBSO: Gloria

Coventry Cathedral, Sat 23 June

One of Britain's most high-profile composers, James MacMillan has compiled a vast catalogue of religious works. For this latest offering, he's taken the ancient text of Benjamin Britten's hymn and transformed it into a new choral concert piece. Commissioned to celebrate Coventry Cathedral's Golden Jubilee in 2012, MacMillan's *Gloria* is here premiered by a group of local children performing alongside the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, St Michael's Singers and English tenor Ian Bostridge. A performance of Britten's *St Nicholas*, under the directorship of Paul Liddington Wright, also features in the celebratory programme, which culminates with another Coventry Cathedral commission from 1980 - *War In Heaven* by Neil Cox.



James MacMillan

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CBSO FRIDAY NIGHT CLASSICS: DIAMOND JUBILATIONS Programme includes works by Walton, Desplat, Coates, Elgar, Bliss, Britten, Arnold & Parry, Fri 1 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

ANGELA HEWITT PIANO RECITAL Programme includes works by Couperin & Faure, Fri 1 Jun, Malvern Theatres

THE SHROPSHIRE PROMS & FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR Fri 1 Jun, Oswestry Showground, North Shropshire

ANTHONY HEWITT Fri 1 Jun, Concord College, Shrewsbury

PETER NOKE AND JULIAN HELLABY (TWO PIANOS) Programme includes works by Saint-Saens, Gershwin, Addinsell, Rachmaninov & Ravel, Fri 1 Jun, CBSO Centre, Birmingham

KINGS SINGERS JUBILEE CONCERT Fri 1 Jun, Lichfield Cathedral

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN DIAMOND JUBILEE CONCERT Programme features works by Grieg, Delius & Elgar, Sat 2 Jun, Stratford Civic Hall

JOHN LILL PIANO RECITAL Programme includes works by Beethoven, Brahms & Schumann, Sat 2 Jun, Malvern Theatres

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON CHOIR JUBILEE CONCERT Coronation anthems and Last Night of the Proms favourites, Sat 2 Jun, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton

ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC Richard Egarr conducts a programme of Handel's Royal Music to celebrate The Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, Sat 2 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

RUSSELL WATSON Sun 3 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

EUROPEAN UNION CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Featuring Alison Balsom (Trumpet) & Nikolai Demidenko (piano) Programme includes works by Haydn, Shostakovich, Mozart & Tchaikovsky, Sun 3 Jun, Malvern Theatres

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN Featuring Benjamin Grosvenor (piano). Programme to include works by Grieg & Delius, Wed 6 Jun, Birmingham Town Hall

CBSO: THE SPIRIT OF DEFIANCE Featuring Andris Nelsons (conductor) & Baiba Skride

(violin). Programme to include works by Sofia Gubaidulina & Shostakovich, Thurs 7 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

CBSO: CENTRE STAGE Programme includes works by Handel, Vivaldi, Bach, Couperin & Dowland, Thurs 7 Jun, CBSO Centre, Birmingham

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Programme to include works by Elgar, Grieg, Mascagni, Mussorgsky & Tchaikovsky, Fri 8 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN Programme to include works by Finzi & Vaughan Williams, Fri 8 Jun, Bedworth Civic Hall

CBSO: NELSONS CONDUCTS SHOSTAKOVICH Programme to include works by Dvorak, Bartok & Shostakovich, Sat 9 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

JAKOB KORANYI SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE CONCERT Programme to include works by JS Bach, Esa-Pekka Salonen & Kodaly, Sun 10 Jun, Birmingham Town Hall

SYMPHONY HALL 21ST ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Featuring the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Andris Nelsons, Simon Halsey (conductors), Bryn Terfel (baritone) & the CBSO Chorus... Programme to include works by Elgar, Ravel, Puccini & Bizet, Tue 12 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

WAGNER DREAM Welsh National Opera perform Jonathan Harvey's fantasy on Wagner's final days, fusing biography with what might have been..., Tue 12 Jun, Birmingham Hippodrome

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SIR SIMON RATTLE & THE VIENNA PHILHARMONIC Programme to include works by Brahms, Webern & Schumann, Sat 16 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

SHREWSBURY CHORAL SOCIETY: OPERA VIVA Programme features pieces from Verdi's Il Travatore, Puccini's Madama Butterfly and Borodin's Prince Igor, Sat 16 Jun, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

WAYNEFLEET SINGERS Sat 16 Jun, St Mary's Church, Warwick

JUBILEE PROMS CONCERT The combined Darwin Ensemble Chamber Orchestra and City Concert Orchestra, Sat 16 Jun, Lichfield Garrick

EX CATHEDRA CHOIR AND ACADEMY OF VOCAL MUSIC Programme: A Whole New World, Summer Vespers by Candlelight, Wed 20 Jun, St Paul's Church, Birmingham

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CBSO CENTRE STAGE Programme includes works by Zupancic, Yates & Johnston, Wed 20 Jun, CBSO Centre, Birmingham

CBSO LONDON 2012 OPENING CONCERT Thurs 21 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

GALA ORGAN CONCERT WITH JAMES LANCELOT Programme includes works by Bach, Mendelssohn, Purcell & Elgar, Sat 23 Jun, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, South Shropshire

L'OFFERTA MUSICALE" DI VENEZIA Programme includes works by Galuppi, Clementi, Rossini & Beethoven, Sat 23 Jun, CBSO Centre, Birmingham

HEINER GOEBBELS' WALDEN Presented by Birmingham Conservatoire, Ensemble Klang & BCMG, Sat 23 Jun, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

TELFORD ORCHESTRA: MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION Programme includes works by Freckleton, Butterworth, Vaughan Williams & Mendelssohn, Sat 23 Jun, The Place, Oaken-gates Theatre, Telford

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VARIATIONS Featuring Canoldir Male Choir, Black Voices & Felicity Murphy (soprano), Sat 23 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

CBSO: GLORIA Sat 23 Jun, Coventry Cathedral

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LUNCHTIME CONCERT WITH NICK STRINGFELLOW Programme to include Bach's Cello Suites One & Two, Tue 26 Jun, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, South Shropshire

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN Programme to include works by Finzi, Vaughan Williams, John Ireland & Thomas Tallis,

Wed 27 Jun, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, South Shropshire

LUNCHTIME CONCERT WITH NICK STRINGFELLOW Programme comprises of Bach's Cello Suites Three and Four, Thurs 28 Jun, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, South Shropshire

CBSO SUMMER SERENADE Featuring Laurence Jackson (violin/director) & Christopher Yates (viola). Programme to include works by Elgar, Mozart, Barber & Dvorak, Thurs 28 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

SHREWSBURY LIGHT ORCHESTRA: LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS Sat 30 Jun, West Midland Showground, Shrewsbury

WAGNER'S RING: DIE WALKURE Opera North present the second installment of their four-year Ring Cycle, Sat 30 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE TOUR: Sat 30 Jun, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

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Comedy

Amy Lane: Unhappy Birthday

mac, Birmingham, Fri 8 June

American-born Amy is a naturalised Brit who made her stage debut back in the mid-1990s with her memorably titled *Gay Man Trapped In A Lesbian's Body* one-woman show. She's since gone on to co-found the Olivier Award-winning 'performance club night and collective' Duckie, which she's toured to the Midlands from its London home of the Royal Vauxhall Tavern. Amy here appears with her Edinburgh preview show, which she says 'cracks open the cult of celebrity and fandom; flays fat, faith and sexual identity; probes the pains of growing up; and cross-examines a curious nostalgia for a time that may never have existed except in the bedroom of our imagination'.



Kevin Bridges

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, Fri 29 June; Birmingham Hippodrome, Sun 11 November; Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Mon 12 November; Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, Sat 24 November

Kevin Bridges' appearance on BBC One's Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow may one day be viewed by the comic as having been a real turning point in his career, with rave reviews cementing his reputation as one of the brightest young laughter merchants currently performing on the UK comedy circuit.



Alex Horne

Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Sun 10 June

Alex Horne is a man with a fast-growing reputation, both as a stand-up and a writer. The star and co-creator of BBC Four's comedy quiz show *We Need Answers*, the award-winning funnyman is a former member of Cambridge Footlights, and cleverly blends delicately crafted material with an unusual style of delivery. Examples of his style are, "I used to do a lot of jokes about crash mats, but I've moved on now. Still, it's always nice to have something to fall back on", and "My grandfather was shrewd. People threw small mammals at him till he suffocated".



Michael Winslow

Birmingham Town Hall, Wed 6 June; De Montfort Hall, Leicester, Fri 29 June

He may be best known for his role as Sergeant Larvelle 'Motor Mouth' Jones in five hundred-and-fifty-four *Police Academy* movies (okay, that number's an exaggeration for effect, but probably not *that* much of an exaggeration!), but there's little question that Michael Winslow is just as comfortable being funny on stage as he is on celluloid. And it's not just straightforward gag-telling with which he raises a laugh either - he also knows how to generate more than the occasional chuckle with his breathtaking mimicry, which can not only bring to life Jimmi Hendrix but also delight *Star Wars* aficionados and even make audiences think Benji the movie dog has entered the building!

Al Murray

The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, Sun 24 June; The Public, West Bromwich, Tues 17 July; New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Tues 2 October; Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, Fri 12 October; Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Thurs 6 December

Al Murray's barrel of fun is always a big one, and he's got no shortage of regulars who're always happy to share in the pleasures of a convivial evening with him. Pub Philosopher extraordinaire, Al certainly knows how to serve a pint or two of high quality satire, and he makes for a thoroughly nice drinking companion into the bargain.



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STEWART FRANCIS Fri 1 Jun, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton
KILL FOR A SEAT COMEDY CLUB Featuring Dr George Ryegold & Macel Lucont, Fri 1 Jun, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham
HOLLY WALSH, JOHN WARBURTON, KEVIN MCCARTHY AND DOMINIC HOLLAND Fri 1 - Sat 2 Jun, The Glee Club, Birmingham
BILLY KIRKWOOD, TREVOR CROOK, CHRISTOPHE DAVIDSON & DAVID LONGLEY Sat 2 Jun, Comedy Live @ Highlight, Birmingham
LAUGHTERHOUSE COMEDY SHOW Featuring

Chris Cairns, Howard Read, Phil Butler & Sean Percival, Sat 2 Jun, Palace Theatre, Redditch
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CRAIG CAMPBELL Sat 9 Jun, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
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ALEX HORNE: SEVEN YEARS IN THE BATHROOM Sun 10 Jun, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
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Porgy And Bess

Birmingham Hippodrome, Wed 6 - Sat 9 June

This rarely performed George Gershwin masterpiece premiered in 1935 and often referred to as 'the people's opera', is here presented by the highly regarded Cape Town Opera, with the action being relocated from the American Deep South to the townships of South Africa. The production first visited these shores back in 2009, but this

is its first ever stop-off in Birmingham. Offering a contemporary view of an enduring classic - originally conceived by Gershwin as an 'American folk opera' - the show includes legendary numbers such as Summertime, I Got Plenty Of Nuttin', It Ain't Necessarily So and I Loves You Porgy, and is sung in English with English surtitles.



Doctor In The House

The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, Mon 11 - Sat 16 June

The Doctor series of comic novels by British physician Richard Gordon became incredibly popular in the 1950s and '60, courtesy of various films starring Dirk Bogarde and then Leslie Phillips. These were followed in the 1970s by numerous spin-off TV series featuring first Barry Evans and later Robin Nedwell. The basic story sees inexperienced young medical student Simon Sparrow beginning his five-year internship at St. Swithin's Teaching Hospital, where he finds himself repeatedly falling foul of irascible head surgeon Sir Lancelot Spratt.

Jesus Of Nazareth star Robert Powell and squeaky-voiced laughter merchant Joe Pasquale demonstrate their bedside manner in this new stage version of a classic British comedy.

A Soldier In Every Son: The Rise Of The Aztecs

The Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, Fri 29 June - Sat 28 July

Based on true events spanning the course of a century, and which were chronicled in the Aztec codices, A Soldier In Every Son has been commissioned for the World Shakespeare Festival, and is closely inspired by Shakespeare's history plays. It's the late fourteenth century, and in the Valley of Mexico, a small, unknown tribe called the Aztecs propel themselves from nomadic mercenaries to rulers of a great empire...



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Guys And Dolls

Belgrade Theatre, Coventry,
Thurs 21 - Sat 23 June

Coventry Musical Theatre Society's latest outing sees them taking on the high-energy challenge of this longtime hit musical, a show which brings into conflict unscrupulous gamblers, sexy showgirls and high-principled missionaries on the streets of 1940s New York. Hit songs include Luck Be A Lady, Sit Down You're Rockin' The Boat, A Bushel And A Peck, and Take Back Your Mink.



Our Fathers

Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry,
Tues 12 - Wed 13 June

A piece that takes a look at the subject of fatherhood, Our Fathers is described as 'a playful and moving search through diaries, bibles, memories and dreams, an imaginative leap across oceans and decades led by three performers whose far-away fathers might just make an appearance'. Pertinent questions asked during the show include: What would you do if you were asked to become a father in an email? Or if your dad thought it was dance school that turned you gay? Or if you'd never had the chance to see the man behind the mask?

Nicholas Nickleby

Solihull Arts Complex, Mon 11 June

Now this should be an evening you won't forget in a hurry - the great great grandson of Charles Dickens performing one of the Victorian novelist's most popular stories, in the process playing each and every character himself! Gerald Dickens is likely to be just a tad tired by curtain-call time, we surmise!



Romeo And Juliet

Stafford Castle, Thurs 28 June - Sat 14 July

Widely regarded as the playwright's fifth tragedy, this story of a forbidden and secret love tends to fair less well critically than the majority of Shakespeare's better known plays, but its popularity is ensured by its timeless themes. And this particular version



The Just Price Of Flowers

AE Harris Building, Birmingham, Fri 15 - Sat 30 June

Birmingham-based Stan's Cafe are the creative force behind this thought-provoking play about the 2008 financial collapse. And it certainly promises to be an intriguingly different work of theatre, being described by its originators as a play that's 'set in seventeenth century Netherlands, looks like a Rembrandt, features origami and pays homage to the great theatre-maker Bertolt Brecht'. All that and a refreshingly straightforward presentation of the complexities of high finance! All in all, then, an experience that promises to be engagingly different from a common-or-garden night at the theatre...

has the added attraction of being presented in the great outdoors, as this year's Stafford Festival Shakespeare offering. With all-weather grandstand seating in use, this is the very best kind of outdoor gig - the kind where you stay dry even during a torrential downpour!



Situation

Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton,
Tues 12 - Sun 17 June

Last Fancies' The Death Of Georgia B was a sell-out success when it was staged at the Arena last year. The company now invites its audience to make a return visit to the popular Wolverhampton venue, to see a show that's being staged across the entire theatre complex, and in which nowhere is out of bounds and nothing is as it seems...

A Miller's Tale With Songs Of Bob Dylan

Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham,
Sat 23 June

To say this is a highly original and inventive interpretation of Chaucer's famous work might be considered by some to be an

understatement. Reworked for a contemporary audience, this fourteenth century Canterbury Tale finds the Miller reciting his poem, dancing around his broomstick, singing the songs of Bob Dylan and wearing an interesting collection of hats.

Intriguing, to say the least. In fact, we'd go so far as to say that this is one miller who's well worth a butchers...


Murder On The Nile

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury,
Mon 18 - Sat 23 June

An Agatha Christie tale in which the sleuthing is done by somebody other than Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot, Murder On The Nile sees holidaying cleric Canon Pennefather being drawn deep into a web of intrigue and deceit, as he finds himself on the trail of a ruthless murderer... The much-admired Agatha Christie Theatre Company are the ensemble behind this latest version of the Queen of Crime's famous tale, with the cast including familiar television face Kate O'Mara.




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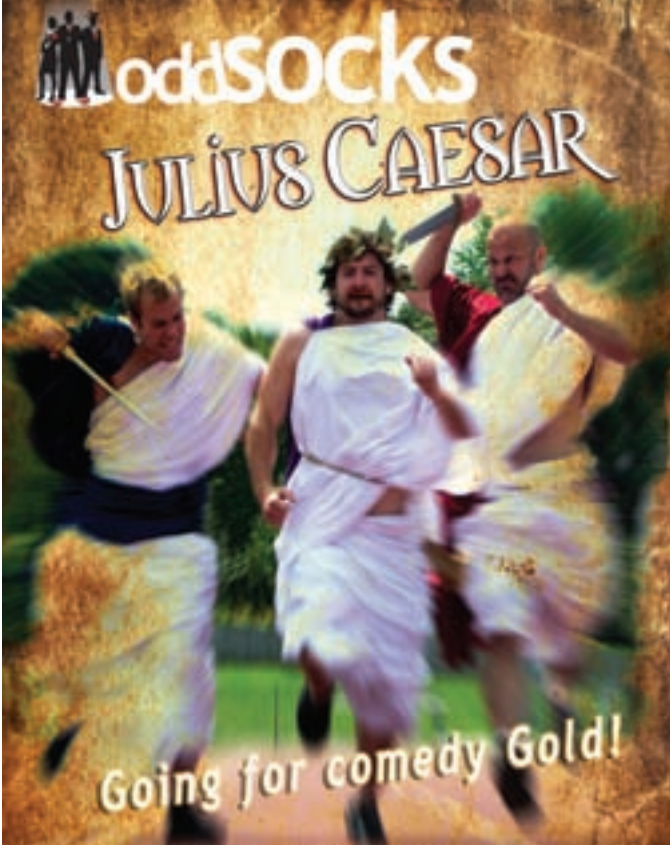
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Total Football

Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Fri 15 June

The big questions of life, immortality, happiness and why England always lose are tackled in this new satire from Ridiculusmus, taking a look at what it means to be British in the early twenty-first century. All of life is contained herein - well, some interesting elements of it, at least; from the controversial attempt to create a united UK football team for the 2012 games to one man's attempts to reproduce when he can't even explain the offside rule...



Pinocchio

The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury, Sat 30 June

The legendary tale of the wooden boy with a disappointing propensity for telling porky pies to the detriment of his fast-growing proboscis is here presented by the ever-imaginative Cube, using a tried-and-trusted blend of puppetry, music and comedy. Suitable for children aged five and older, the show also offers its sure-to-be-captivated young audience an opportunity to get up and close and personal with the puppets.



Underrated: Birmingham The Musical

mac, Birmingham, Thurs 14 - Fri 15 June

Billed as 'a multi-voiced theatrical extravaganza', Underrated celebrates what are described as 'the best bits of Brum through the eyes of its young people'. Birmingham may be known for its Bullring and its Balti, but how is it viewed by the younger generation, the people who have a real stake in the future well-being of the UK's second city? Presented by Women & Theatre, this high-energy new work attempts to find out...

The Mysteries

Coventry Cathedral Ruins, Mon 18 June

Playbox Theatre here revives its highly regarded production of The Mysteries. Bringing together more than forty actors, this impressively staged epic takes its audience on the ultimate journey, from Creation to the end of time.



The Cemetery Club

The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, Tues 26 - Sat 30 June

Ivan Menchell's much-loved comedy has been described as 'Steel Magnolias meet The Golden Girls in Brooklyn'. Ida, Lucille and Doris are three widows who meet once a month to visit their husbands' graves, providing support for one another as they face an uncertain future without the men they have loved. But when each of them starts taking widowed life in a different direction, they find that their self-created support network is suddenly in serious danger of being significantly compromised... Anne Charleston, Anita Harris and Shirley-Anne Field star.

The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy Radio Show

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Tue 12 June

Douglas Adams's famous creation is back, courtesy of this brand new stage production which reunites the original radio and TV cast. As radio shows go, this one's pretty darned unique, and comes complete with surround-sound, laughter, robots, sound effects and drinks with extremely silly names.

The Railway Children

The Dell, Stratford-upon-Avon, Sun 3 June; Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa, Wed 27 - Thurs 28 June; Brueton Park, Solihull, Tues 31 July; Shugborough Historic Estate, Staffordshire, Sun 2 September

E Nesbitt's famous tale remains best known in its 1971 film version, of course, and tells the gentle story of an Edwardian family whose life is unexpectedly turned upside-down. Days stretch endlessly for Bobbie, Peter and Phyllis in their new home of Three Chimneys, a house near a railway in a Yorkshire village. Mysteriously separated from their father, the children set about the business of carving out a new way of living for themselves, and pass the time of day watching the trains on the nearby railway line and waving to the passengers. The youngsters soon become friendly with Albert Perks, the station porter, and with an old gentleman who regularly takes the 9.15 down train, little knowing that their new acquaintance is set to have a remarkable effect on their future happiness...



The Wiggles

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Fri 15 June

"We love touring the UK and Ireland," says Blue Wiggle Anthony Field. "It's the favourite part of our year. We're all looking forward to seeing our old friends, as well as meeting some new ones."

And friends certainly aren't in short supply for the Australian fab four, who've taken the children's entertainment world by storm over the last few years. Although they've only come to significant international prominence relatively recently, The Wiggles are actually celebrating their twenty-first anniversary this year - and if that's not a good enough reason to get wiggling to hits such as Hot Potato, Fruit Salad, Rock-a-Bye Your Bear and Toot, Toot, Chugga Chugga, then we don't know what is!



As You Like It

The Commandery Gardens, Worcester, Tues 12 - Sat 23 June

Shakespeare's highly likable comedy revolves around the character of Rosalind, banished by her usurping uncle to the Forest Of Arden, where her exiled father is already living. Revelling in the naturalness of their surroundings, Rosalind and her companions, cousin Celia and Touchstone the fool, find a happiness they hadn't known existed...

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HIP HOPE HERO Birmingham Repertory Theatre Company, together with Moving Hands, fuse a combination of dance, poetry, animation, original music and puppetry in a new and exciting show for children, until Sat 2 Jun, Old Rep, Birmingham

AVENUE Q Tony Award-winning musical that centres on a group of loveable yet hopeless characters on a downtown New York street, until Sat 2 Jun, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME Brand new rock'n'roll musical that sees Dreamboats & Petticoats meet Dirty Dancing, until Sat 2 Jun, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

I DREAMED A DREAM Elaine C Smith stars as Susan Boyle in an acclaimed new musical that charts the singer's story, until Sat 2 Jun, Birmingham Hippodrome

THE LADY IN THE VAN Alan Bennett drama starring Nichola McAuliffe, until Sat 2 Jun, Malvern Theatres

PIRATES OF PENZANCE Sutton Coldfield Musical Theatre Company present an amateur production of the Gilbert and Sullivan comedy, until Sat 2 Jun, Lichfield Garrick

THE EDGE The Steelworks Dance and Performing Arts Studio present an evening of choreographed pieces from the world of musicals and film, until Sat 2 Jun, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN Music Theatre Warwick present their version of Kander & Ebb's musical that's based on Manuel Puig's successful novel, until Sat 2 Jun, Warwick Arts Centre

FROZEN Blue Orange Arts present Bryony Lavery's award-winning play, until Sat 9 Jun, The Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD New version of Thomas Hardy's classic tale, until Sat 9 Jun, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

IN A PICKLE An Oily Cart and Royal Shakespeare Company co-production that takes young audiences through the landscapes of Shakespeare's imagination and the music of his language, until Sun 17 Jun, The Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

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OUR LADS Kidderminster College present a new play from young local writer Joshua Read, Thurs 1 Jun, The Rose Theatre, Kidderminster

MASTERS OF THE HOUSE A vocal journey through the various stages of producing a West End musical hit, Fri 1 Jun, Tamworth Assembly Rooms

THE GAMES Spike Theatre present the story of three Greek nobodies caught up in a celestial bet between Zeus, Hera & Hercules, Fri 1 Jun, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

GRAND HOTEL The Crescent Theatre Company present Luther Davis' musical which focuses on events during the course of a weekend in an elegant hotel in 1928 Berlin, Sat 1 - Sat 2 Jun, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS Chrissie Caroline Horton presents a poignant portrait of one woman's experience of love and war, Sat 2 Jun, Artrix, Bromsgrove

SHYLOCK Guy Master-son's solo show that presents an artful dissection of Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice, Sat 2 Jun,

The Bridge House Theatre, Warwick

THERE'LL ALWAYS BE AN ENGLAND An afternoon of nostalgic entertainment to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Sat 2 Jun, The Place, Oaken-gates Theatre, Telford

SHAW AND DICKENS ON STAGE One-act farce set in Malvern Wells, Sat 2 Jun, The Coach House Theatre, Malvern

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SINGIN' IN THE RAIN Presented by Pershore Operatic & Dramatic Society, Mon 11 - Sat 16 Jun, Number 8 Community Arts Centre, Evesham

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY Radio show featuring Simon Jones, Susan Sheridan, Geoff McGivern, Mark Wing-Davey and the voice of Stephen Moore, Tue 12 Jun, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

SCIENCE MUSEUM LIVE London's world-famous Science Museum takes to the road to present a brand new live show that's set to challenge the brains of children aged seven and above, Tues 12 - Wed 13 Jun, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

OUR FATHERS Drama that explores what it means to be a dad in today's society, Tue 12 - Wed 13 Jun, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

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AS YOU LIKE IT Worcester Repertory Company present an outdoor production of Shakespeare's romantic comedy, Tues 12 - Sat 23 Jun, The Commandery, Worcester

AN AUDIENCE WITH SALLY MORGAN Psychic to the stars! Wed 13 Jun, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

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THE PILLOWMAN Warwick University Drama Students present their version of Martin McDonagh's black comedy, Wed 20 - Sat 23 Jun, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
A KISS ON THE BOTTOM Wythall Theatre Company present Frank Vickery's comedy, Wed 20 - Sat 23 Jun, Dovehouse Theatre, Solihull
THE MARRIAGE OF BETTE AND BOO Birmingham School of Acting, in association with Josef Weinberger, present a rollercoaster of a black comedy in thirty-three short scenes, Wed 20 - Sat 23 Jun, The Old Rep, Birmingham
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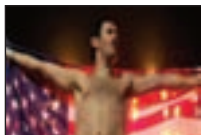


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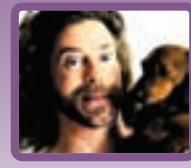
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THE MAGIC OF MUSICALS The Norbury Players present an evening of songs from the musicals, Thurs 21 - Sat 23 Jun, Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa

BEAUTY & THE BEAST Amateur production presented by The Harlequins Drama Group, Thurs 21 - Sat 23 Jun, Palace Theatre, Redditch

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BEING HUMAN Three performers present an evening of poetry from around the world, supported by music, projections and striking imagery, Fri 22 - Sat 23 Jun, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

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MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Heartbreak Productions present their version of Shakespeare's tale of love and deceit, Sat 23 Jun, Charlecote Park, Warwickshire

THERE WAS AN OLD LADY WHO SWALLOWED A FLY The People's Theatre Company present a children's show that sees one of the world's best loved nursery rhymes brought to life, Sun 24 Jun, Crewe Lyceum

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THE CEMETERY CLUB Presented by Ian Dickens Productions, Tue 26 - Sat 30 Jun, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE FINAL TEST Chris Paling's comedy about cricket, marriage and the dangerous lure of Bexhill-on-Sea. Colin Baker, Peter Amory, Karen Ford and Nicola Weeks star, Tues 26 - Sat 30 Jun, Malvern Theatre

SABBAT: THE TRIALS OF THE PENDLE WITCHES Amy Leach directs the story of

one of the most famous witch hunts and trials in British history, Tues 26 - Sat 30 Jun, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

THE LADYBOYS OF BANGKOK Wed 27 Jun, Lichfield Garrick

MADE IN HEAVEN A compelling evening of dance theatre from the Mark Bruce Company, assisted by puppetry from award-winning company Pickled Image, Wed 27 Jun, The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury

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THE RAILWAY CHILDREN Heartbreak Productions present their award-winning adaptation of E Nesbitt's classic Edwardian tale, Wed 27 - Thu 28 Jun, Jephson Gardens, Leamington Spa

MUCH ADO ABOUT WENLOCK Worcester-based theatre company Vamos present a fully-masked show that centres on Much Wenlock's very own Olympic Games in 1850, Thurs 28 - Sat 30 Jun, The Swan Theatre, Worcester

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ROMEO AND JULIET Outdoor production of Shakespeare's famous tale of passion and tragedy, Thurs 28 Jun - Sat 14 Jul, Stafford Castle

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A SOLDIER IN EVERY SON - THE RISE OF THE AZTECS Roxana Silbert directs the first in a trilogy of plays commissioned for the World Shakespeare Festival, Fri 29 Jun - Sat 28 Jul, The Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

BUGSY MALONE Presented by Reach Musical Theatre, Fri 29 - Sat 30 Jun, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

AN EVENING OF JAPANESE FAIRYTALES A series of tales, often dark, that fuse Japanese, commedia and western theatre styles, Sat 30 June, The Met Studio, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

PINOCCHIO Cube's new adaptation of the classic children's story of a puppet's quest to become a real boy, Sat 30 Jun, The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury

BOB THE BUILDER: BOB'S BIG THEATRE BUILD Sat 30 Jun, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

HAPPY STEPS CHOREOGRAPHY SHOW Showcase of works from Worcester's musical theatre groups, Sat 30 Jun, Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa

THE CANTERBURY TALES Presented by Playbox Theatre's Young Company, Sat 30 Jun, The Dell, Stratford-upon-Avon

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Theatre **REVIEWS**

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Chicago

Wolverhampton Grand Theatre

Former Hollyoaks star Ali Bastian certainly ticked all the right boxes with her portrayal of murderess Roxie Hart, in what can only be described as a wonderfully slick production. Her vocals may not have the resonance of Tupele Dorgu's, who played fellow jailbird Velma, but they nevertheless worked extremely well on musical numbers Funny Money and Roxie. Evident from the outset was her flawless comic timing and mimicry - this was a truly first-class performance. Tupele Dorgu - whose legs meet her armpits - is perfectly cast as Velma, while former EastEnder Stephan Booth was controlled and impressive as hotshot lawyer



Tupele Dorgu as Velma

Billy Flynn, a man very much at his ease when surrounded by the scantily clad ensemble of dancers who more than did justice to Bob Fosse's wonderful choreography.

Patsy Moss ■■■■■■

Bette And Joan

Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

Hollywood star Greta Scacchi headlines alongside EastEnders and Strictly Come Dancing favourite Anita Dobson in this new comedy from Anton Burge. Movie legends Joan Crawford and Bette Davis have hated each other for a long time, but with their careers now in freefall, the ageing stars are brought together for Whatever Happened To Baby Jane?, a movie that could maybe change their fast-failing fortunes. The problem is, how do two warring divas manage to make a film together without their age-old feud reaching boiling point?... The plain and simple answer to that question is 'pretty easily', if what we're allowed to witness of their backstage interaction is anything to go by. And therein lies the problem with a show that otherwise has plenty to recommend it - you never get to see the two anxiety-ridden icons really blow a gasket at one another. In fact, for much of the show, they're not even in each other's company, instead taking turns to tell the audience about their lives and their long-running conflict from the tranquility of their respective dressing rooms.



Scacchi and Dobson are both impressive, and the quality of the writing is never in doubt, but the lack of fireworks means that this story of two Golden Age Tinseltown legends is unlikely ever to register on the radar of theatre-goers who're too young either to recall them or even to know who they are. Susan Hill ■■■■■■

Artifact: Royal Ballet Flanders

Birmingham Hippodrome

A lone dancer on a dark, bare stage sets the scene for William Forsythe's acclaimed Artifact - a four-act work which many claim has reconfigured traditional ballet. Moments later, the lone dancer is joined by the hunched figure of an ageing man, who, equipped with a megaphone, mutters continuously about rock and dust - a reference to the disintegration of tradition. An agitated Marie Antoinette lookalike then appears, striding the stage and requesting that the audience 'step inside', to explore the past. Against Bach's Chaconne in D minor, the thirty-two-strong ensemble ripple across the stage, their perfectly regimented formations compromised at times by a range of ferocious movements that see them suddenly being transported at great speed, as if someone has hit the fast-forward button. As the curtain falls sharply and the mesmeric score abates, we hear the dancers scurry like mice to their new positions, ready to begin again... Trying to make sense of much of Artifact is quite a challenge, but take it on face value and you've got a beautifully exe-



cuted performance from Royal Ballet Flanders that showcases radical ballet at its very best.

A real joy to watch. Patsy Moss ■■■■■■

Anne Boleyn

Malvern Theatre

Howard Brenton's play, currently touring after its successful run at Shakespeare's Globe in London, is the most refreshing and exciting production I've seen this year, offering a witty and engaging celebration of a great English heroine. Anne may have been in love with Henry, but she had an equally compelling lustre for the most dangerous ideas of her day, including making England Protestant forever. Jo Herbert's strong, almost masculine, interpretation of Anne is presented with total conviction, offering a real sense of the way in which she cleverly imposed her influence on the king. Great credit must also go to James Gannon for his excellent portrayal of King James I - his interpretation of the monarch as likeable and responsible while at the same time being bonkers and maybe just a little bit gay proved to be a real show-stealer of a performance.

Eva Easthope ■■■■■■

Sylvie Guillem And Russell Maliphant: Push

Birmingham Hippodrome

Part of the International Dance Festival Birmingham, Push is a performance piece in four parts produced by Sadler's Wells London in collaboration with Russell Maliphant and Sylvie Guillem. The first part of the work, Solo, introduced us to Guillem's grace and strength in a piece created especially for her, played out to the flamenco music of Carlos Montoya. Shift, meanwhile, was a duet between Maliphant and, er, himself - thanks to the ingenious lighting of Michael Hulls. Inspired by yoga, Maliphant's controlled movements were accentuated through the interplay of light and dark, fading to black. Trapped inside a box of light, Guillem returned to the stage in Two - exploring the relationship between movement, lighting and music - before the two dancers finally came together in an intimate piece that showcased their breathtaking agility.

Alev Dervish ■■■■■■

West End Eurovision

Dominion Theatre, London

Now in its fifth successful year, West End Eurovision is a late night celebration of everyone's favourite Song Contest. Performers from London's Theatreland create their own unique and, in most cases, hysterical interpretations of Eurovision classics, all in the name of the Make A Difference trust. Presided over by celebrity judges Tony Blackburn, Kerry Ellis and Stefanie Powers, this year saw the musical Sweeney Todd come out on top, performing Michael Ball's 1992 entry One Step Out Of Time. Matthew Gent was uncanny as a youthful Ball, making the most of the cheesy dance routine. Not surprisingly the crowd went wild when the real Michael Ball (who plays the title role in Sweeney Todd) came out on stage, cut the throat of his doppelganger and finished the song himself! A fantastically fun night out. Jack Rolfe ■■■■■■

Des O'Connor to put in a Wizard performance...

Veteran performer Des O'Connor is to make his West End debut in a stage musical this month, taking on the iconic role of The Wizard in Andrew Lloyd Webber's acclaimed reimagining of The Wizard Of Oz. Des also plays the character of Professor Marvel, for whom a new song -

The Wonders Of The World - has been specially written, just one of several brand new numbers by Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. The Wizard Of Oz shows at the London Palladium until September.



West End premiere for new comedy

New York playwright Mike Batistick brings a play about modern-day city life to the West End this month. Described as 'a play of our time', Chicken is set in the Bronx and concerns two childhood pals, Wendall and Floyd, an unhappy wife and a sickly rooster, which the crew are grooming for an illegal cockfight. Coronation Street and Queer As Folk actor Craig Kelly takes on the role of Wendall, while George Georgiou (Mamma Mia! - The Movie) assumes the role of his best friend Floyd. Chicken shows at Trafalgar Studio 2, Whitehall, from 25 June to 21 July.



Acclaimed comedian to make his musical debut

It's been announced that award-winning comedian Jason Manford is to take on his first role in musical theatre next month when he joins the cast of Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber Of Fleet Street. Manford will assume the role of Italian barber Pirelli, and appears in the show alongside West End veterans Michael Ball and Imelda Staunton. Manford showcased his opera skills last year, winning ITV1's Born To Shine, and says

of his venture into theatreland: "I'm really excited to perform in one of Stephen Sondheim's most thrilling and funny shows. Anyone who's wondering what a comedian is doing singing in the West End should remember that once upon a time Frank Spencer became Phantom! This is the West End, where anything can happen!" Jason Manford performs as Pirelli at London's Adelphi Theatre from 2 - 27 July.

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BLOOD BROTHERS Phoenix Theatre booking until 24 Nov 2012

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MAMMA MIA! Prince Of Wales Theatre, booking until 13 Apr 2013

MATILDA THE MUSICAL Cambridge Theatre, booking until 17 Feb 2013

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Far From The Madding Crowd

Birmingham Hippodrome,
Wed 20 - Sat 23 June

Thomas Hardy's tale of lust, deceit and murder is here given a new lease of life, as Birmingham Royal Ballet bring their choreographed version to the Hippodrome stage. For those not familiar with Hardy's classic, *Far From The Madding Crowd* follows the story of the flighty Bathsheba Everdene and her complex relationships with three men, each of whom compete for her love. When it premiered in 1996, David Bintley's adaptation of the rural classic received much critical acclaim, and is a production not to be missed...



Midnight Tango

The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, Tues 19 - Sat 23 June

Following on from an acclaimed run in London's West End, two of *Strictly Come Dancing*'s best known dancers return to the road with another UK tour. Considered to be two of the finest tango dancers in the world, Flavia Cacace and Vincent Simone are here joined by musicians Tango Siempre to present a tale of passion and romance that fuses the sounds of Buenos Aires with dazzling Latino moves. The piece has been choreographed by Arlene Phillips.



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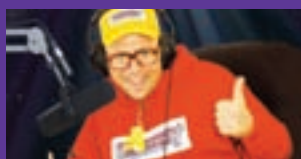
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Flawless And English National Ballet: Against Time

New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Thurs 21 - Fri 22 June

Now here's an interesting partnership - one of Britain's most prestigious ballet companies joining forces with Britain's Got Talent finalists Flawless. The brainchild of Flawless artistic director Marlon 'Swoosh' Wallen and English National Ballet soloist and choreographer Jenna Lee, *Against Time* fuses streetdance, acrobatics and ballet to tell the story of four students from The Academy Of Excellence who uncover the dastardly plans of an evil time manipulator, intent on bringing an end to all dance. With the students battling against time, the audience is taken on a journey that promises to showcase the very best of contemporary dance

Matthew Bourne's Early Adventures

Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry,
Tues 19 - Wed 20 June

This triple-bill of acclaimed works that launched the career of choreographer Matthew Bourne is touring to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his company, New Adventures. First of the three shows being presented is *Spitfire*, Bourne's 1998 hit, set in the world of men's underwear advertising. Next up is the Olivier Award-nominated *Town And Country*, which, set to the evocative music of Elgar and Noel Coward, provides a witty portrayal of characters from a bygone era. Finally, *The Infernal Galop* - inspired by French icons of the 1930s and '40s - explores the clichés that are often associated with France, and culminates in a performance of Offenbach's *Can-Can*.



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MIDNIGHT TANGO Brand new dance show featuring Strictly Come Dancing stars Vincent Simone & Flavia Cacace, Tue 19 - Sat 23 Jun, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE MADDING CROWD Birmingham Royal Ballet present David Bintley's balletic adaptation of Thomas Hardy's acclaimed novel, Wed 20 - Sat 23 Jun, Birmingham Hippodrome

FLAWLESS AND ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET Collaboration between two acclaimed dance troupes that presents a fusion of streetdance, acrobatics and ballet, Thurs 21 - Fri 22 Jun, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

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Prometheus

CERT 15 (124 mins)

Starring Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender, Charlize Theron, Guy Pearce, Idris Elba, Logan Marshall-Green Directed by Ridley Scott (USA)

In space, they can hear you counting dollars. Even so, it's been thirty-three years since Ridley Scott introduced us to the talented Ellen Ripley and a whole new take on sci-fi horror. Alien opened in Britain in November of 1979, spawned five sequels (including James Cameron's phenomenally successful Aliens) and deservedly attained cult status. But Sir Ridley went on to other things (Blade Runner, Thelma & Louise, Gladiator), leaving the directorial reins to the likes of Cameron and David Fincher. But now, with the critical acclaim of films like Batman Begins and X-Men: First Class, the prequel has become a going concern. So Sir Ridley returns to the franchise he launched to focus on the events that occurred before John Hurt got severe stomach cramps.



Rock Of Ages

CERT tbc

Starring Julianne Hough, Diego Boneta, Russell Brand, Paul Giamatti, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Mary J. Blige, Alec Baldwin, Tom Cruise Directed by Adam Shankman (USA)

Film musicals don't come around too often, particularly with Tom Cruise in the cast. Featuring the music of Bon Jovi, Guns N' Roses, Def Leppard, Foreigner and others, this is the film version of the hit Broadway rock'n'roll knees-up about a waitress who dreams of being an actress. Along the way she meets a busboy who aspires to being a rock star and romantic sparks are ignited. Dreams are made of this. From the director of Hairspray (the film based on the musical based on the original film) and producer Tobey Maguire.

TOP 5 FILM BOX OFFICE

- 1 Avengers Assemble (12a)
- 2 American Reunion (15)
- 3 Dark Shadows (12a)
- 4 The Lucky One (12a)
- 5 Beauty And The Beast (U)



Released from Fri 1 June

LOL CERT 12a (97 mins)

Starring Miley Cyrus, Demi Moore, Ashley Greene, Jean-Luc Bilodeau, Douglas Booth, Marlo Thomas, Thomas Jane, Gina Gershon
Directed by Lisa Azuelos (USA)

You have to laugh out loud. Lol is actually the nickname for Lola, played by Miley Cyrus, a seventeen-year-old schoolgirl buffeted by the changing times. As Lol navigates the new avenues of Twitter and social networking, her mother (Demi Moore) struggles to keep up. Like so many Hollywood movies, it's a remake of a French film, this time directed by the original filmmaker.



LOL



Snow White And The Huntsman

The Angels' Share CERT 15 (101 mins)

Starring John Henshaw, William Ruane, Gary Maitland, Roger Allam, Paul Brannigan
Directed by Ken Loach (UK/France)

Once again Ken Loach - some say Britain's greatest living director - tackles the underclass of Scotland. Here a new father attempts to mend his criminal ways and find a job worthy of his new son. Amazingly, this is the eleventh time that a Loach film has been entered into the competition at Cannes. And this year it's the only British entry.



The Angels' Share

Snow White And The Huntsman

CERT 12a (127 mins)

Starring Kristen Stewart, Charlize Theron, Chris Hemsworth, Sam Claflin, Ian McShane, Bob Hoskins, Ray Winstone, Lily Cole
Directed by Rupert Sanders (USA)

Just as Alice took up a sword at the end of Tim Burton's Alice In Wonderland, so now Snow White takes up arms in this adventure inspired by the Brothers Grimm's fairytale. It's been a long time since Hollywood tackled Snow White - what, two months? - and this one turns our beloved heroine into a far more militant figure. Indeed, this promises to be the most violent take on the fable yet.



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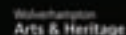
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Released from Fri 8 June

III Manors CERT 18 (121 mins)

Starring **Riz Ahmed, Nathalie Press, Mem Ferda, Dannielle Brent**
Directed by **Ben Drew (UK)**

That isn't a typo in the title, but then this crime drama is directed by Plan B - and everybody knows that rappers can't spell. Mr B - aka Ben Drew - also scripted this film inspired by real events. It's a series of inter-locked tales in which each is represented by a different rap number.



III Manors

Red Tails CERT 12a (125 mins)

Starring **Cuba Gooding Jr, Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, David Oyelowo, Ne-Yo**
Directed by **Anthony Hemingway (USA)**

Released on the anniversary of the D-Day landings, this is the remarkable true story of the Second World War's first African-American fighter squadron. Although the film is meant to have the most realistic dogfights yet committed to celluloid, Red Tails was dismissed by American critics for being corny and clichéd. George Lucas is said to have served as co-director.



Red Tails

A Fantastic Fear Of Everything

CERT 15 (100 mins)
Starring **Simon Pegg, Sheridan Smith, Clare Higgins, Amara Karan, Paul Freeman**
Directed by **Crispian Mills and Chris Hopewell (UK)**

As part of an initiative by Pinewood Studios to support low-budget British filmmaking, this is the story of a children's writer who turns to crime fiction. Simon Pegg is the author with a whole lot of phobias, who becomes a wreck when he starts researching Victorian serial killers. The director, Crispian, is the grandson of the actor Sir John Mills.



A Fantastic Fear Of Everything



Fast Girls

Casa De Mi Padre CERT 15 (85 mins)

Starring **Will Ferrell, Gael García Bernal, Diego Luna, Génesis Rodríguez, Pedro Armendáriz Jr**
Directed by **Matt Piedmont (USA)**

The title translates as 'House of My Father' but most of the action centres on a ranch. It is here, in Mexico, that Armando Alvarez (Will Ferrell speaking Spanish) struggles to maintain the property inherited from his padre. Then he finds himself at loggerheads with Mexico's most scary drug lord. Dios mío!

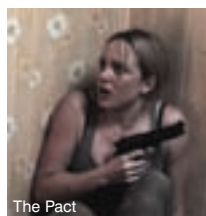


Casa De Mi Padre

The Pact CERT 15 (89 mins)

Starring **Caity Lotz, Casper Van Dien, Haley Hudson, Agnes Bruckner**
Directed by **Nicholas McCarthy (USA)**

Haunted houses are becoming a recent staple of the horror genre but Insidious and The Woman In Black are hard acts to follow. This one is set in Los Angeles' South Bay area and concerns a young woman who returns to the family home after her mother has died. And the home is just not behaving itself! The American reviews were hardly benevolent.



The Pact

Released from Fri 15 June

Fast Girls CERT 12a (91 mins)

Starring **Lenora Crichlow, Lily James, Noel Clarke, Bradley James, Rupert Graves, Philip Davis** Directed by **Regan Hall (UK)**

A lot of films with an athletic theme are coming out to coincide with the Olympics. This one focuses on a British female sprint relay team as they strive to win the women's 4x100metre relay. Apparently, co-writer Noel Clarke says that part of his inspiration was the Rocky films. So, go girl!

Late September CERT tbc

Starring **Anna Mottram, Richard Vanstone, Bob Goody** Directed by **Jon Sanders (UK)**

Following the terms and conditions of the Belgrade Manifesto, director Jon Sanders (Painted Angels) has created a totally improvised, digitally-shot drama set around a sixty-fifth birthday party. It's rare that characters in this age range get a film to themselves, so it's a shame that Sanders has given them so little to do. There's no sense of place (we are not even shown the exterior of the house), while the plot is virtually non-existent. Fans of English miserablism may feel engaged but others should steer a wide berth.



Late September

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The Five Year Engagement

Released from Fri 22 June

The Five Year Engagement

CERT 15 (124 mins)

Starring **Jason Segel, Emily Blunt, Chris Pratt, Alison Brie, Rhys Ifans, Jacki Weaver**
Directed by **Nicholas Stoller (USA)**

Getting engaged is one thing; tying the knot is another. Sous-chef Tom Solomon (Segel) and psychology student Violet Barnes (Blunt) find increasing obstacles obstructing their Big Day, stumbling blocks that duly test their romantic resolve! From the director of *Forgetting Sarah Marshall* and *Get Him To The Greek*.

Chernobyl Diaries

CERT tbc

Starring **Jesse McCartney, Jonathan Sadowski, Devin Kelly**
Directed by **Brad Parker (USA)**

Contrary to expectations this is not a documentary about what happened in Russia in 1986. It's a horror film that uses the now very threadbare gimmick of utilising 'found film footage' - à la *Blair Witch*, *Cloverfield*, *Chronicle*, et al. A group of young tourists (who should know better) go on a guided tour of a deserted town outside Chernobyl and find themselves the victims of radioactively modified beings. All in the worst possible taste.



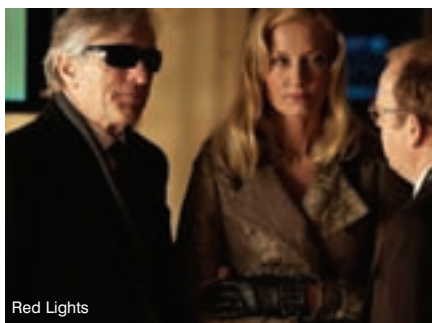
Chernobyl Diaries

Red Lights

CERT 15

Starring **Cillian Murphy, Sigourney Weaver, Robert De Niro, Joely Richardson, Elizabeth Olsen, Toby Jones, Craig Roberts**
Directed by **Rodrigo Cortés (USA/Spain)**

This is paranormal activity with a budget and a top-tier cast. Sigourney Weaver (*Alien*, *The Cabin In The Woods*) plays a psychologist who, with her assistant, investigates a world-class psychic. Filmed in and around Barcelona.



Red Lights

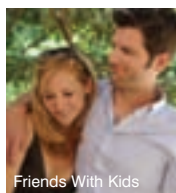
Released from Fri 29 June

Friends With Kids

CERT 15 (107 mins)

Starring **Adam Scott, Jennifer Westfeldt, Jon Hamm, Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Chris O'Dowd, Megan Fox, Edward Burns**
Directed by **Jennifer Westfeldt (USA)**

An ensemble comedy that explores how children affect our friendships. To buck the trend, best friends Jason and Julie decide to have kids together and then look for their respective lifetime partners. Director, scenarist and star Ms Westfeldt previously scripted the smart, poignant and funny *Kissing Jessica Stein* (2001). She's also the long-time partner of co-star Jon Hamm (of *Mad Men* fame).



Friends With Kids

Joyful Noise

CERT PG (118 mins)

Starring **Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer, Jeremy Jordan, Courtney B. Vance, Kris Kristofferson**
Directed by **Todd Graff (USA)**

Regardless of the sexual preference of the film's director (who helmed the funny and poignant *Camp*), this looks certain to appeal to a certain demographic. Come on, Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton? These two dames lock horns as the leading lights in a fight to win the National Joyful Noise Competition. In spite of the divas personality discord, expect some rousing harmonies.

Storage 24

CERT 15 (87 mins)

Starring **Noel Clarke, Antonia Campbell-Hughes, Laura Haddock, Colin O'Donoghue**
Directed by **Johannes Roberts (UK)**

The capital of the United Kingdom is in for quite a battering this year. Besides the mauling London gets in the upcoming *GI Joe: Retaliation* (released in August), here it is invaded by extraterrestrials when a classified military aircraft crash-lands into a storage unit (24). The word is that the film combines the same horror-comic elements of *Attack The Block*, which is a good thing.



Storage 24

Your Sister's Sister

CERT 15 (90 mins)

Starring **Emily Blunt, Rosemarie DeWitt, Mark Duplass** Directed by **Lynn Shelton (USA)**

Jack's brother has just died and so he's been advised to catch up on some quality 'alone' time at a remote cabin on an island off the Washington coast. But unbeknownst to him, his best friend's sister got there first! It's a simple enough premise featuring three people in an idyllic setting. But thanks to the accomplished acting of the principles, the escalating chain of events gathers a credible comic momentum that is totally disarming, fresh and funny. As the best friend, Emily Blunt has never been better, and is well matched by Rosemarie DeWitt and Mark Duplass, the latter best known as the co-writer and co-director of *Cyrus* (2010). In lesser hands, the scenario would surely have proved ridiculous, but the film's enormous strength is that it all makes perfect sense. And the fact that we care so much for the characters says a lot for Lynn Shelton's consummate direction.



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Film A-Z LISTINGS

All films are currently on general release unless otherwise stated. For full listing information, including times and dates, visit www.whatsonlive.co.uk

2 Days In New York 15
Sequel to the acclaimed *Two Days In Paris*. Starring Julie Delpy and Chris Rock. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Sat 23 - Tues 26 June*

2001: A Space Odyssey u
Screening of Stanley Kubrick's cinematic masterpiece, presenting a series of encounters between humans and mysterious black monoliths affecting human evolution. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 22 June*

A Cat In Paris PG
French animated crime mystery which unfurls on the rooftops of Paris. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Sat 23 June*

A Royal Affair 15
Historical romantic drama concerning the relationship between an insane king, his young wife and her physician. *Showing at Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Fri 29 - Thurs 5 July*

African Cats u
Samuel L Jackson narrates an adventure documentary that centres on two cat families and how they teach their cubs the ways of the wild. *Showing at OMH, Shrewsbury, Fri 22 - Mon 25 June*

Albert Nobbs 15
Glenn Close stars as a woman who, in order to scrape together a living in nineteenth century Ireland, poses as a male waiter. Based on the short story by Irish novelist George Moore. *Showing at OMH, Shrewsbury, Fri 1 - Thurs 7 June*

All In Good Time 12a
Funny, tender-hearted portrait of family strife

from East Is East writer Ayub Khan-Din. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 1 - Thurs 7 June*

An Ecology Of Mind PG
A film portrait of Gregory Bateson, the celebrated anthropologist, philosopher, author, naturalist, systems theorist and filmmaker, that's produced and directed by his daughter, Nora Bateson. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Mon 11 June*

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Angel And Tony 15
Intimate French drama about two lost souls in search of human connection. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Tues 26 - Thurs 28 June*

The Angels' Share 15
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Another Earth 12a
Sci-fi drama that sees an ambitious young student and an accomplished composer cross paths in a tragic accident. *Showing at Wem Town Hall, North Shropshire, Thurs 7 June*

The Beloved 15
Real-life mother and daughter Chiara Mastroianni and Catherine Deneuve star in a romantic drama that follows the loves and losses of a mother and daughter over a forty-year period. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Fri 29 June - Mon 2 July*

Blackthorn 15
Sam Shepard stars in a Western adventure that explores the possibility of Butch Cassidy's survival, and his life of seclusion in Bolivia. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Fri 8 - Sun 10 June*

Cafe de Flore PG
Jean-Marc Vallee directs a drama which cuts between stories of love and responsibility in modern day Montreal, and Paris in 1969. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Fri 1 - Tues 5 June; mac, Birmingham, Fri 1 - Tues 5 June*

Casa De Mi Padre 15
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Chernobyl Diaries tbc
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Coriolanus 15
Ralph Fiennes' contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's play of political power and intrigue. Gerard Butler stars. *Showing at The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, Mon 18 June*

Damsels In Distress 15
Adam Brody and Greta Gerwig star in an off-beat drama that explores the psyche of privileged American youth. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Fri 1 - Mon 4 June*

Dark Shadows 12a
Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer and Helena Bonham Carter star in Tim Burton's acclaimed comic fantasy. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 15 - Thurs 21 June; Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Fri 15 - Thurs 21 June*

Delicacy 18
Audrey Tautou stars as a woman learning to love again after the death of her husband. *Showing at OMH, Shrewsbury, Fri 8 - Thurs 14 June*

Elizabeth: The Golden Age 12a
Acclaimed drama that sees Cate Blanchet resume her role as The Virgin Queen. *Showing*

at mac, Birmingham, Sun 3 June

Elles 18
Juliette Binoche stars as a French journalist researching an article about female student prostitution for French Elle. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Mon 11 - Wed 13 June*

Even The Rain 15
Acclaimed Spanish drama that follows a director and his crew as they set about shooting a controversial film about Christopher Columbus in Cochabamba Bolivia. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Mon 11 - Wed 13 June; Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Mon 11 - Thurs 14 June*

The Fabulous Baker Boys 12a
Jess Bridges, Michelle Pfeiffer and Beau Bridges star in the 1989 romantic musical. *Showing at Malvern Theatre, Fri 1 June*

A Fantastic Fear Of Everything 15
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Fast Girls 12a
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Faust 15
Alexander Sokurov's unique take on Goethe's Faust focuses on an anonymous man driven by simple instincts: hunger, greed and lust. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Tues 19 - Thurs 21 June*

The Five Year Engagement 15
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Free Men 12a
French drama, set in Paris in WWII, concerning an Algerian immigrant and his friendship with a Jewish man. *Showing at Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Fri 15 - Mon 18 June; mac, Birmingham, Fri 29 June - Mon 2 July*

Friends With Kids 15
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The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo 18
Adaptation of the first novel in Stieg Larsson's



Jeff Who Lives At Home

literary blockbuster, The Millennium Trilogy. Daniel Craig and Christopher Plummer star. *Showing at The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, Mon 25 June*

Goodbye First Love 15
Examination of first love that follows a young architecture student as she begins a new life when her boyfriend leaves France for a ten month trip to South America. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Tues 5 - Thurs 7 June*

Hara-Kiri: Death Of A Samurai 15
Subtitled Japanese drama telling a tale of revenge, honour and disgrace that centres on a poverty-stricken samurai who discovers the fate of his ronin son-in-law. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Wed 6 - Thurs 7 June*

Hobson's Choice u
John Mills and Charles Laughton star in David Lean's romantic comedy, based on Harold Brighouse's play of the same name. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Tues 26 June*

How I Spent My Summer Vacation 15
Mel Gibson stars as a career criminal who finds himself in a Mexican jail and ends up being helped by a nine-year-old boy. *Showing at Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Fri 1 - Thurs 7 June*

The Hunger Games 12a
Suzanne Collins' popular novel of the same name. *Showing at Artrix, Bromsgrove, Tues 19 - Fri 22 June*

Ill Manors 18
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Jeff Who Lives At Home tbc
Jason Segal stars as a thirty-year-old bachelor living at home with his parents whose life is transformed when he's enrolled by his brother to help track down the latter's possibly adulterous wife. *Showing at Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Fri 8 - Mon 11 June; Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Fri 22 - Mon 25 June*

Joyful Noise PG
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The Kid With A Bike
Award-winning French drama that delves into the emotional life of a troubled eleven-year-old, abandoned in a state-run youth farm. *Showing at OMH, Shrewsbury, Fri 22 - Sat 23 June*

Late September tbc
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Les Quai Des Brumes PG
Subtitled romantic drama concerning a military deserter who finds love - and trouble - in a smoky French city port. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Wed 27 - Thurs 28 June*

Like Crazy 12a
Romantic drama that concerns a British student who falls for an American student only to be separated when she's banned from the US. *Showing at Wem Town Hall, North Shropshire, Thurs 21 June*

LOL 12a
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The Man Who Fell To Earth 18
Cult classic based on Walter Tevis' novel of the

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same name. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Tues 19 June*

Marley 15

Definitive life story of the musician, revolutionary and legend, from his early days to his rise to international superstardom. *Showing at OMH, Shrewsbury, Mon 25 - Wed 27 June*

Men In Black III PG

Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith return as government agents assigned to monitor extraterrestrials living under cover in New York. *Showing at Malvern Theatre, until Thurs 7 June*

Mirror Mirror PG

Julia Roberts and Lily Collins star in the latest irreverent take on a traditional fairytale. *Showing at Artrix, Bromsgrove, Sat 2 - Tues 5 June*

Monsieur Lazhar 12a

Comedy drama that's set in a Montreal public grade school. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 15 - Mon 18 June; Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Tues 19 - Wed 20 June*

Moonrise Kingdom PG

Bill Murray, Bruce Willis, Edward Norton, Tilda Swinton and Harvey Keitel star in Wes Anderson's latest tale of

small-town characters who come together in the form of a search party convened to look for a pair of young lovers who have eloped in 1960s' New England. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Fri 15 - Thurs 21 June; mac, Birmingham, Fri 29 June - Tues 3 July*

Mozart's Sister 12a

A re-imagined account of the early life of Maria Anna 'Nannerl' Mozart, five years older than Wolfgang and a musical prodigy in her own right. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 8 - Sat 9 June*

Our Daily Bread 12

Powerful documentary taking a look at France's agricultural industry. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Sat 23 June*

Outside Bet 12a

Comedy starring Jenny Agutter and Bob Hoskins. *Showing at Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Fri 22 - Thurs 28 June*

The Pact 15

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Passport To Pimlico u

Classic Ealing comedy starring Stanley Holloway and Margaret Rutherford. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Tues 5 June*

Past Lives

Films from the Midlands with live accompaniment by Cipher. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Wed 27 June*

Pickwick u

Musical version of the Dickens classic. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Sat 2 June*

The Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists u

Hugh Grant, Selma Hayek, Imelda Staunton and David Tennant lend their voices to this critically acclaimed swash-buckling adventure from Aardman Animations. *Showing at OMH, Shrewsbury, Fri 1 - Sat 9 June; Artrix, Bromsgrove, Sun 3 - Wed 6 June*

The Plague Of The Zombies 12

Hammer Horror about a mysterious epidemic that hits a small Cornish village, killing its inhabitants at an accelerating rate. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Tues 12 June*

Prometheus 15

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The Queen 12a

Academy Award-winning drama starring Helen Mirren. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Mon 4 June*

The Raid 18

Action thriller about a SWAT team who become trapped in a tenement run by a ruthless mobster and his army of killer thugs. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 8 - Thurs 14 June*

Red Lights tbc

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Red Tails 12a

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Rock Of Ages tbc

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Salmon Fishing In The Yemen

Romantic drama starring Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt. *Showing at Artrix, Bromsgrove, until Sun 10 June; OMH, Shrewsbury, Fri 15 - Thurs 21 June; Wern Town Hall, North Shropshire, Thurs 28 - Fri 29 June*

Shame 18

Steve McQueen's compelling and timely examination of the nature of need, how we live our lives, and the experiences that shape us. *Showing at The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, Mon 11 June*

Sing Your Song 12a

Biopic of the American singer, songwriter and

actor Harry Belafonte that unearths his significant contribution to the leadership of the civil rights movement. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Sat 30 June - Sun 1 July*

Snow White & The Huntsman 12a

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Storage 24 15

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This Must Be The Place 15

Comedy drama that sees Sean Penn star as a bored, retired rock star who sets out to find his father's executioner, an ex-Nazi war criminal who is a refugee in the US. *Showing at OMH, Shrewsbury, Fri 29 - Sat 30 June*

Tomboy u

French contemporary coming-of-age drama that concerns a young girl who's mistaken for a boy and plays along when she's introduced to the local gang. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Tues 26 June*

Trishna 15

Michael Winterbottom directs Freida Pinto and Riz Ahmed in a contemporary working of Thomas Hardy's 1891 novel *Tess Of The D'Urbervilles*. *Showing*

at Stoke Film Theatre, Fri 1 - Sat 2 June

The Turin Horse 15

Hungarian drama that concerns a rural farmer forced to confront the morality of his faithful horse. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 22 - Mon 25 June*

Welcome 15

Subtitled French film that follows a Kurdish teenager from Iraq as he sets out on an adventure-filled journey across Europe. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Sat 16 June*

What To Expect When You're Expecting 12a

Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez, Dennis Quaid and Chris Rock star in a comedy drama based on the bestselling book of the same name. *Showing at Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton, Fri 8 - Thurs 14 June*

Wild Bill 12a

A directorial debut by Dexter Fletcher that tells the funny, bittersweet and dramatic story of a father and his two sons in London's East End. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Tues 5 - Wed 6 June*

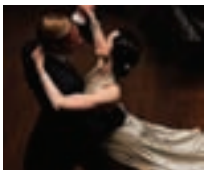
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DVD NEW RELEASES

W.E 15

Madonna's acclaimed drama that concerns Wally Winthrop, a woman in 1998 Manhattan who becomes obsessed with the love story between King Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. **Released 4 June**



Coriolanus 15

Ralph Fiennes' contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's play of political power and intrigue. Gerard Butler stars. **Released 4 June**



A Monster In Paris u

A 3D-animated movie set in Paris that centres on a monster and his love for a beautiful young singer. **Released 4 June**

J. Edgar 15

Leonardo Di Caprio & Naomi Watts star in Clint Eastwood's exploration of the public and private life of one of the most powerful, controversial and enigmatic figures of the twentieth century. **Released 11 June**

The Muppets u

Acclaimed family drama that sees the Muppets reunited in a bid to save their theatre from being destroyed by an oil prospector. Jason Segel, Amy Adams & Chris Cooper star alongside Miss Piggy and Kermit. **Released 11 June**



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close 12

Tom Hanks & Sandra Bullock star in Stephen Daldry's drama that's based on the 2005 novel by Jonathan Safran Foer. **Released 11 June**



The Woman In Black 12

Acclaimed thriller that sees Daniel Radcliffe star as a young lawyer who travels to a remote village to settle the affairs of the recently deceased Alice Drablow. **Released 18 June**

Carnage 15

Jodie Foster and Kate Winslet star alongside John C. Reilly and Christopher Waltz in Roman Polanski's adap-

tation of Yasmina Reza's play *The God Of Carnage*. **Released 18 June**

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 12

Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Penelope Wilton and Celia Imrie star in John Madden's acclaimed drama that follows a group of retired Brits who descend on a hotel in Udaipur, only to find that it's not at all as they'd been led to believe. **Released 25 June**

Young Adult 15

Charlize Theron stars as a successful writer of teen literature who returns to her hometown with a very specific agenda. **Released 25 June**

A Dangerous Method 15

Michael Fassbender and Keira Knightley star in David Cronenberg's drama that's based on the turbulent relationship between Carl Jung and Sigmund Freud. **Released 25 June**

Hunky Dory 15

Minnie Driver here adopts a Welsh accent, starring as an idealistic Swansea secondary school drama teacher attempting to mount a musical version of *The Tempest*. **Released 25 June**



Exhibitions

Transmitter/Receiver:

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Curator Carol Jacobi talks about the life and art of Isabel Rawsthorne.

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Jungle Queen Crowns

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 June, 1-3pm

Olympic Flags

Saturday 30 June, 10am-12noon

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Events

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Tuesday 19 June, 11am - 3pm

Free Adult Workshops

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Visual Arts

Art In The Dancehall

The Drum, Birmingham, Tues 26 June - Fri 13 July

Featuring rare cover art from Limonious, Jamal Pete and Tony McDermott, Art In The Dancehall offers a rare insight into the vibrant art and design used in dancehall and Jamaican soundsystem culture over the past thirty years. Curated by Auze Webb - in conjunction with dancehall brand Shimmy Shimmy - this unique exhibition showcases many works never before seen in the UK, as well as pieces commissioned for this particular project. An eclectic range of works from present-day artists also features, together with assorted memorabilia, photos and prints of original posters by Jamaica's celebrated poster designer Sassa.



Yto Barrada: Riffs

Ikon Gallery, Birmingham, until Sun 8 July

Working in a variety of media, French-born artist Yto Barrada uses her present-day environment in Tangier as the focus of her work. Featuring selected pieces from previous series alongside new photos and film, Barrada's art narrates the fragmentation of everyday life, with the recurring figure of a tree - be it physical or family - acting as a metaphor of resistance and strength, of changing times, of shelter, regeneration and nutrition, and also of decor and tourism.



Isabel Rawsthorne: Moving Bodies

New Art Gallery, Wolverhampton, Fri 15 June - Sat 8 September

Well known within London's bohemian set of the 1930s and '40s, artist Isabel Rawsthorne developed firm friendships with many artists of the day, including Jacob Epstein, Alberto Giacometti and, later, Francis Bacon. However, it was Isabel's friendships with prima ballerina Margot Fonteyn, Antoinette Sibley and Rudolph Nureyev that influenced much of her figurative work. Very often she would sit and paint the dancers as they rehearsed at Covent Garden, and her works are as much portraits as they are an exploration of dance and movement.

Cloud Nylon: The Jewellery Of Nora Fok

Bilston Craft Gallery, until Sat 7 July

From innovative jewellery pieces to wacky yet aesthetically pleasing headpieces, Nora Fok's work is sure to amaze anyone with an interest in knitting, as well as those with an appreciation of ambitious design. Made from intricate nylon thread (usually used as fishing line), Fok's work is inspired by complex mathematics, geometry and patterns in nature, and is created by knitting, sewing, plaiting or weaving. On tour from The Harley Gallery, this is the first time that Fok's work has been shown in a solo retrospective.



Ongoing exhibitions

Pedals To Medals

Coventry Transport Museum,
Fri 22 June - Sun 14 October

Celebrating all aspects of competitive cycling - the heroes and the history - this new exhibition affords visitors the chance to get up close and personal to bikes and memorabilia from some of the country's greats. Items relating to Olympic champions Tommy Godwin, Chris Boardman and Tom Sabin are on show alongside some of the most important bikes ever to have been ridden in a competitive arena. Stories from the people who've changed the face of cycling are sure to be a hit with enthusiasts, and, as with all Coventry Transport exhibitions, there's also an array of themed family activities to keep visitors entertained.

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Beautiful Catastrophe

Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton,
until Fri 13 July

Featuring a selection of photographs previously unseen in the UK, this exhibition by acclaimed New York photographer Bruce Gilden showcases works that have captured the eccentricity of some of the Big Apple's inhabitants since 1981. Over the years, using his distinctive confrontational style, Magnum photographer Gilden has satisfied his fascination with everyday life on the streets by taking spontaneous images created with the use of a stark flash that alerts passers-by to his presence.



Beautiful Catastrophe

Jamaica 50

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery,
until Sun 7 October

A partnership between the Birmingham Kingsway Project, the Drum Arts Centre and Birmingham Archives, Jamaica 50 was borne from an initiative where young people interviewed an older generation about their experiences of coming to the UK in the '50s and '60s. Together with vibrant displays, Jamaica 50 features examples of oral history, presented alongside personal artefacts from those who migrated to the UK and photographs that chronicle Jamaica's independence.

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EPSTEIN'S RIMA: 'A TRAVESTY OF NATURE'

Featuring a selection of Jacob Epstein's preparatory drawings for the WH Hudson Memorial, this exhibition provides a rare opportunity to explore the artist's creative imagination and question the controversy that surrounded much of his work, until Sat 2 June, The New Art Gallery, Walsall

FROM CAMERA TO CANVAS Printed works on canvas, until Sat 2 June, Bears Steps Gallery, Shrewsbury

TOM PRICE EXHIBITION Major solo exhibition of animated works by the London-based sculptor who has a special interest in the minutiae of body language and facial expression, until Sun 3 June, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

CONTEMPORARY COLLECTION An insight into the artworks that feature in Wolverhampton's contemporary collections, until Sat 9 June, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

JOURNEY OF THE DRUM Exhibition curated by young people that visually represents the use of the drum in Diasporic communities and the tradition and ritual that surrounds the instrument in West African communities, until Sat 9 June, The Drum, Birmingham

JEWEL IN THE CROWN An exhibition of unique works by outstanding British jewellers, until Sat 9 June, lapetus Gallery, Malvern

INTO THE LIGHT: FRENCH & BRITISH PAINTING FROM IMPRESSIONISM TO THE EARLY 1920S

Fifty-four paintings and drawings from some of the UK's major galleries are brought

together in an exhibition that illustrates trends in painting practice at the beginning of the last century, until Sun 10 June, Compton Verney Gallery, Warwickshire

THE ARTDEPOT IN 2012 Featuring a variety of media - textiles, glasswork, ceramics, metalwork, printmaking, painting and sculpture, until Sun 10 June, The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury

KATE SPENCE - TIME STOOD STILL IN THE SHADOWS Exhibition of work that explores the notion of being able to stop time, until Sun 10 June, Artrix, Bromsgrove

CHILDREN'S LIVES A new project that focuses on children's experiences from the eighteenth century to the present day, until Sun 10 June, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

GAINSBOROUGH'S LANDSCAPES: THEMES & VARIATIONS This, the first exhibition solely devoted to the landscapes of Thomas Gainsborough, brings together paintings and drawings from both public and private collections that span the artist's career, until Sun 10 June, Compton Verney Gallery, Warwickshire

ROYALTY ON THE ROAD Exhibition that celebrates The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, until Sun 10 June, Coventry Transport Museum

PLANES IN FRAMES An exhibition by local artists who belong to the National Society of Aviation Painters, until Sat 16 June, Dudley Museum & Art Gallery

THE DRAMA QUEENS Exhibition featuring costumes worn by

some of the cast in the acclaimed period drama *Downton Abbey*, until Sun 17 June, Himley Hall, Dudley

PUGIN, DURER AND THE GOTHIC Display that showcases eight prints and a single drawing by the well-known Renaissance artist Albrecht Durer, together with two stained-glass designs by 16th century German artists, Hans Holbein and Abel Stimmer, until Thurs 21 June, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

THE AGE OF LEONARDO A special collection display that features ten works from some of the greatest 16th century Italian print-makers, until Thurs 21 June, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

LEATHER Exhibition that celebrates Worcester's history in the British glove-making industry, until Sat 23 June, Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum

CAPTURED MOMENTS Selling exhibition of paintings in a variety of media by two Shropshire artists, Mary Herber Davies and Blanche James, until Sat 23 June, The Place, Oakengates, Telford

MAESTROS Featuring two moving image installations by Turner Prize-winner Douglas Gordon, until Sat 23 June, The Mead Gallery, Warwick Arts Centre

BEING HUMAN Documentary artwork by artist Jill Impey that's inspired by young people's responses to identity, until Sat 23 June, W'hampton Art Gallery

ARTISTS AND PRINTMAKERS Exhibition featuring works from the museum's print collection, in particular the works of a group of artists known as the Senefelder Group, until Sun 24 June, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

I WANT MORE LIFE EXHIBITION

BITION A showcase of paintings by Horace Panter - best known for being the bass-player with Coventry ska band The Specials, until Tues 26 June, Talisman Theatre, Kenilworth

JUBILEE A series of photographs of HRH The Queen taken by Patrick Lichfield, until Sat 30 June, Shugborough Estate, Stafford

FROM HIGHFIELD ROAD TO WEMBLEY...

Collection of photography, film and memorabilia that celebrates one of the most memorable FA Cup Finals (1987), until Sun 1 Jul, Herbert Art Gallery Museum, Coventry

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GARY HUME: FLASHBACK Exhibition by one of Britain's most celebrated contemporary artists, until Sat 7 July, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

STAFFORDSHIRE OPEN ART until Sun 8 July, Shire Hall Gallery, Stafford

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wide range of media, including performance, sculpture, painting and photography, all feature in this exhibition, considered to be Williams' most comprehensive presentation to date, until Sun 8 Jul, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham

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WONDERFUL WATERCOLOURS: VIEWS OF COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE Showcase of some of the gallery's watercolour collection - including works by Paul Sandby, David Cox & Thomas Girtin, until Sun 22 July, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

BLOOD AND BONES Solo exhibition by Patricia Niemann that features work in precious metals, glass, textiles and drawings, all of which are inspired by the human body, archaeology and wild landscapes, until Sun 5 Aug, Broadfield House, Dudley

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CELEBRATION A display of costumes in the Servants' Quarters

Costume Gallery, until Sun 28 Oct, Shugborough Historic Working Estate, Stafford

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FACES & PLACES A collection of works by Keith Turley in acrylics and oils featuring portraiture and figure painting, Sat 9 Jun - Sun 8 Jul, Red House Glass Cone, Stourbridge

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JASKIRT DHALIWAL: EVERYDAY OLYMPIAN Exhibition that explores the commitment and participation of people in local community sports, Mon 18 Jun - Sun 8 Jul, The Drum, Birmingham

MARION RICHARDSON EXHIBITION The former Dudley Girl's School art mistress showcases some of the outstanding work that she's produced with children over the years, Sat 23 Jun - Sat 22 Sep, Dudley Museum & Art Gallery

LOCAL OLYMPIC HEROES Exhibition of local artworks that celebrate physical movement, Sat 30 Jun - Sat 8 Sep, Dudley Museum & Art Gallery

POWER & BEAUTY Exploration of the Black Country through photography and film, Thurs 28 Jun - Sat 11 Aug, The New Art Gallery, Walsall

FLIGHT AND THE ARTISTIC IMAGINATION Major exhibition that explores man's instinctive desire to fly. Works from Leonardo de Vinci & Francisco Goya feature, Fri 29 Jun - Sun 30 Sep, Compton Verney Gallery, Warwickshire

FORMER GLORY The grandeur of buildings, the faded beauty of clothing and personal items is the source of inspiration for this group of artists, working in textiles, film and mixed media, Sat 30 Jun - Sun 2 Sep, Himley Hall & Park, Dudley

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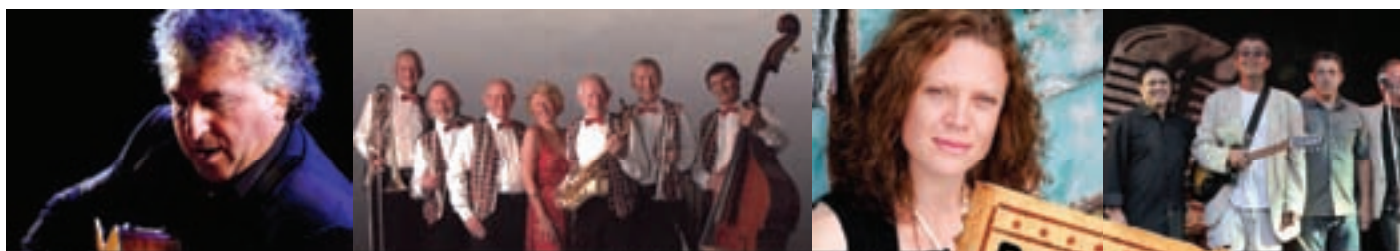
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Festivals

Wychwood Festival

Cheltenham Racecourse, Fri 8 - Sun 10 June

Often referred to as Gloucestershire's answer to Glastonbury, the Wychwood Music Festival was launched in 2005 by a group of enthusiasts wanting to create an intimate and thrilling weekend festival experience. The annual event features music as wide-ranging as world, folk, psychedelic pop and dance, not to mention solar-powered cinema and numerous workshops for all ages, including circus skills, taichi and yoga. Line-up for the 2012 festival

includes Bellowhead, The Saw Doctors, The Damned, Hawkwind and Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends.



Bellowhead

Upton Jazz

Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire, Fri 22 - Sun 24 June

Now in its twenty-seventh year, the annual Upton Jazz Festival offers a blend of jazz, mainstream/modern and swing with traditional jazz and Dixieland foundations. With the 2012 festival being touted as the 'year of dance', organisers have transformed the town's Memorial Hall into a dance venue, and intend to create other dance spaces in numerous other venues. At the request of festival-goers, the 2012 event sees the return of some familiar faces, including Fat Sam, Carl Sinclair, Karen Sharp, Bob Kerr and the Whoopee Band, Tipitina, Pete Allen and Alan Barnes, to name but a few...



Tipitina

The Lunar Festival

Umberslade Estate, Tanworth in Arden, Warwickshire, Fri 1 - Mon 4 June

Set in the spiritual home of singer/songwriter Nick Drake, this brand new family-orientated festival offers an intimate weekend of entertainment in the beautiful setting of the Umberslade Estate. Featuring two stages of live music, film screenings, a mini-rave and on-site catering provided by Birmingham's Soul Food Project, the inaugural Lunar Festival is headlined by the extremely talented Benjamin Francis Leftwich, Scott Matthew and Fionn Regan.



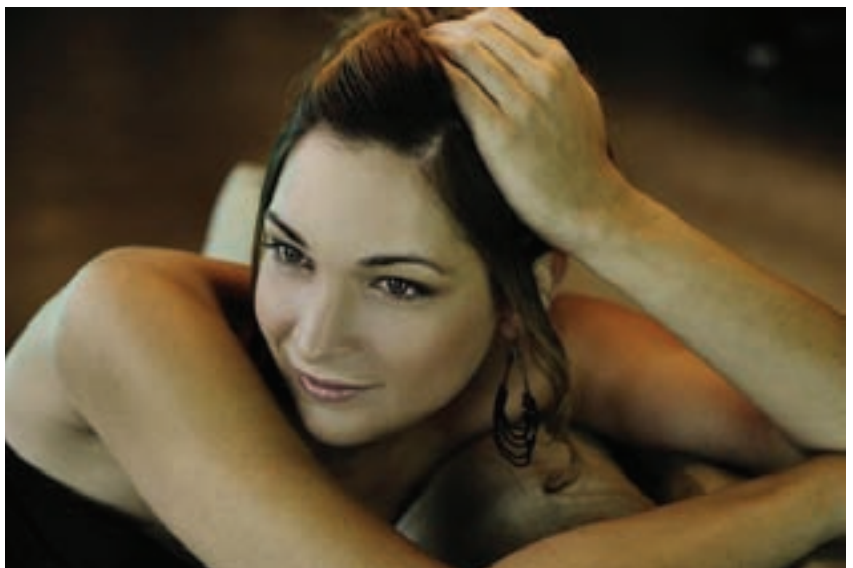
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Bass Festival

Various locations in and around Birmingham, Tues 19 June - Fri 13 July

An appearance by Jamaican reggae star Junior Murvin is guaranteed to be the highlight of this year's Bass Festival - the region's month-long celebration of Black music and art. With 2012 marking the fiftieth anniversary of Jamaican Independence, and with Birmingham hosting the Jamaican Olympic team for the duration of the games, this year's incarnation may well prove to be the best ever. This year's line-up also features Moqapi Selassie, Lady Leshuur, RoxXxan, Top Cat, Seani B and the Channel One Sound System.



Lichfield Real Ale Jazz And Blues

Lichfield Rugby Club, Thurs 7 - Sun 10 June

With electric blues, acoustic blues, lap-steel guitar, flamenco guitar, trad, gypsy and modern jazz, brass ensembles and funk to recommend it, Lichfield Real Ale Jazz And Blues Festival certainly offers something to satisfy all tastes. Add to this workshops for budding musicians, great camping facilities, renowned catering (for all the right reasons) and the promise of more than thirty real ales, and you've got the makings of a fine festival. Promising to be bigger and better than ever before, the 2012 event features performances from Eduardo Niebla, Led Bib, Gabrielle Ducombe (pictured), Derrin Nauendorf, The Cohen Brothers, Paul Cox and Charlie Fabert and Wonderbrass.

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The Workhouse, Llanfyllin, Powys,
Fri 15 - Sun 17 June

Coventry ska band The Selecter and '80s New Wave artist Hazel O'Connor are just two of the many acts booked to appear at this brand new Mid-Wales festival. The two-day event is being staged to raise much-needed funds to enable The Workhouse to continue to bring music legends past and present to the venue, and to support fresh new talent from within the local area.



The Selecter

Stratford Fringe Festival

Various locations throughout Stratford-upon-Avon, Sat 2 - Sun 10 June

With more than one hundred-and-fifty separate events at forty different venues across the historic town of Stratford-upon-Avon, the annual Stratford Fringe promises to offer something for all tastes and age groups. Comedians Robin Ince and Milton Jones headline the eight-day event, with theatre companies (performing everything from An Evening With Charlotte Bronte to a new work to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee), live music, a visual arts trail, exhibitions, art classes and family activities also featuring.

Cheltenham Science Festival

Various locations in and around Cheltenham,
Tues 12 - Sat 17 June

The Cheltenham Science Festival provides six days of debate and entertainment, and offers visitors the chance to put their questions to some of the world's leading thinkers, and even to conduct their own experiments. This year's festival hosts the Famelab International Final - a quest to find scientific stars of the future.

Gregynog Festival

Gregynog Hall, Tregynon, Newtown, Powys,
Fri 15 - Sun 1 July

Wales' oldest classical music festival attracts thousands of visitors from around the globe, all of whom descend on mid-Wales to indulge their passion for 'music-making of the highest standard'. Set within the grand surroundings of Gregynog Hall, this two-week event features six Welsh debuts and six exclusive UK appearances. Taking Venezia as its inspiration and featuring seven centuries of music associated with the city, this year's event marks the passing of one hundred years since Gregynog's Festival founders - sisters Gwendoline and Margaret Davies - bought their first paintings of Venice by Monet. Highlights for 2012 include performances by The Avison Ensemble, pianist Alessandro Taverna, vocal group La Venexiana, Catalan viol player Jordi Savall and Italian virtuoso Giuliano Carmignola.



Alessandro Taverna



Scene from Ludlow Festival 2011. Photo credit © Richard Stanton

Ludlow Festival

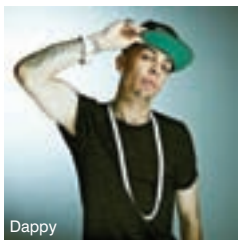
Ludlow Castle, Ludlow Assembly Rooms and St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, South Shropshire,
Sat 23 June - Sun 8 July

This well-established festival is now in its fifty-second year and has grown into an event of national interest, not least because of its often-star-studded centrepiece, an outdoor Shakespeare production performed in the grounds of the town's magnificent castle. This year it's a new version of Much Ado About Nothing that's being presented beneath the stars. Other attractions for 2012 include musical performances from Ensemble Sine Nomine, Orchestra of the Swan, Fron Male Voice Choir, Wishful Singing, Niamh Parsons and Graham Dunne. Abba tribute band Bjorn Again provide the final evening's entertainment with a performance at Ludlow Castle.

Os Fest

Oswestry Showground, North Shropshire,
Fri 1 - Mon 4 June

The region's first pop festival of summer 2012 takes place in Oswestry early this month and boasts an impressive line-up of eighty acts performing across three stages. N-Dubz member Dappy takes to the main stage on Saturday, while acclaimed British indie group Razorlight top the bill on Sunday. Other notable acts performing during the four-day event include Hard-Fi, Benjamin Francis Leftwich, Delilah, Levi Roots and Goldie Lookin' Chain. Apart from providing top music, Os Fest also offers a comedy store, fun-fair, DJ Booth, open mic, Kidzone, food stalls, Pimms bus, beer tents and the promise of much, much more...



Dappy

English Haydn Festival

Various locations, Bridgnorth, Shropshire,
Wed 6 - Sat 9 June

Celebrating Haydn's early years, the nineteenth English Haydn Festival opens with a showing in Bridgnorth's Majestic cinema of the newly released film, In Search Of Haydn. Performances by an impressive line-up of internationally acclaimed soloists follow, with Simon Standage, James Kirby, Pavel Serbin and Peter Hanson, together with the English Haydn Orchestra, all contributing. A series of one-hour lunchtime concerts features performances from the Eroica String Quartet, the Barbican Trio and the English Haydn Ensemble.

Droitwich Spa Summer Festival

Droitwich Spa, Pershore, Worcestershire, Fri
22 June - Sun 8 July

This annual event sees the small market town of Droitwich Spa come to life with numerous arts-based activities. Kicking off with a boat gathering weekend on the newly opened Droitwich Canal, the Summer Festival features an eclectic selection of music in the town centre's Vine Park, including performances from Roving Crows, Cowley Cowboys, BabaJack and Hennesea.

Warwick Summer Music Festival

St Mary's Church, Warwick,
Thurs 21 June - Sat 7 July

Warwick's rich musical heritage is here celebrated with seventeen days of performances by some of the world's most acclaimed classical musicians. Renowned organist and composer David Briggs opens the festival with a recital of works by Bach, Franck and Mendelssohn, together with a performance of his improvised symphony. A world premiere of Howard Skempton's song cycle Brave Guy Of Warwick also features, performed by mezzo-soprano Ksynia Loeffler and pianist Jan Loeffler. Other highlights include performances by the Armonico Consort and Symphony Orchestra and the Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra.



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CHESTER FOLK Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun, Kelsall Village, Chester

SOLIHULL JAZZ Debut festival with a line-up featuring Tipitina & Ricky Cool & The Hoola Boola Boys, Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun, Solihull, Warwickshire

OS FEST Highlights include Razorlight, Dappy, Benjamin Francis Leftwich and Hard-Fi, Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun, Oswestry Showground

LUNAR Highlights include Benjamin Francis Leftwich & Rory McLeod, Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun, Umberslade Estate, Stratford-upon-Avon

ENGLISH HAYDN Tue 1 - Sun 10 Jun, Various Locations in Bridgnorth, Shropshire

MUCH WENLOCK ARTS FESTIVAL featuring an outdoor production of the Merry Wives of Windsor, Sat 1 - Sun 24 Jun, Various venues throughout Much Wenlock, South Shropshire

REGGAE CITY Confirmed acts include the Twinkle Brothers, The Beat, Congo Natty feat. Nanci & Pheobe, Friendly Fire ft Peppery and many more!, Sat 2 Jun, Rainbow Warehouse, Birmingham

STRATFORD FRINGE Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Various locations throughout Stratford-upon-Avon

DOT TO DOT FESTIVAL Line-up includes The Drums, Pulled Apart by Horses & Dog is Dead, Mon 4 Jun, Various locations in Manchester city centre

LICHFIELD REAL ALE, JAZZ & BLUES Line-up includes Paul Cox and Charlie Fabert, Wonderbrass, Eduardo Niebla, Derrin Nauendorf Band & Led Bib, Thurs 7 - Sun 10 Jun, Lichfield Rugby Club

WYCHWOOD Line-up includes Bellowhead, The Saw Doctors, The Damned, Hawkwind & Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends, Fri 8 - Sun 10 Jun,

Cheltenham Racecourse

DOWNLOAD Highlights include The Prodigy, Metallica & Black Sabbath, Fri 8 - Sun 10 Jun, Donington Park, Derby

WELFEST ON THE MEADOW Highlights include The Delteurs, Magic Eight Ball, Sat 9 Jun, Synder Meadow, Stratford-upon-Avon

CHAZZSTOCK Highlights include The Vaccines, The Horrors & Tribes, Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun, Stanford Hall, Leicestershire

PARKLIFE WEEKENDER Line-up includes The Flaming Lips, Dizzee Rascal & Noah & The Whale, Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun, Platt Fields Park, Manchester

CHELTHENHAM SCIENCE Tues 12 - Sun 17 Jun, Various locations throughout Cheltenham

BEACH BREAK LIVE Line-up includes; Chase and Status, Dizzee Rascal, Friendly Fires & Maverick Sabre, Thur 14 - Mon 18 Jun, Pembrey Country Park, South Wales

VIVE LE ROCK Line-up includes The Selector, Dr Feelgood, Hazel O'Connor & Gundogs, Fri 15 - Sat 16 Jun, The Workhouse, Llanfyllin, Powys

LICHFIELD FOLK Fri 15 - Sun 17 Jun, Various locations throughout Lichfield

BURTFEST Line-up features Inme, The Wurzels, The Selector & The Skints, Fri 15 - Sun 17 Jun, The Washlands, Burton-on-Trent

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LUDLOW FESTIVAL Highlights include a production of Much Ado About Nothing & performances from the Glenn Miller Orchestra & Bjorn Again, Sat 23 June - Sun 8 Jul, Ludlow Castle & various other locations in and around Ludlow, South Shropshire

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CORNBURY FESTIVAL Highlights include James Morrison, Elvis Costello, Jools Holland, Will Young & Pixie Lott, Seasick Steve, Stooshe, Hugh Laurie and many more... Fri 29 June - Sun 1 Jul, Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire

GODIVA FESTIVAL Sun 1 Jul, War Memorial Park, Coventry

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JULY

CHELTHENHAM INTERNATIONAL MUSIC Highlights include Nigel Kennedy & Benjamin Grosvenor, Wed 4 - Sun 15 Jul, Various locations throughout Cheltenham

LICHFIELD FESTIVAL Wed 4 - Sun 15 Jul, Various locations throughout Lichfield

NAPTON MUSIC Line-up includes Toploader, Guns2Roses & Total Stone Roses, Fri 6 - Sat 7 Jul, Napton on the Hill Centre, Warwickshire

FUSE Line-up includes State Of Undress, Bleeding Hearts & Kaleidoscope, Fri 6 -

Sun 8 Jul, Beacon Park, Lichfield

WAKESTOCK Line-up includes Calvin Harris, Dizzee Rascal & Ed Sheeran, Fri 6 - Sun 8 Jul, Cardigan Bay, South Wales

BUXTON Line-up includes Piano 4 Hands, Flanders and Swann, Give Me Your Hand & The Fairey Band, Sat 7 - Wed 25 Jul, Buxton Opera House

LUNANZA Family fun festival, Sat 7 - Sun 8 Jul, West Midland Showground, Shropshire

BLUES AT THE FOLD Line-up includes Earl Green & The Right Of Time, Sat 7 Jul, The Fold, Worcestershire

LATITUDE Line-up includes Bon Iver, Elbow, Paul Weller & Metronomy, Thurs 12 - Sun 15 Jul, Henham Park, Suffolk

BROMSGROVE FOLK Line-up includes Jez Lowe and the Big Bad Pennies, Josh Tams and Barry Coupe, Mike Silver and Jonny Coppin and many more, Fri 13 - Sun 15 Jul, The Bowling Green, Shaw Lane, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

HOLE IN THE WALL Line-up includes Counterfeit Stones, T-Rextacy & Are You Experienced, Sat 14 - Sun 15 Jul, Hopton Court, between Ludlow & Kidderminster

L FEST Fri 13 - Mon 16 Jul, West Midland Showground, Shrewsbury

WOLVESTOCK Country music festival, Sat 21 - Sun 22 Jul, East Park, Birmingham

SPLENDOR Highlights include Dizzee Rascal, Katy B, Razorlight and The Levellers, Sat 21 Jul, Wollaton Park, Nottingham

CHURCH STRETTON ARTS FESTIVAL A two-week celebration of the arts, Sat 22 July - Sat 4 Aug, Church Stretton, South Shropshire

WARWICK FOLK Line-up includes Eddi Reader, Tickled Pink, Edward II & Michael McGoldrick, Thu 26 - Sun 29 Jul, Warwick

OFF THE CUFF Fri 27 - Sun 29 Jul, The Flapper, Birmingham

GLOBAL GATHERING Highlights include Tinie Tempah, AfroJack & Labrinth, Fri 27 - Sat 28 Jul, Long Marston Airfield, Stratford-upon-Avon

AUGUST

BLUES FESTIVAL Line-up includes Ricky Cool and the Hoola Boola

The Wombats - Shrewsbury Fields Forever



Boys, TBelly, Mojo Hooker, Steiny's Blues & Mumbo-Jumbo, Sat 4 Aug, The Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Redditch

WILDERNESS Line-up includes, Rodrigo y Gabriela, Wilco, Spiritualized, Cloud Control & Lianne La Havas, Fri 10 - Sun 12 Aug, Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire

FARMER PHILS Line-up includes Dreadzone, The Undercover Hippy & Rodney Branigan, Fri 10 - Sun 12 Aug, Rattlinghope, Shrewsbury

V FESTIVAL Highlights include The Stone Roses, The Killers, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds & Snow Patrol, Sat 18 - Sun 19 Aug, Weston Park, Staffordshire

SHREWSBURY FOLK Highlights include KT Tunstall, Richard Thompson, & Show of Hands, Fri 24 - Mon 27 Aug, West Midland Showground, Shrewsbury

CREAMFIELDS Line-up includes Avicii, David Guetta & Example, Fri 24 - Sun 26 Aug, Daresbury, Cheshire

BRIDGNORTH MUSIC & ARTS Fri 24 Aug - Sun 2 Sep, Various Locations in Bridgnorth, Shropshire

UPTON INTERNATIONAL MUSIC Line-up includes The Stylistics, The Drifters, The Selector & The Beat, Fri 24 - Sun 26 Aug, Upton Waterside, Upton-on-Severn, Worcestershire

LEEDS Line-up includes The Foo Fighters, The Cure, Kasabian, The Black Keys & Florence and the Machine, Fri 24

- Sun 26 Aug, Bramham Park, Leeds

READING Line-up The Foo Fighters, The Cure, Kasabian, The Black Keys & Florence and the Machine, Fri 24 - Sun 26 Aug, Richfield Avenue, Reading

SHREWSBURY INTERNATIONAL STREET THEATRE Fri 31 August - Sun 2 Sep, Shrewsbury Town Centre

OFF THE TRACKS SUMMER Line-up includes Peatbog Faeries, The Selector, Dhol Fountain & Martin Carthy, Fri 31 Aug - Sun 2 Sep, Donington Park Farmhouse, Donnington

MOSELEY FOLK Line-up includes Steeleye Span, Roy Harper, Echo & The Bunnymen & Julian Cope, Fri 31 Aug - Sun 2 Sep, Moseley Park & Pool, Birmingham

SEPTEMBER

BESTIVAL Line-up includes Stevie Wonder, New Order, The XX & Emeli Sande, Thurs 6 - Sun 9 Sep, Robin Hill Country Park, Isle Of Wight

BROMYARD FOLK Line-up includes Spiers & Boden, The Mighty Doonans & Vin Garbutt, Fri 7 - Sun 9 Sep, Bromyard, Herefordshire

SHREWSBURY FIELDS FOREVER Line-up features The Wombats, Ms Dynamite & The Clock Tower, Fri 14 - Sat 16 Sep, West Mid Showground, Shrewsbury



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Sat 2 - Sun 10 June

Enjoy a patriotic half-term with the museum's special Royal Cars Exhibition & quiz, plus-free family Jubilee craft days on Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 June, where children are encouraged to dress as kings, queens and princesses.



Gladstone Pottery Museum

Uttoxeter Road, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent
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Thurs 7 June, 10.30am - 4pm

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Fabulous Fifties

Sun 3rd June, 2pm

Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee by visiting the History Wardrobe which is packed with fashions from 1952, including bullet bras and sugared petticoats.

Tickets £5, concessions £4



Diamond Jubilee events

Let the celebrations begin...

This month sees towns and cities across the UK decked out in red, white and blue as the biggest party of the year kicks off, bringing communities big and small together to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. As is always the case with such occasions, there's an eclectic mix of organised events taking place across the region, including a Big Jubilee Weekend in Birmingham - which sees the second city marking the occasion with four days of music and entertainment - and a Queen Jubilee Tribute in Wolverhampton's West Park, featuring Coronation anthems and Last Night Of The Proms favourites. Meanwhile, in Shropshire, Blists Hill Museum hosts four days of pomp and pageantry Victorian-style. Coventry's Transport Museum gets in on the act too, holding a Royal Family Day to coincide with its Royalty On The Road exhibition.

So grab yourself a Union Jack and let the partying begin....

Birmingham

DIAMOND JUBILATIONS Featuring the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra & Stephen Bell (conductor), Fri 1 Jun, Symphony Hall

BIRMINGHAM PRIDE

Sat 2 June, Victoria Square & Birmingham's Gay Village

HANDEL'S ROYAL MUSIC: CELEBRATING THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Sat 2 June, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

SPRING FESTIVAL Featuring arts, crafts and nature trails, arena activities and 1950s-style entertainment, Sat 2 Jun, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham

LET THE GAMES BEGIN WEEK & JUBILEE FUN

Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Cadbury World, Birmingham

FAMILY FUN DAYS - JUBILEE HALF-TERM

Featuring crowning trails, outdoor games & take home crafts, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Packwood House

JUBILEE PRAISE Sun 3 Jun, St Martin's Church

RUSSELL WATSON - A TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Sun 3 Jun, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

CELEBRATE CREATIVITY CRAFT FAIR

Spacehopper Events present a craft event in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee, Sun 3 & Mon 4 Jun, Birmingham Council House

BIRMINGHAM JUBILEE VINTAGE

EXTRAVAGANZA Presented by Spacehopper Events, Sun 3 & Mon 4 Jun, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

BIG SCREEN 1950s music and concert from Buckingham Palace screened live, Mon 4 Jun, Victoria

Square, Birmingham

FAMILY STREET PARTY Mon 4 Jun, Waterhall, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

Black Country

DRAMA QUEENS TO CELEBRATE THE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Exhibition of period costumes from the world of film and television, Until Sun 17 Jun, Himley Hall & Park, Dudley

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS A variety of fun for all ages & the opening of the centre's community garden project, Fri 1 Jun, Willenhall Centre

DIAMOND JUBILEE STREET PARTY

Sat 2 Jun, Penn Library, Wolverhampton

MANOR FARM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Themed Jubilee lunch with 50s music and dancing, Sat 2 Jun, Manor Farm, Walsall

ST THOMAS'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY IN THE PARK

Family afternoon featuring bouncy castle, inflatable assault course, tug of war, puppet show, live music & much more... Sat 2 Jun, St Thomas' Church, Walsall

HALF-TERM DIAMOND ACTIVITIES

Become a royal for the day by making & decorating your very own crown, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, RAF Cosford

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Entertainment, dance and exhibition of local memories, Sun 3 June, Bilston Town Hall

THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH Celebrate in style with an outdoor picnic & entertainment, Sun 3 Jun, Wightwick Manor

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE TRIBUTE A summertime bonfire party with live acts, Mon 4 Jun, West Park, Wolverhampton

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Celebrate HRH the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a traditional street party, Tue 5 Jun, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

LOVELY JUBILEE A day of Jubilee celebrations with craft making for all the family, Tues 5 Jun, The Public, West Bromwich

WOLVERHAMPTON STREET PARTY Indoor party for adults and children, Tue 5 June, Bilston Baptist Church, Wolverhampton.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH THE QUEEN Nostalgia in abundance with tea, homemade cakes and music from the Senior Citizens Orchestra, Wed 6 Jun, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall

JUBILEE HATS Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by making your own party hat or crown, Wed 6 Jun, Bilston Craft Gallery

JUNGLE QUEEN'S CROWNS Wed 6 Jun, New Art Gallery, Walsall

JUBILEE BADGES - DROP IN CRAFT SESSION Wed 6 Jun, Walsall Leather Museum

JUBILEE JAMBOREE Story & craft sessions to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Jubilee, Thurs 7 Jun, Central Children's Library, Wolverhampton

CELEBRATION PLATES WORKSHOP Thurs 7 Jun, Walsall Leather Museum

CHILDREN'S HALF-TERM CRAFT DROP-IN Thurs 7 Jun, Walsall Museum

SENIOR CITIZENS ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Jubilee-themed concert, Thurs 7 Jun, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall

PETER PAN

Disney classics released in the decade of the coronation, Fri 8 Jun, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall

ALICE IN WONDERLAND Disney classics released in the decade of the coronation, Fri 8 Jun, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall

JUBILEE JAMBOREE Sun 10 Jun, Bentley Leisure Pavillion, Walsall

TIME TO REMEMBER A trip down memory lane that recreates the sounds & atmosphere of the war years, Thurs 14 Jun, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall

OLYMPIC FLAGS WORKSHOP Sat 30 Jun, New Art Gallery, Walsall

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE: CLASSIC WOMEN

Starring Lesley Garrett, Sat 30 Jun, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

Shropshire

SHROPSHIRE JUBILEE PROMS AND FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR Led by the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, this family event features a children's funfair and culminates in a spectacular firework display, Fri 1 Jun, Oswestry Showground, Shropshire

QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS A weekend of Jubilee-inspired celebrations, Sat 2 - Tue 5 Jun, Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire

HALF-TERM DIAMOND ACTIVITIES Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, RAF Cosford, Staffordshire

JUBILEE JAMBOREE Celebrate all things royal with a traditional British picnic, Sun 3 Jun, Sunnycroft, Wellington

SHREWSBURY RIVER FESTIVAL Free family fun in the Quarry and on the river with Jubilee boat flotilla. Check out the music, bar, food, stilt-walkers, jugglers, fire-eaters and craft stands, Sun 3 Jun, The Quarry Park, Shrewsbury

GIANT JUBILEE STREET PARTY Join in the fun as the Quarry Park is transformed into a giant street party and filled with plenty of community entertainment, Mon 4 Jun, The Quarry Park, Shrewsbury

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Feed this year's baby lambs and kid goats and take part in an array of activities, including egg collection and hand feeding deer, Mon 4 Jun, Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom, Telford, Shropshire

JUBILEE CELEBRATION Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with a walk through the park's magnificent landscape, Tues 5 Jun, Hawkstone Park, North Shropshire

JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY TUESDAY Featuring entertainment from the Darby Singers, Tues 5 Jun, Sunnycroft, Wellington

GUY DAY'S HINTS AND TIPS - JUBILEE CLASSICS Guy looks at how our approach to food has evolved over the last sixty years and updates some classic dishes from Jubilee celebrations of the past, Wed 13 - Thurs 14 Jun, Weston Park, Staffordshire

Staffordshire

JUBILEE: EXHIBITION

A selection of photographs of HRH The Queen taken by Patrick Lichfield will be displayed throughout the mansion house, along with the magnificent robes worn by his grandparents at the Queen's Coronation, until Sat 30 June, Shugborough Historic Working Estate, Stafford

HM THE QUEEN AND THE PAPAZZI

Look out for 'HM The Queen's' lookalike who'll be making a surprise appearance, Fri 1 June, The Trentham Estate, Stoke-on-Trent

DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY Attendees are encouraged to dress 1950s-style, Sat 2 Jun, Staffordshire Regiment Museum

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Featuring live music, street magic, face painting & king and queen stilt walkers, at 2 Jun, Tamworth Assembly Rooms

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT WEDGWOOD Featuring a commemorative

museum gallery trail, Sat 2 - Fri 8 Jun, Wedgwood Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

DIAMOND JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY FUN Take along a picnic to the gardens and celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee while listening to the Lyme Valley Swing Band, Sat 2 - Tue 5 Jun, Trentham Gardens

JUBILEE HALF-TERM WEEK Featuring special celebration activities for all the family, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Shugborough Historic Working Estate

DIAMOND JUBILEE COURTYARD PARTY Sun 3 June, Emma Bridgewater Factory, Stoke-on-Trent

FABULOUS FIFTIES Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee by visiting the History Wardrobe which is packed with fashions from 1952, including bullet bras and sugared petticoats, Sun 3 Jun, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

THE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH Sun 3 Jun, Lichfield Cathedral

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Featuring fun fair, band displays, BRMB roadshow, Scruffs Dog Show, trade and charity stalls, Mon 4 Jun, Beacon Park

JUBILEE BEACON LIGHTING Mon 4 Jun, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon

ROYAL FAMILY DAY A range of royal-themed activities for families, Mon 4 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

JUBILEE HALF-TERM Jubilee-themed pottery painting, including ceramic flags and commemorative tiles, Mon 4 - Fri 8 Jun, Gladstone Pottery Museum

HALF-TERM FAMILY FUN LITTLE TREASURES Jubilee-themed family drop-in workshop and trails, Mon 4 - Fri 8 Jun, Museum of Cannock Chase

JUBILEE DAY CELEBRATIONS Arrive dressed as a prince, princess, king or queen, make a crown and enjoy the celebration... Tue 5 Jun, Shugborough Historic Working Estate

DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY Booking essential! Tues 5 Jun, Moseley Old Hall

DIAMOND JUBILEE STREET PARTY Tues 5 Jun, National Forest Adventure Farm, Burton-upon-Trent

JUBILEE CROWNS Create a royal crown to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, Tue 5 - Fri 8 Jun, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

THE STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY SHOW Wed 6 - Thu 7 Jun, Staffordshire County Showground

A VICTORIAN DIAMOND JUBILEE Meet Queen Victoria and her lady in waiting, see Victorian soldiers as well as exotic animals from around the world, Thurs 7 Jun, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

JUBILEE JAPES Hands-on activity sessions where visitors can make their very own crown, Thurs 7 Jun, The Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum & Bookshop

JUBILEE PROMS CONCERT Sat 16 Jun, Lichfield Garrick

Warwickshire

ROYALTY ON THE ROAD

Exhibition of vehicles used by the British monarchy past and present, Until Sun 10 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS WITH THE SEALED KNOT Featuring battle re-enactments, displays, living history encampment and artillery salute, Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun, The Recreation Ground, Stratford-upon-Avon

JUBILEE TEAS Celebrate the Jubilee with afternoon tea in the Barn Restaurant, Sat 2 Jun, Baddesley Clinton

JUBILEE WEEKEND Retro bike ride plus entertainment from local Morris Dancers, Sat 2 - Mon 4 June, Churchend Brewery, Ridge Lane, Warwickshire

JUBILEE FAMILY FUN Featuring special jubilee craft days, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon

DIAMOND JUBILEE AND ROYAL JOUSTING Celebrate the Queen's sixtieth year on the throne with a royal joust featuring a host of historical characters, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Warwick Castle

ROYAL JUBILEE FUN Watch as Queen Elizabeth I holds court, accompanied by William Shakespeare and his company of players. Entry is free to all children attending in fancy dress, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Shakespeare's Birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon

ROYAL HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES Follow an all-new crown jewels activity trail around the museum, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

ROYAL CARS 'JUBILEE' EXHIBITION Sat 2 - Sun 10 June, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire

JUBILEE PICNIC Take along a picnic and listen to some live music, Sun 3 Jun, Charlecote Park

GODIVA STREET PARTY Themed event featuring live music, street performers, community entertainment and refreshments, Mon 3 Jun, Priory Street, by Coventry Cathedral

LEAMINGTON SPA GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Featuring fairground rides, marching bands and firework display, Sat 3 Jun, The Royal Pump Room Gardens, Leamington Spa

LONGFORD FESTIVAL MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY Fun day featuring donkey rides, live music, karaoke, Punch and

Judy, and much more... Sat 3 Jun, Longford Park, Coventry

TIME TRAVELLERS GO ROYAL

Games and crafts fit for a king or queen, plus a chance to meet some royal characters of times gone by, Sun 3 - Tue 5 Jun, Kenilworth Castle

DIAMOND JUBILEE STREET PARTY Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a family street party including entertainment and nostalgic food. Themed Diamond Jubilee costumes are very much encouraged, Tue 5 Jun, Solihull Arts Complex

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS WITH THE ZINGZILLAS CBeebies favourites entertain their young fans with a series of five mini-shows throughout the day, Tues 5 Jun, Cannon Park Shopping Centre, Canley, Nr Coventry

ENGLAND BE GLAD! CONCERT Fri 22 Jun, Holy Trinity Church, Leamington

Worcestershire

JUBILEE ELGAR FESTIVAL Fri 1 Jun, Croombe Park

ROYAL JUBILEE ELGAR FESTIVAL CLOSING CONCERT Sat 2 Jun, Worcester Cathedral

KINGS AND QUEENS FAMILY FUN TRAIL Sat 2 - Thurs 7 Jun, Witley Court & Gardens

FAMILY FUN DAYS - JUBILEE HALF-TERM Featuring crowning trails, outdoor games & take home crafts, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Coughton Court, Alcester

JUBILEE HIGH TEA Sun 3 Jun, Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Redditch

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Featuring live music, vintage car display, model steam engine rides and a prize for the best fancy dress, Sun 3 - Mon 4 Jun, Eastnor Castle

JUBILEE PICNIC PARTY Sun 3 - Mon 4 Jun, Witley Court & Gardens

FAMILY ACTIVITY DAYS: MARVELLOUS MONARCHS Mon 4 - Thurs 7 Jun, Hanbury Hall & Gardens

JUBILATION! Themed craft activities for children. Follow the 1950s trail and make a royal crown, decorate a commemorative scroll, plus much more... Mon 4 - Fri 8 Jun, Hartlebury Museum, Worcester

DIAMOND JUBILEE FAMILY FUN DAY Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a traditional garden party, Tue 5 Jun, Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove



The Zingzillas - Cannon Park Shopping Centre, Coventry

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Events



BBC Good Food Show Summer And BBC Gardeners World Live NEC, Birmingham, Wed 13 - Sun 17 June

Celebrating the best of British, the BBC Good Food Show brings together expert tips, demonstrations and advice from some of the best known names in the culinary business. James Martin makes his annual pilgrimage to the show to host the much-loved omelette challenge and the celebrity guests' food heaven and hell in the Saturday Kitchen, while Hairy Bikers, Olly Smith and Michael Caines, as well as local chef Glynn Purnell, demonstrate their skills by rustling up some inspirational dishes in the summer kitchen.

MasterChef hosts John Torode and Gregg Wallace are joined by this year's finalist Shelina Permaloo - and fellow contestants - in the live

MasterChef Kitchen, while visitors wishing to purchase some foodie delights to take home can do so in The Producers' Village, which offers an array of speciality merchandise, both local and seasonal. BBC Gardeners' World Live runs alongside the Good Food Show and features the ever-popular Gardeners' Green area, providing an abundance of family entertainment and craft activities. The show also offers masterclasses from popular celebrity gardeners, including Alan Titchmarsh, Monty Don, Carol Klein, Joe Swift, Adam Pasco and James Alexander Sinclair.

Tile Decorating Workshops

Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire, Fri 1 June; Tues 5 - Fri 8 June

These creative sessions are ideal for adults and children alike, and are a great way to while away a couple of hours during the school holidays - with the added bonus being that you end up with a beautiful 6x6inch tile to take home!

Visitors to these informal sessions can either create their own design, or select one from the on-site stock of pictures. The process of tube lining is used to incorporate the selected image onto a tile. It's easy to do and it's fun - oh, and there's plenty of help at hand, should you feel that you need it!



Aegon Classic Edgbaston Priory, Birmingham, Mon 11 - Sun 17 June

Regularly attracting some of the world's top female tennis players, the Aegon Classic is a firm favourite in the British tennis calendar. Formerly known as the DFS Classic, this week-long event this year sees British players Elena Baltacha, Anne Keothavong, Heather Watson and Laura Robson battling it out against Germany's Sabine Lisicki, Italy's Roberta Vinci, Slovakia's Daniela

Hantuchova and Greece's former Grand Slam finalist Eleni Daniilidou. The Aegon Classic Ladies' Day, in association with Harvey Nichols Birmingham, takes place on 14 June and brings an added dimension to the show with its cocktail bar, demonstrations, hand massages, fragrance and food stands.



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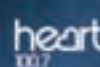
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Events PREVIEW

Throckmorton Air Show

Throckmorton Airfield, Pershore, Worcestershire, Sat 16 June

With the attendance figure expected to exceed the twenty thousand mark, this annual Help For Heroes fundraising event includes an array of action-packed demonstrations and activities. Featuring displays from RAF Merlin and Chinook Helicopters, a parachute freefall team, and aerobatic and royal marines display teams, there's certainly plenty to keep visitors entertained. Add to this appearances by well-known faces from fly-on-the-wall TV shows Road Wars, Traffic Cops, Motorway Cops and Police Interceptors - as well as drift car rides, helicopter flights and aircraft flight simulators - and you've got yourself a great family day out.



Dragonboat Festival

Brindleyplace, Birmingham, Sat 16 June

Returning for its thirteenth year, this annual fundraising event sees members of the city's business community compete for first place on Birmingham's Fazeley Canal. The one-day event features teams of twelve rowers - and one drummer - taking to the water in traditional forty-foot-long boats, and also boasts plenty of entertainment away from the canal, with the public squares at Brindleyplace filled with traditional Chinese lion dancers, craft markets, live music and street entertainers.



Wartime Weekend

Avoncroft, Bromsgrove, Sat 16 - Sun 17 June

Learn all about life during World War Two as this popular event makes a welcome return to Worcestershire's Living History museum. Featuring home front demonstrations, land girls, soldiers, dancing, themed entertainment, battle re-enactment and a flyover of vintage planes, this nostalgic weekend - complete with plenty of hands-on activities - promises to both entertain and educate visitors.



Blue Peter Olympic Tour

West Park, Wolverhampton, Sat 30 June

Intrepid adventurer and Blue Peter favourite Helen Skelton stops off in Wolverhampton this month to host a special day of action-packed activities to get people 'in the mood' for the forthcoming London 2012. Helen is joined by fellow presenter Barney Harwood to present a guide to the games for children - complete with interviews and masterclasses with Olympic stars past and present. A brand new ancient Olympics-themed Horrible Histories sketch, celebrity guest stars and retellings of some of the most famous stories from the modern Olympic era also feature.

This is a ticketed event which will be broadcast as one of three ninety minute programmes filmed at various locations around the UK. To apply for a ticket, call 0370 901 1227.

Breathe The Beat Roadshow

Leamington Peace Festival, Sat 16 June;
Bantock House, Wolverhampton, Sun 17 June;
Sutton Coldfield Carnival, Sat 23 June;
GLOW Dance Festival, Hereford, Sat 30 June

Renowned international hip-hop artist Salah here demonstrates how dance routines can be developed by taking inspiration from everyday surroundings. Held at various community events throughout the region, the Breathe The Beat Roadshow showcases both local talent and professional companies.

International Model Airshow

Weston Park, Staffordshire,
Sat 16 - Sun 17 June

Weston Park's International Model Airshow brings together some of the country's top model aircraft pilots to demonstrate their skills.

The 2012 programme includes a performance by the Red Hawks - who'll showcase synchronised flying from two one-third-scale hawks - and appearances by the RAF Red Arrows and the RAF Typhoon Euro fighter. Off-runway entertainment includes a model rocket display, children's funfair, model car racing, model boat regatta, slot car racing and numerous hands-on activities for children.

Classic And Vintage Commercial Show

Heritage Motor Museum, Gaydon,
Warwickshire, Sat 9 - Sun 10 June

Described as the largest classic commercial show in Europe and returning to Warwickshire for a fifth year, this nostalgic offering features hundreds of pre-1985 classic and commercial vehicles. The two-day event also showcases over sixty outdoor commercial vehicle and transport-related stands, one hundred-and-sixty tabletop displays

plays - including kit-built and scratch-built models in different scales - and a vast array of working radio-controlled models, both inside and outside the prestigious Heritage Motor Museum.

Coventry Cycling Festival

Coventry Transport Museum,
Sat 23 June

Boasting plenty of pedal-powered activities, this annual event is popular with both recreational and experienced cyclists. It doesn't even matter if you don't own your own bike, as there are plenty available in all shapes and sizes for you to try! An added attraction at this year's show is the museum's latest exhibition of memorabilia, Pedal Power, offering visitors the chance to check out some of the bikes ridden by British Olympic champions such as Tommy Godwin, Chris Boardman and Tom Sabin.



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Events PREVIEW

Stratford-upon-Avon River Festival

The Recreation Ground (opposite the Royal Shakespeare Theatre), Stratford-upon-Avon, Sat 30 June - Sun 1 July

The 2012 Stratford-upon-Avon River Festival features a host of entertainment for the local community to enjoy. A highlight of the two-day event is the illuminated boat display on the Saturday evening, which comes with the promise of a 'spectacular firework display'. Live music, a craft village, a climbing wall, stalls and market traders also feature, while street entertainment is on offer in the historic town centre itself.



Much Wenlock Festival

Various venues in and around Much Wenlock, Shropshire, Sat 2 - Sun 24 June

With numerous arts-based events and activities packed into a three-week programme, there's plenty to attract visitors to the beautiful medieval town of Much Wenlock this month. A Festival Fair on the Church Green opens proceedings on 2 June and is followed by an eclectic array of events, including a literary evening, a cycle ride, workshops, concerts, rambles, exhibitions and six performances of Shakespeare's *The Merry Wives Of Windsor*, presented by The Shropshire Drama Company.



Tudor Festival

Mary Arden's Farm, Stratford-upon-Avon, Sat 2 - Sun 10 June

While jubilee celebrations get under way across the country, Her Majesty the Queen's namesake, Queen Elizabeth I, makes her way to the Midlands to oversee proceedings at Stratford's popular Tudor Festival! Dressed in regal finery, Elizabeth I will preside over the annual royal tournament, featuring



Victorian Wedding

Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire, Sat 16 June

The villagers of Shropshire's award-winning Victorian museum are set to don their finest costumes mid-month as they prepare to re-enact a traditional church wedding. The open-air marriage service takes place in the unusual surroundings of the museum's St Chad's Mission Church. It's here that visitors can witness traditional Victorian hymns and readings as the couple make their vows, prior to making their way to the site's Pleasure Gardens, where an outdoor blessing and reception will take place.

archery and jousting contests. She may even select some younger visitors to become her pages or princesses for the day! All children attending in fancy dress are admitted free of charge.



Community Games And Fun Day

Brindleyplace, Birmingham, Fri 29 - Sat 30 June

To coincide with the Olympic torch passing through Birmingham, the city's Brindleyplace is hosting its very own games. Featuring people from the local business community, the event sees competitors battle it out in a range of sports, including ping-pong, five-a-side football, the long jump and a relay race. A family fun day on the Saturday offers visitors the chance to try fencing, boules, sumo-suit wrestling and traditional sports day games. For those wishing to show off their artistic side, the Ikon Gallery will be running various family arts and crafts, while the Brian Newton Big Band provide live music for the day.

RAF Cosford Air Show

RAF Cosford, Staffordshire, Sun 17 June

Regarded as one of the country's top aviation events, this annual air show attracts thousands of visitors, and features spectacular flying displays, static aircraft displays and military exhibitions. The 2012 show includes a search-and-rescue demonstration by the RAF Mountain Rescue team, featuring the RAF Sea King from HRH Prince William's unit at RAF Valley. The two-day event also includes some high-energy action from the Apaches of the Army Air Corps, who present an attack helicopter role demonstration.

Classic Car And Transport Show

Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, Sun 17 June

Celebrating twenty-three years of eventing at Trentham Gardens, the annual Classic Car And Transport Show, with its one thousand vehicle entries, fifty club stands, autojumble and trade stands, provides a perfect day out for Father's Day - assuming your dad's a motoring enthusiast, that is!



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TITANIC TRAIL Follow the Titanic trail around the museum and discover the city's links with the doomed ocean liner. Learn about Captain Smith and the fashions of the period, until Mon 31 Dec, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

THE WITCHES OF WARWICK Morbid spells and the darkest witchcraft games create an atmosphere so malevolent and chilling even seasoned scaremonsters will be terrified, until Fri 1 Jun - Mon 31 Dec, Warwick Castle

WEB OF LIFE A rare opportunity to see previously hidden treasures from the museum collection, until Mon 31 Dec, Nash's House & New Place, Stratford-upon-Avon

DIG FOR SHAKESPEARE Watch archaeologists unearth exciting relics and try your hand at helping sieve the spoils in the special marquees, until Sun 4 Nov, Nash's House & New Place, Stratford-upon-Avon

TILE DECORATION WORKSHOP Use the tried and tested tube lining technique to produce a 6x6-inch tile of your own design, Fri 1 Jun, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire

FIA EUROPEAN DRAG RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS Annual event that attracts over two hundred-and-fifty of Europe's finest teams, Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

TREFONEN HILL WALK WEEKEND Featuring various walks, a quiz night and bonfire, Fri 1 - Mon 4 Jun, Trefonen Village Hall, Shropshire

NEWPORT CARNIVAL Annual event which this year celebrates its fortieth anniversary, Sat 2 Jun, Newport High Street, Shropshire

KENILWORTH SHOW Sat 2 Jun, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

MOTORING MARVELS Motoring marvels from the early 1900s up to the 1930s take centre-stage. These rare gems are sure to be the torque of the town!, Sat 2 Jun, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

MOVING EARTH Featuring twenty groups of twelve

dancers from across the West Midlands who combine their individual dance styles with Indian martial arts moves, Sat 2 Jun, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham

EVENING SCENIC SPECIALS A scenic evening ride, with the added option of traditional fish and chips, Sat 2 Jun, Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

IT'S A GAS! Volunteers bring the gas engines to life in the Cinema Power House and the Trap Shop, Sat 2 Jun, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

STEAM & VINTAGE RALLY Annual event featuring a cross-section of exhibits and attractions for all the family, Sat 2 - Sun 3 Jun, West Park, Wolverhampton

BIRMINGHAM PRIDE Celebrating the equality and diversity of the city of Birmingham, this two-day event is renowned for providing great all-round entertainment. Acts booked to appear for 2012 include The Saturdays, Radio One DJ Scott Mills, The L Project, Judge Jules and Freemasons vocalist Amanda Wilson, Sat 2 - Sun 3 Jun, Birmingham Gay Village

VW AND RETRO CAR MANIA Featuring vehicle arenas, displays, club display village, trade stands, autojumble stalls and much more... Sat 2 - Sun 3 Jun, Weston Park, Staffordshire

TUDOR FESTIVAL Join in the merrymaking, dancing and games. Sample farm food and enjoy entertainment from Shakespeare's day, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Mary Arden House, Stratford-upon-Avon

KINGS & QUEENS FAMILY FUN TRAIL See if you can solve the royal quest and divert a disaster by finding the hidden clues and revealing the royal connection, Sat 2 - Thurs 7 Jun, Witley Court & Gardens, Worcestershire

KNIGHTS FAMILY FUN TRAIL Find the letter clues hidden around the castle and spell out the famous knight's name to receive your prize, Sat 2 - Fri 8 Jun, Stokesay Castle, Shropshire

MAKE YOUR OWN MEDALS Celebrate the London 2012 Olympics by making your own

pewter cast medals, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Enginuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire

FAMILY ARCHAEOLOGY Witness live excavations and unearth some archaeological treasures in the onsite family marquee, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Nash's House & New Place, Stratford-upon-Avon

HOLIDAY TRAILS Themed family trails to keep the kids entertained during the half-term break, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury

NATURE DETECTIVES Children's event featuring seek-and-learn activities in the woods and gardens, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Stratford-upon-Avon

IT'S ALL FUN & GAMES! Half-term activities. Join in with some traditional games and activities in Folkes Park, Sat 2 - Sun 10 Jun, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

MUCH WENLOCK FESTIVAL Featuring an outdoor production of The Merry Wives Of Windsor, an open-air concert at Wenlock priory, literary evenings, open gardens, music and fringe events... Sat 2 - Sun 24 Jun, Various venues throughout Much Wenlock, Shropshire

WOOLLY WONDER DAY Featuring demonstrations in spinning, knitting, sewing and weaving, Sun 3 Jun, Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom, South Shropshire

SHREWSBURY RIVER FESTIVAL Free family fun featuring the Jubilee boat flotilla, music, bar, food, stilt walkers, jugglers, fire-eaters & craft stands, Sun 3 Jun, The Quarry Park, Shrewsbury

CIVIC SUNDAY PARADE through the city centre & St Peter's Church, Sun 3 Jun, Wolverhampton

CRAFT & FOOD FAIR Sun 3 Jun, Upper New Street, Birmingham

TOY COLLECTORS FAIR Sun 3 Jun, The Three Counties Showground, Malvern

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY FUN FAMILY EVENT Sun 3 - Mon 4 Jun, Ludlow Castle, South Shropshire

TIME TRAVELLERS GO... ROYAL Featuring games and crafts fit for a king or queen. Meet some royal characters from times gone by... Sun 3 - Tue 5 Jun, Kenilworth Castle

BANK HOLIDAY MARKET Featuring more than seventy market stall holders selling everything from plants, tools, food, gift and toys, Mon 4 Jun, Penkridge Market, Staffordshire

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY FUN Mon 4 Jun, Shugborough Historic Working Estate, Staffordshire

PAELLA & LIVE MUSIC Mon 4 Jun, Cafe Ikon, Birmingham

DRAWBOTZ: NEXT GENERATION Fusion of science and photography that takes The Public's Drawbotz workshops to a new level, Mon 4 Jun, The Public, West Bromwich

LORD MAYOR'S SHOW Annual event featuring live music, dance performances and children's entertainment, Mon 4 Jun, Birmingham City Centre

BOOK BASH Featuring an Alice In Wonderland-themed tea party, Mon 4 - Tues 5 Jun, Aston Hall, Birmingham

CERAMIC DROP-IN WORKSHOPS Celebrate the national flowers of our home countries and decorate a mug with a shamrock, red rose, thistle or daffodil, Mon 4 - Fri 8 Jun, Coalport China Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire

TILE DECORATION WORKSHOP Use the tried and tested tube lining technique to produce a 6x6-inch tile of your own design, Tue 5 - Fri 8 Jun, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire

BIG DANCE BUS Chance to take part in free dance workshops featuring street, folk, ballroom and zumba, Wed 6 Jun, Westfield Centre, Dudley

EARLY YEARS SINGING WORKSHOP Gentle early years singing session, Wed 6 Jun, The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury

ANIMATION FUN Chance to learn the basics of stop frame animation using toys, drawing and basic collage, Wed 6 Jun, The Public, West Bromwich

CONSERVATION TOUR OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE HOARD Wed 6 Jun, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

GUIDED TOUR OF BORDESLEY ABBEY Learn



Steam And Vintage Rally - West Park, Wolverhampton

more about the history and destruction of Bordesley Abbey, Thurs 7 Jun, Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch

MY BAD CONVERSATION Artist Bedwyr Williams talks with Ikon's curator Tyler Cann about the role of failure and humour within artistic production, Thurs 7 Jun, Ikon Gallery, Birmingham

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GLASS ENGRAVING Thurs 7 Jun, Red House Glass Cone, Dudley

CHAMPIONSHIP DOG SHOW Thurs 7 - Sun 10 Jun, The Three Counties Showground, Malvern

GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES WORKSHOP A workshop that invites brave youngsters to explore the exciting and daring world created by the Brothers Grimm, Fri 8 Jun, The Roses Theatre, Tewksbury

EVENING SCENIC SPECIAL - SPICE TRAIN Take a look at the exhibitions and displays before having supper from the curry buffet, Fri 8 Jun, Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

FATHER'S DAY KILN-

FUSED GLASS KEYRING WORKSHOP Fri 8 Jun, Broadfield House, Dudley

HISTORICAL COOKERY & MAYHEM Fri 8 Jun, Lichfield Garrick

SNOOKER LEGENDS Join Jimmy White, Dennis Taylor, John Parrott, John Virgo, Cliff Thorburn and Michaela Tabb for an evening of snooker, laughter and nostalgia, Fri 8 Jun, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford, Shropshire

MAKE A COMIC WORKSHOP Fri 8 Jun, The Public, West Bromwich

PAPERWEIGHT DAY Featuring paper-weight making demonstrations, trade stands and an exclusive exhibition of weights inspired by nature & organised by the Paperweight Collectors Circle, Sat 9 Jun, Broadfield House Glass Museum, Dudley

LIVING HISTORY DAY Discover Dudley through the ages, meet a knight and learn about the monks of Dudley Priory, Sat 9 Jun, Dudley Museum & Art Gallery

EVENING SCENIC SPECIAL A scenic evening ride, with the added option of traditional fish and chips, Sat 9 Jun, Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

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THE TOM SABIN COMMEMORATIVE CYCLE RIDE 2012 Specialist ride for experienced cyclists, Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

CLASSIC AND VINTAGE COMMERCIAL SHOW A colourful two-day show featuring a diverse selection of classic and vintage vehicles pre-1985, Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon

THE MIGHTY ROMAN ARMY Cheer on your favourite Roman soldiers as they're put through their paces in an all-action show, Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun, Wroxeter Roman City, Shropshire

NATURE DETECTIVES: POND LIFE Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun, Hanbury Hall, Worcestershire

EVESHAM BALLOON & CLASSIC CAR FIESTA Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun, Evesham Town Centre

BROADWAY ARTS FESTIVAL Sat 9 - Sun 17 Jun, Broadway Village, Worcestershire

PERFORMANCE VAUXHALL SHOW The UK's biggest show of its kind, Sun 10 Jun, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

GREGYNOG GARDEN FESTIVAL Featuring demonstrations and all things garden related, as well as forest school children's activities, Sun 10 Jun, Gregynog Hall, Nr Welshpool, Powys

CANCER RESEARCH RACE FOR LIFE Sun 10 Jun, Walsall Arboretum

WALK OF THE BLACK COUNTRY Join Free Radio (Beacon Radio) on a ten-mile charity walk from Himley Hall to Wolverhampton Racecourse, Sun 10 Jun, Himley Hall & Park, Dudley

TRENTHAM BOAT CLUB REGATTA Junior crews from all over the country compete for the Victor Ludorum Cup, Sun 10 Jun, Trentham Gardens, Staffordshire

CENTENARY OF WORKERS INSTITUTE OPENING Featuring re-enactments and street performances based on the one hundred year history of the Worker's Institute, Sun 10 Jun, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

MEET THE HORSES Find out more about the horses of Blists Hill, chat to their keepers and enjoy shoeing and grooming demonstra-

tions, Sun 10 Jun, Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire

UPSTAIRS, DOWNSTAIRS TOUR A behind-the-scenes tour that gives visitors the chance to explore fascinating and busy parts of the house usually not on the public route, Sun 10 Jun, Weston Park, Staffordshire

BONSAI DEMONSTRATION Sun 10 Jun, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

DEATH AT DOWNTOWN ABBEY Join Earl and Lady Cruelly as they open their doors for an afternoon soiree on the lawn, Sun 10 Jun, Welcome Menzies Hotel Spa & Golf Club, Warwickshire

JUNE COUNTRYSIDE FAMILY DAY Sun 10 Jun, Worcester Racecourse

SUMMER SUNDAY FUN Sun 10 Jun, Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire

Week Commencing MON 11 JUN

HERITAGE BICYCLE RIDE A pedal-powered guided tour of a number of locations around the city, Mon 11 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

AEGON CLASSIC Mon 11 - Sun 17 Jun, Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham

RACE FOR LIFE Tue 12 Jun, Trentham Gardens, Staffordshire

CERAMIC GALLERY TALKS Two short talks by members of the Northern Ceramic Society, Tue 12 Jun, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Staffordshire

DANCE AT 8 'Dance at 8' teaches dance to a high standard in a wide variety of styles for adults of all ages, Tue 12 Jun, Bredon Village Hall, Tewksbury

DRIFT WHAT YA BRUNG PUBLIC DRIFT DAY Wed 13 Jun, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

BBC GARDENERS' WORLD LIVE Featuring top gardening experts including Monty Don and Alan Titchmarsh, Wed 13 - Sun 17 Jun, NEC, Birmingham

BBC GOOD FOOD SHOW SUMMER Wed 13 - Sun 17 Jun, NEC, Birmingham

AN EVENING WITH ROGER LOVELL The UK's only professional Penny Farthing rider Roger Lovell provides an entertaining and inform-

ative talk about the evolution of cycling, Thurs 14 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

HIDDEN WIGHTWICK - DANTE GABRIEL ROSSETTI, HIS LIFE & WORKS Booking essential! Thurs 14 Jun, Wightwick Manor, Wolverhampton

TODDLER THURSDAY Crafty sessions and story time, Thurs 14 Jun, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE OPEN DAY Fri 15 Jun, Birmingham Conservatoire

HERITAGE BICYCLE RIDE A pedal-powered guided tour of a number of locations around the city, Fri 15 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

2012 BRITISH GRAND PRIX (MOTOGP) Fri 15 - Sun 17 Jun, Silverstone Circuit, Northampton

THREE COUNTIES SHOW The region's premier agricultural show offering excellent entertainment for all the family and showcasing the best of British food, farming and rural life, Fri 15 - Sun 17 Jun, The Three Counties Showground, Malvern

CHOLMONDELEY PAGEANT OF POWER The UK's biggest celebration of power and speed, Sat 16 Jun, Cholmondeley Castle, South Cheshire

RUN WHAT YA BRUNG PUBLIC TRACK DAY Sat 16 Jun, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

BREATHE THE BEAT ROADSHOW Renowned international hip-hop artist Salah demonstrates how to take inspiration from every day surroundings and create routines, Sat 16 Jun, Leamington Spa

DEER STUDY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP Join Jenny Morgan from Gentleshaws Wildlife Sanctuary and Bird of Prey Hospital for a day-long photography workshop featuring owls and raptors, Sat 16 Jun, Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent

MIDSUMMER WALK IN THE PARK A guided walk around the Himley Estate exploring some of the site's fascinating history, including the ice house, the dogs cemetery and the ancient woodland, Sat 16 Jun, Himley Hall & Park, Dudley

OPEN DAY AT THE EARL OF DUDLEY'S MEMORY GARDEN The only opportunity in the year to view the evocative Earl of Dudley's private memory garden, Sat 16 Jun, Himley Hall & Park, Dudley

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SHOW The UK's premier emergency and armed services fun day in aid of Help for Heroes, Sat 16 Jun, Throckmorton Airfield, Worcestershire

IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS... Family activity afternoon, Sat 16 Jun, Moseley Old Hall, Staffordshire

SHREWSBURY CARNIVAL Sat 16 Jun, Shrewsbury Town Centre

EVENING SCENIC SPECIALS A scenic evening ride with the added option of traditional fish and chips, Sat 16 Jun, Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

DRAGONBOAT FESTIVAL The popular festival returns for its thirteenth year, Sat 16 Jun, Brindley Place, Birmingham

CELEBRATING SANCTUARY Full day of free activities and events in celebration of Refugee Week, Sat 16 Jun, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

BLOXWICH CARNIVAL Sat 16 Jun, King George V Playing Fields, Bloxwich

NGS GARDEN DAY Sat 16 Jun, Charlecote Park, Warwickshire

A VICTORIAN WEDDING Join the townsfolk for a recreated wedding in the Mission Church followed by a reception in the gardens, Sat 16 Jun, Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire

WALSALL SUMMER BIOBLITZ Sat 16 Jun, Walsall Arboretum

WARTIME WEEKEND Find out about wartime life in the 1940s, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun, Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun, Cadbury World, Birmingham

INTERNATIONAL MODEL AIR SHOW Two-day swap featuring over one hundred and fifty traders, large model rocket display, pyrotechnic display, children's fun fair, model car racing, light aircraft and classic cars, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun, Weston Park,

Staffordshire

'TREASURE DAYS' & FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND A chance to admire some of Shugborough's special hidden treasures, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun, Shugborough Historic Working Estate, Staffordshire

SECOND HAND BOOK FAIR Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun, Attingham Park, Nr Shrewsbury

CLWYD VINTAGE VEHICLE RALLY Featuring auto-jumble, trade stands, main event ring and children's entertainment, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun, Oswestry Showground, North Shropshire

BRIDGNORTH STATION GALA Featuring miniature railway, traction engines, stationary steam engines, model railways and even a velocipede, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun, Severn Valley Railway, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

KINVER COUNTRY FAYRE Traditional country fayre featuring exhibitors, displays of historic vehicles, fancy dress parade and arena events, Sun 17 Jun, Kinve, Staffordshire

FATHER'S DAY FALCONRY Sun 17 Jun, Hanbury Hall, Worcestershire

BREATHE THE BEAT ROADSHOW Renowned international hip-hop artist Salah demonstrates how to take inspiration from every day surroundings and create routines, Sun 17 Jun, Bantock House & Park, Wolverhampton

BIG BAND EVENING Sun 17 Jun, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

RAF COSFORD AIR SHOW The Midlands premier air event with displays from the Red Arrows, RAF Falcons, Typhoon display team & The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, plus fun fair, stalls and much more..., Sun 17 Jun, RAF Cosford, Staffordshire

FATHER'S DAY STEEPLECHASE Sheep and goat racing followed by the Dad's egg and spoon race, Sun

17 Jun, Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom, Telford, Shropshire

FATHER'S DAY AT THE MONKEY FOREST Sun 17 Jun, Trentham Monkey Forest, Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent

FATHER'S DAY EVENT Travel back in time on a vintage tram, see the vintage cars and bikes on display and kit your dad out with a new flat cap or outfit at Morralls Outfitters, Sun 17 Jun, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

FATHER'S DAY - TRANSPORT FESTIVAL Featuring a display of over one-thousand classic, contemporary and rare cars, Sun 17 Jun, Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent

KNIGHT SCHOOL FOR DADS Watch as your dad hones his skills on a medieval battlefield in front of a watchful master tutor, Sun 17 Jun, Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire

FATHER'S DAY SURVIVAL SKILLS Learn how to be a survivor in an action-packed day for all the family, Sun 17 Jun, Baddesley Clinton, Warwickshire

BANBURY RUN Featuring more than six-hundred vintage motorcycles, club stands, autojumble and special interest displays, Sun 17 Jun, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire

FATHER'S DAY FUN Promising a action-packed day for all the family, Sun 17 Jun, Packwood House, Nr Birmingham

JAPSHOW The year's first major event for Japanese car fans, Sun 17 Jun, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

TRAVELLER'S TALES Sun 17 Jun, Worcestershire County Museum,

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SERVANTS TOUR Catch a glimpse of life below stairs, Tues 19 Jun, Wightwick Manor, Wolverhampton

DANCE AT 8 Dance At 8 teaches dance to a high standard in a wide variety of styles for adults of all ages, Tue 19 Jun, Bredon Village Hall, Tewksbury

CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOW Tue 19 - Wed 20 Jun, The County Showground, Cheshire

SPOTLIGHTING CAFE Debs Newbold tells Tales Of Midsummer Eve, Wed 20 Jun, Kitchen Garden Cafe, Kings Heath, Birmingham

AN EVENING WITH ROB PENN Cyclist, TV presenter and author of It's All About Bike talks about his work, Wed 20 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

SPOTLIGHT Chance to put your objects under the spotlight, Wed 20 Jun, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS Informal and fun way to explore the gallery's current exhibitions, Thurs 21 Jun, Cafe Ikon, Birmingham

THE PRE-RAPHAELITE - SEX, DRUGS & POETRY TOUR Booking essential! Thurs 21 Jun, Wightwick Manor, Wolverhampton

THE VOYAGE Professional dancers and aerialists join forces with a huge amateur choir, live musicians and more than one hundred-and-forty community performers to transform Birmingham's Victoria Square and tell a story, Thu 21 - Sun 24 Jun, Victoria Square

THE ENCHANTED WOOD Fairies from A Midsummer Night's Dream take over the wood at Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Thurs 21 Jun - Fri 31 Aug, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Stratford-upon-Avon

MEET THE SPECIES: BAT, WALK AND TALK An opportunity to discover the nocturnal world of our most enigmatic native mammals, Fri 22 Jun, Palmers Meadow, Tenbury Wells

PEAK PERFORMANCE TEST & TUNE DAY RWWB with maximum track time and fully prepped track for serious enthusiasts, Fri 22 Jun, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

PAELLA & LIVE MUSIC Fri 22 Jun, Cafe Ikon, Birmingham

BEER FESTIVAL Featuring more than fifteen real ales, four ciders and a variety of entertainment, Fri 22 - Sun 24 Jun, The Jinney Ring Craft Centre, Redditch

BOWMAN ANTIQUES FAIR Fri 22 - Sun 24 Jun, Stafford Bingley Hall, Staffordshire

THE SALSA CENTRAL WEEKEND Featuring over sixty hours of classes for all levels across multiple styles of Latin dance, Fri 22

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COVENTRY CYCLING FESTIVAL Pedal-powered activities for all ages, Sat 23 Jun, Coventry Transport Museum

THE STORY GARDEN Introduce your family to the stories of Shakespeare in a fun and lively way where everyone gets involved, Sat 23 Jun, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

MEDIEVAL GREYFRIARS Step back in time and take part in some medieval dancing, Sat 23 Jun, Greyfriars, Worcestershire

DAMPIER'S ROUND CEILIDH A night of dancing for all abilities, Sat 23 Jun, Number 8 Community Arts Centre, Evesham

STEP BACK TO THE 1940S Themed event featuring costumed re-enactors, displays, battle re-enactment with pyrotechnics, a 1940s wedding, replica RAF operations room and much

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MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL A chance to experience medieval life in the knight's encampment and witness the drill and arming of military men, Sat 23 - Sun 24 Jun, Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch

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Week Commencing MON 25 JUN

TODDLER TUESDAY Craft & story session, Tue 26 Jun, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

VALUATION DAY Charles Hanson from BBC's Bargain Hunt is on hand to value your antiques and collectables, Tue 26 Jun, Mary Arden House, Stratford-upon-Avon

DANCE AT 8 Dance At 8 teaches dance to a high standard in a wide variety of styles for adults of all ages, Tue 26 Jun, Bredon Village Hall, Tewksbury

DRIFT WHAT YA BRUNG PUBLIC DRIFT DAY Wed 27 Jun, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

BONNETS UP DAY An opportunity for technically minded types to get under the bonnets of three of the Heritage Motor Centre's cars, Fri 29 Jun, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire

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OLYMPIC EVENT Sat 30 Jun, Tamworth Assembly Rooms

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CLASSICAL GREEKS Meet classical Greek warriors from the Hoplite Association and discover

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ANTIQUES VALUATION DAY Sat 30 Jun, Birmingham Botanical Gardens

OLYMPIC TORCH CARNIVAL DANCE MASH-UP The culmination of many weeks of youth workshops and mass camps that explores Jamaican dance and its roots in West Africa. Participants can take part in creating costumes, building a float or learning a new dance, and can take part in one of the many processions, Sat 30 Jun, The Drum, Birmingham

ARMED FORCES DAY The Royal Air Force Museum invites veterans from all three services to join as one to celebrate National Armed Forces Day, Sat 30 Jun, RAF Cosford, Staffordshire

LONDON 2012 TORCH RELAY Overnight stop... Sat 30 Jun, Birmingham

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER Enjoy a dinner with a difference. Pre-booking essential, Sat 30 Jun, Shugborough, Staffordshire

SUMMER FETE Traditional garden fete complete with games and stalls, Sat 30 Jun, Sunnycroft, Wellington, Shropshire

UNWRAPPED An onstage discussion and practical demonstration that takes a peek into the rehearsal room with members of the acting company and creative team, Sat 30 Jun, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

MAKING A MINT AND COMMUNITY DAY Celebrate Soho House re-opening with free activities and tours, Sat 30 Jun, Soho House, Birmingham

UK MOTORHOME SUMMER FAIR A great place to find your next motorhome, Sat 30 Jun - Sun 1 Jul, West Midlands Showground, Shrewsbury

STEP BACK TO THE 1940S Attractions include costumed re-enactors, displays, battle re-enactment with pyrotechnics, a 1940s wedding, replica RAF operations room and much more... Sat 30 Jun - Sun 1 Jul, Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

CHARLES DICKENS CELEBRATION A celebration that marks the two hundredth anniversary of Dickens' birth, with readings and drama from his finest work, Sat 30 Jun - Sun 1 Jul, Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire

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- Grange Cross Sands Walking Weekend
- Harrogate and Dales Walking Break
- Isle of Wight Walking and Social Weekend
- Jubilee Four Day Walking Break
- Lynton Devon Coast Walking Break
- Sailing: Diamond Jubilee Cross Channel Cruise

Saturday 2nd June

- Grand Hotel
- Subterranean Dudley Tour and Supper
- Walk with Wolves - Bedford
- White Water Kayaks

Sunday 3rd June

- Assault Course
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- Steam Train Day to Thames Jubilee Pageant
- Tank Battle Experience
- Warwick Easy Ramble

Monday 4th June

- Alvechurch Easy Ramble
- Isle of Wight Walking Weekend

Tuesday 5th June

- Drumming Experience for Beginners
- Ten Pin Bowling (Broadway Plaza)

Wednesday 6th June

- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA
- Bangladesh - Culture and Cuisine
- Great Midlands Fun Run Pre Meet
- Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre Visit
- Tamworth and Lichfield Pub Night

Thursday 7th June

- Circuit Training for Beginners
- Halesowen and Quinton Pub Night
- Preview Evening (MAC)

Friday 8th June

- Dinner at G Casino Walsall
- Frozen
- Sea Kayaking with the Seals

Saturday 9th June

- Abseiling for the Terrified
- Chocolate Workshop at The Venue
- Gorge Walking Adventure
- Hippodrome Back Stage Tour
- Indoor Skydiving
- Packington Cream Tea Ramble
- Rally Driving Lesson
- Stock Car Racing
- Worcester Cathedral Medieval Library Tour

Sunday 10th June

- Bewdley Countryside Walk
- Cannock Chase Discover Mountain Biking
- Great Midlands Fun Run

- Great Midlands Fun Run MARSHALLS
- Learn to Horse Ride in a Day
- Maxstoke Castle Visit and Easy Ramble
- SWAT Training Mission
- Sponsor the Spice Fun Run Team

Monday 11th June

- Badminton For Fun - Worcester
- Spice Book Club

Tuesday 12th June

- Newhall Mill Private Evening Visit
- Solihull Pub Night
- Unihoc (Mixed Indoor Hockey)

Wednesday 13th June

- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA
- Blakedown Evening Ramble
- Paddy Ashdown - A Fortunate Life
- Sutton Pub Night

Thursday 14th June

- Birmingham Evening Walk
- Curry and Quiz - Harborne
- Gliding Evening at Stratford
- Indian Fine Dining at Delhi 6

Friday 15th June

- Sailing Weekend around the Solent
- Spice Hits Town at the Jam House

Saturday 16th June

- Ballroom Dance Masterclass - Tango!
- Bidford On Avon Moderate Ramble + Picnic
- Bike Adventure with Bike and BBQ!
- Birmingham Central Mosque Visit
- Colour U Confident Workshop
- Symonds Yat Adventure Mission

Sunday 17th June

- Berkeley Castle Heirs Tour and Tea
- Brewood Easy Ramble
- CSI Workshop - Real Birmingham Detective
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Croquet Party
- Healthy Body: Healthy Mind
- Monmouth and Offas Dyke Ramble
- Power Kiting and Kite Buggy Full Day
- World's Wackiest Racers

Monday 18th June

- Badminton For Fun - Worcester
- Bromsgrove Pub Night

Tuesday 19th June

- Kings Heath Pub Night
- Wine Tasting - Wines for Summer Drinking

Wednesday 20th June

- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA
- Preview Evening (Warwickshire)

Thursday 21st June

- Beginners Horse Riding Stage 1
- Flawless + English National Ballet
- Shuttington Summer Solstice Evening Ramble
- Warwick / Leamington Pub Night

Friday 22nd June

- An Evening with Phil Tufnell
- Center Parcs Sherwood Forest
- Elan Valley Luxury Walking Weekend
- Sailing Weekend around Malta and Gozo

Saturday 23rd June

- Birmingham Canals Easy Cycle Ride
- Hooky Ramble
- Meeting your True Soul Mate
- Peak Classic Caves Day
- Rally Driving Lesson
- Sailing Taster Day on the Solent
- Shrewsbury to Church Stretton Ramble
- Snowdon Summer Solstice Sleepover

Sunday 24th June

- Barton Under Needwood Easy Ramble
- Center Parcs Extras - Its A Knockout
- Mind Management Workshop
- Tale of Two Queens
- White Water Rafting

Tuesday 26th June

- Scuba - Meet the Team - Charity Evening

Wednesday 27th June

- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA
- Hopwood + Barnt Green Evening Ramble
- Quiz
- Saxon Mill Dinner Shuffle

Thursday 28th June

- Sail Round The Island Yacht Race

Friday 29th June

- Bournemouth and Dorset Coast Walking Weekend
- Francoise Pascal - An Evening With
- Patterdale Lakes Walking Weekend

Saturday 30th June

- Abseiling for the Terrified
- Dragon Boat Evening and BBQ
- Fifties Style and Boudoir Photo Shoot
- Kayak River Adventure Day
- Power Kiting + Kite Surfing On Grass
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Judge Jules: Birmingham Pride

Chic Dance Arena, Birmingham Pride, Southside, Sat 2 - Sun 3 June

Internationally renowned DJ Judge Jules makes a welcome return to the Midlands this month to headline the Chic Dance Arena as part of Birmingham Pride. The Radio One DJ - who wowed audiences at the 2011 Pride event - is this year joined by a host of other well-known DJs, including Natalie D, Andy Max, Pearce M, Nicky G, Ant Marx, Joe Campbell and Audio Punks. For further information on the Chic Dance Arena, visit, www.birminghampride.com

Royal rave in the Midlands...

Gatecrasher, Birmingham, Sat 2 June
Midlands clubbers can celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style this month as seven of the biggest names in trance descend on Birmingham's Gatecrasher venue for what's being described as 'the ultimate summer trance-stormer'. International DJs Dash Berlin (pictured), Marco V, Sean Tyas, Lisa Lashes, Scott Bond, JFK, Genix and AJ Gibson each take their turn at providing the very best in trance tracks against a background of awe-inspiring light and laser shows.



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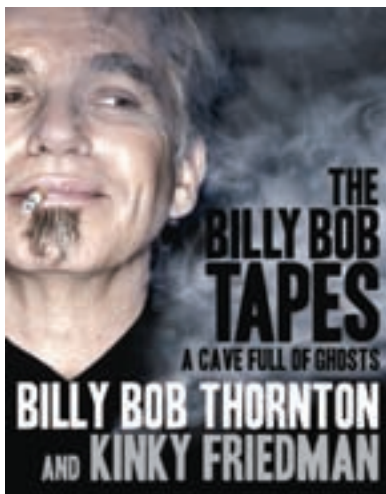
Books

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The Billy Bob Tapes: A Cave Full Of Ghosts

By Billy Bob Thornton and Kinky Friedman

A foreword from ex-wife Angelina Jolie, describing him as having "an unmatched wit that can make you laugh until your face hurts", should certainly make people want to read more about award-winning actor and musician Billy Bob Thornton. Featuring colourful tales of his poor Southern upbringing, his Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (fear of komodo dragons and antiques), his lovelife and his career in films, *A Cave Full Of Ghosts* offers an intriguing insight into the world of the Hollywood icon. Packed with stories and righteous philosophical rants - and told with the help of his close friend and legendary country music star Kinky Friedman - *The Billy Bob Tapes* is described as being much more than just a celebrity memoir.



Chris Lang drama announced for ITV1

Filming has started on a new two-part drama featuring *Spooks* star Hermione Norris and *Men Behaving Badly* and *Doc Martin* star Martin Clunes. Filmed on location in London and Suffolk, *Chris Lang's A Mother's Son* follows the recently married Rosie (Norris) as she tries to come to terms with the murder of her teenage daughter. Fearing that someone very close to her could have been involved in the murder, Rosie turns to her ex husband for solace, questioning whether her suspicions are too incomprehensible. Paul McGann (*Luther*) and Alexander Arnold (*Skins*) also star in the drama, which will be screened on ITV1 later this year.

Douglas Henshall to star in new BBC drama

The BBC has announced that acclaimed Scottish actor Douglas Henshall (*The Kidnap Diaries*, *The Silence*) is to take the lead in a new two-part drama entitled *Shetland*. Henshall will star as Detective Jimmy Perez, a native Shetlander who returns to his beloved homeland after a long spell away. When a young archaeologist discovers a set of human remains and, in a separate incident, an elderly woman is shot on her land in a tragic accident, Perez and his team find themselves embroiled in a feud between two warring families, whose envy, greed and bitterness has divided the surrounding community. Further casting is yet to be announced for the drama, which will air on BBC One later this year.



C4 pledges continued commitment to original British drama

Channel Four has made a statement reiterating its continued commitment to working with the best British drama talent, announcing what viewers can expect in the way of new commissions for 2012 and beyond. Highlights include *Utopia* - a six-part thriller from Dennis Kelly, the creator of the multi-award-winning *Matilda The Musical*; *Complicit* - a three-hour drama by Guy Hibbert which sees David Oyelowo (*The Help*, *Rise Of The Planet Of The Apes*) star as a British intelligence officer caught up in the complexities surrounding the war on terror; *The Fear* - a four-part drama from Richard Cottan (*Wallander*) that chronicles the disintegration of a criminal mind; and *My Fat Teenage Diary* - adapted from Rae Earl's real-life diary and book of the same name.



Looking Back At Me

By Wilko Johnson with Zoë Howe

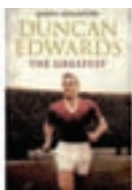
Written with a little help from acclaimed music writer Zoë Howe, Wilko Johnson's autobiography offers a candid insight into the world of rock. Taking a no-holds-barred approach, the former Dr Feelgood guitarist provides a deeply personal account of his life in one of the country's most revered bands and also as a solo performer. Along the way, Wilko expands on his many off-stage interests, including astronomy, art, literature, poetry and Shakespeare. Presented as a rock'n'roll scrapbook, *Looking Back At Me* features many previ-

ously unseen images, together with anecdotes from some of the artist's notable fans, including Robert Plant, Alison Moyet, JJ Burnel, Keith Levene, Gavin Martin and Whispering Bob Harris. The book also features a foreword by Mick Farren.

Duncan Edwards: The Greatest

By James Leighton

The story of Dudley-born footballing legend Duncan Edwards is without doubt one of tragic heroism. Described by Bobby Charlton as "the only player that made me feel inferior", Edwards made his debut for Manchester United at the tender age of sixteen. He went on to help the club win two League Championships and reach the semi-finals of the European Cup before his life was tragically cut short by the Munich air disaster of 1958. This is the story of both the magnificent sportsman and the private individual, and of the legacy that he left behind.



TOP 5 BOOKS

- 1 **Inheritance**
Christopher Paolini
- 2 **Steve Jobs: The Exclusive Biography**
Walter Isaacson
- 3 **Diary Of A Wimpy Kid**
Jeff Kinney
- 4 **Before I Go To Sleep**
S J Watson
- 5 **Bring Up The Bodies**
Hilary Mantel

Eating Out

Birmingham Food Festival returns

It's been announced that the week-long Birmingham Food Festival is to make a welcome return to the city next month. Recognised as a gastronomic hotspot - with its Michelin-starred restaurants and famous Balti Quarter - Birmingham is home to some of the country's top eateries and culinary stars, including Glyn Purnell, Aktar Islam and Richard Turner. Last year saw more than seventy thousand visitors head to the city to sample its culinary delights, and it's hoped that this year's festival will be even more successful. An 'event within an event' - the CBD Food Festival, celebrating twenty-four food and drink venues in the city's commercial district - gets 2012's proceedings under way.



British bubbles...

A recent episode of The Apprentice saw Lord Sugar set the show's remaining contestants the challenge of raising awareness of English sparkling wine, which rivals Champagne in quality but not in market dominance. One person here in the Midlands who knows all about the quality of English sparkling wine is wine aficionado Claire Love, of Loves Restaurant in Birmingham. Claire is so passionate about the product that she promotes it above its French counterpart. English Wine Week is from 2 to 10 June, and Chef Steve Love has created a new tasting menu at the restaurant for the duration of the month.



Claire Love

A night of Queen to celebrate the Jubilee

Peachy Keens restaurant is this month hanging out the bunting as it takes part in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Helping the renowned world buffet restaurant mark the occasion in true party style is Freddie Mercury tribute act Pure Magic, headlining an evening of festivities on 1 June. Tickets to the event cost £10, or £19.99 for the show and dinner. Check out www.peachykeens.co.uk for more details.



In love with Loves!

REVIEW

Husband and wife team Steve and Claire Love opened their appropriately named restaurant Loves back in 2009, in the exclusive Canal Square area of Birmingham. While Steve is the head chef, Claire runs front of house with a wine knowledge that is second to none. Loves is a fine dining restaurant with contemporary décor and a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere - and even the restrooms are top notch! We began the evening in the bar, enjoying a glass of Knightsbridge Ridgview, a delightful sparkling wine which, quite frankly, I could have drunk all night. Having been shown into the private dining area, which is nicely incorporated into the layout of the restaurant, we started our meal with an amuse bouche of goats cheese and parsnip - a real treat. The amuse bouche was

followed by cubes of beetroot with feta cheese and a jelly sorbet - absolutely divine, and the accompanying Baccus Reserve wine was also phenomenal. Moving on, the third course of chicken satay and peanut brittle was beautiful, followed by the Beef Carpaccio with fennel and pickled onions. The beef was delicately sliced and bursting with flavour. The next course was the piece de resistance of the evening - Gloucestershire pork. The dish comprised fillet, cheek, tail nugget, and popcorn pork shrimp. Each cut of pork was cooked to perfection - the cheek was tender and simply melted in the mouth. The pork was followed by banana crème with pork scratchings, which doesn't sound like it should work, but believe me, it does! The dessert of chocolate panna cotta with blood orange sorbet rounded off the meal perfectly. The tasting menu is £68

per person, and £35 per person for the accompanying wines. If you're going to splash out on the meal, you should definitely go the whole hog and add the wines, because they really do make the experience wonderful. However, if you fancy a treat midweek, the Wednesday tasting menu is £48.

Loves isn't one of Birmingham's Michelin-starred restaurants, but it certainly should be. If you haven't stopped by there yet, then make sure you do so very soon. You really will be in for a treat.

Eva Easthope

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

Loves Restaurant
The Glasshouse
Canal Square
Browning Street
Birmingham
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0121 454 5151

Restaurant REVIEWS

New Indian restaurant ticks all the right boxes...

Newly opened in Mere Green, Bhujon is the latest offering from the team behind the popular Regards restaurants.

Warmly welcomed into the cocktail lounge, we began the evening with a non-alcoholic passion fruit Mojito and a sweet creation from the mixologist. A selection of plain and spicy poppadoms with chutneys (£3.50) whetted our appetites for the starters to come - a platter of chicken tikka, lamb shami kebabs and king prawn cigars. The prawns were particularly delicious, served in a light spice paste wrapped in pastry. For mains, we let the owner Mohammed choose a fine trio of dishes on our behalf - lamb rogan josh (£11.50), soya chunks palak (£7.95) and king prawn tawa masala (£15.95). The tender lamb had clearly been simmered to perfection in a full-bodied tomato sauce, whilst the prawns in onion were meaty, with a flavour that shone through the understated accompaniments. The soya was an unusual dish, but one that I thoroughly enjoyed.

To finish, I chose a traditional wedding dish of gajar ka halwa; warm, grated carrot served unconventionally with pistachio ice



cream. Delightful service, style and flavours make this an Indian restaurant experience with a difference. Try it out and see for yourself.
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Food:	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Service:	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Ambience:	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
Overall value	■ ■ ■ ■ ■
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Bhujon Cocktail Bar and Dining
290-292 Lichfield Road
Mere Green
Sutton Coldfield
B74 2UG
0121 308 0930

Impressive experience at Shrewsbury's latest Italian...

We all love it when a popular chain restaurant comes to town - you know what you're eating, how much you're spending, and what atmosphere you'll find. The new Shrewsbury branch of Zizzi's, however, will surpass your expectations. The hallway is lined with whole silver birch logs from Shropshire, there are hand-painted murals of Shrewsbury scenes all over the walls, chairs spray-painted in Shrewsbury Town FC's colours, and the restaurant itself is stunning - the ultimate in laidback, modern comfort with a few quirky touches that prompt you to start Googling products for your own home. All very impressive, but it's the food and service which tops the bill. You can expect your standard hearty pizzas, pastas and salads, but with a twist: Types of olives you've never seen or tasted before; organic drinks you've never heard of; combinations of ingredients that inspire you to cook a bit of Italian yourself; and all for a price that avoids

compromising your wallet. The staff are very knowledgeable about products and helpful in choosing dishes, and the open kitchen and stone oven gives you that extra bit of confidence about how your food is being prepared. Zizzi's as a chain does not disappoint, and has officially become my new favourite haunt for when I want some Italian grub of guaranteed quality. *Jessica Matthews*

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Zizzi Ristorante
39-40 High Street
Shrewsbury
SY1 1SF
Tel: 01743 353232



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ASHA'S 12-22 Newhall Street, B3 3LX 0121 200 2767

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