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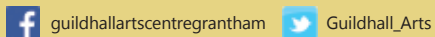
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WELCOME



A very warm welcome to our fun filled Jan-May 2017 season.

We are very excited for you to see our fully refurbished theatre complete with a brand new sound system!

Thank you to all our customers who enjoyed the Gravity Fields Festival! Don't get the Gravity blues as we have lots of treats coming up including **FREE FALLING** a powerful dance show from Hagit Yakir and **METAMORPHOSIS** adapted from a novella by Franz Kafka performed by the fabulous Theatrical Niche so don't miss these!

Other highlights include **THE BUCKET LIST** in April which we saw at Edinburgh Festival and is 'breathhtakingly physical' and our very own D2E Youth Theatre will perform the darkly entertaining **SWEENEY TODD** in May. Also don't miss our **MULTI BUY OFFER** see page 8!

NEW THIS SEASON!

For little ones we have the all new **DISCO TOTS** which is a fun morning of dancing in the wonderful Ballroom at the Guildhall for under 7s and their parents and helpers, see page 14 for more information. And if you are 12-25 and love music you can get involved with the **INSTRUMENTA PROJECT** see page 4 for details.

We hope to see you soon!

The Arts Centre Team

THINGS WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO



DRINK! EAT! LOOK! RELAX!

Have a drink with friends before our evening shows, the coffee shop bar opens 45 minutes before events with a selection of drinks, sweets and ice creams available. Don't forget to order your interval drinks! You can also drop into our coffee shop during the day for a bite to eat or a rainforest alliance coffee. Relax in the informal, family friendly atmosphere and take a look at the changing local exhibitions and craft displays. If you would like to display your work at the Guildhall, please send examples of your work to t.purdy@southkesteven.gov.uk

Wifi and a vending machine also available.

Food served Mon-Fri 9.30am to 4.30pm
Sat 9.30am to 2pm



LOV LINCOLNSHIRE ONE VENUES

The Guildhall Arts Centre is part of LOV (Lincolnshire One Venues) a network of eleven venues across Lincolnshire always looking for ways to engage and involve people in exciting projects.

An important part of this is to give young people 12-25 a voice and a way to express themselves. Working with these talented young people, we have created stimulating activities for and by young people. This season's project is **INSTRUMENTA** see page 4 for details!

Find out more at www.lincolnshireonevenues.com

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REGULAR CLASSES



D2E YOUTH DRAMA

D2E is a fantastic opportunity for young people to improve on their acting, singing and dancing techniques, in addition to being involved in live productions on the Guildhall stage. Not only this, but it's a great way to meet new friends and have a brilliant time!

For more information or to register for the classes, please contact Jade Goswell at j.goswell@southkesteven.gov.uk

Junior - £2.00 (£50 main production)

8 – 10 years

Tuesdays 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Intermediate - £2.50 (£50 main production)

11 – 13 years

Tuesdays 5.45pm – 7.15pm

Senior – £55 Main production

Mondays 4.30pm – 6.30pm & Fridays 5pm – 8pm

14 years+

DANCE BALLROOM AND LATIN AMERICAN

With Ann Gibbons Dance

www.ann@anngibbonsdance.co.uk

Mondays starting 9th January 2017

Dancing is a great way to relax and have fun! If you love the idea of twirling with confidence, spending time doing something together, learning a new life skill, or looking forward to that special event (or even cruise) then ballroom dancing is just for you!

Whether you're looking to brush up your Quickstep, unleash your Foxtrot or an absolute beginner, there's a class for everyone. The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly and you'll enjoy yourself learning new steps and the skills to take to the floor with confidence.

Adult Beginners

7.00pm to 7.45pm

Adult Improvers/Intermediate

7.45pm to 8.45pm

Adult Advanced

8.30pm to 9.30pm

£25.00 per person, per 4 week course

Enrolment with Ann Gibbons; fees are payable at the beginning of each 4 week period. Due to limited numbers, Arts Centre concessions and discounts are not available.

GRANTHAM OCCASIONAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday 4 February,

Saturday 4 March,

Saturday 6 May

9.30am – 12.30pm £7

All you need is your instrument and a music stand to join this dedicated and friendly group of amateur musicians who meet and enjoy playing together.

READERS GROUP

Meets second Wednesday of the month

7.30pm £1

If you enjoy reading but feel frustrated as there is no one to discuss books with, join our Reader's Group and you'll get the chance to talk about a variety of texts with like-minded people.

INSTRUMENTA

Redefining the classical concert experience for young people.

This season, the Guildhall's LOV Directors will be working with Lincolnshire Music Education Hub, led by Lincolnshire Music Service, Orchestras Live and musicians from Manchester Camerata to create and produce an original and inspirational first time live concert experience for young people. The concert will take place at St Wulframs Church on Tuesday 21 March and any young people (aged 12 and over) who are interested in finding out more are welcome to join the group who meet on Thursdays at 4.30pm at the Guildhall to help make this amazing event happen!

Contact Leana Sherwood leana.sherwood@litc.org.uk

FILMS



ME BEFORE YOU (2016)

Monday 23 January

2.00pm & 7.30pm

A girl in a small town forms an unlikely bond with a recently-paralyzed man she's taking care of. Starring Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin, Janet McTeer

Cert 12A – 1hour 50minutes

2.00pm: £4.00 / £3.00 concessions

7.30pm: £5.00 / £4.00 concessions



MACBETH (2015)

Wednesday 1 March

2.00pm & 7.30pm

Macbeth, the Thane of Glamis, receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and spurred to action by his wife, Macbeth murders his king and takes the throne for himself.

Starring Michael Fassbender, Marion Cotillard, Jack Madigan

Join us for a talk on Macbeth by Don Chiswell at 12 Noon!

See page 12 for more details.

Cert 15 – 1hour 53minutes

2.00pm: £4.00 / £3.00 concessions

7.30pm: £5.00 / £4.00 concessions

Book for the talk and get the 2pm film for just £2.50!



BRIDGET JONES'S BABY (2016)

Tuesday 7 March

2.00pm & 7.30pm

Bridget's focus on single life and her career is interrupted when she finds herself pregnant, but with one hitch ... she can only be fifty percent sure of the identity of her baby's father.

Starring Renée Zellweger, Gemma Jones, Jim Broadbent

Cert 15 – 2hours 3minutes

2.00pm: £4.00 / £3.00 concessions

7.30pm: £5.00 / £4.00 concessions



FINDING DORY (2016)

Tuesday 4 April

2.00pm

Everyone's favourite forgetful blue fish is back at last for 'Finding Dory', which sees her go off on a new adventure to search for the family she forgot about.

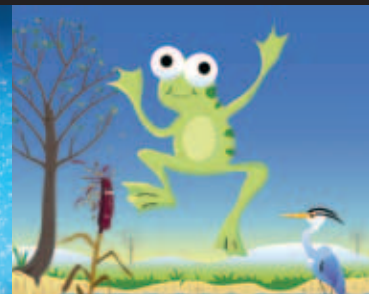
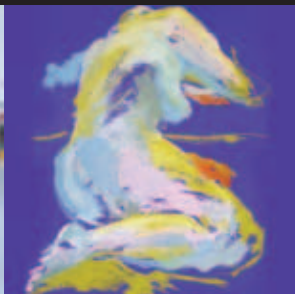
Book for the accompanying pre film crafts session with Creation Station in the Newton Room at either 12noon or 1pm – Limited places book early! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

See page 6 for more details.

Cert PG - 1hour 43minutes

Film only: £3.00

Film and crafts £4.00



LEGO WORKSHOP

Junior Stem Primary robotics

Quality robotics and programming workshops using the brilliant Lego WeDo resources.

In a JuniorSTEM workshop your children will build fantastic Lego models then bring them to life using software linked to motors, lights and sensors.

Kids love the activities because they are practical, highly engaging and allow for the children to be creative. In addition, personal skills such as team work, problem solving and determination are developed. Please visit www.juniorstem.co.uk for more information.

For children aged 6 – 11 years. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 17 February
10.00am - 12.30pm or 1.30pm
– 4.00pm
£8.00 (accompanying adults free)

LIFE DRAWING CLASSES

Sarah Watson Art

Spring Term 8 Week Course
Develop your own style and improve technique through this progressive course of professional and friendly group tutorials in charcoal, pastels and ink. Classes will feature a variety of poses, from one minute to 2 hours, with male and female life models. Artists of all levels of experience welcome.

Please contact Sarah directly:
sarahwatsonarts@gmail.com
0774 811 0951
www.sarahwatsonarts.com
www.facebook.com/sarahwatsonarts

Thursday 23 February – Thursday 27 April (excluding 6 March & 17 March)
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Price: £175

FINDING DORY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Make all sorts of under the sea creatures with Creation Station before the film 'Finding Dory' at 2pm.
(children must be accompanied by an adult)

Tuesday 4 April
12noon – 12.45pm or 1pm – 1.45pm
£4 per child for the film and Craft workshop!

EASTER CAMP: MAMMA MIA

New Youth Theatre

A great opportunity for young performers aged between 6-14 years to work towards a mini-production of Mamma Mia in 3 days. The workshop will include acting, singing and dancing from the well-loved musical. A performance will be held on the afternoon of the final day. This performance is free to parents and friends. PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Tuesday 4 – Thursday 6 April
10am – 4pm
Performance 3pm
£60.00 plus free entry to the show.

LEAPING FROG CRAFT WORKSHOP

Guildhall Promoted/ Family Workshop

Leaping Frog workshops allow children and older friends to create their own versions of characters featured in the show. It gives participants an opportunity to direct and produce their own mini performance as well as learn about the mechanics of puppet limbs. We supply all the arts and crafts materials at no additional cost to the receiver and these can be taken home as a souvenir.

Make sure to book your seats for the show before! See page 17 for more details.
Ideal for ages 3+

Wednesday 12 April
3.30pm – 5.00pm
Price: £1

MERES LIVE

Meres
Live
2017

All Meres live events include a £1 booking fee per ticket. Seats are unreserved unless otherwise stated.

These events take place at the Meres Centre, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ

Book 10 or more tickets and get 10% off!

ROSS NOBLE *BRAIN DUMP*

Everybody's favourite randomist is back. As always Ross has lots of stuff backing up in his head and it's time to let it all out. Famed for his super quick freewheeling style and highly imaginative flights of fancy, a Ross Noble show is always an unmissable event. Recommended 15 years+
Saturday 18 March - 8.00pm
£25.00



ICONS OF THE 80S

GO WEST & SPECIAL GUEST T'PAU

Entertainers is proud to present Go West and T'Pau together in concert with one more very special mystery guest to be announced! The 80s are back as these legendary stars join forces for a truly incredible concert experience. With millions of albums sales and iconic hits such as *We Close Our Eyes*, *Call Me*, *King Of Wishful Thinking*, *Heart and Soul* and the classic *China in Your Hand*, this authentic eighties triple header is not to be missed.

Friday 3 March - 8.00pm
£28.50 - EARLYBIRD – Book before 31 Jan
for £25.00 tickets!



ALJAZ SKORJANEC

REMEMBERING FRED

Remembering Fred is a beautiful evening of song and dance with a live band, singers and dancers. Starring Strictly Come Dancing's Janette Manrara and Aljaz Skorjanec.
Thursday 6 April - 7.30pm
£30.00 - EARLYBIRD – Book before 31 Jan
for £27.00 tickets!



GIOVANNI PERNICE

DANCE IS LIFE

Join Strictly Come Dancing professional Giovanni Pernice in an evening of passionate dance and two amazing singers that are sure to have you on your feet.
Friday 30 June - 7.30pm
£28.00 / £26.00 concessions
EARLYBIRD – Book before 1 March for £26.00 / £24.00 concessions tickets!

MULTIBUY OFFERS

Book for two or more of these events and receive £2 off each ticket!

FREE FALLING – A DOUBLE BILL

HagitYakira Dance
Guildhall Promoted/Dance
Workshop Monday 27
February

Show: Tuesday 28

February

7.30pm

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£12.00/ £10.00
concessions/ Under 26

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PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

The Pantaloons
Guildhall Promoted/
Drama

Wednesday 8 March

7.30pm

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£12.00 / £10.00
concessions

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LETTERS TO MYSELF

Guildhall Promoted/Drama
Saturday 25 March

7.30pm

Created from letters written by real people, Letters to Myself is a heart-warming and humorous look at the best advice we never had.

£12.00 / £10.00
concessions / Under 26

£5.00
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THE BUCKET LIST

Theatre Ad Infinitum
Guildhall Promoted/
Drama

Tuesday 11 April

7.30pm

When her mother is murdered for protesting corporate and governmental corruption, Milagros finds herself with only a bloodstained list of those responsible. Determined to make them pay, Milagros embarks on a passionate quest for justice, no matter the cost.

£12.00 / £10.00
concessions / Under 26

£5.00
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**MULTIBUY
OFFER**

METAMORPHOSIS BY STEVEN BERKOFF

Adapted from the novella
by Franz Kafka

Theatrical Niche

Wednesday 26 April

7.30pm

Waking to find himself transformed into a dung beetle one morning, Gregor must now seriously consider his options. This highly acclaimed adaptation by Steven Berkoff plunges into the extremity of Kafka's dark humour, and reveals a tremulous human heart.

£12.00 / £10.00
concessions / Under 26

£5.00
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Tickets must be purchased in the same transaction for offer to apply.
Discount can be redeemed online by adding all events to the basket.



FUNHOUSE COMEDY CLUB

Hire/Comedy
Guildhall Arts Centre Ballroom
Doors Open: 7.30pm
Show Starts: 8.15pm
£10.00

All shows Plus Guests and
compere Spiky Mike.



THURSDAY 26 JANUARY



RAYMOND AND MR TIMPKINS REVUE
Incredible high-energy musical act.
"Spectacularly funny"
TIME OUT



ANGELA BARNES
Regular panellist on
BBC2's Mock The Week.

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY



HAL CRUTTENDEN
Regular host on BBC's
Live At The Apollo.



TANYALEE DAVIS
As seen on John
Bishop Show and Live
At The Apollo.

THURSDAY 30 MARCH



ZOE LYONS
Regular panellist on
BBC2's Mock The Week.



KEITH FARNAN
As seen on Michael
McIntyre's Comedy
Roadshow.

THURSDAY 27 APRIL



JO CAULFIELD
Countless TV appearances
from this brilliant comedian.



IAN D. MONTFORT
As seen on BBC1's
outstanding new sitcom
Hospital People (launching
Spring 2017)





GRANTHAM MUSIC CLUB

Chapel Hill Duo

Wednesday 11th January 2017

7.30pm

Venue: The Hall of the King's School with Rachael Ueckermann (piano)

Isata Kanneh-Mason (Piano)

Wednesday 15th February 2017

7:30pm

Venue: The Hall of the King's School

Carducci String Quartet

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

7:30pm

Venue: The Hall of the King's School

PAUL JONES AND DAVE KELLY

Guildhall Promoted/Music

Founder members of The Blues Band, their tangled and colourful roots go way back into the true undergrowth of the tradition. As well as their own original material, they perform the works of Howling' Wolf, John Lee Hooker through to Sonny Boy Williamson. Presenter on his BBC Radio 2 R&B show, as a thrilling singer and harmonica maestro, what Paul Jones doesn't know about the Blues can be written on a pinhead. The same can be said about Europe's leading bluesman, Dave Kelly. He's played with legends such as James Burton and Buddy Guy. Superb blues vocals combined with guitar virtuosity have elevated Dave Kelly into the higher echelon of international blues performers, where he truly belongs. If you're a true Blues fan, everything you need is here.

Saturday 21 January

7.30pm

£21.00 / £20.00 concessions

ROCK INTO 2017

Hire/Music

We welcome you to 2017 with a show of Grantham's highly acclaimed stage artists. For the first time ever Grantham's favourites Trevor Leeson and Terry Carey will appear with the popular Premier Cru to perform songs from the 60's and 70's. Solo vocalists Craig Martini, Meg Mcpartlin and Dennis George who will comper the show complete the line up. This is a show not to be missed with live music for all tastes. The show is in support of the Grantham Twinning Association.

Friday 27 January

7.30pm

£12.50

STORIES FROM WINNIE THE POOH AND SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Star Academy

Hire/ Musical

We are introduced to all these well-loved characters - Christopher Robin, Kanga, Roo, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore and Owl, not forgetting Pooh - and follow their adventures in the 100 Aker Wood. Singin' In The Rain JR. has all the makings of a Tinseltown tabloid headline - the starlet, the leading man and a love affair that could change lives and make or break careers! In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item, but behind the scenes things aren't always as they appear on the big screen! Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress to do the talking and singing for her.

Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 February

7.30pm

£10.00

11 January - 22 March

7.30pm

£12.00 / £10.00 concessions - students go free!



GRANNY'S GAME

Rhubarb Theatre Company

Guildhall Promoted/Family

Be bold, roll the dice and take a chance!

Join Julia and John as they play 'Granny's Game', where a trip around the board becomes a globetrotting adventure! Wrestling snakes and climbing the ladders, our brave players risk everything in a high-stakes quest they'll never forget. Based on the inspiring real-life heroism of journalist and explorer Nellie Bly, Rhubarb Theatre present an exciting, new theatre show for intrepid adventurers of all ages!

Saturday 11 February

2.00pm

£6.00 / £5.00 concessions /

£20 family of four



GRANTHAM GANG SHOW

Hire/Variety

Come along and join us for an evening of entertainment provided by Grantham and District Scouts and Guides. The Gang Show cast ranges in age from 7 to 60 and as such this show has songs, sketches and jokes for the whole family to enjoy. The junior cast will take you back in time to the 'Wild West' while the seniors are 'Living for the Moment' and the entire cast 'Rule the World'.



VINCE'S JUKEBOX MEMORIES

Vince Eager

Hire/Music

Following their successful appearances in 2015, Vince Eager returns for one night only with his nostalgic Jukebox Memories show. Once again Chas Hodges of Chas and Dave, Brian "Licorice" Locking of the Shadows and Vince team up with the Memphis Tones to bring back those magical musical memories. As if the skiffle, The Shadows and sounds of the 50s and 60s aren't enough, it's all linked together tales from the men who helped turn it into memories.

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Thursday 16 – Saturday 18 February

Thurs – Fri: 7.30pm

Sat: 2.30pm & 7.30pm

£10.00/ £8.00 concessions

Sat 7.30pm: £10.00

Wednesday 22 February

7.30pm

£17.50



FREE FALLING – A DOUBLE BILL

HagitYakira Dance
Guildhall Promoted / Dance

Award-winning HagitYakira dance presents Free Falling, an open-hearted double bill of down-to-earth dance that's sensual, striking and a beautiful respite from the hustle and bustle.

Based on a collection of stories gathered through years of working as a therapist, HagitYakira has created a powerful and atmospheric mixed bill that eloquently unravels real life experiences about the common uncertainties we share.

Dance workshops available with the company - contact us to find out how to get involved in the performance!

Workshop: Monday 27 February
Show: Tuesday 28 February
 7.30pm

£12.00 / £10.00 concessions / Under 26 £5.00



MACBETH

Talk by Don Chiswell
Guildhall Promoted / Talk

Who was the real Macbeth? Was he the murderer and usurper in William Shakespeare's play? Contemporary records describe him as a brave leader and a generous king, who imposed law and order and encouraged Christianity during his 17 year reign. Why has his character been otherwise portrayed? Stay and watch the film 'Macbeth' at 2.00pm or 7.30pm! See page 5 for more details.

Wednesday 1 March
 12 Noon

£5.00 / £4.00 concessions
 book for the talk and get the 2.00pm film for just £2.50



IOLANTHE

Grantham Singers
Hire / Musical

The Grantham Singers present a concert version of the comic Gilbert and Sullivan operetta Iolanthe. Iolanthe is the fairy who never grows old but, for 25 years, she has been living in a stream as punishment for marrying a mortal. Her son Strephon (half mortal - half fairy) is in love with Phyllis but is being thwarted by the House of Lords who are all in love with her as well!

Featuring the rousing chorus Loudly let the trumpet bray, what ensues is a right royal battle of the sexes - with just a little bit of fairy magic!

Friday 3 & Saturday 4 March
 7.30pm

£9.00 / £8.00 concessions



PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

The Pantaloons

Guildhall Promoted/Drama

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Jane Austen's witty and romantic masterpiece is one of the best-loved stories of all time, dealing with the most important questions in life... Will Mrs Bennet manage to offload her numerous daughters in record time? Will Lizzy and Darcy actually get together? Will creepy Mr Collins just go away please? The literary classic gets the full Pantaloons treatment in this beautifully hilarious and delightfully innovative new adaptation.

"Glorious... A cleverly adapted, joyous comic makeover of the treasured story."


* * * * (The Stage)

Wednesday 8 March

7.30pm

£12.00 / £10.00 concessions



 The Mayor of Grantham's



THE MAYOR OF GRANTHAM'S CHARITY SHOW

Hire/Variety

The Mayor of Grantham's Charity Show
Friday 10th March 2017

An evening of Laughter, dance and show stopping songs.

The Mayor of Grantham is proud to showcase the incredible talents of local people.

This evening's show is to raise funds for the Grantham Carnival Events Group

Friday 10 March

7.30pm

£12.00 / £10.00 concessions

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MADE IN DAGENHAM

Harrowby Singers

Hire/Musical

Following their sell-out production of "Our House The Musical" Harrowby Singers bring you "Made in Dagenham" a New British Musical comedy based on the hit movie, inspired by the true story of the Women of Ford Dagenham who fought for equality. This heart-warming, uplifting story is about friendship, love and the importance of fighting for what is right, weaved together with classic British Banter, uplifting musical numbers, poignant moments of sobriety and a lot of laughs. Made in Dagenham is Made for You!

Wednesday 15 – Saturday 18 March

Wed – Fri 7.30pm

Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Wednesday: £10.00

Thursday – Saturday: £12.00

DISCO TOTS!



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*At the Guildhall Arts Centre
Guildhall Arts Centre Ballroom*

We are having a party! Join us for our hip club for under 7s and their happening parents! We play a bit of everything from current tunes to rock and roll to disco, mixing it up to make it fun for children and mums and dads alike!

Pre-booking highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

All Children must be accompanied.

Thursday 16 March
10am -12 Noon

Tickets: £3 (accompanying adults free)



ELECTRIC STRAWBS

Guildhall Promoted / Music

Strawbs are often mentioned in the same breath as progressive rock bands like Yes, King Crimson, and The Moody Blues. Strawbs emerged out of the British Folk Movement of the mid-1960s, starting life as the Strawberry Hill Boys playing bluegrass. They moved into the mainstream in 1967 by making the first Strawbs album, All Our Own Work, with Sandy Denny, a full year before she recorded her first album with Fairport Convention. The album attracted the attention of A&M Records in Hollywood who signed Strawbs as the first British band on the label.

The current Strawbs line-up comprises Dave Cousins, Dave Lambert, Chas Cronk, Tony Fernandez & Dave Bainbridge.

Monday 20 March
7.30pm

£20.00 / £18.00 concessions

GEORGIE FAME



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Guildhall Promoted/Music

With his much loved blend of Jazz and Rhythm & Blues, Georgie Fame has worked in the highest musical circles and has become a true icon of the British music scene.

So far there have been more than twenty albums and fourteen hit singles, including the Number 1's: Yeh Yeh, Get

Away and The Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde. In Georgie Fame you have bona fide music legend!

In this very special and intimate evening, audiences will be treated to Georgie's hits, alongside music from the Artists that have influenced him- all interspersed with personal stories and anecdotes from his incredible career.

Thursday 23 March
7.30pm

£22.00 / £20.00 concessions



THE ROTARY CONCERT

Join us in concert with Terry Carey, The Premier Cru, Craig Martini and The Grantham School of Dance. With Special Guest Nigel Truman! Join us for an evening of quality entertainment in aid of the Rotary Foundation and International Charities

The Comper for this evening will be Rotarian Robert Brownlow.

Friday 24th March
7.30pm
£12.50



LETTERS TO MYSELF

Guildhall Promoted/Drama

Dear Heart
Dear Me, You etc.

I've been given the opportunity to write to you and realised there are a few things I'd like to say. You are bright, unique and capable of anything. You are really more precious than you can imagine. You don't marry Keanu Reeves. I'm really sorry to break it to you.

Created from letters written by real people, Letters to Myself is a heart-warming and humorous look at the best advice we never had. Taking a trip down memory lane it is a recognition of our shared regret and a celebration of our daily triumphs.

Saturday 25 March
7.30pm
£12.00 / £10.00 concessions / Under 26 £5.00



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a new musical

THIRTEEN (13)

*New Youth Theatre –Seniors
Hire/Musical*

A grown-up story about growing up! When his parents get divorced and he's forced to move from New York to a small town in Indiana, Evan Goldman just wants to make friends and survive the school year. Easier said than done. The star quarterback is threatening to ruin his life and his only friend, Patrice, won't talk to him. The school freak sees an opportunity for blackmail and someone is spreading the nastiest rumours. With an unforgettable rock score from Tony Award-winning composer Jason Robert Brown, 13 is a hilarious, high-energy musical for all ages about discovering that cool is where you find it, and sometimes where you least expect it.

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 March
8.00pm
£8.50 / £7.50 concessions



MADAGASCAR JR.

New Youth Theatre – Juniors Hire/Musical

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip Hippo and of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime.

Alex the lion is the king of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape—with the help of some prodigious penguins—to explore the world.

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Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 March
6.30pm & 8pm
£8.50/ £7.50 Concessions

THE UNDERSTUDIES

Conceptual Arts Theatre Company Guildhall Promoted/Comedy

The Understudies is a story of a group of actors preparing for their opening night of a new show. Following the developments throughout the final week of their preparations, they are a long way behind schedule – and it's only getting worse. Complications arise through arrogant actors, wise-cracking technicians and a 'long-past-his-best' director trying desperately to recapture past glories. Will the stars of the show make it through the final week, or will the understudies, so far overlooked, need to step up?

The Understudies is a dark comedy brought to you by Conceptual Arts Theatre Company and showcases the darker side of the performing arts industry.

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Wednesday 5 April
7.30pm
£10.00/ £8.00 concessions / £5 under 26s and groups of 6+



THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

Starbright Entertainments Guildhall Promoted/Family

From the award-winning writers of Mary Poppins and Honk! comes a brand new adaptation of this classic fairy tale.

The Three Little Pigs set off into the big wide world to seek their fortune but news soon spreads of a Big Bad Wolf on the loose! Will their houses of straw, twigs and bricks be left standing or will the wolf huff and puff and blow them all down?

The Three Little Pigs teaches little ones how success can be achieved through hard work and perseverance. Filled with humour and toe tapping tunes, this musical will leave you squealing with glee and howling with laughter! Suitable for ages 3+ and their families.

Friday 7 April
1pm & 3.30pm
£8.00 / £7.00 concessions / £28.00 family of four



HEY BEATLES

Hire/Music

Hey Beatles return for their third show at Guildhall Arts Theatre with an all new set list of hits from the Fab Four. Hey Beatles perfectly capture the live feel and excitement of the band at their peak and their show on 8th April promises to be an unmissable event! Book early to avoid disappointment!

Saturday 8 April
7.30pm

£12.00 / £10.00 concessions



THE BUCKET LIST

Theatre Ad Infinitum

Guildhall Promoted/ Drama

The powerful story of one Mexican woman's fight for justice.

When her mother is murdered for protesting corporate and governmental corruption, Milagros finds herself with only a bloodstained list of those responsible. Determined to make them pay, Milagros embarks on a passionate quest for justice, no matter the cost. Using physical storytelling, live instrumental music and song; multi-award winning Theatre Ad Infinitum unfolds a story about love, loss and revenge.

Tour supported by Battersea Arts Centre.

Co-commissioned by Battersea Arts Centre, Bristol Old Vic, The Lowry, The North Wall.

Supported by Redbridge Drama Centre, Salisbury Playhouse, Theatre in the Mill, Theatre Bench and Anglo Arts.

Tuesday 11 April
7.30pm

£12.00 / £10.00 concessions / under 26 £5.00

**MULTIBUY
OFFER**



LEAPING FROG

Theatre Rotto

Guildhall Promoted/ Family

A new puppet adventure following the travels of a jaunty wood frog who leaves her home when she leaps unsuspectingly into BIG Pond! On a hair-raising ride down Running River she encounters MR FISHER the Heron and HONK the Spotted Skunk in Wide Awake Wood where icy winter lurks.

This charismatic and visual show is directed by Samuel Dutton - puppet captain at the RSC. The show includes storytelling and puppetry accompanied by live music and percussion. Along the way LEAPING FROG takes children on a natural history journey in a series of tantalising visual scenes created by Peter Quinnell. Join us for the workshop after the show! See page 6 for more details! Ideal for ages 3+

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Wednesday 12 April
2.00pm

**£7.00 / £6.00 concessions /
£20.00 Family of four**



CAROUSEL

*Grantham Operatics
Hire/Musical*

Written in 1945, this is a show packed with musical numbers well-known to most audiences, and football fans alike. The story follows the exploits of a carousel barker, Billy Bigalow, and a young mill worker Julie Jordan, who falls for him despite his temper. When he finds out he is to become a father he takes part in a robbery with disastrous consequences and he dies. Time passes and he is able to leave the after-life for a day and meet his daughter. Come along and enjoy The Carousel Waltz, You'll Never Walk Alone and many other popular numbers.

Thursday 20 to Saturday 22 April
Thursday & Friday 7.30pm
Saturday 22: 2.00pm & 7.30pm
Evening: £12.00
Matinee: £10.00



METAMORPHOSIS BY STEVEN BERKOFF

*Adapted from the novella by Franz Kafka
Theatrical Niche
Guildhall Promoted/Drama*

Waking to find himself transformed into a dung beetle one morning, Gregor must now consider his options. One of the most resonantly strange stories brought to stage, this highly acclaimed adaptation by Steven Berkoff plunges into the extremity of Kafka's dark humour, and reveals a tremulous human heart. "Metamorphosis" casts its beady eyes over the norms of society, illustrating alienation of one painfully normal individual with deft surrealism. Theatrical Niche Ltd tour this wonderful monstrosity, using signature touches of Physical Theatre and grotesque ensemble Puppetry. Awe-inspiring visuals in amongst a darkly funny and deeply disturbing modern masterpiece promise a jaw-dropping, belly-ache of an experience.

Wednesday 26 April
7.30pm
£12.00 / £10.00 concessions / Under 26 £5.00



THE MARTINI ENCOUNTER

Grant Koper Presents

Guildhall Promoted/ Music Comedy
Enter the jaded and threadbare world of Binkie, Maud, Muffy and Colin aka The Martini Encounter. Never refined but always eccentric, this naughty and flamboyant quartet celebrate their former 'careers' in what could be described as 'showbiz' basking in glorious close-harmony singing and a surprising cocktail of mischievous repartee and banging toons ranging from Talking Heads and to Scissor Sisters via Bonnie Tyler and Lionel Bart, accompanied by their ukuleles, the Stylaphone, the Musical Saw and other alleged 'instruments'. Following sensational appearances at the Edinburgh, Glastonbury and Latitude Festivals, this hilarious quartet burst from London cabaret scene to inflict their shtick and their very small instruments upon the nation.

Friday 28 April
7.30pm
£15.00 / £14.00 concessions
EARLY BIRD: £13.50 if you book before 1st Feb.



BALLET CENTRAL

Guildhall Promoted/Dance

Ballet Central's diverse range of dance and theatre returns under the auspices of its new artistic director Christopher Marney. See the company's young and dynamic dancers on the cusp of their professional careers showcasing newly commissioned works and celebrated masterpieces.

The repertoire for this year's tour features work by Sir Matthew Bourne, Indigo Children by Royal Ballet artist in residence Liam Scarlett, and a new version of the ballroom scene from Romeo & Juliet by former English National Ballet's Jenna Lee. It also includes a specially created work by Christopher Bruce, as well as excerpts from Petipa's La Bayadere and The Nutcracker.

The tour will also feature a scene from Dracula, choreographed by Michael Pink from the original production directed by Christopher Gable at Northern Ballet Theatre in 1996.

This family-friendly show is ideal for dance enthusiasts as well as those new to ballet. Don't miss this opportunity to see these highly talented dancers at the peak of their training as they launch their professional careers.

"...dancers at their very best" DanceEurope July 2016

Saturday 29 April

7.30pm

£14.00 / £13.00 concessions



SWEENEY TODD

School Edition

D2E Youth Drama

Guildhall/Musical

From the company that brought you Evita and Rent School Edition, we are now proud to present Stephen Sondheim's multi-award-winning musical 'Sweeney Todd'. In 19th-century London, Sweeney Todd is a prosperous and successful Fleet Street barber with a thirst for revenge. As he welcomes clients to his barber's chair, little do they know that they will soon be catapulted into the cellar below, their throats cut. Meanwhile, next door, Mrs Lovett is busy serving up her succulent meat pies, but will Todd's insatiable lust for blood prove his undoing? Recommended age 12+

Thursday 4 – Saturday 6 May

7.30pm

£8.50 / £7.50 concessions

Sneak Preview...



THE RONNIE SCOTT'S ALL STARS QUINTET PRESENT THE RONNIE SCOTT'S STORY

Guildhall Promoted/Music

Combining world class live jazz from the Ronnie Scott's All Stars Quintet, narration and rare archive photos and video footage, *The Ronnie Scott's Story* is a visual and musical celebration of the club. Charting the club's rise from a basement bar where local musicians would jam, through its trials and tribulations and landmark performances from now-legendary jazz icons, to become the internationally acclaimed jazz venue it is today.

Mixing classic music from the jazz greats who have performed at Ronnie Scott's, alongside tales of old Soho, miscreant musicians and police raids, this is unique evening celebrating one of the world's most famous jazz venues, its music, and history.

Thursday 18 May

7.30pm

£18.00 / £16.00 concessions



THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER

Full House

Guildhall Promoted/Family

In this topsy-turvy re-telling we meet Geoff, a lovable retired shoemaker. Now in his twilight years Geoff struggles with his memory and the patchwork of his past.

One day at the bottom of his garden he is visited by two magical friends who help him to recall the old days in the shoe shop, reliving the hard times, the good times and the magic! The Elves help Geoff to remember his glorious past and eventually he realises that a little bit of elf magic is all he needs to give his wife the only thing she's ever wanted, just in time for her 90th Birthday.

The show features original toe-tapping music, laugh out loud characters, puppetry and even a little bit of real magic! Just like a comfy old slipper, *The Elves and the Shoemaker* is a story sure to make old and young alike feel all warm and cosy inside.

Saturday 3 June

1.00pm & 4.00pm

£8.00/ £7.00 concessions/ £28.00 family of four

BOOKINGS



Box Office

BOX OFFICE

01476 406158

www.guildhallartscentre.com

Our Box office is open
Monday to Friday 9.30am-
5.00pm, Saturday 9.30am
– 2.00pm and 45 prior to
performances.

PAYMENT

We accept cash, card, cheques
or gift vouchers purchased
from the Guildhall Arts Centre
over the phone or in person.
Online bookings accept card
and NEW Gift vouchers.

RESERVATIONS AND COLLECTIONS

Reserved tickets must be paid
for within 5 days or within

3 days of the
performance,
whichever is
sooner. IF they
are not paid
for in this time
the tickets will
be released for
sale. Prepaid
tickets should
be collected at
least 15 minutes
before the start of
a show.



REFUNDS

Regretfully we are unable to
refund money or exchange
tickets. If an event is sold out,
we will try to sell unwanted
tickets.

CHILDREN

Children under 12 years must
be accompanied by an adult
and will only be admitted
into performances that are
deemed age appropriate.
All children require a ticket.
'Babes in arms' tickets are
available on selected shows
for babies 18 months and
under.

GROUP SAVINGS

Book more than 10 tickets for
any 'Guildhall Promoted' show
and get the 11th ticket free!
Look out for family group
deals and student concessions
on selected shows throughout
the season. Tickets must
be purchased in the same
transaction for offer to apply.
Discount can be redeemed
online by adding all events to
the basket.

YOUR VISIT

All public areas inside the
Guildhall are accessible

to wheelchair users with a
lift to the first and second
floor with disabled toilet
facilities on the ground
floor. There is an induction
loop in the auditorium and
assistance dogs are welcomed
throughout the building.
Anyone requiring assistance
should inform the venue prior
to visiting and we will be more
than happy to help.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Take advantage of the
Guildhall's positive profile in
Grantham and its reach within
the community by becoming
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TOURIST INFORMATION

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staff and find out where
to stay, eat and places of
interest within the local area.
You can visit online at [www.
southwestlincs.com](http://www.southwestlincs.com) or pick up
a copy of our visitor guide.

THE VENUE



The Guildhall is a unique Victorian Grade II listed building with a variety of spaces available for every occasion including performances, conferences, meetings, workshops, weddings and parties.

With its town centre location, friendly staff, excellent transport links and parking close-by: make The Guildhall your first choice for venue hire in Grantham, Lincolnshire and the East Midlands.



FROM WEDDINGS TO CONFERENCES...

The former town hall's imposing Victorian clock tower dominates St Peter's Hill in the town centre making it well situated and easy to find. Behind the grand façade are a range of rooms and support facilities to accommodate a variety of occasions. Spaces for hire include the Grand Victorian Ballroom, the 210-seat auditorium and a selection of meeting and training rooms. The Ballroom and the Newton Room are licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships and a popular choice for receptions and parties.



CATERING FOR EVERY OCCASION...

A variety of buffet lunches, including sparkling wine and canapés for weddings, are available from the Guildhall's in-house coffee shop and bar from just £3.00 a head, made on site from locally sourced produce including home-made cakes and Rainforest Alliance coffees. If you'd like to bring in a certified caterer for your event, we also have a function kitchen and a range of support equipment for hire.

FRIENDLY, HELPFUL SERVICE...

At the Guildhall we understand that organising events can be



stressful which is why our front of house team make every effort to ensure your event runs as smoothly as possible from arranging your room to supplying technical support.

ACCESS ALL AREAS...

All public areas inside The Guildhall are accessible to wheelchair users with a lift to the first and second floors. There are disabled toilet facilities on the ground floor and an induction loop in the auditorium. Anyone requiring assistance should inform the venue prior to visiting and we will be more than happy to help.



THE GRAND VICTORIAN BALLROOM

Licensed for civil ceremonies

If you want an impressive setting for your event with great service at the right price, look no further than the Ballroom. Accessed through the grand front entrance and up the sweeping staircase, or via the lift, this versatile space can be set up to suit your individual needs. The Ballroom can hold up to 200 people for a party and 120 seated at tables and has a small stage (optional), sprung dance floor and licensed bar. Adjacent is the function kitchen which can be hired for use by certified caterers.



COURTYARD GARDEN

Use of The Guildhall's pretty courtyard garden is included in our great value wedding package. Located at the rear of the Guildhall and the neighbouring Museum, it's the perfect place for you and your guests to relax outside and take photos. Enclosed on all sides, this area is both pretty and private with ample seating and tables. Available at weekends only.

THE THEATRE

The Guildhall Theatre can seat up to 210 people and hosts performances, workshops, lectures and seminars throughout the year. The theatre is equipped with professional quality sound and lighting systems, an excellent



upright piano, cinema screen and two fully fitted dressing rooms with adjoining showers and toilets. The theatre also has an induction loop and assistance dogs are welcome throughout the building.

THE NEWTON ROOM & STUDIO 4

Newton Room Licensed for Civil Ceremonies

These rooms can accommodate smaller functions and meetings. The Newton Room is situated on the ground floor and can be used for small performances, parties, lectures, sales and meetings and is also licensed for civil ceremonies, seating up to 70 people. Studio 4, situated on the first floor with lift access, can



comfortably seat up to 20 people for meetings and lectures.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Overhead projector, screens, flipcharts, television, video, DVD player, Power Point, slide projector, public announcement systems (for Ballroom and Theatre only), and photocopier.

**To make a booking,
arrange a viewing or
check availability:**

**Tel: 01476 406159 Email:
t.purdy@southkesteven.gov.uk**

Spring 2017 Live Events Diary

January

Wed 11	7.30pm	Chapel Hill Duo
Sat 21	7.30pm	Paul Jones and Dave Kelly
Mon 23	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Me Before You (Cert 12A)
Thurs 26	8.15pm	Funhouse Comedy
Fri 27	7.30pm	Rock into 2017

February

Wed 8 - Fri 10	7.30pm	Star Academy
Sat 11	2.00pm	Granny's Game
Wed 15	7.30pm	Isata Kanneh-Mason
Thurs 16	7.30pm	Grantham Gang show
Fri 17	7.30pm	Grantham Gang show
Sat 18	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Grantham Gang show
Fri 17	10.00am & 1.30pm	Lego Workshop
Wed 22	7.30pm	Vince's Jukebox Memories
Thurs 23	7.00pm	Life Drawing Class with Sarah Watson
Thurs 23	8.15pm	Funhouse Comedy
Tue 28	7.30pm	Free Falling – Hagit Yakira

March

Wed 1	12 Noon	Macbeth – Don Chiswell
Wed 1	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Macbeth (Cert 15)
Fri 3	8.00pm	80's Icons
Fri 3 – Sat 4	7.30pm	Iolanthe
Tues 7	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Bridget Jones's Baby (Cert 15)
Wed 8	7.30pm	Pride and Prejudice
Fri 10	7.30pm	The Mayor of Grantham's Charity Show
Wed 15	7.30pm	Made in Dagenham
Thurs 16	7.30pm	Made in Dagenham
Thurs 16	10.00am	Disco Tots!
Friday 17	7.30pm	Made in Dagenham
Sat 18	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Made in Dagenham
Sat 18	8.00pm	Ross Noble
Mon 20	7.30pm	Electric Strawbs

Wed 22	7.30pm	Carducci String Quartet
Thurs 23	7.30pm	Georgie Fame
Fri 24	7.30pm	The Rotary Concert
Sat 25	7.30pm	Letters to Myself
Mon 27 & Tue 28	8.00pm	Thirteen (13)
Wed 29 - Thurs 30	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Madagascar Jr.
Thurs 30	8.15pm	Funhouse Comedy

April

Tues 4	10am	Mamma Mia Easter Camp
Tues 4	12noon and 1.00pm	Finding Dory Craft Workshop
Tues 4	2.00pm	Finding Dory (Cert PG)
Wed 5	7.30pm	The Understudies
Thurs 6	7.30pm	Aljaz Skorjanec – Remembering Fred
Fri 7	1.00pm & 3.30pm	The Three Little Pigs
Sat 8	7.30pm	Hey Beatles
Tue 11	7.30pm	The Bucket List
Wed 12	2.00pm	Leaping Frog
Wed 12	3.30pm	Leaping Frog Craft Workshop
Thurs 20	7.30pm	Carousel
Friday 21	7.30pm	Carousel
Sat 22	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Carousel
Wed 26	7.30pm	Metamorphosis
Thurs 27	8.15pm	Funhouse Comedy
Fri 28	7.30pm	The Martini Encounter
Sat 29	7.30pm	Ballet Central

May

Thurs 4 - Sat 6	7.30pm	Sweeney Todd
Thurs 18	7.30pm	Ronnie Scott's All Stars Quintet Present the Ronnie Scott's Story

June

Sat 3	1.00pm & 4.00pm	The Elves and the Shoemaker
Fri 30	7.30pm	Giovanni Pernice – Dance is Life



Please note: Events at The Meres Leisure Centre are unreserved seating unless otherwise stated.

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