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BRB awarded Arts Council England funding

Birmingham Royal Ballet (BRB) has announced that it's secured £1.85million as part of Arts Council England's Capital Investment Programme. The grant will allow the Hippodrome-based company to undertake major improvements to its Thorpe Street rehearsal base. By developing its current site into a multi-purpose building able to accommodate both a large workforce and visiting personnel, BRB believes it will be able to 'build on the delivery of a wide range of activities expected of a modern and outward-facing world-class ballet company'. It's anticipated that the total cost of the refurbishment will be £2.7million, the remainder of which will be raised via funding from private sources, as part of BRB's Campaign For The Future.



BRB's current rehearsal space

Spooky tales sought by National Trust

The Midlands branch of the National Trust has launched a storywriting competition for children. The Halloween-themed initiative is asking youngsters aged twelve and under to put pen to paper and create a ghoulish tale inspired by one of the Trust's West Midlands venues. The winning entry will then be made into an illustrated book. The closing date for entries is 15 November. More information can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/spookystories



On the hunt for singing teenagers...

TeenStar - the first and only singing competition exclusively for teenagers - is on a UK-wide search for talent. The competition, which is split into three categories, attracted over nine thousand entrants last year, and it's hoped that the 2014 event will prove to



David Essex to open REP new season

Birmingham Repertory Theatre has announced its programme of shows for the first half of 2014. The recently refurbished Centenary Square venue was visited by one hundred-and-seventy thousand people during the month following its 3 September reopening, and is determined to build on its autumn success. Opening the 2014 season in the main auditorium is David Essex starring in the European premiere of *The Dishwashers*, Canadian writer Morris Panych's play about the Zen of dishwashing. Other 2014 REP highlights include a revival of Roxana Silbert's critically acclaimed RSC production, *A Life Of Galileo*; the premiere of Gurpreet Kaur Bhatti's latest play, *Khandan*; the premiere of Birmingham-born Rachel De-lahay's *Circles*, set on the city's outer-circle bus route; and a revival of Bryony Lavery's award-winning 1998 play, *Frozen*. For further information, ring 0121 236 4455 or visit birmingham-rep.co.uk.

be even more popular. TeenStar auditions will take place at venues across the UK, including Birmingham's NEC, with a £5,000 cash prize being awarded to the overall national winner at a prestigious event at London's O2. If you think you've got what it takes, then log on to www.teenstarcompetition.co.uk to find out more about auditions in your area.

Great British Baker bringing his cakes and bakes to the region

One of the biggest names in TV baking is set to take audiences on a journey through his gourmet life in a brand new stage show. Paul Hollywood Live - Get Your Bake On! stops off at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall on 2 May next year. Providing an insight into Paul's time at some of the world's most exclusive hotels, the show features the man himself not only sharing anecdotes from his time on the *Bake Off* but also demonstrating a number of his favourite recipes.



Chinese artwork to show at Millennium Point

A huge inflatable suckling pig is set to be installed inside Birmingham Millennium Point's vast indoor space, as part of a new arts strategy. Chinese artist Cao Fei's *House Of Treasures* - described as a reflection on contemporary prosperity and abundance - is the first exhibit in an ongoing Millennium Point initiative which aims to place contemporary art at the centre of its public programming. Members of the general public will be able to step inside the pig to watch video footage made by Cao Fei. The exhibit's 5 to 15 November stay at Millennium Point marks the first time the work has been presented outside China.



Denise Van Outen to present new one-woman show

Following acclaimed Broadway and West End performances in Chicago, Legally Blonde and Tell Me On A Sunday, former Big Breakfast presenter Denise van Outen is hitting the road with a new one-woman show that she's co-written with Terry Ronald. Some Girl I Used To Know tells the story of media darling Stephanie Canworth, who, when poked by a former love on Facebook, takes a trip down memory lane and questions whether the life she's living is the one that she really wants. Some Girl I Used To Know shows at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Mon 10 to Wed 12 February, and Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from 20 to 22 February.



New festival on the Frontier

A new city-wide festival celebrating the music of Downtown New York - from John Cage and Philip Glass to post-punk and jazz - is to take place in Birmingham next March. Featuring many leading artists from the US, live performance, exhibitions and other events, Frontiers Festival is offering an eclectic programme to accommodate the city's wide-ranging musical tastes. Commenting on the event, Festival Director Ed McKeon said, "The Festival's motto might be summed up in the words of Robert Ashley, one of the visiting artists: 'American music is a cowboy movie enacted in vastness. The lawlessness of America is our charm. Here, everybody carries a gun and writes whatever music they please, unencumbered by preconceptions'". More details will be announced this month.

First World War to be remembered in Ironbridge

A new exhibition exploring the effect of World War One on Post Office communications is to be staged at Coalbrookdale Gallery in Ironbridge. Last Post: Remembering The First World War shows at the gallery from 10 April to 27 March 2015, and is curated by the British Postal Museum & Archive (BPMA) in partnership with the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust. The exhibition will showcase objects of military and postal importance, and will particularly focus on the way in which Shropshire's communications were affected by the Great War.



Image from the recent Squash & Squeeze exhibition at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

Rowland Emmet exhibition coming to Brum

A series of sculptures and artworks by the legendary Rowland Emmet will be on show at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG) next year. Well known as the man behind the flying car which appeared in the film Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Emmet was also an eminent cartoonist, regularly contributing to Punch magazine. BMAG's yet-to-be-titled exhibition will be on show from May to September 2014. It follows on from the venue's hugely successful Squash & Squeeze - a ticketed exhibition which, at the time of going to print, has been viewed by more than twenty thousand visitors. Birmingham Museum Trust also recently announced an impressive footfall for its Pirates! In An Adventure With Scientists exhibition. Featuring sets from the Aardman Animation blockbuster, the Thinktank-based exhibition was visited by 52,000 people between 25 May and 30 September.

IN BRIEF

Cinderella top of the festive tree

A recent survey held by WhatsOnStage has revealed Cinderella as the most performed panto for the 2013/14 festive season. There will be twenty-two productions of the much-loved fairytale taking place across the UK, while nimble Jack will be clawing his way up the Beanstalk at no fewer than eighteen venues. There will also be seventeen productions of Aladdin, fourteen of both Sleeping Beauty and Snow White, and ten of Peter Pan. Check out our guide on page 35 to find out which pantos are coming to a theatre near you...



pic: Sleeping Beauty at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre

Wolverhampton venue triumphant in national awards

A music industry showdown has seen Wolverhampton's Civic Hall beat off stiff competition from Cardiff's St David's Hall and the O2 Shepherd's Bush Empire. The Live UK Music Business Awards ceremony, held at Radisson Blu Portman Hotel in London, saw the Civic's Head of Entertainment and Events, Mark Blackstock, and Commercial Manager Rupert Knowlden (pictured) collect an award for Best Venue Teamwork. Commenting on the Civic's achievement, Mr Blackstock said: "The award is from the industry to our team at the Civic Hall, proving that the council invests in our entertainments teams and also confirming Wolverhampton as a part of British rock and roll history."



BRB and David Baddiel to feature in theatre's new season

The prestigious Birmingham Royal Ballet (BRB) will be pirouetting its way into Shropshire next year, performing PAGODAS at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn (5 to 7 May) as part of the venue's Spring line-up of shows. BRB's performance features in a season of programming that also includes an appearance by comedian David Baddiel, who presents his much-acclaimed Fame: Not The Musical at the venue on 23 March.





Will Young

from **Pop Idol** to Master of Ceremonies...

With a well-established career in the music industry, numerous accolades and three books already under his belt, Will Young is currently putting his vocal talents to good use in Rufus Norris' acclaimed production of Cabaret The Musical. Touring up and down the country, Cabaret this month stops off at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre. What's On caught up with Will ahead of his visit to the Midlands...

In February 2002, a twenty-three-year-old Politics student from Berkshire named Will Young became the first winner of a new talent show called Pop Idol. Although lasting for only two series, the show fed the nation's hunger for Reality TV, planting the seed for Simon Cowell to take the concept one step further with X Factor, a phenomenon that has since swept the nation.

Young's debut single, Anything Is Possible, sold over a million copies in the first week after its release, and remained in the number one slot for three weeks. Numerous hit singles and albums followed, as did the accolades, including two Brit Awards for Best British Male and Best British Single (for Your Game), both in 2005.

Having found fame and fortune in the music industry, Will decided to turn his hand to acting, appearing alongside Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins in the BBC film Mrs Henderson Presents. The movie received excellent reviews. In 2007, he made his debut treading the boards, appearing in Noel Coward's Vortex at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre.

Six years later and Will is back on stage, donning leather lederhosen to portray the dark character of Emcee, the Master of Ceremonies, in Rufus Norris' acclaimed staging of Cabaret The Musical. Set in Berlin's infamous Kit Kat Klub in the early 1930s, the show focuses on the legendary Sally Bowles, a young American singer who falls for a bisexual American writer.

So what's the appeal of playing Emcee? "Oh, it's great," says Will. "So much fun, because you go through so many emotions. Emcee goes from mildly elated to literally wanting to strangle someone's neck. Sometimes he's really scary, and at other times he's quite childlike, shy and retiring; and then there are times when he's quite playful.

"Getting the accent right and finding my voice were real challenges, because it's very different to singing. I had a voice coach and a dialect coach for about four months leading up to rehearsals, and that meant I could go into rehearsals feeling really comfortable and prepared, and start enjoying it from the day dot."

I mention to Will that, as a Politics graduate, it's quite fitting he's appearing in one of the most politically-fuelled musicals ever to grace the stage. Did he have to give much

consideration to the offer when first approached? "Not at all, I agreed to it instantly. I've always wanted to play Emcee. The first offer came about five years ago, and it was a 'yes' straight away."

Rufus Norris' latest production is said to be less confrontational, with fewer sexual connotations, than the film and previous West End and Broadway versions. Will's stage presence and manipulation of audiences is earning him some favourable reviews. So has he had much artistic freedom with how he presents Emcee?

"There's a lot of artistic licence, because he can do whatever he wants. He's the master of ceremonies and he can do anything. It's his show, it's his club, and he's leading the audience. He's also leading the show in real-time. He's a bit like the Pied Piper inasmuch as he can hypnotise the audience and take them wherever he wants. He's quite a selfish man, and I don't know whether he really gives a shit about anything. He's in his own world and has no empathy. He's a psychopath, and a psychopath has no empathy."

Will once commented that he didn't really like musicals. So what's changed?

"I don't really like a lot of musical theatre. I like a particular type of musical, but I don't mean that in a judgemental way. Everyone has different tastes. I like musicals that have a great story and are saying something, and Cabaret does just that. It provokes some thought. I sense audiences leave having experienced something, and that's what theatre should be about. Like music, theatre should cater for different tastes. For me, Cabaret is a pleasure to be a part of, because the story is hinged on real events. There was, and still is, a Kit Kat Klub, and the Nazis did clamp down on artisans, free speech, gay people and, obviously, Jewish people. It's a very powerful piece, but within that there's also a lot of comedy, because it's set in a cabaret club, and these places are very political as well as being very entertaining. So the marrying of the two makes for a really interesting musical."

So has Cabaret given Will an appetite for more musical theatre in the future?

"It's given me an appetite for more theatre, definitely - be that straight acting or musicals. It's just such a great thing to do, and it's great to be part of a company. It's such a buzz to be out on stage in front of an

audience. It's very different to pop gigs. It's really fulfilling, and I get a lot from playing these characters. Occupying another character is really interesting and is great fun. I just love it."

And is there a particular role he'd like to play? "There are quite a few I'd like to play. Roles that are a mixture of comedy and tragedy are the ones I find most interesting." There have been lots of wannabe musicians who've had their fifteen minutes of fame. Nearly twelve years after winning Pop Idol, Will's still here wowing audiences, be it with his concert performances or musical theatre. So how does he account for his continued success?

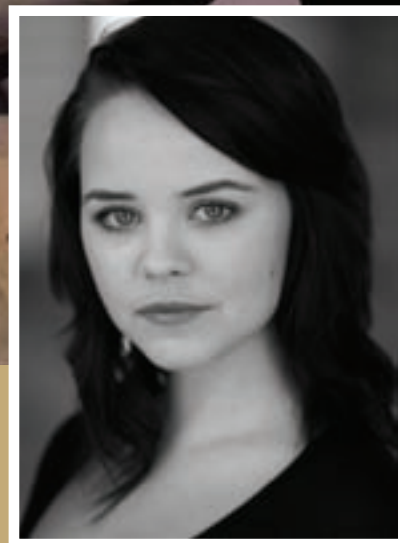
"I don't know; I just always try to do the best that I can. A lot of it is about working with great people, like Rufus Norris and the crew in Cabaret. It's about choosing the right people to work with. I think because I came from a talent show, and a lot of it very much hung in the balance before I even got to the voting stage, I'm very appreciative of what I've achieved. I always appreciate it. I'm always grateful, and every day I do this job is a bonus. That's the way I see it, and I make sure that I never take anything for granted."

Away from his busy schedule on stage and in the recording studio, Will still finds time to devote to his favourite charities, including Catch 22, a national charity working with young children who find themselves in difficult situations. More recently, Will has confronted Education Secretary Michael Gove about the homophobic use of language in schools. So can he make a difference? "I don't see it as a war. It's more an education, an enlightenment, which is what the gay charity Stonewall sees it as also. It's not a battle, it's more a re-educating about the use of language. In schools which have focused on the negative use of the word 'gay', homophobia has gone down from seventy-one percent to forty-five percent, so the re-educating is something that works. It's just something that needs to be highlighted, so that people can realise the connotations of certain uses of language."

Will Young stars in Rufus Norris' Cabaret at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Tues 26 to Sat 30 November.



“ In terms of the disciplines, the story and the music, I think it has to be West Side Story. I don't think it gets much better than that. ”



Katie Hall

brings upper West Side New York to the Potteries...

A brief stint in Andrew Lloyd Webber's I'd Do Anything Reality TV programme was all that young Katie Hall needed to capture the attention of the legendary music mogul. Shortly after her departure from the programme, Lord Webber cast the teenager in the lead role of Christine in the West End production of The Phantom Of The Opera. The daughter of Glyndebourne regular John Graham-Hall and soprano Helen Williams, Katie is currently out on tour with a new production of West Side Story, which stops off in Stoke-on-Trent later this month. What's On caught up with her to find out more...

Does the touring version of West Side Story vary at all from the Sadler's Wells version?

No, it'll be exactly the same. I think with a show like this, when they've got it so right, what's the point of changing it?

Have you seen the Sadler's Wells production?

No, I haven't. I asked the director if he thought I should see it, and he thought it was probably best that I didn't. There's always the risk that you might copy, albeit unintentionally, when what you really need to do as an actor is bring something of yourself to the role.

Have you had to learn any new disciplines for the show?

I have to do quite a big lift in the dream sequence, which was mildly daunting at first. Apart from that, there's nothing that I'm not used to doing.

And how about all the emotion...

I've never cried as much on stage as I do in this particular show. It certainly goes emotionally deeper than any other show I've ever done. That lust scene kills me every time. We have to have someone waiting in the wings with a box of tissues, as the entire company leaves the stage in tears!

So how do you pick yourself up after each performance?

I find it gets easier. The first time I did that scene in rehearsals, I was a mess for absolutely ages. I had to take myself off and have a good cry, but it does get easier. You get better at tapping in and out of character and then shelving. It does take a lot out of you, but it's a good feeling getting to that emotional place. Jill Enger, who plays Anita, has a horrible rape scene, and even now she still has to take a minute afterwards to compose herself. West Side Story certainly takes you on a real emotional rollercoaster, with some real highs and lows.

Was this a musical you were familiar with when growing up?

My parents are opera singers - and because it's such an operatic score, they used to sing it a lot in concerts, so it was always around the house. When I was auditioning for this - my dad just happened to be home and my mum teaches me singing - we were just going through the material and daddy came in and sang the balcony scene with me. That was a very special moment.

With your background, do you feel you were always destined for a life on the stage?

I do feel that way. There's never been anything else in my life that I thought I would do. Growing up, I'd drive my parents

crazy, because I didn't always do as well at school as I could've done. I thought school didn't really matter, because I'd make a career out of performing in musicals.

You were only seventeen and still studying when you appeared on I'd Do Anything. What initial sacrifices did you have to make?

I dropped out. Not that it was a sacrifice, because I didn't really enjoy school, but I had to give up school and move to London. I used to be quite a keen horse rider too, but had to sell my horse, which was a bit distressing. I perhaps could've had a career in horse riding, but it wasn't as appealing as a career in musicals.

How old were you when you first realised you had a good voice?

It's funny really, as my dad always comments that he used to think I was tone-deaf when I was very young. Then, at the age of about six or seven, I suddenly began to be able to sing in tune. For me, I've always just sung for no reason. My mum tells me that when I was young I used to walk around the swimming pool singing the song from The Little Mermaid - which I should imagine would've been terribly annoying!

Your voice is your livelihood. Are you careful about how you look after it?

I think it's best not to be too precious, because then you invite illness. I don't do anything crazy. I do a proper warm-up every day - but apart from that, I don't have any quirky little things that I do. I know some people don't eat dairy, but I think I'm pretty laid-back about the whole thing. I think the people who're so precious and stressed about their voices are the ones who're most likely to have problems.

Would you like to branch out into other genres of music?

Yeah, I think I would. In the past, I've fought against it, because of my parents being opera singers. But actually, as I grow up, I think, 'you know what, I would perhaps like to try other things in the future'. Also, I like the idea of doing some straight acting, especially after doing this role, which is the first where I've actually done any speaking. In Phantom and Les Miserables, everything is sung.

There was some very close-up filming for the anniversary production of Les Miserables at the O2. Did you find that intimidating?

When I did Les Mis at the O2, it was probably one of the most terrifying things I've ever done, but at the same time I loved every minute of it. We had these cameras that went on a rail across the front of the stage. Every time I tried to look down at the monitors and the conductor, the camera would come past. You're not supposed to

look at the camera, so it was hard not to be thrown by that. I absolutely loved the O2. Just walking out and seeing those vast crowds was simply amazing.

What would you say was the biggest lesson you learned from your time in I'd Do Anything?

I was very young, and it all went by in a flash, really. I don't know whether I did learn anything from the experience.

The long-term result has been very positive, but on the show you were eliminated at a very early stage. Did that knock your confidence?

No, not at all. I went into auditioning for that programme thinking that I didn't have a hope in hell of getting to play Nancy, because I'm a soprano and because of the way I speak. I was absolutely convinced there was no way I was going to get it, but it did what I wanted it to do - it gave me exposure.

And now you're working alongside some big names in the industry. Do you ever get starstruck?

Gosh, yeah! I met Idina Menzel, who's one of my heroines. I met her because my friend was playing Doctor Dillamond in Wicked. I was sixteen at the time and my grandparents bought me tickets to see the show. My friend took me on a backstage tour and introduced me to her. I really don't know what came out of my mouth, but I think I might have been slightly embarrassing. I was definitely starstruck. The same happened when I was filming Les Miserables and found myself standing next to Tom Hooper.

You've got two iconic shows, Phantom and Les Miserables, under your belt, and now West Side Story. Is there a particular role you'd really like to play in the future?

I'd like to take on a comedy role. Something a bit more fun, or maybe even a bit more belty. I've done three soprano roles now, so something a bit different would be good. Maybe Glinda in Wicked, Janet in Rocky Horror or even Sally Bowles. Yeah, I'd really love to play Sally Bowles in Cabaret.

What's your all-time favourite musical?

It would probably have to be West Side Story. I have favourite musicals for different reasons, but in terms of the disciplines, the story and the music, I think it has to be West Side Story. I don't think it gets much better than that.

West Side Story at the Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, from Tues 12 to Sat 16 November, and at the New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, from Tues 1 - Sat 19 April 2014.

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Music

Dappy

The Buttermarket, Shrewsbury, Fri 22 November

Everything about N-Dubz lead singer and Camden-born rapper Dappy demands attention, from his stage name of, er, Dappy, to what he terms his 'eye-catching headwear' and his penchant for courting controversy. This latter proclivity has been much in evidence since he burst onto the scene way back in 2000. Heck, he's even managed to fall foul of Alton Towers, the Staffordshire theme park's hotel demanding that he vacate the premises after it was alleged he was smoking cannabis in his room. Yep, if you're talking 'colourful characters', Dappy's just about as bright and brilliant as they come!



Hot Club Of Cowtown

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Tues 12 November

From humble beginnings - singing for tips - to ambassadors for hot jazz and western swing, Hot Club Of Cowtown have been playing vintage strings on the violin, guitar and double bass for fifteen years. Nowadays blessed with a cult following, the band boast a unique sound which brings together the European influence of guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stephane Grappelli with the Texan swing sound of Bob Wills. Catching the eye of Roxy Music's Bryan Ferry and opening his 2011 London concerts, the trio are playing sixteen dates on British soil.

Paul Lamb And The Detroit Breakdown

The Robin, Bilston, Tues 19 November

Paul Lamb And The Detroit Breakdown's sound has been described as 'a musical time capsule', taking the listener through 'the drive and riffs of the 1970s'. That said, there's also plenty that's modern about Paul and co's blues music, with recording sessions at Detroit's legendary Rustbelt Studios ensuring it's all kept nice and fresh. Citing influences including Bob Seger, Stevie Wonder, George Clinton and Jimi Hendrix, Paul is a regular tourer to Europe, with appearances at Glastonbury and in the company of performers like Walter Trout and Peter Green bearing testimony to the high regard in which he and his band are held.



Vampire Weekend

National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, Tues 12 November

New York City rockers Vampire Weekend dabble with all sorts of genres, including indie rock, alternative rock, indie pop, baroque pop and worldbeat. They hit the big-time back in 2008 with their eponymous debut album, following up a couple of years later with *Contra*. Their third studio album, *Modern Vampires Of The City*, was released in 2013 and debuted at number one in the US album charts. In 2012, the band featured alongside Jay-Z, John Legend and Alicia Keys on a shortlist of musical artists from whom President Barack Obama sought support for his re-election campaign.

Paper Aeroplanes

Henry Tudor House, Shrewsbury, Wed 13 November

Originating in the west of Wales, Paper Aeroplanes have certainly fared well critically since rippling the waters of the music industry back in 2009. The BBC have described them as "a west coast, easy-riding, folkish indie with a pop sensibility", while The Guardian categorised their music as "disarming, breezy pop that's tinged with melancholy". Comprising the vocally impressive Sarah Howells and talented guitarist Richard Llewellyn, the alternative pop band have worked hard to build up a legion of admirers, assisted in their endeavour by having undertaken tours with the likes of James Morrison. Creating music around the subject of 'human connection', Sarah and Richard appear in the Midlands this month in support of third album *Little Letters*, which was released earlier this year.



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Music PREVIEW

Alice In Chains

O2 Academy, Birmingham, Wed 13 November

With over twenty-five million albums sold worldwide, Alice In Chains were one of the 1990s' most successful music acts. Blending the grunge music for which they're best known with heavy metal and acoustic elements, they were one of numerous Seattle bands to rise to stardom at the beginning of the '90s, sharing the limelight with Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Soundgarden. Taking a three-year break in 2002, they reunited in '05 with new lead vocalist William DuVall, scoring a hit four years later with fourth studio album *Black Gives Way To Blue*. The band released their fifth studio album, *The Devil Put Dinosaurs Here*, in Spring 2013.



Mallory Knox

The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent, Wed 20 November; Kasbah, Coventry, Thurs 21 November

Heading out on a massive nineteen-date tour, Cambridge alternative rock band Mallory Knox played Reading and Leeds this year, as well as SummerJam, Burn Out Festival, Chaos and Coventry's Godiva. The band have just released a deluxe edition of their album, *Signals*, with the number-thirty-three-charting CD featuring B-sides, acoustic tracks and live recordings from the album release show. Missing out to Lower Than Atlantis at the Kerrang! Awards 2013 for Best British Newcomer certainly hasn't held them back. Blitz Kids and Crooks support.



Matt Ridley Trio

The Hive, Shrewsbury, Sat 9 November

Contemplating the kind of music he wanted to produce, Matt Ridley imagined a sound which "encompassed the exotic flavours and emotions of Middle Eastern music", but which benefitted from "the jazz sensibility of improvisation on complex structures". His imaginings became reality in 2011 when, in tandem with award-winning pianist John Turville and drummer Nick Smalley, he formed his self-named trio and caused a big splash on the London music scene. Here presenting an evening of genre-bending improvisational music, the boys are joined by celebrated composer and saxophonist, Jason Yarde.



Beady Eye

Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, Mon 18 November

Beady Eye guitarist Gem Archer has had a bad year, first falling down the stairs and suffering serious head trauma, then breaking his leg while recuperating. Gem's rotten luck caused the band to cancel their scheduled appearance at V Festival 2013, although at least they managed to perform at both Glastonbury and Ibiza Rocks, so the summer wasn't a complete washout for them by any means. This Civic Hall show is their only Midlands stop-off on an eight-date November tour. Expect plenty of material from second album *BE*, which has been called 'genuinely exciting' by Mojo and 'a bold leap forward' by Uncut.

Glenn Tilbrook

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Wed 20 November

Cool cat Glenn Tilbrook has proved to be one of the more successful solo artists to break away from a popular group. As part of the quintessentially British pop band Squeeze, he seemed content to let other band members have the attention. Yet he and Chris Difford were the undoubted leaders, forming one of the most formidable teams in pop and providing the band with many a catchy tune. It all fell apart with a certain amount of acrimony, yet Tilbrook, who'd quietly been playing lone pub gigs for fun since 1994, found himself in an excellent position to go it alone. Back in the limelight where he belongs, the quiet man is having his day once more.

Sarah Gillespie

Lichfield Guildhall, Fri 29 November

With her influences including the poet TS Eliot and the 1950s Beat Poetry movement as well as musicians Tom Waits, Cole Porter and Bob Dylan, it's hardly surprising that Sarah Gillespie's blend of folk, jazz and middle eastern blues has been highly praised for its lyrical content. The British-American singer is dyslexic, recently explaining in an interview how she remembers 'the vibe' of a word, 'its atmosphere and its contours', rather than its spelling. She's musically illiterate too, on her own admission, but these potential drawbacks certainly haven't stopped her from developing a reputation as a powerful songwriter with a sparkling future ahead of her. She's joined for this gig by classically trained vocalist Little Sparrow.



The Roving Crows

Met Studio, Stafford, Fri 15 November

Hailed as the next big thing on the folk scene, the Roving Crows are rovers indeed, having quickly established themselves as one of the UK's most hardworking bands. Their travels the length and breadth of the British Isles have seen them forging their still-growing reputation by performing in the company of some of the folk scene's most established names, including Kate Rusby, Steeleye Span and Bellowshead. Much admired for the foot-stomping nature of their live performances, they present a repertoire that sees them imbue folk, ska, reggae and klezmer music with a vibrant Celtic edge.



The Doors Alive

The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford, Fri 22 November

In the cutthroat world of the tribute band, these well-established doppelgangers have proved they're more than capable of lighting the fire of Doors fans everywhere. Mr Mojo Risin' himself, Jim Morrison, is here brought back to life by the hugely talented Willie Scott, who's got the iconic lead singer's on-stage mannerisms - not to mention his vocal nuances - off to an absolute tee. Scott is supported by an ensemble who're equally talented when it comes to impersonating fellow Doors members Ray Manzarek, John Densmore and Robby Krieger. Add in some great musicianship and a catalogue of songs that includes such counter-culture hits as *Break On Through (To The Other Side)*, *Soul Kitchen* and *The End* - plus, of course, *Light My Fire* - and you're looking at what promises to be one helluva trip back to the psychedelic '60s, man...

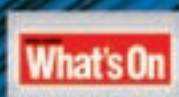
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THE MASTERS OF MADNESS - ONE STEP BEHIND The Assembly, Leamington Spa
MENTALLICA The Roadhouse, Birmingham
AMY WYKE PLUS VIOLET CITIES Kasbah, Coventry
WE THREE KINGS OF ROCK 'N' ROLL Ludlow Assembly Rooms, South Shropshire
GOATS DON'T SHAVE Route 44, Birmingham
RISK - JAZZ ALLNIGHTER Birmingham Town Hall
INTERPLAY Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
THE IVY LEAGUE AND PAPER LACE Artrix, Bromsgrove
BRING ME THE HORIZON O2 Academy, Birmingham
THE REMEDY The River Rooms, Stourbridge
IDEALS 1ST BIRTHDAY AND WEEKENDER REUNION The Institute, Birmingham
THE BON JOVI EXPERIENCE Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
CASINO The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham
BLACKBEARD'S TEA PARTY The Rainbow, Birmingham
JOHN NEWMAN & CHLOE HOWL The Rainbow, B'ham
BRENDAN SHINE Tamworth Assembly Rooms
STONE FARM Drummonds Bar, Worcester
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SAT 2 NOV

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INCHES FROM THE GROUND The Marr's Bar, Worcester
THE BEATLES - MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR The River Rooms, Stourbridge
SOUL FOOD SYSTEM The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham
BRING ME THE HORIZON O2 Academy, Birmingham
HAYSEED DIXIE The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
YOUNGBLOOD BRASS BAND Hare & Hounds, B'ham
SO CALLED ENEMY & ANESIS The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham
RISK - AT YOUR OWN RISK Featuring Arve Henriksen, Melinda Maxwell, Daniel Pioro, Sam Underwood, Shiori Usui, Ilan Volkov & Gail Brand, Birmingham Town Hall
CATRIN FINCH AND SECKOU KEITA Artrix, Bromsgrove
TOO REX - Tribute To Marc Bolan & T-Rex, The Roadhouse, Birmingham
MAXIMUM ZERO The Flapper, Birmingham
FOREVER YOUNG ROCK NIGHT The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
THE FATHER TEDS Irish Centre, Birmingham
JULIAN SMITH The Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa
DJ FRESH The Institute, Birmingham
BLAENAVON The Sunflower Lounge, Birmingham

SUN 3 NOV

THE STYLISTICS Civic Hall, Wolverhampton
EDDI READER The Glee Club, Birmingham
BASTILLE O2 Academy, Birmingham

FODEN'S BAND Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent
FRANCIS DUNNERY The Robin, Bilston
HADOUKEN The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
RISK - ARVE HENRIKSEN AND JAN BANG Birmingham Town Hall
RISK - THE NECKS Birmingham Town Hall
UNDER HER SKIN Artrix, Bromsgrove
BLAIR DUNLOP Henry Tudor House, Shrewsbury
VOICE OF THE HEART - KAREN CARPENTER Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock
LUCIA - SAXOPHONE QUARTET Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham
KILLING FIELDS OF ONTARIO, WES DANCE, CHRIS THOMPSON The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham
SEAMUS MOORE Irish Centre, Birmingham
DEADFEST The Roadhouse, Birmingham

MON 4 NOV

THE TOY DOLLS O2 Academy, Birmingham
TURIN BRAKES The Glee Club, Birmingham
ROBBIE BOYD O2 Academy, Birmingham
LIZ LAWRENCE Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
36 CRAZYFISTS The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
UNPLUGGED NIGHT Crescent Theatre, Birmingham
PETER KNIGHT'S GIGSPANNER Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham

TUE 5 NOV

GABRIELLE APLIN The Institute, Birmingham
GOSPEL GOES CHARITY Birmingham Town Hall
MAD DOG MCREA The Robin, Bilston
BEAR'S DEN Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
STEVE MASON The Institute, Birmingham
UP4 THE DOWNSTROKE The Jam House, Birmingham
LANGSTON HUGHES PROJECT mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham
COVER DRIVE O2 Academy, Birmingham
ENABLERS The Rainbow, Birmingham

WED 6 NOV

VNV NATION The Institute, Birmingham
GO WEST, HUE AND CRY & THE CHRISTIANS IN CONCERT Birmingham Town Hall
THE BOOMTOWN RATS O2 Academy, Birmingham
HAWKWIND Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton
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MITCH LADDIE, THE LAURENCE JONES BAND & FEDERAL CHARM The Robin, Bilston
SWEET BABOO Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
BIG COUNTRY The River Rooms, Stourbridge
FOLLOW YOU HOME The Institute, Birmingham
YOUNG KNIVES O2 Academy, Birmingham
BREABACH The Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham

BOVINE The Flapper, Birmingham
STEVE AJAO Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham
DEMONS OF METAL The Roadhouse, B'ham
TWO WINGS The Tin Music & Arts, Coventry

THUR 7 NOV

LISBEE STAINTON WITH SPECIAL GUEST ELEANOR MCEVOY Artrix, Bromsgrove
DOMINIC KIRWAN The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford
BLUE The Institute, Birmingham
THE DILLINGER ESCAPE PLAN The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
SMALL FAKERS Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
SLADE AND SWEET Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent
THE MENTULLS The Roadhouse, Birmingham
PAUL CARRACK The Robin, Bilston
WALSALL JAZZ ORCHESTRA Symphony Hall, B'ham
SON OF DAVE Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
LUKE SITAL-SINGH The Glee Club, Birmingham
DEAP VALLEY O2 Academy, Birmingham
VEXXEN PLUS SOMEONE SAID FIRE, MOODY BOMBER, LIFE UNWRITTEN & THEIR SOULS FOR GOLD O2 Academy, Birmingham
MR BEN The Jam House, Birmingham
GODSTICKS & KNIFEWORLD The Rainbow, Birmingham

FRI 8 NOV

THE HOLLIES Symphony Hall, Birmingham
MONEY FOR NOTHING (DIRE STRAITS TRIBUTE) The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford
ABSOLUTE BOWIE O2 Academy, Birmingham
THE INTENTIONS The Jam House, Birmingham
BILLY JOEL LG Arena, Birmingham
THE SOUNDS OF SIMON A Tribute to Simon and Garfunkel, The Rose Theatre, Tewkesbury
VIRGIL AND THE ACCELERATORS The Marr's Bar, Worcester
DARKSIDE - PERFORMING THE PINK FLOYD SHOW - THE '77 TOUR The Robin, Bilston
KODALINE The Institute, Birmingham
KICK UP THE 80'S The River Rooms, Stourbridge
THE ELO EXPERIENCE Tamworth Assembly Rooms
NICK SMART'S TROGON Symphony Hall, Birmingham
FREE AT LAST Route 44, Birmingham
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GROOVERIDER & BLADE The Buttermarket, Shrewsbury
TALISMAN The Assembly, Leamington Spa
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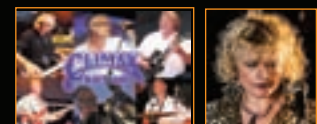
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THE COMMITMENTS The Roadhouse, Birming-ham
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BRIT FLOYD PRESENTS P-U-L-S-E 2013 Sym-phony Hall, Birmingham
WES DANCE Marr's Bar, Worcester
JAKE BUGG O2 Acad-emy, Birmingham
BARBARA DICKSON Birm-ingham Town Hall
CHRIS WOOD The Hive, Shrewsbury
INGESTED, BLACK TONGUE, WOLVEXHYS, THE DAWN OF OLYMPUS AND BELOW THE DEPTHS The Roadhouse, Birm-ingham
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TALON - THE BEST OF THE EAGLES Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
THE GLENN MILLER OR-CESTRA Tamworth As-sembly Rooms
GARY GRACE Dovehouse Theatre, Solihull
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THE DYLAN PROJECT Lichfield Guildhall
HANDGUNS The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
KATHRYN ROBERTS & SEAN LAKEMAN Kitchen Garden Cafe, B'ham

MON 11 NOV

MOTT THE HOOPLE Sym-phony Hall, Birmingham
BLANCMANGE The Robin, Bilston
FRIGHTENED RABBIT The Institute, Birmingham
HEART OF A COWARD The Asylum, Birmingham
THE BOOTLEG SIXTIES Ar-trix, Bromsgrove
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TYLER WARD The Glee Club, Birmingham

TUE 12 NOV

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DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH FT. AMON AMARTH O2 Academy, Birmingham
VAMPIRE WEEKEND With support Noah And The Whale, National Indoor Arena, Birmingham
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NATIVES O2 Academy, Birmingham
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WED 13 NOV

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN The Grand Theatre, Wolver-hampton
KT TUNSTALL Symphony Hall, Birmingham
BERNIE MARSDEN The Robin, Bilston
ALICE IN CHAINS O2 Academy, Birmingham
SARA COLMAN Sym-phony Hall, Birmingham
GOSPEL CENTRAL The Jam House, B'ham
JULIAN SMITH Lichfield Garrick
SKINNY LISTER Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
MARTIN BARRY AND FRIENDS Forest Arts Centre, Walsall
REAL TIME The Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham
TRC The Asylum, Birm-ingham
PAPER AEROPLANES Henry Tudor House, Shrewsbury
THE JOHN MORRIS TRIO The Yardbird Jazz Club, Birmingham
THE KEITH THOMPSON BLUES BAND The Road-house, Birmingham
DAN WHITEHOUSE Henry Tudor House, Shrews-bury

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BILL WYMAN'S RHYTHM KINGS Symphony Hall, Birmingham
ESCAPE THE FATE, CHIO-DOS, THE COLOR MORALE O2 Academy, B'ham
HATS OFF TO LED ZEPPE-LIN New Alexandra The-atre, Birmingham
COCKNEY REJECTS The Robin, Bilston
SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
MONSTER CEILIDH BAND Hare & Hounds, B'ham
PUBLIC SERVICE BROAD-CASTING The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
MOOD INDIGO The Jam House, Birmingham
CHASE & STATUS National Indoor Arena, B'ham
HAR MAR SUPERSTAR Hare & Hounds, B'ham



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O'HOOLEY AND TIDOW The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, South Shropshire

FRI 15 NOV

SHOWADDYWADDY Bed-worth Civic Hall
THE ROVING CROWS The Met Studio, Stafford Gatehouse
THE UPBEAT BEATLES Solihull Arts Complex
THE SUBTERRANEANS The Jam House, Birm-ingham
URBAN FOLK QUARTET Huntington Hall, Worcester
TALON - THE BEST OF THE EAGLES Malvern The-atres
LIVEWIRE - TRIBUTE TO AC/DC The Robin, Bil-ston
SOUL II SOUL Birming-ham Town Hall
BARRY GREEN AND EMILIA MARTENSSON Symphony Hall, B'ham
SHOW OF HANDS WITH MIRANDA SYKES War-wick Arts Centre, Coventry
THE LEGENDS Irish Cen-tre, Birmingham
THIRTY SECONDS TO MARS National Indoor Arena, Birmingham
THE TEMPERANCE MOVE-MENT The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
THE MAGOOS The Marr's Bar, Worcester
DURAN DURAN - D-RAN D-RAN The River Rooms, Stourbridge
CAPTURE THE CROWN The Asylum, B'ham
QUEEN ALIVE Route 44, Shrewsbury
YOUNG KATO The Insti-tute, Birmingham
ALL YEARS LEAVING WITH DUTCH UNCLES Hare & Hounds, Birmingham

TWO MAN TING Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
KNOTSLIP The Road-house, Birmingham
DAN OMARI Arena The-atre, Wolverhampton
JOSH HERRING & THE STEADY HANDS The Flap-per, Birmingham
YOU ME AT SIX National Indoor Arena, B'ham
NAUGHTY BOY The Insti-tute, Birmingham
BEN WATT The Glee Club, Birmingham
RAT PACK LIVE Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
CEILIDH WITH THE DEVILS CHAIR BAND The Willow Gallery, Oswestry, North Shropshire
THE ROVING CROWS Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
HANNCOXX Drummonds Bar, Worcester
THE ASSIST, ACTION RE-PLAY, HIGHTOWER, SU-PERFICIALS & STATE OF SUBURBIA O2 Academy, Birmingham
HORSE MEAT DISCO Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
THE PAYBACK Actress & Bishop, Birmingham
THE JOHNNY CASH ROAD-SHOW The Place, Oak-engates, Telford
THE MAINE, WE ARE THE OCEAN The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton

SAT 16 NOV

[SPUNGE] O2 Academy, Birmingham
THE BUSBY BABES The Public, West Bromwich
REEF The Institute, Birm-ingham
FAITH HELLIER Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
THE SUBTERRANEANS The Jam House, B'ham
CHARITY 80'S PARTY WITH CAFE 80'S Support-ing Children In Need, Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, Warwickshire
MORGUE ORGY, SLAB, GEHTIKA, JOSEF & THE FRITZELS The Asylum, Birmingham
DARKSIDE - THE PINK FLOYD SHOW Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
MUMBO JUMBO Palace Theatre, Redditch
SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR Malvern Theatres
THE STYLISTICS The As-sembly, Leamington Spa
KIT HOLMES Birch-meadow, Broseley, Shropshire
THE BEAT The Robin, Bilston
FRAN THE MAN Irish Cen-tre, Birmingham
FENECH-SOLER The Insti-tute, Birmingham

HUGH MASEKELA & LARRY WILLIS Birming-ham Town Hall
THE NOTEBENDERS Sym-phony Hall, Birmingham
ANNIE MAC PRESENTS... Featuring Annie Mac, Duke Dumont, Feat. MNEK, Cyril Hahn and Lulu James, The Insti-tute Birmingham
ALL YEARS LEAVING WITH DISTOPHIA Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
THE VIRGINMARYS The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
LIMEHOUSE LIZZY Lud-low Assembly Rooms, South Shropshire
TOP OF THE POPS PARTY WITH ONE STOP BOOGIE The River Rooms, Stourbridge
SOULSHAKE The Yard-bird Jazz Club, B'ham
THE FLOYD SOUND AND THE DOORS EXPERIENCE Route 44, Birmingham
EDITORS O2 Academy, Birmingham
WINTERSTORM PLUS AWAKE BY DESIGN AND IN DANTES ECLIPSE The Slade Rooms, Wolver-hampton
THE OLD DANCE SCHOOL Pontesbury Village Hall
THE RAILS & SPOOKY WAGONS The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham
TAMWORTH MALE VOICE CHOIR Tamworth As-sembly Rooms
CLAIRE MARTIN Artrix, Bromsgrove
MUNTO VALDO mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham
BOOTLEG BLONDIE The Roadhouse, B'ham
BANGALORE DREAMS Arena Theatre, Wolver-hampton
DEETRON, WILL SAUL AND GUESTS The Rainbow, Birmingham
AFFINITY 2 The Drum, Birmingham
ART BRUT Kasbah, Coventry
CEREBRAL BALLZY Kas-bah, Coventry

SUN 17 NOV

GLENN TILBROOK War-wick Arts Centre, Coventry
BLUE OCTOBER The Insti-tute, Birmingham
NEW MODEL ARMY The Robin, Bilston
LUKE CONNANON (NI-ZLOPI) AND JIMMY DAVIS The Glee Club, B'ham
LAU Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Shropshire
BEVERLEY CRAVEN Henry Tudor House, Shrews-bury
KLASSIDE, 5 DAYS OF NO-

EMBER, THE RAINBREAKERS AND THE VIBE The Flapper, Birmingham
GENFAN & BARKER Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham
FROZEN BREATH The Roadhouse, B'ham
T R DALLAS Irish Centre, Birmingham

MON 18 NOV

TEXAS Symphony Hall, Birmingham
BEVERLEY CRAVEN Henry Tudor House, Shrewsbury
BEADY EYE Civic Hall, Wolverhampton
THE RIFLES The Institute, Birmingham
NEDSKI & MOJO Kitchen Garden Cafe, B'ham
PAPER AEROPLANES The Marr's Bar, Worcester
MAN WITHOUT COUNTRY O2 Academy, Birmingham
PALMA VIOLETS The Wulfrun, Wolverhampton
ANDROMEDA, DAMNATION ANGELS & UNTIL RAIN The Robin, Bilston

TUE 19 NOV

BRYAN FERRY Symphony Hall, Birmingham
STEREOPHONICS LG Arena, Birmingham
MOTORHEAD FEATURING SUPPORT FROM SAXON Civic Hall, W'hampton
EMILY BARKER & THE RED CLAY HALO The Glee Club, Birmingham
LAU Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa
PAUL LAMB & THE DETROIT BREAKDOWN The Robin, Bilston
SCOUTING FOR GIRLS O2 Academy, Birmingham
GARY NUMAN Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton
ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
HEIDI TALBOT Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
FOSTER AND ALLEN Prince Of Wales Centre, Redditch
THE CISSY STONE BAND The Jam House, B'ham
EDDY MORTON (THE BUSHBURYS) AND SUN-JAY BRAYNE Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham
SO SOLID CREW The Institute, Birmingham
MARTIN HARLEY SOLO TOUR Marr's Bar, Worcester

WED 20 NOV

REGENISES The Assembly, Leamington Spa
GLENN TILBROOK Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
THE STYLISTICS The Jam House, Birmingham
MADELEINE PEYROUX Birmingham Town Hall
THRILLER LIVE Regent Theatre, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent
THE BLUES BAND The Robin, Bilston
ALICE RUSSELL Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
KARNIVOOL The Institute, Birmingham
DUKE DUMONT Kasbah, Coventry

THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT O2 Academy, Birmingham
THE VIRGINMARYS The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
MALLORY KNOX The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
MARIE-CLAIRE BERREEN & HER HUSBANDS The Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham
WE HAVE THE TONICS O2 Academy, Birmingham

THUR 21 NOV

ADRIAN EDMONDSON & THE BAD SHEPHERDS Birmingham Town Hall
QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE National Indoor Arena, Birmingham
SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham
RE-GENESIS The Robin, Bilston
RUE ROYALE The Glee Club, Birmingham
WILLE AND THE BANDITS Hare & Hounds, B'ham
FOY VANCE Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
HALF MOON RUN The Institute, Birmingham
BIG TENT AND THE GYPSY LANTERN Symphony Hall, Birmingham
DEL CAMINO The Jam House, Birmingham
GERRY GUTHRIE Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
ANDY FAIRWEATHER LOW AND THE LOW RIDERS Artrix, Bromsgrove
MALLORY KNOX Kasbah, Coventry
RAYMOND FROGGATT Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock
GO KART MOZART O2 Academy, Birmingham
PEARL OF AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR Maidment Hall, Shrewsbury School
OH STOCKHOLM, ANDY OLIVERI & HARRY JOHNS Ort Cafe, Birmingham
LAWLESS WITH SUPPORT FROM DEAD CITY SOUL The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
MANSIZE, GOD DAMN & TIME OF THE MOUTH Actress & Bishop, Birmingham
JOSEPH WHELAN The River Rooms, Stourbridge

FRI 22 NOV

THE WEEKND National Indoor Arena, B'ham
BOB DYLAN NIGHT WITH JOHN PAUL VILLAFRATI Ort Cafe, Birmingham
THE SENSATIONAL 60'S EXPERIENCE Featuring The Marmalade, Herman's Hermits, Chris Farlowe & Steve Ellis' Love Affair. Victoria Hall, Stoke-on-Trent
THE DOORS ALIVE The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford
SOLID SOUL The Jam House, Birmingham
MUDBALL Marr's Bar, Worcester
IMAGINE DRAGONS O2 Academy, Birmingham
IAN PROWSE AND AMSTERDAM The Slade

Rooms, Wolverhampton
DANCING QUEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY SPECIAL Crewe Lyceum
CASSETTE DAYS, DINKY The Rainbow, B'ham
ELO AGAIN The Robin, Bilston
HOLYHEAD SCHOOL JAZZ ENSEMBLE Symphony Hall, Birmingham
THE NAKED AND FAMOUS The Institute, B'ham
THE RIFLES The Sugarmill, Stoke-on-Trent
DEFINITELY MIGHT BE AND ADORED The River Rooms, Stourbridge
SKERRYVORE Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
MAGIC - A KIND OF QUEEN Tamworth Assembly Rooms
HUGH CORNWELL Artrix, Bromsgrove
BALLAKE SISSOKO mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham
SKABUCKS The Roadhouse, Birmingham
THE STAFFORDSHIRE BAND - A MAGICAL BRASSICAL TOUR Forest Arts Centre, Walsall
THE ELO EXPERIENCE Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock
AUTRE NE VEUT Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
LTJ BUKEM Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
NIAMH MCGARVEY Irish Centre, Birmingham
P MONEY The Institute, B'ham
THE UNDERDOGS Drummonds Bar, Worcester
THE REMEDY Route 44, Birmingham
SOUND KID, HIDDEN SKIES, LOVELACE & MORNING RIOT Actress & Bishop, Birmingham
ACE BUSHY STRIP TEASE The Assembly, Leamington Spa
SILENT SCREAMS Kasbah, Coventry

SAT 23 NOV

THE COMPLETE STONE ROSES O2 Academy, Birmingham
NED'S ATOMIC DUSTIN O2 Academy, Birmingham
SOLID SOUL The Jam House, Birmingham
JAKE & ELWOOD'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Crewe Lyceum
A FOREIGNERS JOURNEY The Roadhouse, B'ham
THE MOTELLAS Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, Warwickshire
STEREOPHONICS Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
THE UPBEAT BEATLES Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa
THE COUNTERFEIT STONES The Robin, Bilston
THE FAMILY RAIN The Institute, Birmingham
BUCKCHERRY Kasbah, Coventry
THE JERSEY BOYS The River Rooms, Stourbridge
EDUARDO NIEBLA IN CONCERT Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
THE SCOPYONS Route 44, Birmingham
ROCK NIGHT Lichfield

Guilddhall
REDSHIFT O2 Academy, Birmingham
LOOCA AND REASIDE The Actress & Bishop, Birmingham
BREABACH Number 8 Community Arts Centre, Evesham
UNTITLED MUSICAL PROJECT The Sunflower Lounge, Birmingham
THE SKIRR, LUKE WYLDE & THE JAPES SPACEMET APES BIGGER THAN SEATTLE Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton
GEORGE FITZGERALD AND SPECIAL GUESTS The Rainbow, Birmingham
STAR OF THE SEA Irish Centre, Birmingham

SUN 24 NOV

BILLY BRAGG: TOOTH & NAIL TOUR Symphony Hall, Birmingham
NAZARETH The Robin, Bilston
STORNOWAY The Institute, Birmingham
ADRIAN UTLEY'S GUITAR ORCHESTRA Library Of Birmingham
CURVED AIR AND THE STRAWBS The Assembly, Leamington Spa
PENTATONIX The Glee Club, Birmingham
CHAZ THOROGOOD PLUS HEIDI BROWNE Henry Tudor House, Shrewsbury
SHAM 69 The Roadhouse, Birmingham
AKALA O2 Academy, Birmingham
SUMMER CAMP Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
KIERAN HALPIN Kitchen Garden Cafe, B'ham
SHAUN LOUGHREY Irish Centre, Birmingham

MON 25 NOV

GLENN TILBROOK Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
SHELLAC & HELEN MONEY The Rainbow, B'ham
CEREBRAL BALLZY & THE AMAZING SNAKEHEADS Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
ANDY ALLO The Institute, Birmingham

TUE 26 NOV

HACKTIVIST The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
THE FRATELLIS Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton
THE LUMINEERS O2 Academy, Birmingham

WED 27 NOV

SIXTIES GOLD THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR Starring Gerry & The Pacemakers, The Searchers, P.J. Proby, The Fortunes, Brian Poole and Chip Hawkes, Symphony Hall, Birmingham
JOOLS HOLLAND & HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent
DISCLOSURE O2 Academy, Birmingham
RUARRI JOSEPH Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
PAUL CARRACK Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

TIGERTAILZ The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
MARTIN SIMPSON The Red Lion Folk Club, Birmingham
ARCANE ROOTS The Asylum, Birmingham
THE SOUNDS OF SIMON A Tribute to Simon and Garfunkel, Kitchen Garden Cafe, Birmingham
ACODA + VERA CRUZ + GRACE THE SKIES Flapper, Birmingham
THE JOHN MORRIS TRIO The Yardbird, B'ham
THIS WICKED TONGUE Actress & Bishop, B'ham

THUR 28 NOV

THE RAT PACK Crewe Lyceum
DR. FEELGOOD The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
BEYOND THE BARRICADE Palace Theatre, Redditch
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER FEATURING PAPER LACE & THE IVY LEAGUE Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
THE FACES STORY Performed by the Small Fakers, Humble Lie & The Faces Experience, The Robin, Bilston
3 DAFT MONKEYS Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
SARAH BLASKO Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
JACK SAVORETTI The Institute, Birmingham
ELI STONE Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
SHANTER'S BASSOON Hare & Hounds, B'ham
TODD MILLER & THE JOE LOSS ORCHESTRA Solihull Arts Complex
THE BROTHERS OF SOUL The Jam House, B'ham
THE GAME The Institute, Birmingham
NEVER FOR EVER - TRIBUTE TO KATE BUSH The Roadhouse, B'ham
EXPRESS CLUB Presented by WBS Music, The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, South Shropshire
21ST CENTURY CLOGS Ort Cafe, Birmingham

FRI 29 NOV

RAYMOND FROGGATT Solihull Arts Complex
SIMPLE MINDS National Indoor Arena, B'ham
THE TOTAL STONE ROSES The Assembly, Leamington Spa
FIVE Civic Hall, Wolverhampton
TRU GROOVE The Jam House, Birmingham
FLEETWOOD BAC The Roadhouse, B'ham
JOANNE SHAW TAYLOR PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS King King Birmingham Town Hall
MARTYN JOSEPH The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
PAT BRESLIN Irish Centre, Birmingham
REBEL REBEL DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE The Marr's Bar, Birmingham
GERRY MCAVOYS BAND OF FRIENDS The Robin, Bilston
MATT GOUGH DECTET Symphony Hall, B'ham
THE BAND PERRY The In-

stitute, Birmingham
MATT HERNANDEZ Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
KATHRYN TICKELL Ludlow Assembly Rooms, South Shropshire
THE ROLLIN' CLONES Tamworth Assembly Rooms
PALMA VIOLETS Kasbah, Coventry
KINGS OV LEON The River Rooms, Stourbridge
SARAH GILLESPIE Lichfield Guildhall
SONGDOG The Willow Gallery, Oswestry, North Shropshire
THE LOVED & LOST, HER DARK EMBRACE, SCRUFFY SOMETHINGS, COCONUT BACKLASH & THE TOTALITARIANS O2 Academy, Birmingham
SOUND SYSTEM FRIDAY The Drum, Birmingham
ELVIS - MEMPHIS TO VEGAS SHOW The Norbury Theatre, Droitwich Spa
LAIDBACK LUKE, OLVER TWIZT, PATRICK HAGENAAR AND PRO3CT The Institute, Birmingham
SLOW CLUB Glee Club, B'ham
FLARES PARTY BAND Route 44, B'ham

SAT 30 NOV

FREE RADIO LIVE 2013 LG Arena, Birmingham
BLACK STAR RIDERS Wulfrun Hall, W'hampton
GORDON HENDRICKS IS ELVIS The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford
CRYSTAL FIGHTERS The Institute, Birmingham
HOWARD JONES O2 Academy, Birmingham
CAPERCAILLIE IN CONCERT B'ham Town Hall
QUILL Irish Centre, Birmingham
EDWINA HAYES Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa
THE DAMNED The Assembly, Leamington Spa
BON GIOVI The Robin, Bilston
SWEAT 20TH FUNKIN' YEAR PARTY Hare & Hounds, Birmingham
TRU GROOVE The Jam House, Birmingham
THE OLD DANCE SCHOOL Symphony Hall, B'ham
IVOR & LYNN'S CLASSIC ROCK DISCO Route 44, Birmingham
LOCAL WITH THE ROLLING STONES Tamworth Assembly Rooms
BORDERLINE Nailcote Hall, Berkswell, Warwickshire
HOT RED CHILI PEPPERS The Roadhouse, B'ham
THE 80'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE BREAKFAST CLUB The River Rooms, Stourbridge
PLASTIC FACTORY The Actress & Bishop, B'ham
BILLY MITCHELL & RAY LAIDLAW Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
MY LIFE STORY O2 Academy, Birmingham
CREAM TOURS The Institute, Birmingham



Welsh National Opera

Birmingham Hippodrome, Tues 12 - Sat 16 November

Founded in Cardiff in 1943, Welsh National Opera (WNO) is a regular visitor to the Midlands, performing seasons of work at the Birmingham Hippodrome. The company is committed to producing operas which are extremely accessible for its audiences, whether they be opera-going regulars or people attending a performance for the very first time. This autumn's offering sees the company returning to the Midlands to present Puccini's fast-paced operatic thriller *Tosca*, alongside three new productions of Donizetti's Tudor season. In *Anna Bolena*, audiences witness a re-imagining of the last few days of Henry VIII's second wife. *Maria Stuarda*, meanwhile, explores what might have happened if Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots had ever met face to face. And in what promises to be a thrilling final installment, the WNO perform Roberto Devereux, the story of Queen Elizabeth I's lover, who she strives to save when he's threatened with charges of treason.

BBC Philharmonic

Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Fri 29 November

Residing at the BBC's new home of Media City in Salford Quays, Manchester, the BBC Philharmonic is no stranger to Stoke, regularly presenting Victoria Hall concert-goers with works from its impressive repertoire. This latest concert sees the internationally renowned orchestra being conducted by Nicholas Collon, with Francesco Piemontesi on piano. The programme features the Best of Beethoven, with the German composer's Overture *Fidelio* and Piano Concerto No.2 being performed alongside Brahms' Symphony No.6.



Viennese Strauss Christmas Gala

Crewe Lyceum Theatre, Sun 24 November

Christmas comes early this year with a festive offering from the British Philharmonic Orchestra. Accompanied by Glyndebourne's Andrew Forbes-Lane, Opera North's Jeremy Peaker and Mailyn Hill - fresh from her appearance as Mother Abbess in *The Sound Of Music* - the world-renowned orchestra here present a series of rousing Strauss favourites alongside works from Kalman, Lehar, Romberg, Stolz and Ziehrer. The evening also presents an opportunity for some audience participation, courtesy of a Christmas Carol sing-a-long.

Adrian Brendel And Imogen Cooper

Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Mon 25 November

Two outstanding classical musicians here join forces to perform as part of the Birmingham International Concert Season 2013/14. While virtuoso pianist Imogen Cooper is hailed by Gramophone as 'quite simply one of the finest pianists this country has produced', her partner for the evening, Adrian Brendel (son of Albert), is considered to be one of 'the most versatile and original cellists of his generation'. This Symphony Hall union sees the pair perform JS Bach's Cello Suite No 3 in C, BMV 1009, Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata, Liszt's Two Elegies and Rachmaninov's Sonata for Cello and Piano.



Imogen Cooper

London Baroque

Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, Sunday 24 November

Since its inception by Charles Medlam in 1978, the London Baroque has amassed an impressive catalogue of international performances, both live and on TV, as well as an equally impressive recording roster with artists such as Emma Kirkby. Appearing in Shrewsbury as part of the Shropshire Music Trust's thirtieth anniversary season, the quartet here explore the chamber music of Georgian England. Works by Handel, Arne, Thomas Erskine, JC Bach/Mozart, Boyce, JCF Bach and Haydn all feature.



Classical LISTINGS

For full listing information on classical concerts, including times and dates, visit www.whatsonlive.co.uk

CBSO CLASSICS AT THE MOVIES Fri 1 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED ORGAN RECITAL Fri 1 Nov, Birmingham Cathedral

NJABULO MADLALA The South African baritone makes his Barber debut, Fri 1 Nov, The Barber Institute, B'ham

THE MIDLAND CHAMBER PLAYERS Programme includes works by Mozart & Turina, Fri 1 Nov, Birmingham & Midland Institute

MANCHESTER CONCERT ORCHESTRA: THE ARMED MAN Featuring Karl Jenkins (conductor) and City Of Birmingham Choir, Sat 2 Nov, Symphony Hall, B'ham

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE Featuring The Trentham Brass Band, Chanteuse - a Stafford Choir, Joel Campbell - a Stafford Rock Guitarist & Ryan Greenhaigh - a young piper from Stoke-on-Trent, Sat 2 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

BIRMINGHAM FESTIVAL CHORAL SOCIETY: HANDEL'S MESSIAH Sat 2 Nov, St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, South Shropshire

CBSO YOUTH ORCHESTRA Featuring Ilan Volkov (conductor) and Allison Bell (soprano). Programme includes works by Debussy, Messiaen and Sibelius, Sun 3 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

THE NAYLER PASSION Performed by a choir of Quakers, with featured soloist Henry Herford, Sun 3 Nov, Recital Hall, B'ham Conservatoire

CHUEN-AN CHERN (PIANO) Programme includes works by Scarlatti, Beethoven & Barber, Tues 5 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

CBSO: NELSONS CONDUCTS BRAHMS' FOURTH Featuring Andris Nelsons (conductor) and Valeriy Sokolov (violin). Programme includes works by Wagner, Sibelius & Brahms, Wed 6 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

CBSO CENTRE STAGE Featuring Trio Severn, Zoe Beyers (violin), David Powell (cello) & Robert Markham (piano), Wed 6 Nov, CBSO Centre, B'ham

TINE THING HELSETH & KATHRYN STOTT Programme includes works by Tveirr, Bull, Enescu, Fitkin, Hindemith, Ravel, Sibelius, Falla, Weill, Wed 6 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

CBSO: THE BEST OF

BRAHMS Thurs 7 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: MOZART'S REQUIEM Featuring Alexander Shelley (conductor), Lydia Teuscher (soprano), Jennifer Johnston (mezzo soprano), Benjamin Hulett (tenor) & Alexander Knop (bass), Fri 8 Nov, Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

CARLA REES (FLUTE) & XENIA PESTOVA (PIANO) Fri 8 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

HALESOWEN CHORAL SOCIETY Featuring Gemma King (soprano), William Knight & Christopher O'Gorman (tenor) & Nick Ashby (bass). Programme includes works by Handel & Monteverdi, Sat 9 Nov, St Margaret's Church, Hasbury, Halesowen

LA BOHEME Ellen Kent Opera present Puccini's romantic opera. Sung in Italian with English surtitles. Mon 11 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERT WITH THOMAS TROTTER: TRAVELLER'S FARE Programme includes works by Parry, J S Bach, Wagner, Ad Wammes and Anderson, Mon 11 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

AIDA Presented by Ellen Kent and Amphitheatre Productions, Tue 12 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

TOSCA Welsh National Opera present Puccini's fast-paced and most-loved opera. Mary Elizabeth Williams & Gwyn Hughes Jones star, Tue 12 - Sat 16 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

ANNA BOLENA Welsh National Opera present Donizetti's touching re-imagining of the final days of Henry VIII's second wife, Wed 13 Nov, B'ham Hippodrome

PAVEL HAAS QUARTET Programme includes works by Shostakovich, Britten & Brahms, Wed 13 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN Featuring Raphael Wallfisch (cello) & David Curtis (conductor). Programme includes works by Ravel, Saint-Saens and Mozart, Wed 13 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

MARIA STUARDA Thurs 14 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

GWYNT TRIO Featuring Josh Hall (oboe), Elin Roberts (flute) and Will

Drakett (piano), Thurs 14 Nov, Symphony Hall Bar, Birmingham

REOBERTO DEVEREUX Fri 15 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Featuring Gustavo Dudamel (conductor). Programme includes Mahler's Symphony No.7, Fri 15 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE WIND ORCHESTRA Featuring Neil Aston (conductor). Programme includes works by Berlioz & Messiaen, Fri 15 Nov, Birmingham Conservatoire

FLORIN ENSEMBLE Programme includes works by J.S Bach arr. Mozart, Francaix & Beethoven, Fri 15 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

MOZART'S REQUIEM Performed by City of Birmingham Choir, Sat 16 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

POLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Featuring Maxim Vengerov (violin/director). Programme includes works by Mozart & Tchaikovsky, Sun 17 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

NATIONAL BARBERSHOP QUARTET CONTEST Sun 17 Nov, Birmingham Conservatoire

JOHN WILSON & THE JOHN WILSON ORCHESTRA Wed 20 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ROYAL BALLET SINFONIA CONCERT Marcus Huxley conducts. Programme includes works by Faure, Mahler, Thurs 21 Nov, Birmingham Cathedral

K'ANTU ENSEMBLE Thurs 21 Nov, Recital Hall, Birmingham Conservatoire

BRITTEN 100: CENTENARY CONCERT Performed by CBSO Chorus, CBSO Youth Chorus, CBSO Children's Chorus, Simon Halsey (conductor), David Goode (organ) and Nicholas Daniel (oboe), Fri 22 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

THE MIDLAND CHAMBER PLAYERS Programme includes works by Mozart & Beethoven, Fri 22 Nov, Birmingham & Midland Institute

DI XIAO LUNCHTIME CONCERT Programme includes works by Schubert, Kris Lennox, Grieg & Debussy, Fri 22 Nov, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

THALLEIN ENSEMBLE: ICONOCLASTS & MAVERICKS Programme to include works by Jonathan Harvey & Richard Ayres, Fri 22 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM JUNIOR CONSERVATOIRE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT Sat

23 Nov, Recital Hall, Birmingham Conservatoire

BIRMINGHAM BACH CHOIR Programme includes works by Stravinsky, Elgar & Dyson, Sat 23 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

VIENNESE STAUSS CHRISTMAS GALA Featuring the British Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, Sun 24 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

EUROPEAN DOCTORS ORCHESTRA: DOCTOR'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY Programme includes works by Bernstein, Roth, Gershwin and Holst, Sun 24 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

LONDON BAROQUE Sun 24 Nov, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury

LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERT WITH THOMAS TROTTER Programme includes works by Dan Locklair, JS Bach, Wesley, Ad Wammes, Errolyn Wallen and Ponchielli, Mon 25 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

ADRIAN BRENDEL AND IMOGEN COOPER Mon 25 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

THE SCHUBERT ENSEMBLE Programme includes works by Colin Matthews & Vaughan Williams, Tues 26 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

FROM KING'S COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE Programme includes works by Britten & Arvo Part, Tue 26 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

BARDOLINO Prague-based violin, cello & percussion trio, Tues 26 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

ORCHESTRA OF THE SWAN: THE PRAGUE CONNECTION Programme includes works by Rossini, Mozart, Sylvie Bodorova and Dvorak, Wed 27 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

LIEDERABEND Programme includes works by Paul Hindemith, Wed 27 Nov, Recital Hall, Birmingham Conservatoire

THE EBLANA STRING TRIO Programme includes works by Schubert, Finzi & Beethoven, Thurs 28 Nov, Adrian Boulton Hall, Birmingham

CBSO PLAYERS Programme includes works by Faure & Mozart, Thurs 28 Nov, CBSO Centre, Birmingham

PARKINSONS UK CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS CONCERT Hosted by ITV presenter Lucy Kite, Thurs 28 Nov, Birmingham Cathedral

BBC PHILHARMONIC: BEST OF BEETHOVEN Fri 29 Nov, Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

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POSTGRADUATES CONCERT Fri 29 Nov, The Barber Institute, B'ham

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Comedy

Jethro

Ludlow Assembly Rooms, South Shropshire, Sat 23 November; Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, Mon 13 January

Despite liberal alternative comedy destroying everything in its path in the 1980s and 1990s, there's still the odd relic from a bygone age hanging around - one of whom is Jethro.

Hailing from Cornwall, this farmer look-a-like started his career telling jokes in small pubs. His well-worn act, full of smutty references, has prevented him from ever really making a huge name for himself, although his videos, released regularly every year, are often best-sellers, so there's obviously still a market for this kind of humour.

Carl Donnelly

Artrix, Bromsgrove, Sun 10 November; Hereford Courtyard Theatre, Sat 7 December; The Met Studio, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, Sat 8 March

Although sometimes known as 'the anal albatross', London-born comic Carl Donnelly doesn't let that somewhat unfortunate nickname hang like an (anal) albatross around his neck. Instead, he gets his head down and engages with the altogether more serious challenge of not being serious. Launching himself onto an unsuspecting comedy circuit in 2004, he's since made a name for himself via numerous festivals - including the Edinburgh Fringe - and plenty of 'appearances' on radio shows, including BBC Radio Four's 28 Acts In 28 Minutes and Tim Shaw's The Asylum on Kerrang! Radio. At his best when portraying himself as a bit of a hapless idiot, Carl's as happy as the proverbial sandboy chatting about all manner of subjects, from encounters with intimidating yahoos on a train to the rather more personal business of accidentally soiling himself.

Trevor Noah

Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Tues 26 November; The Glee Club, Birmingham, Wed 27 November; Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, Sun 22 December

White Swiss father, Black South African mother, upbringing in a Soweto township - there's certainly no question that Trevor Noah has plenty of material for his stand-up shows, with observations about race and ethnicity being leading themes in his comedy.

A rising star on the international circuit, Noah is a warm, upbeat and irreverent performer who blends sharp wit, intelligent commentary, unmistakable charm and clinical delivery to excellent effect. That said, he's also been known to generate the occasional controversy, with tweets about athletes Caster Semenya and Oscar Pistorius having made him the subject of Twitter backlashes. Still, all publicity's surely good publicity for a young fella making his way in the dog-eat-dog world of stand-up comedy, and Noah's got more than enough about him to spellbind even the most hardened of critics.



Russell Brand

Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, Thurs 28 November; Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Thurs 6 March; De Montfort Hall, Leicester, Thurs 27 March; Birmingham Hippodrome, Sun 6 April

Blending a unique look, an eye for the ladies and a penchant for courting controversy, it's fair to say Russell Brand very much ploughs his own furrow in the world of light entertainment! Bursting onto the scene via Big Brother's 'Big Mouth' spin-off show, Brand has had no trouble finding a spotlight in which to stand over the last few years, his more high-profile moments including an ill-starred marriage to Katy Perry and an offensive voicemail call to Fawlty Towers actor Andrew Sachs. Of late, he's started making a name for himself in the rough, tough world of movie-acting, but here returns to what he knows best - the business of peddling humour that could well shock your granny.

Chris Ramsey

Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry, Sat 16 November; Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton, Thurs 21 November; The Met Studio, Stafford Gatehouse, Thurs 23 January; Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Fri 7 February; New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Sat 22 February

As well as being a highly rated stand-up on the UK comedy circuit, Chris has also developed an impressive telly career, appearing on shows including 8 Out of 10 Cats, Show And Tell, Comedy Rocks, Russell Howard's Good News, Celebrity Juice, and Richard Bacon's Beer And Pizza Club. Gags include: "My venue for the Edinburgh Festival is a portacabin, it's literally a portacabin! I'm a Geordie, in a Portacabin. I was going to call the show Auf Wiedersehen Pet Live".



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JEREMY HARDY Sun 3 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove
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ANDY PARSONS Sun 3 Nov, The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, South Shropshire
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HENNING WEHN Fri 8 Nov, Huntingdon Hall, Worcester
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RO CAMPBELL, HAYLEY ELLIS, FOLI AND HOG Fri 8 Nov, Hereford Courtyard Theatre
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STEVE WILLIAMS, GAR MURRAN, WAYNE DEAKIN, RAYMOND & MR TIMPKINS REVUE Fri 8 - Sat 9 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham
JIMMY CARR - GAGGING ORDER Sat 9 Nov, Symphony Hall, Birmingham
CHRIS RAMSEY Sat 9 Nov, Hereford Courtyard Theatre
LUCY PORTER: NORTHERN SOUL Sat 9 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham
ROBIN INCE Sat 9 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
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SEVERN JESTERS Monthly comedy night Sun 10 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
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JASON MANFORD Mon 11 - Tue 12 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
ED BYRNE Tue 12 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
JIMMY CARR - GAGGING ORDER Tue 12 Nov, Bedworth Civic Hall
MARK THOMAS - 100 ACTS OF MINOR DISSENT Tue 12 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove
TOM STADE Wed 13 Nov,

The Glee Club, Birmingham
HAL CRUTTENDEN Wed 13 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove
HENNING WEHN Wed 13 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
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LEE NELSON LIVE Thurs 14 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre
JOE LYCETT Thurs 14 Nov, The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton
MARK THOMAS - 100 ACTS OF MINOR DISSENT Thurs 14 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
BO BURNHAM - WHAT Thurs 14 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall
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SIMON MUNNERY Fri 15 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham
PHILL JUPITUS Fri 15 Nov, The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury
KANE BROWN, MICKEY SHARMA, STEFANO PAOLINI & DAVID HADINGHAM Fri 15 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham
SEAN COLLINS, MICHAEL LEGGE, JOHN MOLONEY & SALLY ANN HAYWARD Fri 15 - Sat 16 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham
ANGIE MCEVOY, PAUL GARVEY, GEOFF NORCOTT & CHRIS MCCAUSLAND Fri 15 - Sat 16 Nov, Highlight Comedy Club, Birmingham
KANE BROWN, MICKEY SHARMA, STEFANO PAOLINI, DAVID HADINGHAM & COMIC TBC Sat 16 Nov, Jongleurs Comedy Club, Birmingham
PAUL MERTON'S IMPRO CHUMS Sat 16 Nov, Crewe Lyceum
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CHRIS RAMSEY Sat 16 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
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Carl Donnelly

CRAIG CAMPBELL: THRILLING MIC HUNT... Wed 20 Nov, Wulfrun Hall, Wolverhampton
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SEANN WALSH: THE LIE-IN KING With support from Romesh Ranganathan, Sat 23 Nov, The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, South Shropshire
SKOOL'S OUT COMEDY SHOW The best of the best comedy acts from Theo's Comedy Skool, Sat 23 Nov, Artrix, Bromsgrove
PHILL JUPITUS Sat 23 Nov, Evesham Arts Centre
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CRAIG CAMPBELL: THRILLING MIC HUNT... Sun 24 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
SANDI TOKSVIG Sun 24 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
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TREVOR NOAH Tue 26 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry
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BBC RADIO NEW COMEDY AWARD Hosted by Patrick Kielty, Tue 26 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham
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JAMES ACASTER Thurs 28 Nov, The Glee Club, Birmingham
RUSSELL BRAND Thurs 28 Nov, Civic Hall, Wolverhampton
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West Side Story

Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, Tues 12 - Sat 16 November;
New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, Tues 1 - Sat 19 April

One of the best known musicals of the twentieth century, West Side Story needs little introduction. For anyone needing the gentlest of reminders about this smash-hit show, it's set in the New York of the 1950s, where racism is rife and the 'youth of today' baaaad! The Sharks, a street gang of immigrant Puerto Ricans, are invading the territory of their rivals The Jets - an 'American' gang (after all, they've been in the good ol' US of A for a whole generation!). As trouble brews on the streets, Tony - the best friend of Jets leader Riff - meets

and falls in love with Maria, the sister of Sharks leader Bernardo. It's a gritty enough story, but it's Bernstein and Sondheim's incredible score which really brings the show to life, featuring numbers like Somewhere, Tonight, America, Maria, Gee Officer Krupke!, I Feel Pretty, One Hand and Something's Coming. This particular production sees Katie Hall as Maria, Djalenga Scott as Anita and Louis Maskell as Tony. *Read the interview with Katie Hall on page 8*



Cabaret

Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, Tues 26 - Sat 30 November

When a show comes to the region which, between its screen and stage versions, boasts multiple Oscars, BAFTAs and Tonys, it makes sense to check it out. A dark piece of theatre that makes for an evening of thought-provoking entertainment, Cabaret focuses on the character of the legendary Sally Bowles, who performs nightly at the infamous Kit Kat Klub in early-1930s Berlin. But even as she makes her way in a world of decadence, beyond the boundaries of the cabaret, the world stands on the threshold of a terrible war... Will Young takes the lead as Emcee.

Read the interview with Will Young on page 6

Tartuffe

The REP, Birmingham, Fri 1 - Sat 16 November

Tartuffe is not only beguiling but penniless. Man-of-property Orgon takes him into his house, believing him a paragon of virtue. He then orders his daughter to reject her fiancé and marry Tartuffe instead. When Orgon's son attempts to avert the marriage, he's disinherited by his angry father, who instead makes Tartuffe his heir. But is this intriguing visitor all that he seems?... Moliere's famous comedy was first performed in 1664, its reputation being wildly enhanced by the Archbishop of Paris's issuing of an edict which threatened excommunication for anyone who watched, performed in, or even read the play, so offensive to the church did he deem the work to be. Local lad and Harry Potter, Fast Show and Father Brown star Mark Williams takes the lead role while Birmingham comedian Mrs Barbara Nice supports as Madame Pernelle.



Mark Williams in rehearsal

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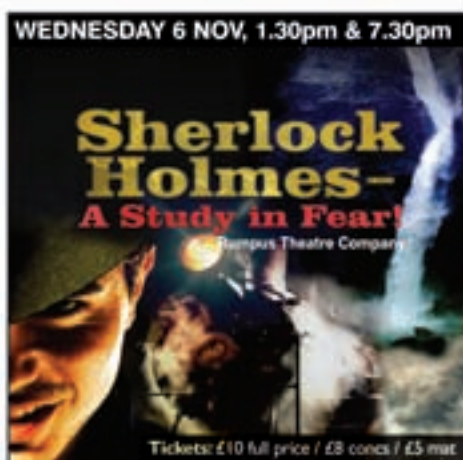
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Betrayal

Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Thurs 7 November; New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Tues 12 - Sat 16 November; Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, Tues 26 - Wed 27 November

Although widely considered to be one of Harold Pinter's most accessible, enthralling and provocatively layered offerings, *Betrayal* has tended to live in the shadows of the real giants in the legendary playwright's canon of work, namely *The Birthday Party*, *The Homecoming* and *The Caretaker*. The play commences at the end of an affair, and traces the romance back to its beginning - a beginning which had happened seven years earlier, when Emma had found herself becoming inappropriately close to her publisher husband Robert's literary agent and very best friend...



The Circus Of Horrors

Crewe Lyceum, Tues 12 November; Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Wed 13 November; Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock, Wed 20 November; Civic Hall, Wolverhampton, Sun 12 January; Victoria Hall, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Fri 14 March

An off-kilter affair that bears more resemblance to a freak show than any modern definition of a circus, Britain's Got Talent finalists The Circus Of Horrors present a world beyond political correctness and taste. With the performers dressed in a manner reminiscent of *The Rocky Horror Show*, there's no denying the skill of those participating - or, indeed, the ensemble's sheer 'wow' factor. And to their credit, they look like they're having a bloody good time both scaring and confusing their audiences. The company are currently touring with *London After Midnight*, 'a whirlwind journey' through the plague-ridden capital city in the year 1665.



Treasure Island

Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, Tues 19 - Wed 20 November; The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford, Wed 27 November
Oddsocks here fuse their inimitable style with live music to present Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story, which has not only delighted generations of readers but also inspired sufficient stage and film adaptations to fill a treasure chest (and a big one, at



The Holly And The Ivy

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, Mon 18 - Sat 23 November; Lichfield Garrick, Tues 14 - Sat 18 January

The arrival of two irritable aunts and an errant daughter ensures that Christmas Eve in a Norfolk vicarage in 1947 is anything but quiet. As skeletons tumble from closets and stones are turned over, family members are forced to confront not only their long-held regrets but also their secret anxieties. The award-winning Middle Ground Theatre Company are the team behind this touring production, which features Stuart McGugan (*It Ain't Half Hot Mum*), Corrinne Wicks (*Emmerdale*), Tom Butcher (*The Bill*), Dean Smith (*Waterloo Road*) and Hildegard Neil.

that!). When salty old seadog Billy Bones brings his papers to the Admiral Benbow Inn, he draws young Jim Hawkins into the adventure of a lifetime, one which will see him not only setting sail in search of buried treasure, but also spending time in the company of a one-legged pirate with murder in mind...



Tom's Midnight Garden

Old Rep, Birmingham, Wed 13 November - Sat 25 January

Philippa Pearce's classic time-travel tale finds young Tom wondering whether it's possible to visit the past. When the grandfather clock in the hallway chimes thirteen times, he discovers that it most definitely is, finding himself transported back to a secret garden and a magical wonderland of fantastic adventures. But as he journeys back and forth through time, strange things begin to happen, leaving him with little choice but to solve the mystery of the midnight garden... This David Wood adaptation is presented by the hugely reliable Birmingham Stage Company.



Hypnosis

Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, Thurs 7 - Sat 9 November; Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, Fri 22 November

Mild-mannered copper Alan Briggs is a good sport, so when alcoholic stage hypnotist The Great Gordo randomly chooses him as his next on-stage stooge, a good time seems to be had by all. But as the washed-up hypnotist settles down to enjoy a few drinks before bedtime, it soon becomes apparent that this is to be no ordinary post-show evening. The mind games begin, the stakes are raised - and there can only be one winner. But who will it be? MiG Productions are the ensemble behind this intriguingly different work of theatre.

Miracle On 34th Street

Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, Thurs 14 - Sat 16 November

A new musical stage version of an old Twentieth Century Fox movie, *Miracle On 34th Street* offers theatre-going families the chance to put themselves well and truly in the Christmas spirit. The original film hit cinema screens as long ago as 1947, although Richard Attenborough did star in a well-received 1994 remake. When a white-bearded gentleman named Kris Kringle saves a department store's blushes by standing in as Father Christmas in the annual Thanksgiving Parade, his new employers are suitably grateful. Until, that is, Kris starts claiming to be the real Santa Claus...



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THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW Fortieth anniversary production of Richard O'Brien's cult musical extravaganza until Sat 2 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

CATS New production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's smash-hit musical, until Sat 2 Nov, Regent Theatre, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

SCROOGE THE MUSICAL Tommy Steele reprises his role as Ebenezer Scrooge in Leslie Bricusse's musical, until Sat 2 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

BOEING BOEING The Newcastle Players present an amateur production of Marc Camoletti's French farce, until Sat 2 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

CADFAEL: THE VIRGIN IN THE ICE Middle Ground Theatre Company present Michael Lunney's version of Ellis Peter's classic medieval murder-mystery, until Sat 2 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

WAR HORSE Acclaimed West End drama based on the novel by Michael Morpurgo until Sat 9 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

RICHARD II Starring David Tennant, Sat 16 Nov, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

SUCESSAL JR Walsall Youth Theatre present a musical extravaganza featuring a host of Dr Seuss' creations, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz and Mayzie LaBird. Fri 1 Nov, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall

80'S MANIA Step back in time and join the cast of singers, dancers, and musicians celebrating the heroes of 1980s pop, Fri 1 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

THE TELL-TALE HEART Little Earthquake present Edgar Allan Poe's tale of terror and dementia, Fri 1 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

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TARTUFFE Mark Williams stars in this new version, which sees Moliere's famous comedy transported to the West Midlands, Fri 1 - Sat 16 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

MORGAN AND WEST Travel through time with these Victorian magicians in an evening of 'baffling magic and unparalleled precognitive powers', Sat 2 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

WEST SIDE STORY The Musical Theatre Production Company presents its version of the Broadway musical, Sat 2 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

TEENAGE DREAM - THE CONCERT Sat 2 - Sun 3 Nov, Evolve Theatre, Dudley

40TH WELLINGTON DRAMA FESTIVAL Yearly drama festival aimed at encouraging amateur drama in Shropshire, Sat 2 - Sat 9 Nov, The Belfrey Theatre, Wellington

POSTMAN PAT See Pat and his friends live on stage in an exciting new story based around the forthcoming feature film, Sun 3 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

Week Commencing
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SHERLOCK HOLMES - A STUDY IN FEAR Rumpus Theatre Company presents a new version of Arthur Conan Doyle's classic story, The Final Problem, Mon 4 Nov, The Rose Theatre, Kidderminster

Mon 4 Nov, Crewe Lyceum
THE GHOST SHIP Rumpus Theatre Company present a new play based on the spookily atmospheric sea story by Joseph Conrad, Tue 5 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE LAST FIVE YEARS A two-hander musical written by Jason Robert Brown, Tue 5 - Sat 9 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

ANNIE Amateur production presented by Bilston Operatic, Tue 5 - Sat 9 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

FOOTLOOSE Amateur production presented by Five Towns Theatre, Tue 5 - Sat 9 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre

ROMEO AND JULIET Amateur production presented by The Crescent Theatre Company, Tues 5 - Sat 16 Nov, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

AN EVENING WITH SIR ROGER MOORE Following the release of his new book *Bond On Bond*, one-time 007 Roger Moore gives a candid insight into his astonishing life and career, Wed 6 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

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OKLAHOMA Amateur production presented by Chadsmoor Choral Society, Wed 6 - Sat 9 Nov, Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock

MISS SAIGON Amateur production presented by West Bromwich Operatic Society, Wed 6 - Sat 9 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK An amateur production by Get Your Wiggle On, Wed 6 - Sat 9 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

SPRING AND PORT WINE Stafford Players present their version of one of Bill Naughton's best-known works, Wed 6 - Sat 9 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

AN AUDIENCE WITH COLIN FRY Thurs 7 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

THE JON RONSON MYSTERIES Writer Jon Ronson talks about the hilarious stories behind his latest book, Thurs 7 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

DUSK RINGS A BELL The Highbury Players present Stephen Belber's intimate tale of lost teen romance, Thurs 7 - Sat 9 Nov, Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham

HYPNOSIS MiG Productions present the story

of *The Great Gordo*, an alcoholic stage hypnotist in the twilight of his career who randomly chooses a mild-mannered policeman as his next stooge..., Thurs 7 - Sat 9 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

ANTONY & CLEOPATRA A Royal Shakespeare Company co-production with The Public Theater, New York, and GableStage, Miami, Thurs 7 - Sat 30 Nov, The Swan Theatre Stratford

HA HA HOLMES Comedy thriller from the Ha Ha Boys. Joe Pasquale stars, Fri 8 Nov, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

WAR HORSE REMEMBERED Reading by Michael Morpurgo, accompanied by songs performed by John Tams and Barry Coope, Fri 8 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

LETS HANG ON Tribute To Frankie Valli And The Four Seasons, Fri 8 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

SMILE ORANGE Family comedy written by Trevor Rhone, Fri 8 - Sat 9 Nov, The Drum, Birmingham

THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF Mike Kenny's tale, inspired by the famous Aesop fable, Sat 9 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

HAIRY MACLARY AND FRIENDS Family show



Ha Ha Holmes - Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

featuring many of the characters from the Hairy Maclary stories, Sat 9 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

LEO HOUDLING: FROM THE AMAZON TO ANTARCTICA Illustrated with world-class photography and film shot by the multi-award-winning Alastair Lee, Sat 9 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

LIZZY, DARCY AND JANE Presented by Madcap Theatre in celebration of Pride And Prejudice's 200th anniversary, Sat 9

- Sun 10 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

DOTTY THE DRAGON Blunderbus Children's Theatre (the team behind the popular Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark) present an enchanting fairytale for children aged three to seven, Sun 10 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

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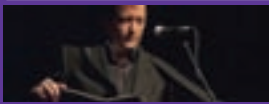
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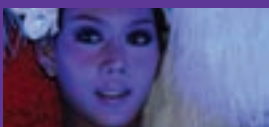
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A NIGHT OF DIRTY DANCING
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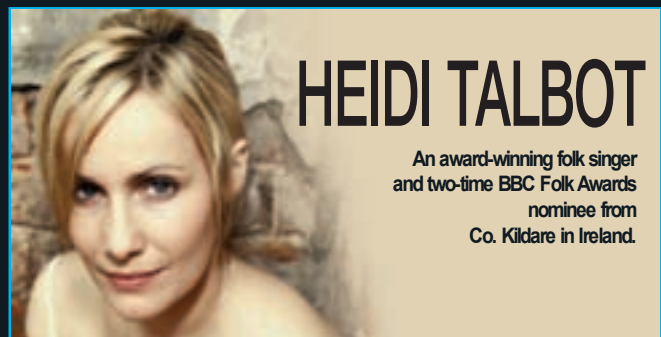
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SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOLS FESTIVAL Mon 11 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES Based on Eve Ensler's Vagina Interviews and featuring an all-star cast, Mon 11 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) The Reduced Shakespeare Company present a fast-paced romp through the best of The Bard's works, Mon 11 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

TO MEET OSCAR WILDE Norman Holland's fascinating play which, using a series of short scenes, provides an insight into the life of Oscar Wilde, Mon 11 - Sat 16 Nov, The Rose Theatre, Kidderminster

AIDA Presented by Ellen Kent and Amphitheatre Productions, Tue 12 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE CIRCUS OF HORRORS Tue 12 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

PEPPA PIG'S BIG SPLASH All-singing, all-dancing adventure full of songs, games and muddy puddles for children, Tue 12 - Wed 13 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Amateur production presented by Lichfield Operatic Society, Tue 12 - Sat 16 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

WEST SIDE STORY Tue 12 - Sat 16 Nov, Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

THE WIZARD OF OZ Presented by North Staffs Operatic Society, Wed 12 - Sat 16 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

BETRAYAL Tue 12 - Sat 16 Nov, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

ANNA BOLENA Welsh National Opera present Donizetti's touching re-imagining of the final days of Henry VIII's second wife, Wed 13 Nov, Birmingham Hippodrome

ANDY ROUSE: WILD ABOUT ANIMAL A presentation promising stories, musical pieces, anecdotes and some truly awful jokes..., Wed 13 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

THE CIRCUS OF HORRORS Wed 13 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

MILKED Pentabus Theatre present Simon Longman's black comedy, which focuses on unemployment and a dying cow, Wed 13 Nov, Wern Town Hall, North Shropshire

BURT 'N' JOYCE Reform Theatre present Burt and Joyce, a happy-go-lucky couple about to have one

of the most extraordinary days of their lives, Wed 13 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

A TRIVIAL PURSUIT Opus Theatre Company present a new comedy by Gerry Hinks, Wed 13 - Thurs 14 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN Birmingham Stage Company present their acclaimed version of Philippa Pearce's fantasy novel, Wed 13 Nov - Sat 25 Jan, Old Rep, Birmingham

THE 3 BILLY PIGS Noisy Oyster Company present a theatrical experience for children, complete with live music, puppetry & storytelling, Thurs 14 Nov, The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock, South Shropshire

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET Popular Christmas favourite based on the classic movie, Thurs 14 - Sat 16 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE TWIST New musical featuring songs from the 1950s and '60s, Thurs 14 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

TWO South Staffordshire College Performing Arts Students present the Jim Cartwright classic, Thurs 14 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

ROYAL FLUSH Rich Seam Theatre Company present Nick Lane's double-bill, exploring how our attitudes to toilets, and the royal flush, have changed over the years. Matthew Booth (Hollyoaks, Emmerdale, Shameless) stars, Thurs 14 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

MACBETH Presented by St Luke's Dramatic Society, Thurs 14 - Sat 16 Nov, Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock

VAMPIRES ROCK Musical comedy, Fri 15 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, B'ham

TRIVIAL PURSUITS South Staffordshire Performing Arts present an amateur performance of Frank Vickery's comedy of rivalry, Fri 15 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

AN EVENING OF BURLESQUE Britain's biggest burlesque spectacular returns with a brand new show for 2013! Direct from London's West End, Fri 15 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

ZHE: (NOUN) UNDEFINED A new play created by London-based international theatre company Collective Artistes, Fri 15 - Sat 16 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES A Walsall Operatic Society production. Songs range from Les Misérables to James Bond and from Disney classics to chart-toppers, Sat 16 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

THE ELEPHANT BRIDESMAID

Magical musical about weddings, wombats and the loveliest elephant the world has ever known... Sat 16 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

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SECRET LOVE A sentimental journey through the life and music of Doris Day, featuring acclaimed singer and West End actress Claudia Morris, Sun 17 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

Week Commencing MON 18 NOV

THE HOLLY AND THE IVY Mon 18 - Sat 23 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

THE EVENTS A new play written by David Greig, Tue 19 - Sat 23 Nov, The REP, Birmingham

TREASURE ISLAND Odd-socks fuse their inimitable style with live music to present hilarious characters and breathtaking fight scenes in their version of the Robert Louis Stevenson classic, Tue 19 - Wed 20 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

NEW JERSEY NIGHTS International hit show which takes audiences on a musical journey celebrating the greatest hits of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Tue 19 - Sat 23 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE CIRCUS OF HORRORS Wed 20 Nov, Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock

THE ROCKY HORROR MURDER SHOW Sing and dance your way through the mystery and see if you can solve the crime in a science fiction double-feature murder show, Wed 20 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

PETER PAN The Potteries Theatre Company present an amateur production of JM Barrie's classic tale, Wed 20 - Sat 23 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent

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THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS Telford Academy of Performing Arts showcase their latest routines, Sat 23 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS Reach For The Stage present showstoppers from the West End, together with a

selection of song and dance routines from newer musicals, Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIONS Adapted and directed by Theresa Heskins, Sat 23 Nov - Sat 1 Feb, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

ROOM ON THE BROOM Tall Stories present a stage adaptation of Julia Donaldson's best-selling book, Sun 24 - Mon 25 Nov, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre

Week Commencing MON 25 NOV

GO BACK FOR MURDER The Official Agatha Christie Theatre Company present a new adaptation of a classic whodunnit. Liza Goddard, Sophie Ward, Robert Duncan, Gary Mavers, Lysette Anthony & Ben Nealon star, Mon 25 - Sat 30 Nov, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

BETRAYAL London Classic Theatre present Harold Pinter's acclaimed drama, Tue 26 - Wed 27 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

CABARET Tue 26 - Sat 30 Nov, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT Presented by Rockhopper Productions, Tue 26 - Sat 30 Nov, Stoke Repertory Theatre

SWINGING AT THE COTTON CLUB Wed 27 Nov, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Bryony Lavery's dramatic adaptation of Charles Dickens' Victorian Christmas classic, Wed 27 Nov - Sat 4 Jan, The REP, Birmingham

DANIEL BYE: THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING A performance lecture about value, Thurs 28 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

MESS Caroline Horton's play about obsession, addiction and not wanting to get out of bed, Thurs 28 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

THE LADYBOYS OF BANGKOK Glamorous and funny cabaret performed by sixteen transvestites, direct from Bangkok, Fri 29 Nov, The Place, Oakengates Theatre, Telford

WOLF RED Physical theatre company Tmesis present a solo show exploring the dark side of human nature, Fri 29 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

FASCINATING AIDA Starring Dillie Keane, Liza Pulman & Adele Anderson Sat 30 Nov, International Convention Centre (ICC), B'ham

RSM STAGE ACADEMY: OUR JOURNEY Annual showcase of work, including a performance of Bohemian Rhapsody which the students performed live at the Royal Albert Hall earlier this year, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Arena Theatre, Wolves

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8pm, £13 / £11 concs
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A TRIVIAL PURSUIT THE MET STUDIO

Wed 13 & Sat 14 Nov



Opus Theatre Company return with Gerry Hinks' brand new comedy. Marcia and Beryl are passionate about the game Trivial Pursuit and soon realise they can make lots of money by playing it their way! The farce picks up when an ex policeman and local criminal step into the game...
7.30pm, £10 / £8 concs

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THE RAT PACK LIVE GATEHOUSE THEATRE

Fri 15 Nov



The swingational Dean, Sammy and Frank spectacular. They were the definition of cool during their Fifties and Sixties Vegas heyday – Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr and Frank Sinatra. Combining the full sound of big band swing with charisma, panache and swagger, the trio – collectively known as The Rat Pack – had attitude to spare.
8pm, £21 / £19.50 concs

THE ROVING CROWS THE MET STUDIO

Fri 15 Nov



The Roving Crows are a multi award winning original folk-fusion outfit. The Crows fuse folk, ska, reggae and klezmer in a unique and energetic performance. Top Celtic Rock Band and Top Fiddle Player at the Irish Music Awards 2012.
8pm, £10

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Theatre REVIEWS

Here are a few of our favourite theatre productions we reviewed from last month. For further theatre reviews, visit, www.whatsonlive.co.uk

Twelve Angry Men

The REP, Birmingham

It may have been written almost sixty years ago, but Reginald Rose's *Twelve Angry Men* is as pertinent today as it's ever been.

British history is littered with miscarriages of justice - think of the Birmingham Six - and who among us can be certain that we won't one day find ourselves in the wrong place at the wrong time - and subsequently in a Crown Court; fighting for our liberty, perhaps against the odds? In such a circumstance, we'd better hope we have at least one person on the jury like the man played by Martin Shaw in this latest adaptation of Rose's drama. Shaw stars as the one dissenting juror - the character famously portrayed by Henry Fonda in the memorable 1957 film version. Over a number of hours, the juror manages to persuade his fellow 'good men and true' that maybe there is, after all, a reasonable doubt about the defendant's alleged guilt. It's a hot and sticky summer's day, and being cooped up in a small room with eleven strangers, deliberating the life-or-death future of another stranger, is nobody's idea of a good time. The other eleven are adamant the defendant's guilty of murder, but Shaw's juror is a persuasive man. Before too long, it isn't only the oppressive heat that's making the temperature in the jury room slowly rise...

There are good performances all round in this intense two-hour drama. As always, Shaw leads from the front, while former *Man From Uncle* and *Hustle* star Robert Vaughn adds a little Hollywood glamour to proceedings.

Succeeding with a stage version of a famous and popular film is no mean feat, but the cast of this soon-to-be-West End production have risen to the challenge magnificently.

This is one show about which the jury most definitely isn't out. *Sally Compton* ■■■■■

To Sir, With Love

Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

Former Spitfire pilot Ricky Braithwaite admits he finds teaching rowdy pupils in an East End secondary school tougher than shooting down German Messerschmitts in the war. A Cambridge graduate, he only took the job because, despite his qualifications, he couldn't find a post as an electronics engineer in 1948.

Why? Because he was a black man in post-war Britain. But gradually he begins to understand the rebellious teenagers - and they, in turn, learn to respect him, in this enjoyable story based on the autobiography of ER Braithwaite, adapted by Ayub Khan-Din.

Ansu Kabia is superb as the teacher, working hard to make a success of the job despite the racist sneers of West, a cynical member of staff.

Matthew Kelly is perfect as progressive headmaster Florian, who understands the problems of children from such difficult backgrounds. There's also an impressive performance from Peta Cornish as Gillian, the teacher who falls for Ricky but whose father's opposition ends the relationship.

The volatile kids are excellent too, and there's an emotional ending when Sir is offered a job in his preferred career by a company in Birmingham. All in all, this show makes for a great night out at the theatre. *Paul Marston* ■■■■■



War Horse

Birmingham Hippodrome

The story of *War Horse* takes us from the peace and quiet of Devon to the horror of the Somme and back again. The journey, though often dark and poignant, transcends the boundaries which separate not only nations but also species, telling a story of loyalty and courage, emotional connection and shared experiences.

When two feuding brothers attempt to outbid each other at an auction for a hunter foal, Albert's life is changed forever. When his father's bid wins, he finds himself charged with taking care of the foal, which he names Joey. Through working together on the farmstead and galloping across the Devonshire countryside, Albert and Joey develop what will prove to be a profound attachment.

With the onset of World War One, Joey is sold to the army by Albert's impoverished, alcoholic father. Distraught and angry, an underage Albert joins the army himself, hoping to be reunited with Joey. He then finds himself sent to the banks of the Somme, where he comes face to face with the true horrors of war...

The minimal use of sets, a dramatic use of monochromatic lighting and some startling sound effects see this National Theatre version of Michael Morpurgo's acclaimed tale transporting its audience to the very centre of the drama. Brilliant performances are given by Lee Armstrong as the determined and loyal Albert, Martin Wenner as the conflicted German Captain, and the master puppeteers who invest Joey with life and character. With an amazing supporting cast and the evocative, haunting vocals of folk singer Bob Fox further recommending it, *War Horse* is a moving and ultimately uplifting production that tugs at the heartstrings and lives long in the memory. In short, a theatrical experience well worth catching. *Ted Finlay* ■■■■■

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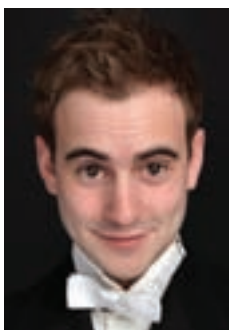
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Brian Epstein's life on stage

The private life of the man behind the world's biggest pop group is to be laid bare in the West End next summer. Andrew Sherlock's *Epstein: The Man Who Made The Beatles* was met with much acclaim when it showed at Liverpool's Epstein Theatre in 2012. A candid two-hander, the play provides an intriguing insight into the tragically short life of legendary music manager and 1960s pop icon Brian Epstein. Andrew Lancel (*Coronation Street, The Bill*) and newcomer Will Finlanson star in the show, which runs at London's Leicester Square Theatre from 5 August to 6 September 2014.

Downton moves south...

A play of manners which garnered plenty of praise at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival earlier this year is to make its way to London in 2014. *The Only Way Is Downton* sees impressionist Luke Kempner portray the characters from Julian Fellowes' multi-award-winning TV drama *Downton Abbey*. The one-man show sees the Dowager, Lady Mary and Anna joined by a host of modern celebrities, who descend on the Abbey in a bid to save the country pile from closure. *The Only Way Is Downton* shows at Trafalgar Studios 2 Theatre from 28 January to 22 February.



New Artistic Director for the National Theatre

Rufus Norris is to become the new Artistic Director of the National Theatre when Nicholas Hytner steps down from the role next March. Norris, who's currently receiving much acclaim for his version of Kander and Ebb's *Cabaret The Musical*, is currently Associate Director of the company. Commenting on his appointment, Norris said: "I'm thrilled at the prospect and challenge of leading this exceptional organisation. The National is an extraordinary place,

full of extraordinary people, and I look forward with relish to the task ahead - that being, to fill our theatres with the most exciting, accessible and groundbreaking work our unique and broad community of artists has to offer." David Hare's adaptation of Katherine Boo's *Behind The Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death And Hope In A Mumbai Undercity* is expected to feature in Norris's repertoire for 2014.

WEST END LISTINGS:

MUSICALS

AMERICAN PSYCHO

Almeida Theatre, 3 Dec 2013 - 25 Jan 2014

BILLY ELLIOT - THE MUSICAL Victoria Palace Theatre, booking until 16 May 2015

BODYGUARD Adelphi Theatre, booking until 8 Mar 2014

BOOK OF MORMON

Prince Of Wales Theatre, booking until 8 Mar 2014

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY - THE MUSICAL Drury Lane Royal, booking until 31 May 2014

CIRCUS OF HORRORS Lyric Theatre, booking until 16 Dec 2013

COMMITMENTS Victoria Palace Theatre, booking until 26 Jan 2014

DIRTY DANCING Piccadilly Theatre, booking until 22 Feb 2014

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY Shaftesbury Theatre, booking until 26 Apr 2014

GRUFFALO Lyric Theatre, 20 Nov 2013 - 12 Jan 2014

I CAN'T SING! THE X FACTOR MUSICAL

London Palladium Theatre, 27 Feb 2014 - 25 Oct 2014

JERSEY BOYS Prince Edward Theatre and Piccadilly Theatre, booking until 9 Mar 2014

LES MISÉRABLES Queen's Theatre, booking until 26 Apr 2014

LET IT BE Savoy Theatre, booking until 18 Jan 2014

LIGHT PRINCESS

Lytelton, National Theatre, booking until 9 Jan 2014

LION KING Lyceum Theatre, booking until 20 Apr 2014

MAMMA MIA! Novello Theatre, booking until 5 Apr 2014

MATILDA THE MUSICAL Cambridge Theatre, booking until 21 Dec 2014

MISS SAIGON

Prince Edward Theatre, from 3 May 2014 - 25 Oct 2014

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT Playhouse Theatre, booking until 8 Feb 2014

ONCE Phoenix Theatre, booking until 31 May 2014

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Her Majesty's Theatre, booking until 26 Apr 2014

SCOTTSBRO BOYS Young Vic Theatre, booking until 21 Dec 2013

STEVEN WARD Aldwych Theatre, 3 Dec 2013 - 1 Mar 2014

STOMP Ambassadors Theatre, booking until 21 Dec 2014

THRILLER LIVE Lyric Theatre, booking until 28 Sept 2014

WE WILL ROCK YOU Dominion Theatre, booking until 5 Apr 2014

WICKED Apollo Victoria Theatre, booking until 1 Nov 2014.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS Duchess Theatre, 11 Dec 2013 - 1 Feb 2014

DRAMA

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Young Vic Theatre, 4 Dec 2013 - 21 Dec 2013

CORIOLANUS Donmar Warehouse, booking 6 Dec 2013 - 8 Feb 2014

CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME Apollo Theatre, booking until 25 Oct 2014

DROWNED MAN: A HOLLYWOOD FABLE Temple Studios, booking until 31 Dec 2013

EMIL AND THE DETECTIVES Olivier National Theatre, booking until 20 Feb 2014

FROM MORNING TO MID-NIGHT Lyttelton National Theatre, 19 Nov 2013 - 15 Jan 2014

GASTRONAUTS Royal Court Theatre (upstairs), 21 Nov 2013 - 21 Dec 2013

GHOSTS Almeida Theatre, booking until 23 Nov 2013

HORRIBLE HISTORIES BARMY BRITAIN PART TWO Garrick Theatre, booking until 5 Jan 2014

NUT The Shed National Theatre, booking until 5 Dec 2014

PRINCE OF DENMARK Ambassadors Theatre, booking until 27 Nov 2013

ROMEO & JULIET Ambassador Theatre, booking

until 29 Nov 2013

WAR HORSE New London Theatre, booking until 15 Feb 2014

WOMAN IN BLACK Fortune Theatre, booking until 14 Dec 2013

COMEDY

39 STEPS Criterion Theatre, booking until 29 Mar 2014

BARKING IN ESSEX Wyndham's Theatre, booking until 4 Jan 2014



Dance



The Nutcracker Birmingham Hippodrome, Fri 22 November - Thurs 12 December

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



Running On Empty

DanceXchange, The Patrick Centre, Birmingham, Thurs 14 - Fri 15 November

Fusing dance, text and song to communicate stories, Brighton-based dance theatre company Probe is fronted by award-winning dancer Antonia Grove, a former member of the Rambert Dance Company. The ensemble visits Birmingham this month to perform its latest work as part of an eight-date UK tour. Presenting the story of a man, a woman, and their repeated collisions over time, *Running On Empty* explores and investigates the subject of Man's resilience to loss.

Out Of The Shadow

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

This touring production sees the highly rated Nobulus bring together an extraordinary mix of disciplines - breakdance, popping and locking, contemporary dance, acrobatics and ballet - to take audiences on a trip through time. A ten-strong ensemble morph themselves into structures, creatures and machines in order to tell a cautionary tale that begins with the creation of the universe and ends with an imaginary apocalyptic future.



Dance LISTINGS

For full listing information on dance, including times and dates, visit www.whatsonlive.co.uk

HOLD EVERYTHING DEAR

Themes of migration and transience form the basis of this relatively new work from Bristol-based choreographer, Laïla Diallo, Fri 1 Nov, DanceXchange (The Patrick Centre, Birmingham)

THE NUTCRACKER

After last year's success, Russian State Ballet and Opera House return to the UK to present one of the greatest classical ballets of all time, Sat 2 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

BROKEN Motionhouse present their latest production, which sees dancers negotiate the cracks and craters in a world of illusions where nothing is quite as it seems, Tue 5 Nov, Malvern Theatres

ESSENCE OF IRELAND

Exploration of Irish myths through narration, Irish music and Irish dancing, Wed 6 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

THE NUTCRACKER

Presented by the State Ballet Of Minsk, Wed 6

Nov, Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

SNOW WHITE Vienna Festival Ballet presents a brand new production based on the traditional Brothers Grimm story, Thurs 7 Nov, Bedworth Civic Hall

MANA An international double-bill of contemporary dance, Thurs 7 - Fri 8 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

RECORD OF EVENTS &

THRESHOLD Joss Arnott Dance present a double-bill which takes inspiration from classical ballet, commercial dance, pop culture, fashion and film, Fri 8 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

KATHAKALI The Kala Chethena Kathakali Company present the classical dance drama of Kerala, Fri 8 Nov, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

PUNCH: DESI MOVES

2013 Six of the hottest dance acts battle it out to claim the title of Best Desi Mover, Sat 9 Nov, Birmingham Town Hall

OUT OF THE SHADOW

The Dance Touring Partnership fuse breakdance, popping and locking, contemporary dance, acrobatics and ballet to tell a cautionary tale about the universe, Tue 12 - Wed 13 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

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DANCING Brand new dancing extravaganza presented by an all-star cast, including West End performers, Thurs 14 Nov, Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Presented by Moscow Ballet - La Classique, Thurs 14 - Sat 16 Nov, Belgrade Theatre, Coventry

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THE NUTCRACKER

Birmingham Royal Ballet return with Sir Peter Wright's world-famous production, Fri 22 - Thurs 12 Dec, B'ham Hippodrome

SWAN LAKE

Moscow City Ballet present their interpretation of the world-famous ballet, Tue 26 - Wed 27 Nov, Regent Theatre, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent

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Mana - contemporary dance at mac, Birmingham and Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury

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GOTTA DANCE Presented by Sundance School of Dance, Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock

THE PRINCESS AND THE

FROG

Let's All Dance present a brand new ballet with an original score, Sun 24 Nov, Crescent Theatre, Birmingham

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Get ready for Christmas!

Christmas is a-coming - and theatres around the region are busying themselves with preparations for the fast-approaching festive season. And, as always, there's no shortage of big names winging their way to the Midlands to appear in some of the best pantos in the land...

Christmas 2013 looks set to be another bumper season for panto in the Midlands, with many theatres reporting an increase in box office ticket sales. With its long-held reputation for hosting the country's biggest panto, the Birmingham Hippodrome this year promises to deliver a stylish version of Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs. Fashion guru Gok Wan will make his panto debut as The Man In The Mirror, appearing as part of a star-studded line-up that also includes John Partridge as the Prince, Stephanie Beacham as the Wicked Queen, Gary Wilmot as the Dame and Paul Zerdin as Muddles. Up the motorway in Wolverhampton, the lovely Ceri Dupree will be donning a plethora of glamorous outfits when he revisits his much-acclaimed role

of Queen Passionella in Sleeping Beauty. Ceri will be joined by comedian and panto favourite Joe Pasquale, as Muddles, and Lucy Evans, who'll play Princess Beauty. Moving north of the region, Stoke's much-loved son Jonny Wilkes returns to his home town for the festive season, to perform alongside his long-term sidekick Christian Patterson in another version of Snow White. If panto's not your thing, fear not, as there are plenty of festive alternatives available, including Ghost The Musical at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre, Wendy And Peter Pan at the RSC in Stratford-upon-Avon, and A Christmas Carol at the recently re-opened Birmingham REP. For information about all the region's festive events, visit www.whatsonlive.co.uk

Festive show LISTINGS

TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN

Presented by The Birmingham Stage Company, Wed 13 Nov - Sat 25 Jan, Old Rep, Birmingham, £9

THE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS

Sat 23 Nov - Wed 1 Feb, New Vic Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyne, £14 - £21

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Wed 27 Nov - Sat 4 Jan, The REP, Birmingham, £7 - £35

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

Presented by Image Theatre, Wed 27 Nov - Sun 5 Jan, The Belgrade Theatre, £9.75 - £21.50

CHICAGO

Fri 29 Nov - Sat 18 Jan, The Curve, Leicester, £9.75 - £40

ROOM ON THE BROOM

A Tall Stories production, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 29 Dec, Warwick Arts Centre, £13

HANSEL & GRETEL

Presented by New International Encounter,

Tues 3 Dec - Sat 14 Dec, mac, Birmingham, £10 - £13

DICK WHITTINGTON & HIS CAT

Tues 3 Dec - Sat 28 Dec, Bedworth Civic Hall, £10.50 - £14.50

ALADDIN

Tues 3 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, Swan Theatre, Worcester, £10.75 - £15.75

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Starring Jonathan Wilkes and Christian Patterson, Tues 3 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, Regent Theatre, £11.40 - £32.40

MOTHER GOOSE'S GOLDEN CHRISTMAS

Wed 4 Dec - Sat 7 Dec, Dudley Little Theatre, £7

RENT

Wed 4 Dec - Sat 14 Dec, The Old Joint Stock Theatre, £15

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

Thurs 5 Dec - Sat 7 Dec, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, £28.90 - £38.90

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Starring Brad Fitt, Eric Smith and Adam Moss, Thurs 5 Dec - Sun 12 Jan, Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, £10 - £17.50

SNOW WHITE AND THE MAGIC MIRROR

Starring Joanne Malin, Thurs 5 Dec - Sat 5 Jan, Lichfield Garrick, £12.50 - £22.50

FANTASTIC MR FOX

Sat 7 Dec - Sat 21 Dec, The Crescent Theatre, Birmingham, £8 - £15

OH NO IT ISN'T!

Sat 7 Dec - Sat 28 Dec, The Belgrade, Coventry, £8 - £15.50

ALADDIN

Sat 7 Dec - Sat 4 Jan, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington, £5 - £14

ALADDIN

Mon 9 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, Palace Theatre, Redditch, £14 - £18.50

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Starring Joe Pasquale, Sat 7 Dec - Sat 18 Jan, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, £16.50 - £26.50

WENDY AND PETER PAN

Tues 10 Dec - Sun 2 Mar, Royal Shakespeare Company, Stratford-upon-Avon £5 - £60

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

Presented by Pool Hayes Youth Theatre, Wed 11 Dec - Sun 15 Dec, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton, £5 - £10

DICK WHITTINGTON

Thurs 12 Dec - Sun 22 Dec, Forest Arts Centre, Walsall, £6

ALADDIN

Starring Asa Elliott, Phil Butler, Ian Billings, Jade Chaston and Barry North, Thurs 12 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, The Place, Oakengates, £9 - £16.50

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVERN DWARFS

Starring Sue Holderness, Chris Pizzey and Olivia Birchenough, Thurs 12 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, Malvern Theatres, Worcester, £8.95 - £22.50

JACK & THE BEANSTALK

Starring Malcolm Stent, Fri 13 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, Solihull Arts Complex, £14 - £17.50

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Fri 13 Dec - Sat 11 Jan, Stafford Gatehouse, £13.50 - £17.50

THE ENCHANTED TALES - THE SNOW QUEEN, RUMPLESTILSKIN AND ALI BABA

Sat 14 Dec - Sat 28 Dec, Blue Orange Theatre, Birmingham, £8.50 - £10.50

PETER PAN

Starring Adam Woodyatt, Smee and Starkey, Sat 14 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, Crewe Lyceum, £17.50 - £21

GHOST

Starring Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard, Tues 17 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, £17.90 - £48.90

THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

Tues 17 Dec - Sun 5 Jan, Playbox Theatre, £8.50 - £21.50

SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Starring John Partridge, Gok Wan, Stephanie Beacham, Gary Wilmot, Paul Zerdin and Matt Slack, Sun 19 Dec - Sun 2 Feb, The Hippodrome, Birmingham, £14 - £39

WHAT THE LADYBIRD HEARD

Fri 20 Dec - Fri 10 Jan, Birmingham Town Hall, £8.50 - £11.50

ALADDIN

Sun 22 Dec - Mon 30 Dec, Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock, £13.50

SCROOGE

Presented by Image Musical Theatre, Mon 23 Dec - Tues 24 Dec, Ludlow Assembly Rooms, £10

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Presented by Limelight, Sat 30 Nov - Sat 4 Jan, Rose Theatre, Worcester, £12.50

Visit: whatsonlive.co.uk

For further information and to book tickets...



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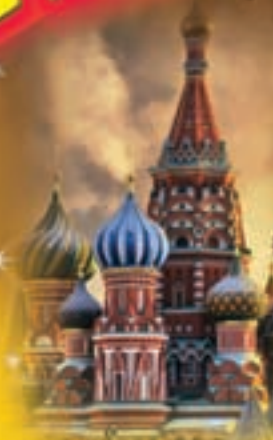
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Philomena CERT 12a (98mins)

Starring **Judi Dench, Steve Coogan, Mare Winningham, Michelle Fairley, Charles Edwards** Directed by **Stephen Frears (UK)**

Word has it that, for this, Dame Judi has a seventh Oscar nomination in the bag. She plays Philomena Lee, an elderly woman who decides to search for the son taken from her when she was just a teenager. The script, inspired by a true story, was penned by Steve Coogan and Jeff Pope, and won the Best Screenplay Award at Venice...



Drinking Buddies CERT 15 (90mins)

Starring **Olivia Wilde, Jake Johnson, Anna Kendrick, Ron Livingston, Jason Sudeikis** Directed by **Joe Swanberg (USA)**

Kate and Luke work in a small brewery in Chicago. While they both have significant others, they love their time together and are actually rather perfect for each other. Most of the action in this romantic comedy was improvised, allowing the cast members to bring their own personal spin to the story. According to the American critics, the method reaps dividends...

Closed Circuit CERT 15 (96mins)

Starring **Eric Bana, Rebecca Hall, Ciarán Hinds, Jim Broadbent, Riz Ahmed, Julia Stiles, Anne-Marie Duff** Directed by **John Crowley (UK/USA)**

The writer Steven Knight is good at infusing contemporary themes with human drama, as his screenplays for Dirty Pretty Things, Eastern Promises and Hummingbird testify. Here, two lawyers and former lovers (Bana and Hall) find themselves reunited in a terrorist scenario that tests both their loyalty and survival instincts...



From
FRI 8
NOV

Gravity CERT 12a (91mins)

Starring **Sandra Bullock, George Clooney**, and the voice of **Ed Harris** Directed by **Alfonso Cuarón (USA/UK)**

Alfonso Cuarón directed Y Tu Mamá También, Children Of Men and the best Harry Potter film, The Prisoner Of Azkaban. So it's good to see him back behind the camera with this daring thriller set in deep space. Matt Kowalsky (George Clooney) is on his last shuttle before retirement, along with medical engineer Dr Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock), on her first mission in space. Then, on a routine spacewalk, their craft is destroyed, leaving them stranded in the cosmos. The film has received universal acclaim for every aspect of its production, from the direction to the visual effects and the use of 3D. And Sandra Bullock is already being talked up for an Oscar nomination. Cuarón co-wrote the screenplay with his son, Jonás, while Clooney took over the male lead when Robert Downey Jr bailed out.

Released from Fri 15 Nov

The Butler CERT 12a (132mins)

Starring **Forest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey, John Cusack, Jane Fonda, Cuba Gooding Jr, Vanessa Redgrave, Alan Rickman, Robin Williams** Directed by **Lee Daniels (USA)**

For long an Oscar favourite, The Butler is loosely based on real events. The Butler in question works at the White House, and it's through his eyes that we see many of the major historical episodes of the twentieth century. As the presidential servant Cecil Gaines (inspired by Eugene Allen), Forest Whitaker has received raves in the American press. Director Lee Daniels previously brought us the equally critically revered Precious (2009)...



Battle Of The Year CERT 12a (110mins)

Starring **Josh Holloway, Laz Alonso, Josh Peck, Caity Lotz, Chris Brown** Directed by **Benson Lee (USA)**

In earlier films it was known as breakdancing but here they call it 'b-boying'. And it's been fifteen years since the Americans won the trophy for the so-called 'Battle of the Year'. So Dante Graham (Alonso) and Jason Blake (Holloway) recruit a gang of street dancers to bring glory back to the good ol' USofA. In 3D...



TOP 5 FILM BOX OFFICE

- 1 Captain Phillips (12a)
- 2 Turbo (U)
- 3 Prisoners (15)
- 4 Rush (15)
- 5 Enough Said (12a)



Released from Fri 15 Nov (cont)

Blue Is The Warmest Colour

CERT 18 (180mins)

Starring Adèle Exarchopoulos, Léa Seydoux, Jérémie Laheurte, Aurélien Recoing
Directed by Abdellatif Kechiche (France)

This Palme d'Or winner at Cannes garnered a lot of controversy, largely because a jury presided over by Steven Spielberg wasn't expected to nominate a three-hour lesbian drama. As it is, the film is getting ecstatic reviews and also won its director and leading actresses top prizes at Cannes. And the Oscar buzz is hotting up...



Don Jon

CERT 18 (90mins)

Starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Scarlett Johansson, Julianne Moore, Tony Danza, Glenn Headly, Brie Larson
Directed by Joseph Gordon-Levitt (USA)

Joseph Gordon-Levitt has made his name in such movies as (500) Days Of Summer, Inception, 50/50 and The Dark Knight Rises. Here, he makes his directorial debut and stars as a man who has a knack for pulling beautiful and accessible babes. But he's never happier than at home watching pornography. And then he meets two very different women...



Dom Hemingway

CERT tbc

Starring Jude Law, Richard E. Grant, Demián Bichir, Emilia Clarke, Kerry Condon
Directed by Richard Shepard (UK)

Dom Hemingway is a safecracker who's just spent the last twelve years in prison. Now he's out and wants his reward for keeping his mouth shut. So he travels to Saint-Tropez to confront his boss, the criminal big shot Mr Fontaine (Bichir). For his part, Jude Law gained almost thirteen kilograms - apparently by drinking ten Coca-Colas a day...



From
FRI 15
NOV

Parkland

CERT 15 (94mins)

Starring Zac Efron, Tom Welling, Billy Bob Thornton
Directed by Peter Landesman (USA)

Marking this month's fiftieth anniversary of the John F Kennedy assassination, Parkland tells the story of the chaotic events which took place on 22 November 1963 in the Dallas Parkland Hospital, to which the fatally wounded JFK and his blood-splattered wife were taken in the aftermath of the shooting.

Released from Thurs 21 Nov

Breakfast With Jonny Wilkinson

CERT tbc

Starring Michael Beckley, Beth Cordingly, Chris England, Nigel Lindsay
Directed by Simon Sprackling (UK)

Based on the lightweight stage play of the same title, Breakfast With Jonny Wilkinson was written by Chris England, of An Evening With Gary Lineker fame. It revolves around members of a rugby club who're watching the TV coverage of the 2003 World Cup Final between England and Australia. With the club under threat from land developers, and the chairman's position being challenged by a loudmouthed Australian, there's little wonder tensions are running high...

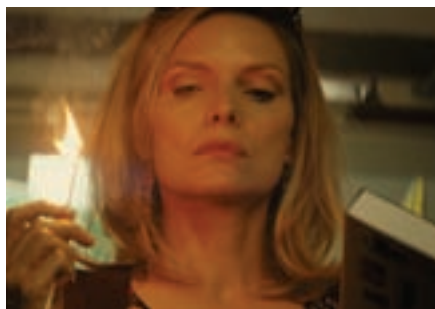


The Family

CERT 15 (111mins)

Starring Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer, Tommy Lee Jones, Dianna Agron, John D'Leo
Directed by Luc Besson (France/USA)

In 1988 Michelle Pfeiffer played the widow of a gangster in Jonathan Demme's Married To The Mob, and now she's back in the thick of the Mafiosi. She and Robert De Niro play Family members who are relocated to Normandy, France, in the witness protection programme. However, their old notorious ways don't really mesh with their new environment...



The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

CERT tbc

Starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Woody Harrelson, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Donald Sutherland
Directed by Francis Lawrence (USA)

Simon Beaufoy won an Oscar for his screenplay Slumdog Millionaire, and Michael Arndt won an Oscar for his screenplay Little Miss Sunshine. Neither film would you associate with the sequel to the phenomenally successful The Hunger Games (global gross: \$691 million), but Beaufoy and Arndt are the credited scripters, nonetheless. Following the victory of Katniss Everdeen (Lawrence) in the first film (adapted from the novel by Stephenie Meyer), President Snow (Sutherland) plans a new, far more deadly tournament.



Released from Fri 29 Nov

Jeune & Jolie

CERT 18 (94mins)

Starring Marine Vacth, Charlotte Rampling, Géraldine Pailhas, Frédéric Pierrot, Nathalie Richard
Directed by François Ozon (France)

That's 'Young & Beautiful' in English, and Ozon's drama focuses on a year in the life of a seventeen-year-old French prostitute. Critically, the film has received some pretty upbeat reviews, in particular praising the performance of newcomer Mlle Vacth. The songs are provided by Françoise Hardy...

Saving Mr Banks

CERT PG (125mins)

Starring Emma Thompson, Tom Hanks, Paul Giamatti, Jason Schwartzman, Colin Farrell, Ruth Wilson, Rachel Griffiths
Directed by John Lee Hancock
(USA/UK/Australia)

Everybody's raving about Emma Thompson's performance in this biog of PL Travers, the author of *Mary Poppins*. The film is divided between Travers' early years in Australia and the later negotiations with Disney to make a film of her popular children's novel. Tom Hanks plays Walt Disney.



The Best Man Holiday

CERT tbc

Starring Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs, Regina Hall, Terrence Howard, Sanaa Lathan, Nia Long
Directed by Malcolm D. Lee (USA)

Fourteen years ago the romantic comedy *The Best Man* struck a chord with young black audiences. Now comes the sequel, in which the characters meet over Christmas for a festive reunion. As old rivalries are reignited - and new relationships formed - one wonders how much they've all changed in the interim...



Day Of The Flowers

CERT tbc

Starring Eva Birthistle, Charity Wakefield, Carlos Acosta, Bryan Dick, Christopher Simpson
Directed by John Roberts (UK)

A humorous tale of cultural clashes, *Day Of Flowers* met with a generally lukewarm reception when it was screened at last year's Edinburgh Film Festival, and provides another example of director John Roberts not quite managing to find a style to best show off his undoubted talents. When chalk-and-cheese Scottish sisters Rosa and Ailie head for Cuba with their recently deceased father's ashes, they suddenly find themselves embroiled in an eye-opening adventure...



The Counsellor

CERT 18 (117mins)

Starring Michael Fassbender, Penélope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Javier Bardem, Brad Pitt, Dean Norris, Rosie Perez, Bruno Ganz
Directed by Ridley Scott
(USA/UK/India)

Get this cast. Following his role as an android in Ridley Scott's *Prometheus*, Michael Fassbender now takes the lead in Scott's very adult adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's screenplay. He plays the counsellor of the title, a lawyer whose greed leads him into deep water when he teams up with a drug trafficker (Bardem) and attempts to smuggle \$20million-worth of cocaine across the Mexican border. Word has it that Angelina Jolie was very keen to play Bardem's highly-sexed Argentinean girlfriend, but the part finally went to Cameron Diaz and a bottle of hair dye. The film is dedicated to the memory of Ridley's brother Tony, who died during production.

From
FRI 15
NOV

Carrie

CERT 15 (100mins)

Starring Chloë Grace Moretz, Judy Greer, Portia Doubleday, Alex Russell, Julianne Moore
Directed by Kimberly Peirce (USA)

If you don't know who *Carrie* is, then you must be very young. First, there was the Stephen King novel, then the hugely successful (and iconic) film version directed by Brian De Palma, then the Broadway musical, then the sequel (*The Rage: Carrie 2*), then the TV re-make and then the stage spoof. Now comes the third film version about the tormented teenager with a very strong case of telekinesis.



Free Birds

CERT U (91mins)

Featuring the voices of Owen Wilson, Woody Harrelson, Amy Poehler, Keith David, Colm Meaney, Dan Fogler
Directed by Jimmy Hayward (USA)

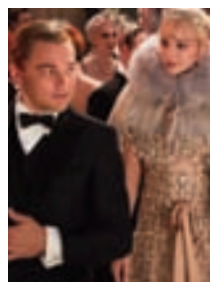
When most Americans think of turkey they think of Thanksgiving. So the intrepid game birds Reggie (Wilson) and Jake (Harrelson) put aside their differences and hijack a time machine to travel back to the first Thanksgiving - to change the course of history. From the co-director of *Horton Hears A Who!* In 3D (naturally)...

DVD NEW RELEASES in November

The Great Gatsby 12a

Nick Carraway, Yale graduate and World War 1 veteran, leaves the Midwest and heads to New York where he lands next door to mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby. He is soon irresistibly drawn into the world of the rich with their illusions and deceits.

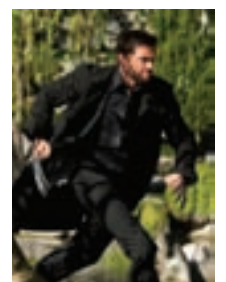
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The Wolverine 12a

Here the Clawed One is followed to present-day Japan. There, the mutant Logan, played by Hugh Jackman, encounters an old enemy from his past and becomes embroiled in a conflict that soon forces him to confront his own demons. Directed by James Mangold.

Released 18 November



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

360 15

A dramatic thriller weaving together the stories of people from disparate social backgrounds through their intersecting relationships. Stars Jude Law and Rachel Weisz. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Fri 2 - Sat 3 Nov*

About Time 12a

Domhnall Gleeson plays a time traveller who goes and erases the timeline in which he fell in love. *Showing at Festival Drayton Centre, Fri 1 & Mon 4 Nov; Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Sat 2 - Weds 6 Nov*

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Argo 15

Ben Affleck directs a political thriller set around the rescue of six American diplomats during the 1979 hostage crisis in Iran. *Showing at Forest Arts Centre, Walsall, Fri 15 Nov*

The Artist And The Model 12a

An aging artist is inspired to paint and sculpt again when a refugee from the Spanish civil war agrees to model for him. *Showing at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Tues 12 Nov*

Austenland 12a

A young woman travels to an English Jane Austen theme park to find her own Mr Darcy. Stars Keri Russell. *Showing at The Courtyard, Hereford, Sun 3 - Weds 6 Nov; The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Mon 4 - Tues*

5 Nov; Wem Town Hall, Weds 20 - Thurs 21 Nov

Barbara 12a

A story of love and intrigue in 1980s East Germany in this tale of two doctors slowly worming their way into each other's hearts and minds. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Thurs 8 Nov*

Beasts Of The Southern Wilds 12a

In a forgotten but defiant bayou community a six-year-old girl exists on the brink of orphanhood. This tiny hero must learn to survive unstoppable catastrophes of epic proportions. Stars Quvenzhané Wallis.

Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Fri 30 Nov

Becoming Jane PG

Young Jane Austen lives a dull life scribbling stories and reading them to her family. But when the rakish Tom arrives in the village Jane becomes embroiled in a passionate love affair that inspires her career. Starring Anne Hathaway, James McAvoy. *Showing at The Courtyard, Hereford, Sun 10 - Mon 11 Nov*

Before Midnight 15

The final part of director Richard Linklater's romantic trilogy starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy. *Showing at Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek, Tues 19 Nov*

Behind The Candelabra 15

The film follows Liberace's six-year relationship with the considerably younger Scott Thorson, and is based on the latter's autobiography. Stars Michael Douglas, Matt Damon. *Showing at Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek, Tues 26 Nov*

Benjamin Britten:

Peace And Conflict PG

A feature-length drama-documentary which explores the way in which Britten's pacifist beliefs developed. Starring John Hurt. *Showing at The Edge Arts Centre, Mon 25 Nov*

Blue Jasmine 12a

New York socialite Jasmine Francis has got a major case of the blues. She is also forced to move in with her sister when her marriage to a rich businessman self-destructs. Stars Alec Baldwin and Cate Blanchett. *Showing at Atrix, Bromsgrove, from Fri 15 Nov The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Weds 20 - Sat 23 Nov; The Courtyard, Hereford, Weds 20 - Thurs 21 Nov; Ludlow Assembly Rooms, from Thurs 28 Nov*

Captain Phillips 12a

Tom Hanks plays the eponymous Captain Richard Phillips, who was abducted by Somali pirates in 2009. It's a tale ripped straight from the headlines, based on the book by Captain Phillips himself. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 8 - Thurs 14 Nov*

Diana 12a

Recounting the last two years of the princess life. Stars Naomi Watts. *Showing at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Mon 25 - Weds 27 Nov*

Don't Look Now 15

Recounting the last two years of the princess life. Stars Naomi Watts. *Showing at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Mon 25 - Weds 27 Nov*

Elysium 15

When factory worker Max DeCosta contracts an industrial cancer, he attempts to escape the planet and infiltrate the orbiting city of Elysium, a domain of the stinking rich that is free of disease and crime. Stars Matt Damon. *Showing at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Sat 16 Nov*

Essential Killing 15

A Middle Eastern insurgent is captured in Afghanistan and transported to a secret detention centre somewhere in

Europe. He seizes a chance to escape, and goes on the run in Poland... *Showing at The Hive, Shrewsbury, Sat 23 Nov*

Eroica U

A BBC dramatisation of the first performance of Beethoven's third symphony, the Eroica. Taking place in June 1804 the Viennese palace of Beethoven's patron. Stars Peter Hanson, Jack Davenport. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Thurs 14 Nov*

Frances Ha 15

Frances, a 27 year old would-be dancer finds herself on the street and looking for a new place in the world as well as a new apartment when her best friend Sophie moves out. *Showing at Foxlowe Arts Centre, Leek, Tues 12 Nov*

From Up On Poppy Hill U

An animated tale of two teenagers working to save their school clubhouse from demolition in the run up to the Tokyo Olympics. *Showing at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Sat 2 Nov*

The Gatekeepers 15

For the first time ever six former heads of Israel's homeland security organization, Shin Bet, talk openly about the bombings and assassinations they have ordered, and about their long war of attrition with Israel's foes. *Showing at The Hive, Shrewsbury, Sat 30 Nov*

Gone With The Wind PG

A manipulative Southern belle carries on a turbulent affair with a blockade runner during the American Civil War. Stars Clark Gable and Vivian Leigh. *Showing at The Old Market Hall, Shrewsbury, Fri 29 - Sat 30 Nov*

The Great Beauty 15

The story of an aging playboy living in modern Rome and writing a newspaper society column. *Showing at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Mon 4 Nov*

Hannah Arendt 12a

A biopic off the influential German-Jewish philosopher and political theorist who coined the phrase 'the banality of evil'. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Weds 6 - Thurs 7 Nov; Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Tues 19 - Weds 20 Nov*

Heaven's Gate 15

The story of a sheriff who strives to protect small homesteaders from ruthless cattle barons. Stars Kris Kristofferson. *Showing at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Thurs 14 Nov*

Hitchcock 12a

Anthony Hopkins portrays the master of suspense in Sacha Geraiss account of the personal partnership between the director and his wife - played by Helen Mirren. *Showing at The Edge Arts Centre, Mon 11 Nov*

House Of Tolerance 18

The story of the last days of a French brothel at the dawn of the 1900s. In a closed world, where some men fall in love and others turn vicious, the girls form a strong bond. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Tues 6 Nov*

How I Live Now 15

American teenager comes to stay with cousins in the English countryside. But her bucolic idyll is confounded by the outbreak of World War Three. Stars Saoirse Ronan. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 1 - Tues 5 Nov*

The Imposter 15

A thirteen-year-old boy disappears from his home in Texas. Three and a half years later, he is found alive in Spain. Disoriented and quivering with fear, he divulges his shocking story of kidnap and torture. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Thurs 1 Nov*

In A Better World 15

A gripping drama switching between war-torn refugee camps in Africa and small-town life in Denmark. When the lives of two families cross a risky friendship develops. *Showing at The Hive, Shrewsbury, Fri 22 Nov*

Justin And The Knights Of Valour PG

As Justin embarks on a quest to become a knight, he must first learn all about honour and courage to become a man. With the voices of Freddie Highmore and Saoirse Ronan. *Showing at The Courtyard, Hereford, until Fri 1 Nov; The Old Market Hall, Shrewsbury, Fri 1 - Sat 2 Nov; The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Sat 9 Nov*

Killing Them Softly 18

Two small-time criminals are recruited to rob a high stakes, Mob-protected poker game causing the local criminal economy to collapse. Stars Brad Pitt and Ray Liotta. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Thurs 22 Nov*

Le Week-end 15

Comedy-drama about a couple who attempt to rejuvenate their marriage by visiting Paris. Once in the French capital, they bump into an old friend, who acts as a catalyst for things to come. Stars Jeff Goldblum and Jim Broadbent. *Showing at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Mon 11 - Fri 15 Nov; Atrix, Bromsgrove, from Fri 22 Nov; The Courtyard, Hereford, from Fri 29 Nov*

Looper 15

A group of time travelling killers help sort out the dirty business of a crime syndicate. Stars Bruce Willis and Emily Blunt. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Fri 16 - Sat 17 Nov*

Monster House PG

Three kids must do battle with a mysterious home that is determined to eat every trick or treat in sight on Halloween. *Showing at The Courtyard, Hereford, Sat 9 Nov*

Much Ado About Nothing 12a

Shot entirely in his own house, with a cast of friends from previous projects, Joss Whedon directs a classy modern adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identity, delivered in the original verse. Alexis Denisof and Amy

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Acker star. *Showing at The Edge Arts Centre, Mon 4 Nov; The Old Market Hall, Shrewsbury, Tues 26 - Thurs 28 Nov*

Museum Hours 12a

On a visit to Austria Ann meets an amiable elderly security guard at the Kunsthistorisches Art Museum and a tender friendship develops. *Showing at The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Sun 12 Nov; mac, Birmingham, Weds 20 - Thurs 21 Nov*

On The Road 15

Director Walter Salles' adaptation of Jack Kerouac's great American novel that defined a generation. Starring Sam Riley and Garrett Hedlund. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Fri 24 - Sat 25 Nov & Tues 27 Nov*

Planes u

Dusty is a crop-dusting plane who dreams of competing in a famous aerial race. The only problem is that he's hopelessly afraid of heights! *Showing at The Courtyard, Hereford, until Sat 2 Nov*

The Plank u

This classic British wordless comedy follows two workmen delivering planks to a building site. Stars Tommy Cooper, Eric Sykes. *Showing at*

Warwick Arts Centre, Sun 17 Nov

Prisoners 15

A man takes the law into his own hands when his daughter and her friend are kidnapped, but the police aren't impressed. Stars Hugh Jackman and Jake Gyllenhaal. *Showing at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Fri 15 & Mon 18 Nov*

Private Peaceful 12a

An uplifting and emotional rites of passage story of two brothers from a poor Devonshire family. As the young men face the horrors and folly of the First World War, their brotherly bond is subjected to the ultimate test. *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Sat 16 Nov; Stoke Film Theatre, Thurs 29 Nov*

The Railrodder u

After literally walking to Canada from England, Buster takes a cross-country trip across Canada on a railcar. Stars Buster Keaton *Showing at Warwick Arts Centre, Sun 17 Nov*

Renoir 12a

Some films need be no more than a flavour. This one is of a summer in 1915 when a young woman entered the lives of the ageing painter Auguste Renoir and his son. *Showing at Wern*

Town Hall, Thurs 14 Nov

Romeo And Juliet PG

This is a traditional version, filmed in fair Verona, with an American as Juliet Capulet (Oscar nominee Hailee Steinfeld). Romeo is portrayed by the London-born Douglas Booth. *Showing at The Old Market Hall, Shrewsbury, Fri 1 - Thurs 7 Nov; mac, Birmingham, Fri 29 - Sat 30 Nov*

Rush 15

This film shows the rivalry between Formula One racers James Hunt and Niki Lauda as they compete for the 1976 World Championship. Stars Chris Hemsworth and Daniel Brühl. *Showing at Wern Town Hall, Fri 1 - Sat 2 Nov; The Courtyard, Hereford, Fri 1 - Weds 6 Nov; Atfield Theatre, Oswestry, Sat 9 Nov; Festival Drayton Centre, Fri 8 - Mon 11 Nov; Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Fri 8 - Mon 11 Nov; The Old Market Hall, Fri 22 - Mon 25 Nov*

The Selfish Giant 15

This story about friendship, greed and exploitation follows two young ruffians, Arbor and Swifty, as they get in ever deeper with a cantankerous, potentially dangerous scrap merchant. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 22 - Mon 25 Nov*

Shaun Of The Dead 15

When flesh-eating zombies overrun London, loser Shaun is forced to take responsibility for the survival of his corner of humanity. Stars Simon Pegg, Kate Ashfield *Showing at The Courtyard, Hereford, Fri 15 Nov*

Silent Souls 15

Aist helps his friend Miron say goodbye to his recently departed wife according to the rituals of the Merja culture and as custom memories of his conjugal life. But at the sacred lake where they will forever part with the body, he realizes he wasn't the only one in love with her. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Tues 20 Nov*

Song For Marion 12a

Comedy stars Vanessa Redgrave as Marion, a woman dying of cancer. Her husband, curmudgeon that he is, agrees to join her senior singing group because he knows how happy it makes her. *Showing at Norbury Theatre, Weds 17 Nov*

Sunshine On Leith PG

This musical film follows the story of two soldiers from Afghanistan who have to adjust to civilian life in Edinburgh. Stars Peter Mullan. *Showing at mac, Birmingham, Fri 1 - Weds 6 Nov; Festival*

Drayton Centre, Fri 15, Tues 19 & Weds 20 Nov; The Roses Theatre, Tewkesbury, Thurs 21 - Sat 21 Nov; The Courtyard, Hereford, Tues 28 - Thurs 28 Nov; Wern Town Hall, Weds 27 - Thurs 28 Nov

Take This Waltz 15

During a hot Toronto summer Margot struggles to choose between two types of love and finds a side to herself she never knew existed. Stars Michelle Williams and Seth Rogen. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Fri 9 - Sat 10 Nov*

Upstream Colour 12a

Director Shane Carruth's follow-up to his 2004 debut Primer, is a critically-acclaimed portrait of a man and woman drawn together by a parasite and a thief. Stars Amy Seimetz, Frank Mosley. *Showing at Atfield Theatre, Oswestry, Sat 16 Nov*

Untouchable 15

The film tells the story of an unlikely friendship between a disabled millionaire and his street smart ex-con caretaker who find a camaraderie rooted in honesty and humour. Stars Francois Cluzet and Omar Sy. *Showing at Stoke Film Theatre, Tues 13 & Thurs 15 Nov*

Tess 12

Thomas Hardy's classic tale of the doomed Tess of the D'Urbervilles, whose beauty is her fortune and her undoing. Stars Nastassja Kinski. *Showing at The Hive, Shrewsbury, Fri 8 Nov*

Waltz With Bashir 18

Based on a true story, this visually dazzling and remarkably original full-length animation recreates the 1982 Lebanon war, uncovering the long-suppressed secrets of the past. *Showing at The Hive, Shrewsbury, Sat 16 Nov*

War Horse 12

War Horse tells of the remarkable friendship between a horse named Joey and a young man called Albert, who tames and trains him. *Showing at Forest Arts Centre, Walsall, Thurs 28 Nov*

The Wicker Man 15

Devout Catholic copper, Sgt. Howie, travels to a remote Scottish island in search of a young girl but soon realises that the locals have rejected Christianity for a sensual paganism. Stars Edward Woodward, Christopher Lee, Britt Ekland. *Showing at The Light House Media Centre, Tues 5 Nov; The Courtyard, Hereford, Tues 12 Nov*

DVD NEW RELEASES

Trap For Cinderella 15

A girl wakes up in hospital fatter reconstructive surgery and she's completely lost her memory. Slowly, she comes to learn she was a model and that her friend was killed in the same fire that disfigured her. Stars Tuppence Middleton.

Released 4 November



This Is The End 15

It's another dystopian scenario in which a group of friends attempts to find the meaning of life as the world self-destructs around them. James Franco plays himself. For laughs. Also stars Jonah Hill and Seth Rogen.

Released 4 November



Pacific Rim 12a

As gargantuan monsters emerge from the depths of the Pacific ocean, soldiers manoeuvre giant robots to combat this threat, but even these huge automatons seem helpless in the face of the new enemy. Stars Charlie Hunnam.

Released 11 November

Easy Money 15

This Swedish film, starring Joel Kinnaman, is the first part of a trilogy that here follows the downhill trajectory of an enterprising student who believes he's found a lucrative way of scoring 'easy money': selling cocaine.

Released 11 November



Stuck In Love 15

A successful novelist is obsessed by his ex-wife and it's affecting his work. Then his nineteen-year-old daughter gets a novel published, although she, herself, wants nothing to do with love...

Released 18 November



The Great Gatsby 12a

Nick Carraway leaves the Midwest and heads to New York where he lands next door to mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby. He is soon drawn into the world of the rich with their illusions and deceptions.

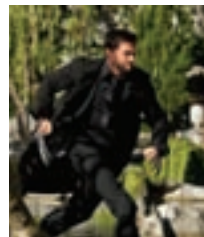
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The Wolverine 12a

Not a sequel to X-Men Origins: Wolverine as such, but a film in its own right, The Wolverine follows the Clawed One to present-day Japan. There, the mutant

Logan, played by Hugh Jackman, encounters an old enemy from his past and becomes embroiled in a conflict that soon forces him to confront his own demons. Directed by James Mangold.

Released 18 November



The Wall 12a

A woman goes to stay with friends for a weekend in the Austrian Alps and finds herself cut off from them and the life that she has known. As the hours turn into days and the days into weeks, she is forced to fend for herself, with only the couple's dog for company. In the event, she's left with just her ingenuity and instincts for survival to subsist in an unforgiving landscape.

Starring Martina Gedeck, directed by Julian Roman Pölsler.

Released 25 November

The World's End 15

Having failed a pub crawl twenty years' previously, five friends meet up to retry. But soon they realise the earth has been invaded by aliens. Stars Simon Pegg.

Released 25 November



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Visual Arts

Photorealism: 50 Years Of Hyperrealistic Painting

Birmingham Museum And Art Gallery,
Sat 30 November - Sun 30 March, 2014

The first large-scale retrospective of its kind in Europe, this new exhibition at the Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery is devoted entirely to the art of photorealism - a Pop Art-derived artform depicting everyday objects and scenes, including American cars, highways, storefronts and diners. Using photography as its starting point, Photorealism was met with intense criticism when it first made an appearance in the United States in the late-1960s - but forty-plus years later, the movement is still going strong. The exhibition showcases works by all the major photorealists, including Chuck Close, Raffaella Spence, Peter Maier and the Birmingham-born John Salt.



Pit Profiles

Coalbrookdale Gallery, Ironbridge, Shropshire,
until Tues 31 December

Links between coal mining and art are here explored via a series of miners' portraits and personal stories which have been brought together to offer an insight into colliery life in the twenty-first century. A joint venture by the National Coal Mining Museum for England and Arts Council England, the exhibition features contemporary photographs of colliery workers by Anton Want and drawings of pit workers by H Andrew Freeth.



Credit: Nikhil Chopra, Inside:Out, 99 hour site specific performance, 2012, Photo: Shivani Gupta, Costumes: Sabine Pfisterer. Image courtesy of the artist, Chatterjee and Lal, Mumbai and Galeria Continua, San Gimignano



Shakti: Nikhil Chopra

Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Sat 16 November - Sat 5 April

Using a variety of media, including performance, live art, painting and photography, Calcutta-born artist Nikhil Chopra here explores India's colonial past, his work being presented alongside objects from the venue's Indian decorative arts collection. The exhibition forms part of Shakti, an initiative that invites contemporary artists of Indian origin to explore the relationship between Britain and the Indian subcontinent. Shakti is a collaboration between Shropshire-based Meadow Arts, the National Trust, Oriel Davies and WAVE. From 28 to 30 November, Chopra presents a live three-day performance which will culminate in a drawing to accompany his exhibition of photographs.

Back To Front: 40 Permanent Collection Gems

New Art Gallery, Walsall, Sat 16 November - Sat 16 November, 2014

The fortieth anniversary of the Garman Ryan collection is here celebrated with a diverse range of works selected by the gallery's front-of-house team. The team was given a brief to delve into the museum store and select their favourite pieces to display - and they've certainly come up with an eclectic selection! A collage from 2013 Artist-in-Residence Dean Kelland, a new sculptural acquisition by Damien Hirst's fellow YBA Angus Fairhurst, and Julie Nord's *The Roommates* 2007 (pictured) are all featured in the exhibition.



Ongoing exhibitions

Mad Dogs And Englishmen

Bilston Craft Gallery, Sat 16 November - Sat 18 January

A humorous exhibition exploring the relationship between man and his four-legged friend, Mad Dogs And Englishmen presents the work of Staffordshire-based artist Lauren Van Helmond. The multi-disciplinary display of work showcases Lauren's distinctive style in the form of 3D illustrations, sculptures, prints and ceramics. Offering a surreal insight into everyday life, each piece is intricately formed and evokes notions of a bygone era.

Credit: Lauren van Helmond, Cycling, wire and mixed media scene, (c) The Artist



Matt Watkins: The Birds Of America

Library of Birmingham, until Sun 22 December

Having received much acclaim for his part in animated concept band Gorillaz, Birmingham artist and animator Matt Watkins here presents his animated interpretation of Birmingham's most valuable artefact, a rare book entitled The Birds Of America. Part of the Library of Birmingham's Fine Print Collection, the book contains intricate paintings by artist and naturalist John James Audubon. Watkins' commissioned work is being presented as part of the library's Discovery Season.

W Moorcroft Limited 1913 - 2013: 100 Years of A Living Art Pottery

The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent, Sat 9 November - Sun 19 January

This special presentation celebrates a century of Moorcroft pottery being made entirely by hand in Stoke-on-Trent. The exhibition features a display of both historic Moorcroft and historic archives, free ceramic identifications, a book-signing session by Moorcroft biographer Neil Swindells, and demonstrations of tube-lining and painting. There's also a 'Legacy Lecture' by Moorcroft Managing Director Elise Adams. Places for the lectures (on 8 & 9 November) are restricted, and pre-booking is recommended.



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Featuring works by many leading makers, including Ann Sutton, Michael Brennand-Wood and Peter Randall, until Sat 2 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery

RON MUECK: ARTIST ROOMS Much-anticipated exhibition featuring numerous works from the museum's Artist Rooms collection, as well as pieces from private collections rarely seen in the UK, until Sat 2 Nov, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

A SQUASH AND A SQUEEZE Exhibition which brings Julia Donaldson's much-loved children's stories to life, until Sun 3 Nov, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

FROM MORDOR TO THE MISTY MOUNTAINS Featuring selected photographic works by John Cockshaw, until Sun 3 Nov, Sarehole Mill, Birmingham

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CREATING CONVERSATIONS Exhibition based on the award-winning Meet Me@WAG, which combats loneliness by bringing together older people for in-depth con-

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HAZE AND FOG Film

installation which explores the collective consciousness of people living in the time the artist calls 'magical metropolises', until Sat 16 Nov, Eastside Projects, Birmingham

DEAR LYNDA An international touring exhibition which considers the maverick British curator, writer, art historian and patron Lynda Morris, until Sat 16 Nov, Eastside Projects, Birmingham

SUE CAMPION: NEW PAINTINGS until Sat 16 Nov, Twenty Twenty Gallery, Much Wenlock, Shropshire

ECHOES New interactive exhibition celebrating the lives of people in Birmingham's Digbeth and Highgate areas, until Sat 16 Nov, The Edge, Cheapside, Birmingham

SIKH FORTRESS TURBAN: A BRITISH MUSEUM TOUR Exhibition which unravels the stories of the Sikh turban, until Sun 17 Nov, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

VERAD LAHAV: THE GARDEN The latest chapter in a body of work which explores conflicting issues around gender, identity, relationships and migration, until Sun 17 Nov, mac-Midlands Arts Centre, B'ham

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CLOSER Solo exhibition from former soldier Stuart Griffiths, featuring socially excluded veterans, until Sun 8 Dec, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

OUTSIDE IN: CENTRAL Regional arm of a national art programme focusing on marginalised and outsider art, until Sun 15 Dec, Compton Verney, Warwickshire

CURIOUS BEASTS: ANIMAL PRINTS FROM THE BRITISH MUSEUM Exhibition which explores man's enduring curiosity with the animal world. Work by Albrecht Dürer, Francisco de Goya and George Stubbs features, until Sun 15 Dec, Compton Verney, Warwickshire

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CRAFTSENSE Exhibition featuring over one hundred of the world-renowned Bilston enamels, until Tue 31 Dec, Bilston Craft Gallery

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GED QUINN Major solo exhibition comprising landscapes, portraits & still lives, until Sun 5 Jan, New Art Gallery, Walsall

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES: FASHION THROUGH TWO WORLD WARS Exhibition which charts the story of women's history from 1900 through to the 1950s, until Sun 5 Jan, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

LINES, SPACE AND ANGLES A joint exhibi-

tion of contemporary photography & drawing, until Fri 10 Jan, The Bond Cafe Gallery, Birmingham

REGENERATED The story of the Jewellery Quarter's Smith & Pepper jewellery factory, featuring unique works by Cathy Miles, Rajesh Gogna and Miranda Sharpe, until Sat 11 Jan, Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham

MILLET TO MANET French prints from the late-nineteenth century, until Sun 12 Jan, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

FIRST IMPRESSIONS Exhibition which focuses on The Barber's collection of works on paper, showcasing pieces by Dürer, Piranesi, Rembrandt, Claude, Turner, Goya, Whistler and other masters, until Sun 19 Jan, The Barber Institute, Birmingham

IN STITCHES: A CELEBRATION OF RSC COSTUME Exhibition which draws on the RSC's rich heritage in creating specialist costumes for the stage, until Mon 31 Mar, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

WOLVERHAMPTON SOCIETY OF ARTISTS Comprising work by artists in a variety of media, until Sat 25 Jan, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

DEVIL'S IN THE DETAIL Collection of rare nineteenth century wood engravings which champion the skill and craftsmanship of the Victorian trade catalogue engraver, until Wed 30 Apr, Ingenuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire

FOUR FATHERS EXHIBITION Featuring documents and records in film and photography, and online experiences of South Asian grandfathers, fathers and sons in Birmingham, Mon 4 - Thurs 28 Nov, The Drum, Birmingham

KEVIN PEARSH: GANGA 21 Series of watercolours on canvas which capture the diversity of the landscape along the Ganges river, Tues 5 - Mon 18 Nov, The Waterhall Gallery, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

THE LIBRARY OF LOST BOOKS Celebrating the magic and beauty of art through books, Wed 6 - Sat 23 Nov, The

Pavillion, Library of Birmingham

PAINTING, ART & LEISURE SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION Mon 11 Nov - Sat 16 Nov, Solihull Arts Complex

WINTER SHOWCASE Showcase of work from artist/makers who use natural materials - including bone, wool and unrefined clays - as their medium, Tues 12 Nov - Sat 15 Feb, Bilston Craft Gallery

SHAD.OW An exhibition of work by Ann Wilkinson and Anne Guest, Sat 16 Nov - Sat 14 Dec, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

BILSTON CRAFT GALLERY AWARD FOR TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE Graduates from the Birmingham School of Jewellery showcase their work, Sat 16 Nov - Sat 14 Dec, Bilston Craft Gallery

FROM DARKROOM TO DIGITAL Exhibition which traces the rich and influential history of photography in Wolverhampton, from the mid-19th century to the present day, Sat 16 Nov - Sat 15 Feb, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

DEAN KELLAND: NO HIDING PLACE Fusion of performance, film-making, collage and print, exploring cultural identities and stereotypical representations of masculinity, Sat 16 Nov - Sat 15 Feb, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

DOROTHEA WIGHT & MARC BALAKJIAN Exhibition which celebrates the contribution that Dorothea Wight and Marc Balakjian have made to British printmaking, Sat 16 Nov - Sun 2 March, The New Art Gallery, Walsall

JANE WILSON EXHIBITION Sculptural wall panels made from reclaimed materials - the majority of which come from the actions of discarded upright pianos, Sat 16 Nov - Sat 18 Jan, Wem Town Hall, North Shropshire

MIXED WINTER CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION Sat 23 Nov - Wed 1 Jan, Twenty Twenty Gallery, Much Wenlock, Shropshire

CRAFTSPACE CURATES An exploration of migration to Birmingham in collaboration with artists Jivan Astfalck, the Shelanu women's craft collective and MA students from the School of Jewellery, Tues 26 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, The Pavillion, Library of Birmingham



SHAKTI: NIKHIL CHOPRA WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY

16 NOVEMBER 2013 - 5 APRIL 2014

Bringing together performance, painting and photography, Nikhil Chopra's work reflects upon personal histories and India's colonial past. The artist will be undertaking a live performance over three days from 28 - 30 November 2013 at the Art Gallery.

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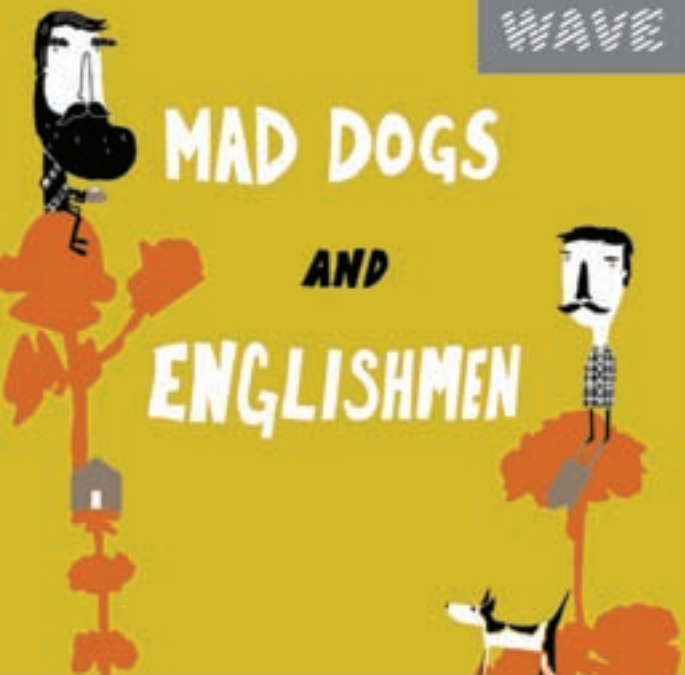
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GLASS CRAFTS
 Sat 30 Nov
 Make a glass key-ring, £2.

GLASS AND CRAFT HOLIDAY SCHOOL
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 Fri 1 Nov
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Events



Classic Motor Show NEC, Birmingham, Fri 15 - Sun 17 November

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

The Meguiars Club Showcase promises to be a highlight for 2013, while the Wheeler Dealer Live Stage welcomes the return of TV Motoring Show presenters Mike Brewer and Ed China. An impressive

Restoration Theatre hosts a team of mechanics as they show visitors how to restore a cherished classic car, while three hundred-plus trade stands ensure there's plenty of opportunity to purchase parts, spares, tools and memorabilia.

And if that's not enough, visitors can also enjoy a trip around the Classic Motorbike Show, which comes complete with special guests, bike club displays, Pride of Ownership concours and Vintage Wall of Death.

Ludlow Medieval Fayre

Ludlow Castle, South Shropshire,
Sat 23 - Sun 24 November

Bone-crunching knights, fire-breathing jesters and a medley of medieval musicians play their part in entertaining visitors to this ever-popular South Shropshire event.

Music from The Armagh Rhymers, Stanchester Quire and Wynndebagge's Winter Warmer Show also feature, as do over one hundred stalls selling seasonal wares.

The medieval fayre is a perfect environment in which to purchase some unusual Christmas gifts. Sword and quarterstaff workshops are a new attraction for 2013.



International Crafts And Hobby Fair

NEC, Birmingham,
Thurs 7 - Sun 10 November

A perfect get-together for crafting enthusiasts at all levels, the International Crafts And Hobby Fair brings together three distinct shows under one roof - Crafts For Christmas, Hobbycrafts and Art Materials Live. Offering plenty of inspiration for a creative Christmas, the shows feature a huge array of craft materials and handmade gifts from hundreds of exhibitors. Other attractions at the four-day craft extravaganza include demonstrations in the Prima Magazine Craft Theatre, numerous hands-on activities and plenty of workshops. New for 2013 is a festive installation of Victorian carol singers sculpted out of white paper by Lincolnshire artist Martin Pidgen. Martin's sculpture is the highlight of an exhibition which showcases images of his other creations.

Meanwhile, Cake International, the world's largest sugarcraft, cake decorating and baking show, is also open to NEC visitors from 8 to 10 November, and can be enjoyed for a separate entry fee.

For further information on all four events, visit, www.ichf.co.uk.



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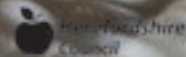
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World War II Weekend

Black Country Living Museum,
Sat 9 - Sun 10 November

Dudley's Living History museum this month provides an insight into wartime Britain, courtesy of WWII military re-enactment group MECO. Visitors can look on as the streets become populated with soldiers, sailors and airmen, all of whom are home on leave to visit their loved ones. Elsewhere, the Women Volunteer Service is looking to recruit at its tea table, while the Home Guard is on hand to talk about its work in keeping civilians safe at home during the war.



Gorgeous Craft Fair

Enginuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire,
Sat 16 - Sun 17 November

Jewellery-making demonstrations by Sarah Piper Heath and textile panels, pictures and accessories from Shropshire artist Stevie Walker feature among the wealth of contemporary crafts on show at this annual selling fair. As well as offering affordable handmade goods, the Gorgeous Christmas Contemporary Craft Fair provides a showcase for the region's creative talent. Exhibits of furniture, ceramics, glassware, textiles, jewellery and metalwork - all handmade by local craftspeople - are available for purchase, as are some tempting edible delights, including gourmet sausage rolls, chutneys and sweet treats. An admission fee of £2.50 also includes access to Enginuity, where visitors can try their hand at creating their own Christmas decorations.



BBC Good Food Show

NEC, Birmingham, Wed 27 November
- Sun 1 December

A long-time favourite on the culinary calendar, the BBC Good Food Show comes packed with inspiration and entertainment. Features of the five-day show include the Supertheatre, Saturday Kitchen Live, Great British Bake Off Village, Producers Village, M&S Christmas Theatre, live TV shows, and an abundance of gourmet delights to purchase from hundreds of exhibiting stallhold-



Winter Skate

Centenary Square, Birmingham, Sat 16 Nov - Sun 5 Jan

A brand new attraction for Birmingham, Winter Skate provides a perfect opportunity for wannabe Torvill and Deans to try out their skating skills on an Olympic-sized outdoor ice rink - after which they can warm themselves up with some festive fare in the nearby Ice Cafe! Perfect for the lead-up to Christmas, Winter Skate is an ideal accompaniment to Birmingham's well-established Frankfurt Market. Commenting on the new attraction, Winter Skate's Event Manager Olivia Vaughan says: "We can't wait until the ice rink is fully installed in Birmingham! It's going to provide festive fun for people of all ages across the region - and with Christmas just around the corner, it's the perfect way to embrace some seasonal cheer."

ers. The list of celebrity chefs participating in this prestigious event seems to get longer with every passing show, and this 2013 winter version is no exception. In addition to regulars James Martin, Gregg Wallace, John Torode and Birmingham's very own celebrity chef Glynn Purnell, this latest event also includes contributions from Paul Rankin, Phil Vickery, Rachel Allen and former Masterchef winner Shelina Permalloo (to name but a few!). The finalists from this year's Great British Bake Off also make an appearance.



Supreme Cat Show

NEC, Birmingham, Sat 23 November

Now here's a purr-fect opportunity to get 'up close and purr-sonal' with marvellous moggies aplenty! The Supreme Cat Show brings together pussies and kittens of all shapes, sizes, breeds and pedigrees, and features breeders talks, a 'best decorated pen' competition, both pedigree and non-pedigree cats in competition, and lots of trade stands selling everything a cat and its owner could possibly need. So if you love your common-or-garden moggy and are 'feline' in the mood for what should be a great day out, then this is the show for you!

Shugborough Christmas Show

Shugborough Estate, Staffordshire,
Sat 30 November - Sun 1 December

Shugborough's magnificent Mansion House offers a festive welcome to visitors this month, as the popular Victorian venue opens for its annual Christmas Fair. As usual, the house will be a place of traditional festive splendour, with decorated trees and a three hundred-year-old chandelier (brought to life with hundreds of candles) featuring among its highlights. Outside, visitors can peruse a wide range of stalls selling arts, crafts and seasonal food.



The Festive Gift Fair

NEC, Birmingham,
Thurs 21 - Sun 24 November

With Christmas fast approaching, many people's thoughts turn to the question of what to buy for their nearest and dearest. If you generally find yourself in a present-buying predicament at this time of year, then a trip to the Festive Gift Fair might provide just the inspiration you're looking for. Taking place over four days, the fair features over three hundred-and-twenty stalls offering an eclectic selection of affordable gifts. Being stuck for ideas simply isn't an option!



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HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE until Fri 1 Nov, Tamworth Castle, Staffs

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GORE AND GRIME: HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Featuring fun family activities & hands-on heritage, until Sun 3 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

HALLOWEEN AT HOO

Featuring scary surprises in the Halloween Barn, a pumpkin maze for younger visitors, pumpkin carving, a themed fancy dress competition and a Devil's Derby Sheep Race everyday at 3pm, until Sun 3 Nov, Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom, Telford

ANTIQUES FOR EVERYONE until Sun 3 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

HALF-TERM SPOOKY POTTERY PAINTING Paint a piece of Halloween-themed pottery to take home, until Sun 3 Nov, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

WICKED WINGS Design & build your very own spooky creature to flap & frighten your friends and family, until Sun 3 Nov, Ingenuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire

MACBETH TRAIL until Sun 3 Nov, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Stratford-upon-Avon

ALL HALLOWS Halloween-themed activities as part of the October half-term programme, until Sun 3 Nov, Mary Arden House, Stratford-upon-Avon

BEAR WHERE ART THOU?

Follow a spooky Shakespeare quote to find a Halloween bear, until Sun 3 Nov, Nash's House & New Place, Stratford-upon-Avon

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Follow clues to find famous speeches and see Shakespeare Aloud! perform them, until Sun 3 Nov, Shakespeare's Birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon

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Europe's largest dedicated off-road show, until Sun 3 Nov, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

ANGLO-SAXON KINGDOM OF MERCA EXHIBITION

Travel back to the Dark Ages with this atmospheric new display of an Anglo-Saxon mead hall. In addition to around fifty stunning items from the Staffordshire Hoard, other fascinating artefacts explore life and death in the Dark Ages, until Tue 31 Dec, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

TILE DECORATING WORKSHOPS

Drop-in tile decoration workshops where visitors can use the tube lining technique to produce a 6x6inch tile featuring their own design and choice of colours, Fri 1 Nov, Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge, Shropshire

UNDERSTANDING ART TALKS: CURIOSITY, COLLECTING AND ANIMAL PRINT CULTURE

With Alison Wright from the Department of Prints and Drawings at the British Museum, Fri 1 Nov, Compton Verney, Warwickshire

THE BIG DRAW: POCKETS OF PLENTY

Drop-in event inspired by the Big Draw and Quentin Blake's imaginative book, Angelica Sprocket. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times, Fri 1 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

FIREWORK DISPLAY

Fri 1 Nov, Trentham Gardens, Stoke-on-Trent

BLACK COUNTRY FAMILY ARTS FESTIVAL

Free, drop-in family activities, Fri 1 Nov, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

HALLOWEEN CERAMIC WORKSHOP

Create your own colourful ceramic monster or super-scary ghoulish during this drop-in clay modelling workshop, Fri 1 Nov, Coalport China Museum

THE BIG DRAW

Fri 1 Nov, Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire

MONSTER ROCK HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS

Fri 1 Nov, The National Brewery Centre, Burton-on-Trent

HALF-TERM CRAFT ACTIVITY - SPOOKY SPIDERS

Make a spooky, fluffy spider that can bounce on its web-string or lurk in your pocket! Fri 1 Nov, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

DINOSAUR ZOO

Fri 1 Nov, Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry

FRIDAY FRIGHT NIGHT

Join the creepy farm-hand and meet the ghosts of times gone by. Evening includes hot soup, bread and mulled wine, Fri 1 Nov, Mary Arden House, Stratford-upon-Avon

EVENING OF GHOST STORIES

Fri 1 Nov, Hanbury Hall, Worcestershire

CLAY ANIMAL WORKSHOP WITH WILLIE CARTER

Fri 1 Nov, The Willow Gallery, Oswestry, North Shropshire

THEATRE CUPPA

An informal opportunity to catch up with people working in the theatre, radio, film, TV and community arts in the West Midlands, Fri 1 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

FIREWORKS FRENZY

An evening of family entertainment with Jet Car, monster truck and stunts, topped off with a huge bonfire and firework display, Sat 2 Nov, Santa Pod Raceway, Northampton

THE STAFFORD ROUNDTABLE BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Sat 2 Nov, Shugborough, Staffordshire

WEAVING WITH FELT WORKSHOP

Join artist Kathy Schicker for fun with weaving techniques. Suitable for five to twelve-year-olds, Sat 2 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery

DIWALI

Celebrate the Hindu festival of light with traditional music, dance & crafts, Sat 2 Nov, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

CRAFTPLAY HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY SESSIONS

Discover slime, goops & gunks in the museum's popular messy play sessions, Sat 2 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Featuring firework characters, food stalls, family activities & a fair, culminating in a twenty-minute pyrotechnic spectacular set to music, Sat 2 Nov, Tamworth Castle

CRAFT FAIR

Sale of pottery, jewellery & fabrics from local makers, Sat 2 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton

MALVERN FIREWORKS

Featuring funfair, fames, activities and Superhero-themed fancy dress, Sat 2 Nov, Three Counties Showground, Malvern

FIREWORKS NIGHT

See the streets illuminated by gaslight as the town opens out-of-hours for its annual family fireworks extravaganza, Sat 2 Nov, Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire

DINOSAUR ZOO

Sat 2 Nov, Malvern Theatres

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Sat 2 Nov, Ragley Hall,



Fireworks Night - Blists Hill, Ironbridge, Shropshire

Warwickshire MADE IN SHROPSHIRE FAIR

Monthly craft fair, Sat 2 Nov, Castle Square, Ludlow, Shropshire

LIGHT UP LEAMINGTON LANTERN PARADE

Free lantern-making workshops with all materials supplied. Just take along some clothes suitable to wear when making, and enjoy! Sat 2 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa

A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

A Diwali celebration featuring South Asian dance, music and song from regional artists, presented by Sampad South Asian Arts & Arena Theatre, Sat 2 Nov, Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton

SHROPSHIRE WHITE COLLABORATION BOXING

Sat 2 Nov, Lord Hill Hotel, Shrewsbury

BOOK SIGNING WITH JOHN CHALLIS

Sat 2 Nov, Burway Books, Church Stretton, South Shropshire

HALLOWEEN BALL

Featuring live music, a bloodcurdling buffet, gothic cinema and a midnight ghost tour, Sat 2 Nov, The Dream Factory, Warwick

DRAYTON MANOR FIREWORKS

Light extravaganza to bring the park's 2013 season to a close, Sat 2 - Sun 3 Nov, Drayton Manor Theme Park, Tamworth, Staffs

40TH WELLINGTON DRAMA FESTIVAL

Yearly drama festival aimed at encouraging amateur drama in Shropshire, Sat 2 - Sat 9 Nov, The Belfrey Theatre

CLOCK & WATCH FAIR

Sun 3 Nov, National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull

THE LAUGHTER CREWE

A comedy and curry night featuring comedians Wes Zaharuk, Andy Kind and Tony Vino, Sun 3 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR

Sun 3 Nov, Castle Square, Ludlow, South Shropshire

GREAT BRITISH WALKS: ATTINGHAM AUTUMN COLOUR

Enjoy the glorious colours of the season on a woodland walk, Sun 3 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury

WESTON PARK BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

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LUNCHTIME TALK: A TRIBUTE TO AGATHA CHRISTIE Gale Goddard talks about the famous mystery writer and her collection of Christie memorabilia, which is on display at the museum, Tues 5 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton

NO BANGS BONFIRE NIGHT Tue 5 Nov Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove

MALVERN LIONS: IT'S A KNOCKOUT Wed 6 Nov, Three Counties Showground, Malvern

BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR Chance to explore parts of the court seldom open to visitors, Fri 8 Nov, Witley Court, Worcestershire

W. MOORCROFT CENTENARY EVENT Two days of crafts and activities to celebrate one-hundred-years of Moorcroft, Fri 8 - Sat 9 Nov, The Potteries Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

MUSEOMIX Three-day community event, Fri 8 - Sun 10 Nov, Enginuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire

SEGWAY RALLY Brand new event offering a fun and exciting experience for people of all ages, Fri 8 - Sun 10 Nov, West Park, Staffordshire

FIREWORK SPECTACULAR Fri 8 - Sun 10 Nov, Alton Towers, Staffordshire

CANAL ART FOR BEGINNERS: ROSES & CASTLES One-day course where participants can learn about the traditions of folk canal art, with leading artist Julie Tonkin, Sat 9 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

DRIFT WHAT YA BRUNG Learn or practise drifting in safe and legal conditions on some of the Pod's thirty acres of open tarmac. There are beginners, intermediate and advanced tracks open at the same time each DWYB day, Sat 9

Nov Santa Pod Raceway

EXHIBITION INSIGHT: BEHIND THE FASHION Uncover the hidden history with the Keeping Up Appearances Exhibition, Sat 9 Nov, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

GOLDWORK WORKSHOP An event which focuses on Goldwork embroidery, which is the art of surface embroidery using metal threads of gold, silver or copper particularly prized for the way light plays on it, Sat 9 Nov, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

BAVARIAN OKTOBERFEST NIGHT Celebrate Oktoberfest is style with Karl's Brass, Sat 9 Nov, National Brewery Centre, Burton-on-Trent

BEGINNERS WILLOW BASKET WEAVING COURSE Full-day course, with expert tuition and all materials provided, Sat 9 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP Learn how to create your very own pieces using threading and wire wrapping techniques, Sat 9 Nov, Ragley Hall, Warwickshire

WWE LIVE A chance to see all your favourite Superstars and Divas live in action, WWE Live features Sheamus and World Heavyweight Champion Dolph Ziggler, Sat 9 Nov, LG Arena, Birmingham

LIGHT UP LEAMINGTON Lantern Parade, Sat 9 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER Pre-booking essential! Sat 9 Nov, Shugborough, Staffordshire

BEHIND THE FASHION Enjoy a detailed look at some of the objects in the Herbert's costume collection, and hear about the reality of women's lives between 1900 and 1960, Sat 9 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

TEXTILE FAIR Featuring specialist textiles, one-off clothing and unique Christmas gifts, Sat 9 Nov, Compton Verney Gallery, Warwickshire

DIWALI 2013: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS IN INDIAN CINEMA Sat 9 Nov, The New Art Gallery, Walsall

WWII WEEKEND A weekend of demonstrations and training activities from WWII military re-enactment group, MECO, Sat 9 - Sun 10 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley



Frankfurt Market, Birmingham

BRITISH CERAMICS BIENNIAL FAMILY WEEKENDER Free, drop-in, creative family fun, Sat 9 - Sun 10 Nov, Original Spode Site, Stoke-on-Trent

YOUR HORSE LIVE Featuring celebrity and expert demonstrations, extensive shopping, top advice and much more... Sat 9 - Sun 10 Nov, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

MANSION WINTER TOURS Sat 9 - Sun 10 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury

AGATHA CHRISTIE AND ART DECO Watch on as characters from Christie's era are brought to life through dramatic readings and dazzling Deco fashions. Pre-booking advised as places are limited, Sun 10 Nov, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery

WINTER BIRD WATCHING Enjoy a walk to see the feathered friends that spend the colder months on the estate, Sun 10 Nov, Dudmaston Estate, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

WARTIME SUNDAY Change to learn about the Second World War through object handling ad craft, Sun 10 Nov, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Sun 10 Nov, RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton

SPECIALIST GLASS FAIR Offering a wide choice of glassware, from 18th century drinking glasses through to contemporary studio glass, Sun 10 Nov, National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE Join with the staff and passengers of

the Severn Valley Railway and remember those who gave their all in wartime, Sun 10 Nov, Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster

ALL-STAR SUPERSTAR WRESTLING SUPERSLAM Wrestling Live Events make their first appearance at the Lyceum after a massive sell-out national tour, Sun 10 Nov, Crewe Lyceum

WARTIME SUNDAYS Learn about the Second World War through object handling and craft, Sun 10 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

CONSERVATION CENTRE OPEN WEEK Exclusive behind-the-scenes access to aircraft conservation work, and a chance to view the progress being made on many of the museum's current restoration projects, Sun 10 - Sat 16 Nov, RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton

CELEBRATION WEEK A chance to take a look back at some of the activities on offer at The Public over the past four years. The week-long celebrations culminate with a performance from West Bromwich cover band The Busby Babes on Saturday 16 November, Mon 11 - Sat 16 Nov, The Public, West Bromwich

KNIT-NIGHT AT LOCKWORKS Evening of knitting, crochet & chat, Tue 12 Nov, Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton

GUY DAY'S HINTS AND TIPS - CHRISTMAS Tues 12 - Thurs 14 Nov, Weston Park, Staffordshire

AN EVENING WITH DAN SNOW Wed 13 Nov, Stratford Civic Hall

THE SKILLS SHOW Thur 14 - Sat 16 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

TRADITIONAL EUROPEAN

FOOD & CRAFT FAIR Thurs 14 - Sat 16 Nov, Market Square, Stafford

FRANKFURT CHRISTMAS MARKETS Thurs 14 Nov - Sun 22 Dec, taking place across Birmingham's New Street, Centenary Square & Victoria Square

CLASSIC MOTOR SHOW Fri 15 - Sun 17 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

LDN WRESTLING A family-friendly entertainment show featuring some of the exuberant stars of the British wrestling scene, Fri 15 Nov, The Swan Theatre, Worcester

SCIENCE FICTION TIME TRAVELLING DAY Family fun day to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Doctor Who, Sat 16 Nov, Avoncroft, Bromsgrove

CHRISTMAS CERAMICS WORKSHOP Chance to make your very own Christmas masterpiece, Sat 16 Nov, Coalport China Museum, Ironbridge

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING & CRAFT EVENT Featuring plenty of demonstrations and hands-on taster activities, Sat 16 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery

BLITZ PARTY Sat 16 Nov, Nettle Hill, Coventry

JUNIOR BAKE OFF Take along baked goods to be judged, Sat 16 Nov, Ludlow Library, South Shropshire

STAINED GLASS TASTER SESSION WITH JENNY NEWALL Sat 16 Nov, The Willow Gallery, Oswestry

MANSION WINTER TOURS Sat 16 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury

GLASS FUSION: DAY COURSE Workshop where participants can make glass Christmas tree decorations and unique gifts, Sat 16 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

PRINTED NAPKINS WORKSHOP Join printmaker Ruth Swallow and learn the technique of screen-printing using paper stencils, Sat 16 Nov, Bilston Craft Gallery

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DR WHO DAY Sat 16 Nov, Avoncroft Museum, Bromsgrove

REGINALD HAGGER MEMORIAL LECTURE Sat 16 Nov, The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery, Stoke-on-Trent

GORGEOUS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Sat 16 - Sun 17 Nov, Enginuity, Ironbridge, Shropshire

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Featuring a wide range of locally produced arts, crafts & festive produce, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Nov, Dudmaston Estate, Bridgnorth

WINTER CRAFT FAIR Featuring a huge array of works from local designer-makers, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Nov, mac - Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Showcase of crafts from some of Warwickshire's most creative people, Sat 16 - Sun 17 Nov, Coventry Transport Museum

THE NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW Sat 16 - Sun 17 Nov, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

WELSHPOOL ANTIQUES & COLLECTORS FAIR Sun 17 Nov, The Flash Leisure Centre, Welshpool

WARTIME SUNDAYS Learn about the Second World War through object handling and craft, Sun 17 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

WEDDING SHOW Featuring a host of experienced wedding

suppliers, covering all your needs for the Big Day, Sun 17 Nov, Ragley Hall, Warwickshire
GREAT MALVERN INTERNATIONAL MILITARY CONVENTION Sun 17 Nov, Three Counties Showground, Malvern
ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR Sun 17 Nov, Castle Square, Ludlow, South Shropshire

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SUTTON FINE FOOD AND FESTIVE BAZAAR Get the festive season started with a sprinkle of Christmas magic, a visit from Father Christmas and live music, Mon 18 Nov, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall

THE DITHERINGTON FLAXMILL AND MALTINGS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE... Dr

Richard Bonella presents a talk on the history of the Flaxmill and plans to save the building for future generations, Mon 18 Nov, St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury

THE 24TH ERASMUS DARWIN MEMORIAL LECTURE 2013 Professor

Anthony J Ryan OBE talks about the solar economy, Tue 19 Nov, Lichfield Garrick

HERBERT ILLUMINATION THE GREAT CONFLICTS OF THE ROMAN STATE

Dominic Russell lays bare the stories of the Roman army in success and disaster through analysis of three great conflicts; the Boudican Revolt, the Teutoburg Forest and Cannae, Tues 19 Nov, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

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MURDER MYSTERY EVENING Dress the part! The clue to the year is in the admission price of £19.35. Booking required, Thurs 21 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton

VALUATION DAY: FINE ARTS & ANTIQUES Hosted by Fieldings Auctioneers, Thurs 21 Nov, Bantock House Museum,

Wolverhampton
WOLVERHAMPTON FESTIVE GIFT FAIR Thurs 21 - Sun 24 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

WOLVERHAMPTON THROUGH THE LENS Join historian Chris Upton as he explores the history of Wolverhampton, from Victorian times to the present day, Fri 22 Nov, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

WINTER FAYRE Sat 23 Nov, Maws Craft Centre, Jackfield, Ironbridge

CHRISTMAS FAIR Featuring a wide range of gifts, a traditional fare, craft workshops & family entertainment, Sat 23 Nov, Ancient High House, Stafford

THE MAD CAP: VINTAGE SEWING WORKSHOP Sat 23 Nov, Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Coventry

CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON & SANTA PARADE Sat 23 Nov, Stafford Town Centre

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON Sat 23 Nov, Ludlow, South Shropshire

FOLK ART APPLIQUE WORKSHOP Sat 23 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

LIGHT UP LEAMINGTON LANTERN PARADE Sat 23 Nov, Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa

ENAMELLING: CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Day course where participants can create their very own Christmas decorations using copper and foil, Sat 23 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Providing a great opportunity to purchase some unique Christmas gifts in the beautiful setting of the Tudor manor and medieval hall, Sat 23 Nov, Selly Manor, Bournville, Birmingham

VINTAGE TEA PARTY Pre-booking required, Sat 23 Nov, Bantock House Museum, Wolverhampton

CONTEMPORARY JEWELLERY EXHIBITION One-day event showcasing the cream of contemporary jewellery talent in the UK, Sat 23 Nov, The Waterhall Gallery, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 23 Nov, Shropshire Wildlife Trust Visitor Centre, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury

THE MAD CAP: VINTAGE SEWING WORKSHOP Create your own fashion statement piece in the style of Elsa Schiaparelli's mad cap. Booking essential! Sat 23 Nov, Herbert Art Gallery & Museum, Coventry

BAVARIAN OKTOBERFEST NIGHT Celebrate Oktoberfest in style with Karl's Brass, Sat 23 Nov, National Brewery

Centre, Burton-on-Trent
MCM BIRMINGHAM COMIC CON AND MEMORABILIA Britain's biggest festival of popular culture, Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

SANTA HUNTS A fun-filled search for Santa, where costumed guides and Christmas clues point the way to Santa's workshop. This is a pre-book event, Sat 23 Nov - Sun 24 Nov, Black Country Living Museum, Dudley

ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAIR Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, Uttoxeter Racecourse, Staffordshire

LUDLOW MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE Sited within the beautiful setting of Ludlow Castle, this festive event includes a wealth of activities for all ages. As well as Ludlow traders dressed in medieval costumes, the fayre features jesters, entertainers, archery, historical re-enactments and much more... Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, Ludlow Castle, South Shropshire

CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, Dorothy Clive Garden, Clive, North Shropshire

WARLEY NATIONAL MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION The UK's premier model railway show, Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, NEC, Birmingham

OIL PORTRAIT PAINTING COURSE WITH MAX BACCANELLO Sat 23 - Sun 24 Nov, The Willow Gallery, Oswestry, North Shropshire

WINTER FESTIVAL Enjoy the mansion dressed for a traditional Christmas, Sat 23 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Coughton Court, Warwickshire

DOLL & TEDDY FAIR Featuring up to ninety quality stands full of antique, new, artist and collectable dolls and teddies, plus restorers, supplies and accessories, Sun 24 Nov, National Motorcycle Museum, Solihull

WEDDING OPEN DAY & BRIDAL SHOWCASE Sun 24 Nov, Davenport House, Worfield, Nr Bridgnorth, Shropshire

CRAFT FAIR Sun 24 Nov, Gladstone Pottery Museum, Stoke-on-Trent

DEER FEEDING Sun 24 Nov, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury

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SHIFNAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS & LIGHTS SWITCH ON Fri 29 Nov - Sat 30 Nov, Shifnal town centre, Telford

CANDLE-LIT CHRISTMAS TOURS Fri 29 - Sat 30 Nov, Birmingham Back to Backs

TUDOR CHRISTMAS BANQUETS Fri 29 - Sat 30 Nov, Tamworth Castle, Staffordshire

FROST FAIR Transform your Christmas shopping experience with the perfect antidote to high streets full of weary shoppers, Fri 29 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Attingham Park, Shrewsbury

CRAFT CLUB Forum for anyone interested in making things together, Sat 30 Nov, Wolverhampton Art Gallery

JUST A SONG AT TWILIGHT A traditional entertainment of words and music presented by Dr. Donald Hunt and friends in the Saloon, Sat 30 Nov, Coughton Court, Warwickshire

CRUELTY FREE CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 30 Nov, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury

IN CONVERSATION: GED QUINN Sat 30 Nov, New Art Gallery, Walsall

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Festive fun with glass-making demonstrations, open studios, puzzles, trails and craft activities for children, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Broadfield House Glass Museum, Stourbridge

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THE FLYING SHOW A show for recreational

flying enthusiasts featuring light aircraft, microlights, gyrocopters, gliders, models and more. Trade stands showing and selling aircraft and all the associated equipment, including instruments, books, clothing, intercoms, radios & navigation aids, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, NEC, Birmingham

THE 2013 BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TATTOO Experience the pageantry and spectacle of the massed international bands, massed parade of standard and exciting displays, plus a spectacular grand finale, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, National Indoor Arena

CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET Featuring exhibitors selling a wide variety of Christmas crafts, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Red House Glass Cone, Stourbridge

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR A variety of food and craft stalls and Victorian musicians provide a festive atmosphere, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Forge Mill Needle Museum, Redditch

THE SHUGBOROUGH CHRISTMAS FAIR Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Shugborough Historic Working Estate, Stafford

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FESTIVE FALCONRY Join Raphael Historic Falconry as they recreate the role of royal falconers and hawkers at Christmas-time in England, Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec, Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire

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What Our Members are up to in November 2013

Friday 1 November

- Cheddar Gorge and Mendips Walking Weekend
- Cinema Night - Rubery
- Jekyll and Hyde at the Blue Orange
- New Members Relaxed Walking Weekend
- Night of Terror at Woodchester Mansion

Saturday 2 November

- Canadian Canoe Adventure
- Halloween Sleepover Party
- Stourbridge and Guy Fawkes Walk
- Western Style Rifle Shooting Afternoon

Sunday 3 November

- Firework Spectacular at Tutbury
- Gordon Giltrap in Concert
- Hawks, Owls, Tudors and Battles
- Hockley Heath + Lapworth Easy Ramble
- Neen Savage and Malpass Wood Ramble
- Quad Bike Intro + Woodland Trek

Monday 4 November

- Badminton For Fun - Worcester
- Snooker Night and Buffet
- Spice Book Club

Tuesday 5 November

- Ballet For Fun
- Preview Evening (Arden Hotel)
- Ten Pin Bowling (Broadway Plaza)

Wednesday 6 November

- An Evening With Roger Moore
- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA

- Pub Games Night
- Tamworth and Lichfield Pub Night
- Wellness Evening with Herbalife

Thursday 7 November

- Erasmus Darwin Evening and Cellar Tour
- Halesowen and Quinton Pub Night
- Leamington Torchlit Ramble + Supper
- Unihoc (Mixed Indoor Hockey)

Friday 8 November

- Ballachulish Bargain Break
- Barn Dance and Supper
- Certificate in Outdoor First Aid (level 5) Weekend
- Winter Warmer Bonfire Weekend

Saturday 9 November

- Abseiling for the Terrified
- Brandon Brinklow Round Moderate Ramble
- Five Rivers Contemporary Indian Dinner Shuffle
- Ladybower Come and Try Mountain Biking
- National Memorial Arboretum and Lunch
- Rally Driving Lesson
- Snorkelling with Sharks
- Tennis Weekend for Beginners in Northants

Sunday 10 November

- Birmingham at War Afternoon Walk
- Cinema Night
- Forest Segway on Cannock Chase
- Go Ape in Cannock
- Hoola Hooping
- Malvern's North and Worcester Way Ramble
- Peak District Mountain Biking Day
- Staunton Harold Hall Autumnal Easy Ramble

Monday 11 November

- Badminton For Fun - Worcester
- Learn to Snowboard Course
- Ski Lesson - Beginners
- Tubing Session

Tuesday 12 November

- Indoor Climbing at Redpoint
- Solihull Pub Night

Wednesday 13 November

- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA
- Kababish Dinner Shuffle
- Pamper Evening at Shear Salon and Spa
- Sutton Pub Night

Thursday 14 November

- Curry and Quiz - Wolverhampton
- Girls Roller Skating Lesson
- Pudding Party at a Country House

Friday 15 November

- Center Parcs Longleat Weekend
- Dancing with Mr.Darcy
- Prague City Break
- Sidmouth and Devon Coast Walking Weekend
- Singapore Dining Experience
- Spice Hits Town at the Jam House

Saturday 16 November

- Caving for the Terrified
- Cosford Restoration + Behind The Scenes Day
- Hanbury Hall Ramble and Lunch
- Stow On The Wold Ramble
- Tennis Weekend with Coaching

Sunday 17 November

- Bird Handling Course

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LEISURE

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Flying



Outdoor Pursuits



Walking



Motor Sports



Water Sports



Wild & Wacky

- Haughmond Hill Ramble
- Helicopter Lesson
- Nordic Walking Taster (Sutton Park)
- Shrewsbury Ghost Walk
- Spa Experience with Retail Therapy!
- Ten Things Everyone Should Know About DIY

Monday 18 November

- Badminton For Fun - Worcester
- Bromsgrove Pub Night

Tuesday 19 November

- Cafe Ceramica Experience
- Kings Heath Pub Night

Wednesday 20 November

- Anne Boleyn at Tutbury Castle
- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA
- Fencing for Beginners
- Stylistics at the Jam House
- Trampoline Evening with Coaching

Thursday 21 November

- BBC Birmingham Behind the Scenes
- Blacksmithing Evening
- Gloucester Local Meet
- New Members Mix and Mingle
- Unihoc (Mixed Indoor Hockey)
- Warwick and Leamington Pub Night

Friday 22 November

- Fine Dining Experience at Drayton Park

- Scottish Borders Mountain Bike Weekend
- Shropshire Easy Walking Weekend
- Welsh Cottage Walking Break
- Whitby Moors and Coastal Walking Weekend

Saturday 23 November

- Auto Stunt School T
- Build A Home For Local Otters
- Caving at Burrington Coombe
- Draycot Water Moderate Ramble
- Kingsbury Water Park Easy Ramble
- Latin American Taster Dinner Shuffle
- Makeover or Boudoir Photography Session
- Off Road Karting
- R.A.I.D - Rapid Action Initiated Defence
- Symonds Yat Adventure Mission
- Walk with Wolves - Bedford

Sunday 24 November

- Dog Walk in Sutton Park
- Early Morning at Dudley Zoo
- Fire Eating Workshop
- Kenilworth to Wroxall Moderate Ramble
- Prodrive V.I.P. Visit

Monday 25 November

- Badminton For Fun - Worcester
- Preview Evening (MAC)

Tuesday 26 November

- Christmas Card Making Workshop
- Indoor Bouldering Taster Session

- Indoor Bowls Taster Session with Coaching T

Wednesday 27 November

- Badminton For Fun - Coventry
- Badminton at NIA
- Family History Evening with the Mormons
- Ice Skating Fun Night
- Magic for Beginners
- Pamper Evening at Shear Salon and Spa
- Quiz

Thursday 28 November

- Assay Office Tour
- Italian Dinner Shuffle at Fellinis

Friday 29 November

- Bristol/Bath Christmas Markets Social Weekend
- Cinema Night - Rubery
- Karaoke and Casserole
- Lyndhurst + New Forest Walking Weekend
- Winter Pod Camping and Walking Weekend

Saturday 30 November

- Ballroom Dance Masterclass - Argentine Tango!
- Dogs Home Visit
- Ramble, Scramble and Dangle
- Trentham and Hanchurch Moderate Ramble



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Eating Out

New Shropshire venture for chef

Will Holland, a regular contributor to James Martin's Saturday Kitchen Live programme, has announced he's to open a restaurant in the Shropshire market town of Bridgnorth. Will made his name at Ludlow's Le Becasse restaurant, but recently left the venue to pursue new ventures.

The talented chef secured some major accolades during his time in Ludlow, most notably three AA rosettes and a coveted Michelin star. Will's new Bridgnorth eatery will be fully refurbished before it opens to diners in Spring 2014.



Bronze for Wolverhampton in curry competition

Wolverhampton has come third in a prestigious national curry competition. The Curry Capital 2013 award, organised as part of National Curry Week, featured five Black Country restaurants - Bilash and Jivans in Wolverhampton's city centre, Cafe Rickshaw in Chapel Ash, Gulshan Balti in Bilston and Rangan Mati in Wednesfield. The award was won by Bradford, with Glasgow coming a close second.

Global dining experience promised at Shrewsbury restaurant

Whatever your culinary preferences, there seems to be something to tempt all tastebuds at Shrewsbury's latest eatery. The House of The Rising Sun recently opened the doors of its Butcher Row premises after being extensively refurbished with opulent furnishings, warm lighting and geisha artwork. Impressive though the refurb is, it's the food which brings in the punters - and although we've yet to verify the chef's credentials, the notion of 'modern Australian cuisine combining Pacific Rim flavours and underpinned by European cooking traditions' is certainly a mouthwatering one!



A warm welcome by the river

REVIEW

The Boathouse pub has been a firm favourite of mine since college (which was a long time ago!). Although boasting a stunning location, beautiful building and great outdoor area, it was never a place I'd contemplated visiting for a bite to eat. However, recent news of a change of hands and numerous reports of fantastic food gave it 'number one' status on my hitlist of new restaurants to try.

As soon as I walked in, I could tell the owners of another Shrewsbury venue, the Lion & Pheasant, had something to do with it! Classy, warm, rustic décor was very much in keeping with the family atmosphere.

The main menu and the specials menu had some great choices at reasonable prices, catering for meat-eaters, veggies and children.

Being two pregnant ladies, myself and my dining companion were very hungry and very unwilling to settle for average nosh! Thankfully, The Boathouse did not disappoint.

To start, we had a selection of olives, stuffed bell peppers and warm mini-whole-

meal loaves, along with salt-and-pepper squid with alioli and potted ham hock with red onion marmalade. Squid can often be chewy and over-battered, but this particular portion was fresh and soft in texture, with a light, dry batter. Perfect. For mains, we had a ribeye steak with chunky chips, beef tomato, portobello mushrooms and peppercorn sauce (standard but essential pub grub). From the specials menu, we chose sea bream with sun-dried tomato tapenade on a bed of green beans, baby new potatoes and pine nuts. The steak was absolutely fantastic! It was very well seasoned and incredibly juicy, while the accompaniments were delicious. The peppercorn sauce was slightly more curry-tasting than peppercorn-tasting, but it was pleasant nonetheless. The fish dish, while a delicious combination of flavours, wasn't quite as fresh-tasting as the squid. I would definitely like to go back to sample their other fish dishes, as many of my foodie friends who've sampled fish there have come back with excellent reports. To finish off, we had apple and cinnamon crumble, and bread & butter pudding with crème anglais

and honeycomb shavings. Topped off with a marvellous cup of tea, the afters were absolutely divine. In a nutshell, if you haven't already been to The Boathouse since it changed hands, then get along there asap. The food has a huge amount of potential, the presentation is fantastic, the service is excellent, and the atmosphere is everything you'd expect from a cosy pub - all of which is more than enough to make me want to return to the venue sooner rather than later. I've got my eye on the sharing platters, not to mention the entire wine list (once the baby is born, of course!). I'm also told on good authority that the Sunday Carvery is another reason why The Boathouse is well worth a visit - so what are you waiting for?! *Jessica Aston*

Food:
Service:
Ambience:
Overall value
OVERALL

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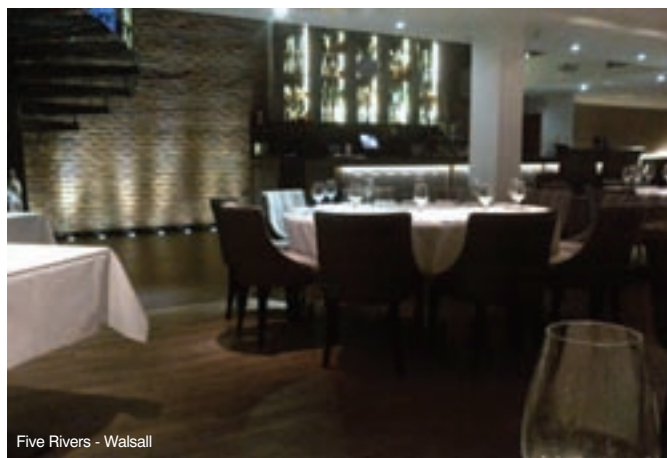
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