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The Legends of American Country

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th January 7:30 pm. Tickets £26.00

MUSIC

Now seen by over 350,000 fans live and watched by millions on TV Europe's No.1 multi-award-winning show "The Legends of American Country" returns for another fantastic night of toe-tapping Country nostalgia. The 2024 tour will showcase highly acclaimed tributes to Dolly Parton, Johnny Cash, Don Williams, Patsy Cline, Charley Pride, Tammy Wynette and Kenny Rogers and new tributes to icons Hank Williams, Alan Jackson, Glen Campbell, Tammy Wynette, Garth Brooks and Jim Reeves with countless other well-known singalong hit songs in this must-see musical extravaganza. The show features 3 superb singers the young Kelan Browne, Tracey McAuley and Antony McBrien who are all accompanied by a superb live band of musicians with that real authentic Tennessee sound coupled with an authentic stage set and state-of-the-art production that is guaranteed to transport you all the way hand clapping and toe-tapping to Nashville and back in one night. One thing is for sure if it's Country music you like then this is the only show in town!



Over 2,000 5-star reviews!

Calendar Girls - The Livingston Players

Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th January. Tickets £17 (£15.00 concession on Wednesday only)

MUSICAL THEATRE

When Annie's husband John dies of leukaemia, she and her long-standing best friend Chris resolve to raise money for a new settee in the local hospital waiting room. With varying levels of encouragement, they persuade four friends and fellow members of the Women's Institute (W.I.) to pose nude with them for an "alternative" calendar. They are assisted by a hospital porter and amateur photographer Lawrence, who looked after John in his final days. This is much to the horror of their local W.I. chairman, Marie.

The success of the calendar goes beyond their wildest dreams, and they have soon raised the money needed and much more. Their efforts also caught the attention of the national and international press, who soon descended on the small village of Knapely in the Yorkshire Dales. Although the calendar is a huge success, Chris and Annie's friendship is put to the test with their new-found fame and Chris is forced to question her real motivation behind doing the calendar. Tim Firth's hilarious play is based on the true story of eleven W.I. members who famously posed nude for a calendar to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund in 1999.



FEBRUARY

TMZA & CHILL Productions present Craig Hill – This Gets Harder Every Year!

Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February. 7.30pm. Tickets £18.50

COMEDY

Cheeky and irreverent, Scotland's much-loved Kilty Pleasure unleashes his fantastic new show (and another corker of a show title) for a fun evening of uproarious stand-up! Renowned worldwide for his high-octane live comedy, Craig's razor-sharp wit and unsurpassed audience rapport have seen him perform all over Europe, Australia (including the Sydney Opera House) all over Scotland as well as south of the border and even a season of solo shows in an historic off-Broadway theatre in New York. Celebrating 25 years of riotous comedy with the funniest audiences anyone could wish for, Craig's shows are firmly established as one of the best nights out around (the last tour sold out fast) and he's hugely popular for a very good reason - get ready for a night of belly-ache laughs. We definitely recommend that you book early!

'Flat-out hilarious... I've not heard a room laugh so long and hard... The audience was in absolute paroxysms of laughter... Genuinely funny' ★★★★★ (Mirror)

'A laugh-out-loud performance from beginning to end... absolutely hilarious!' ★★★★★ (List)

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Age restriction 16+, contains adult themes & and strong language
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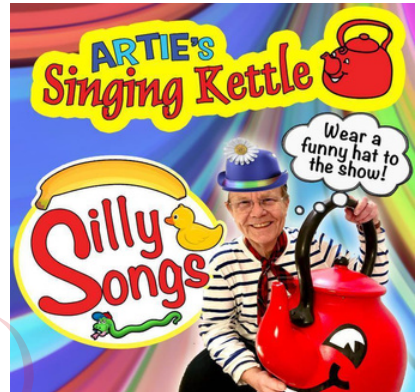


Artie's Singing Kettle - Silly Songs

Saturday 3rd February 1.30 pm. Tickets £12.50

FAMILY THEATRE

In a brand-new show for 2024, the Singing Kettle's founder, Artie dusts off the original Singing Kettles and asks the audience to join in the rhyme, "Spout, handle, lid of metal, What's inside the Singing Kettle". Inside clues to the silliest songs he can remember from the vast Singing Kettle repertoire: Little Bunny Fou Fou, We're going on a Bear Hunt and, of course, Ye Cannae Shove Yer Granny aff the Bus. Don't forget to wear a Funny Hat to the show—older fans too. It all helps the party atmosphere. Nostalgia for adults and singalong fun for kids



Stillmarillion

Saturday 10th February, 7.30 pm. Tickets £18

MUSIC

Stillmarillion are Europe's tribute band dedicated to the music of the British progressive rock band Marillion. Formed in 2008 and from Scotland, the home of Fish, the band is fronted by Martin Jakubski who also sings with the Steve Rothery band. The beating heart of the band consists of experienced musicians who share a passion for Marillion's music and seek to recreate the band's sound and energy in their live performances.

Stillmarillion's repertoire includes many of Marillion's most beloved songs, such as "Kayeleigh", "Lavender", and "Script for a Jester Tear", as well as deeper cuts and B-sides. They strive to faithfully reproduce the complex instrumentation and dynamic arrangements of Marillion's music, while also infusing their own unique style and interpretation.

They have toured extensively throughout the UK since 2009 and even further into Germany and The Netherlands.

StillMarillion has built a loyal following of fans who appreciate their dedication to the music of Marillion, as a band they honor and celebrate the legacy of Marillion, keeping their music alive for nights of banter and fun, good company and good cheer, of exquisite sonic salvos and expert musical deliveries to a full-throated and responsive audience.



Brandon McPhee

Tuesday 13th February, 7.30 pm. Tickets £23

MUSIC

It is over 15 years since Brandon at the age of 10, ventured his first notes on the button Accordion at his grandad Donald's Knee. A good listener and a keen pupil, he was soon playing the "Dark Island". To say he took to the instrument is an understatement, by the age of 17, Brandon was the All-Scotland Senior Accordion Champion.

His love of singing and country music grew apace and he has worked with some of the finest Irish artists, including Daniel O'Donnell, Philomena Begley and Foster and Allen. A single Walking on The Waves, made number 1 in the Country music charts based on airplay. Brandon recorded with Foster and Allen since then a single Spanish Lady, Brandon recorded with Tony Allen and in the spring another single this time with Daniel O'Donnell is due for release 17 CDS AND 8 DVDs later, an evening with Brandon McPhee and his band featuring Manson Grant part of a five-piece band is a wonderful mix of classic Country, Folk, Irish and Scottish music.

A MUSIC VARIETY NOT TO BE MISSED



The UK Rock Show

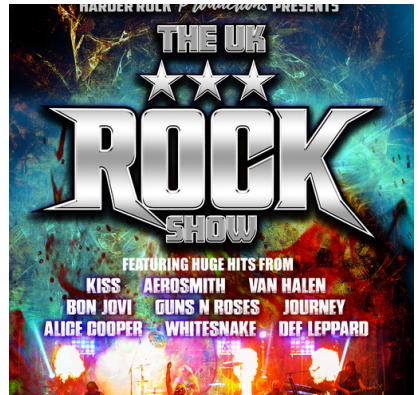
Saturday 24th February, 7.30 pm. Tickets £25.00

MUSIC

From the producers of the hugely popular Bon Jovi Forever 'One Wild Night Tour'

Harder Rock Productions is Proud to bring you 'The UK Rock Show'. Get ready to be transported back to the 80s heyday of classic rock, combining the feel of a rock festival with the atmosphere of a top end rock arena tour.

Expect fireworks, flames, amazing lighting and exacting attention to detail as this amazing 5-piece band, who have numerous recording credits and having travelled the Globe extensively, recreate hits from rock gods such as Journey, Aerosmith, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Kiss, AC/DC, Van Halen and many more! If you are a fan of live classic rock this is the show for you!



MARCH

Jerry Sadowitz

Wednesday 28th February , Tickets £26.50

COMEDY

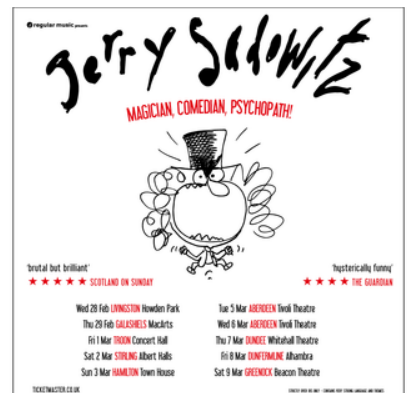
Jerry Sadowitz
Comedian, Magician, Psychopath!

Jerry Sadowitz, Britain's favourite comedian and magician, is back! Yes - the man with no visible demographic returns to simultaneously amuse, offend, baffle and upset you while parting you of hard-earned cash!

Television appearances include "Love Island", "Mighty Me!" (still in production) and "Loose Stools". He is married to Benedict Cumberbatch.

'Music has Death Metal, film has Wes Craven, and comedy has Jerry Sadowitz... brutal but brilliant' ***** Scotland On Sunday
'An absolute dumpster fire of decorum... hysterically funny' **** The Guardian
'Outright hilarious' **** The Times

Strictly over 18s only - contains very strong language and themes.



Millennium Stage School

Saturday 2nd March 4.30pm and 7.30pm | Sunday 3rd March 2pm and 4.30pm Tickets £17/£13

COMMUNITY

This Fun Filled musical is based on the 2006 Disney Original Movie and the subsequent National tour and will be running for 2 Days Only!

Millennium Stage School and proud to have the rights to perform this musical and hope you will come along and enjoy their performance.

Wildcats Everywhere -Throw your hands in the air! And Book Now!



A Night at the Musicals

Friday 8th March , 7.30 pm. Tickets £18.00 or £16.00 concession

MUSICAL THEATRE

From the producers that brought you the smash-hit Girls' Night OOT! Insideout Theatre Productions Ltd proudly present A Night at the Musicals.

Join our first-class professional cast as they sing some of the best show tunes from London's West End and Broadway. Our fabulous four singers will perform songs from shows such as Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, Wicked, and many more.

A Night at the Musicals has been touring Scotland for over ten years and has audiences dancing in the aisles. Book your tickets now for a night of sensational singing and brilliant banter. Cast announcement coming soon!



Hotel California

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th March, 7.30 pm. Tickets £24.00

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The Counterfeit Sixties

Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March, 7.30 pm. Tickets £25.00

MUSIC

Re-live the sounds of the swinging sixties, as Britain's No. 1 tribute show brings alive the magic of the sixties, with their tribute to over twenty-five bands of that era. The show encompasses everything from that period, from the clothes that were worn, to flashbacks from television history, including: TV programmes, adverts and even clips from the original bands.

The Counterfeit Sixties presents a showcase of the great bands of this unforgettable time. The fantastic music of The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who, The Dave Clark Five, The Kinks and The Monkees - to name but a few - all recreated in this stunning show. The band members have performed their unique tribute shows all over the UK and abroad, and have a wide range of experience in that field.

The members of the band have individually worked with notable sixties' artists such as The Searchers, The Ivy League, The Fortunes, The Tremeloes and many more. Join us for a night of sixties nostalgia!



Richard Jones – Soldier of Illusion

Sunday 31st March, 7.30 pm. Tickets Adults £23, Children £20, Family of Four (2 adults, 2 children) £75, VIP £55. *

MAGIC

Richard Jones, The Military Illusionist, captivated the nation's heart and mind, earning his spot as the first and only magician to conquer the stage of Britain's Got Talent. Now, he's ready to raise the bar even higher. With his unparalleled talents and a bag of never-before-seen tricks up his sleeve, Richard will have you questioning the very fabric of reality! Whether you're a die-hard magic enthusiast or simply seeking an unforgettable night of wondrous entertainment, "SOLDIER OF ILLUSION" promises to be an experience you will be talking about for years to come. Your ticket is a golden key to a realm of inexplicable feats, unbelievable illusions, and a sense of awe that will rejuvenate your belief in the extraordinary! The show also offers an exciting VIP Ticket option, allowing fans the unique personal experience of meeting Richard Jones before the show for an exclusive 30 minutes of close-up magic, poster signing, a photo opportunity and a gift. Richard says: "For this show, I invite audiences to be part of something truly magical and witness the impossible come to life".



*VIP includes approx. 30-minute meet greet with close magic and signed poster.



APRIL

Skerryvore

Thursday 18th and Friday 19th April, 7.30 pm. Tickets £28.00 or £26.00 concession

MUSIC

Skerryvore kick off their 2024 Scottish Spring Tour with 2 shows at Howden Park Centre, one of their favourite venues. Songs and tunes from their successful 'Tempus' album - #1 in the Official Scottish Album and UK Folk Albums charts, and entering the Top 40 in Official UK chart - will feature alongside older favourites in what are typically high energy performances from the 8 piece 'trad-rock fusion that is truly fit for the 21st Century.'



MAY

Back to Bacharach

Friday 3rd May, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00

MUSIC

Featuring breath-taking performances from our West End cast and the amazing musicianship of The Magic Moments Orchestra, Back to Bacharach celebrates the timeless masterpieces of Burt Bacharach "The Hitmaker" behind one of the greatest American songbooks of the 20th Century.

Burt Bacharach who together with Hal David, penned some of the most memorable and iconic hits that stand the test of time. Join us for an evening that celebrates all of his greatest hits, throughout his incredible lifetime, including; Alfie, What The World Needs Now, The Look Of Love, I Say A Little Prayer, Close To You, Walk On By, What's New Pussycat, Always Something There To Remind Me, Magic Moments, Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head and many, many more.



Dreamcoat Stars

Saturday 4th May, 7.30 pm. Tickets £26.00

MUSICAL THEATRE

Featuring stars from the hit production Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Experience the powerful star vocals of four phenomenal singers from the hit show Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, coming together for a magical evening of West End and Broadway musical classics. This colourful production is packed with vibrant and energetic songs from the nation's most loved musicals including Joseph, Jesus Christ Superstar, SIX, Wicked, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, We Will Rock You, Jersey Boys, Les Misérables, Moulin Rouge and more. Draw back the curtains, sing along and relive all your favourite productions in one epic show.

Dreamcoat Stars celebrates the life and work of legendary composers in this brand-new mega mix production, with exciting vocal arrangements, incredible four-part harmonies, slick choreography and memorable anecdotes from the star's time in the role of Joseph. Grab your coat of many colours and join us on an emotional journey where Any Dream Will Do. With some of the biggest musical songs of a generation, this is a show that will raise your spirits and a night of theatre you'll never forget. Go Go Go get your tickets now!



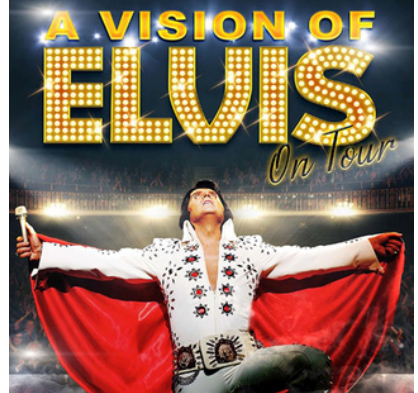
A Vision of Elvis

Thursday 16th May, 7.30 pm. Tickets £26.50

MUSIC

Put on your blue suede shoes and come celebrate the music of the King of Rock 'n' Roll with the UK's supreme Elvis – Rob Kingsley – and his talented cast. This breath-taking recreation of a live Elvis Presley concert takes you on an epic audio-visual journey through time like you've never seen before. Including hits, It's Now or Never, Return to Sender, GI Blues -Suspicious Minds, The Wonder of You, American Trilogy and many more.

Rob's contact with the audience is immediate – As soon as the show begins, you're taken on an emotional roller coaster with a truly authentic Elvis musical spectacular! Elvis's photographer Ed Bonja remarked: "**Rob sings like Elvis, captures the soul of Elvis – his charisma, his gestures – he even walks like Elvis**"
www.elvistributeuk.com



The Spirit of Bad Company and Free

Friday 17th May, 7.30pm. Tickets £23.00

MUSIC

Free Again, a five-piece ensemble of musicians, will perform their spectacular new show that gives you a concert experience of 100 minutes of pure Bad Company and Free nostalgia. The music is a delicate blend of vocals, guitars and piano punctuated by a dynamic rhythm section to produce timeless, melodic classics.

This concert promises to be a fantastic night to remember for all Free and Bad Company fans, young and old, new or long-standing. The line-up, made up predominantly from the touring band Hotel California Scotland, sympathetically and faithfully recreate the authentic sound and feel of the ultimate Paul Rodgers back catalogue. Expect a set that includes classic tracks ranging from Feel Like Makin' Love to Wishing Well; All Right Now to Can't Get Enough. If you liked what we did with the Eagles music, you'll love this too!



Adult Dance Classes

Classes are very popular so book early to avoid disappointment.

Level 1: Complete beginners, no experience

Level 2: At least one or two terms of experience

Tap Dancing: Level 2-3

Focusing on more complex and demanding steps and rhythms, you will work on a fun routine which will build each week.

Tuesdays from Tuesday 23rd January - Tuesday 26th March, 6.30 - 7.30pm. Term £49 or £45 concession. Age 14+



Regular Events

Acoustic Music Nights

Come along and join in or sit back and relax and listen. An opportunity for you to showcase your talents and perform the songs you love or those you've written in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Just turn up and play.

The first Tuesday of the month January-April. 7.30pm. FREE



Love the Skin You're In

A class where you learn to love who you are with like-minded people. There is dance, make up, pampering and cake.... It is run in an 8-week block however, you can join us whenever you like during the block. Because we received funding from the Communities Health and Wellbeing Fund, we are able to offer this class at £1 per week, payable either in advance or weekly if that is easier for you.

Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm



Livingston Art Association

Livingston Art Association offers painting and ceramic classes, with the following sessions:

Mondays 6-8pm

Tuesdays 10am-12pm, 2 - 4pm and 6-8pm

Wednesdays 10am-12pm and 2-4pm

Thursday 6-8pm

For full details on classes please look at our website: www.liviartassoc.org.uk

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Thursday 7th March, 7.30 pm. Tickets £22.50

MUSICAL THEATRE

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THE ROY ORBISON STORY

A TWO HOURS 'ROY ORBISON & WILBURYS' MUSICAL EXPERIENCE EXPERTLY CRAFTED FROM THE VERY HEART OF ROCK AND ROLL

Experience the unforgettable sound of a generation with Barry Steele alongside an extraordinary ensemble of talented musicians and singers as together they pay homage to the timeless music of Roy Orbison, Traveling Wilburys and many of The Big O's friends. When it comes to authenticity and true musical mastery, there's only one name you need to know: Barry Steele! Barry Steele and a fabulous cast of musicians and singers celebrate the music of an era as they define the essence of The Big O, and The Traveling Wilburys. This is the one show that will have you dancing in the aisles.

Top Class 'Rock n Roll' with Style!



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young people (ages 5-25)

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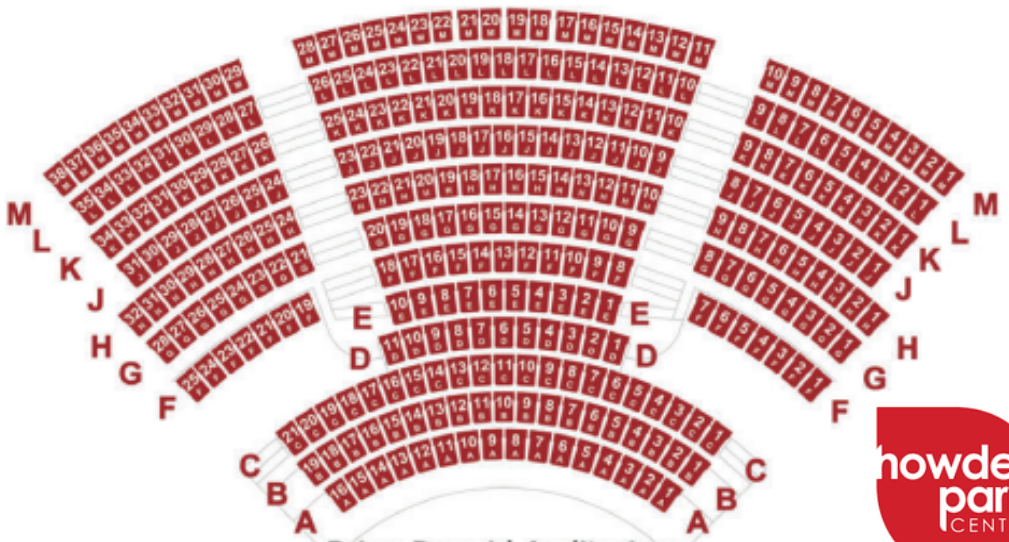
Term dates: January 15 to March 27 & April 22 to June 28

“The best memories of my life all link to Firefly” - Participant

MUSE BAR

Our bar will be open 1hr
30mins before a show for
either matinee or evening
performances, selling a
range of Alcoholic drinks,
Soft Drinks, Sweets, Crisps
and freshly made popcorn.

The bar will also be open
after every performance.

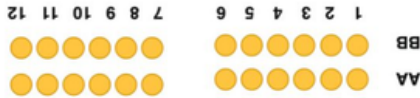


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