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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to our historic Guildhall Arts Centre in the heart of Grantham.

The imposing Guildhall has served many purposes since it was built on its current St Peter's Hill site in 1866, including a courthouse and jail. For the last 25 years it has made a wonderfully evocative Arts Centre which, in conjunction with its sister facility in Stamford, plays host to more than a million visitors each year.

I would like to thank not only our team, ably led by Graham Burley, but also the many volunteers that help support this fantastic venue and help create such a unique community atmosphere. I often hear it said that visitors to the Guildhall Arts Centre in Grantham want to know more about our sister Arts Centre in Stamford and vice versa. If this is the case, check out page 20 to see if we can tempt you!

As the Leader of the Council, I am passionate about making the most of our arts, our culture and our heritage. These are the things that attract visitors and make our district such a great place in which to live, work and invest. I was therefore delighted to confirm that South Kesteven District Council will be investing in improvements to the Guildhall over the next three years, as well as a number of other programmes, the creation of a 'heritage quarter' from St Wulfram's Church and, of course, the new cinema.

The Guildhall's diverse programme includes cutting edge contemporary drama from Casson and Friends with 'A Night at the Theatre' and an exploration of dementia with New Perspective's 'Finding Nana' and top music night's with Bellowhead's front man Jon Boden and superior singing star Barbara Dickson. As you know we promote larger events at the Meres in Grantham such as Brendan Cole and Jimmy Carr as well as celebrating 25 years of our Music in Quiet Places concert series, so watch out for more details later in the year!

After the enormous success of the third Georgian Festival in Stamford, don't forget that it's Grantham's turn in 2018, with the stunning Gravity Fields Festival from 26-30 September. Find out more at www.gravityfields.co.uk.

In the meantime, thank you for your patronage and we look forward to seeing you and your family and friends very soon.

Councillor Matthew Lee

The Leader - South Kesteven District Council

MULTIBUY OFFER purchase for 2 or more of these events and get £2 off each ticket! Tickets must be purchased in the same transaction.



Finding Nana



Casket Case



Brave Face



War of the Worlds



You've Got Dragons



Councillor Matthew Lee pictured above front right with the Arts Centre Team.

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Our box office is open
9.30am – 5.00pm
weekdays, 9.30am –
2.00pm on Saturdays
and 45 minutes prior to
performances

www.guildhallartscentre.com



You can buy tickets online
24 hours a day,
7 days a week!



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4 Why not pop in for a coffee or a bite to eat?



Peter Pan

Polkadot Pantomimes fly off to the magical world of Neverland as we proudly present Peter Pan at the Guildhall Arts Centre. Our Enchanting family musical will be full of fun and festive cheer!

We also have our relaxed performance on Tuesday 2 January at 2.00pm. There is a relaxed attitude to noise and movement and some small changes made to light and sound effects. Call the box office or go online to check availability for our few remaining shows!



My Cousin Rachel (12A)

Dir: Roger Michell
Starring: Rachel Weisz, Sam Claflin

Daphne Du Maurier's 19th century period novel is given a suitably high-gloss treatment in this alluring mystery about a man who falls in love with the woman who may have murdered his guardian.

1hr 46mins

2.00pm showing with subtitles for hard of hearing and d/Deaf audiences.

Grantham Music Club



Oliver Pashley (Clarinet) with Edward Liddall (Piano)

Wednesday 17 January
7:30pm

Venue: The Hall of the King's School
£12.00 – Students Free

Richard Roddis & friends

Music and songs for St Valentine's Day

Wednesday 14 February
7:30pm

Venue: The Hall of the King's School
£12.00 – Students Free



Sheku Kanneh-Mason ('Cello) with Isata Kanneh-Mason (Piano)

BBC Young Musician of the Year 2016

Saturday 14 April
7:30pm

Venue: ChristChurch, Finkin Street
£12.00/ £6.00 students



All concerts open to non-members.

*Saturday 9 December 2017 –
Sunday 7 January 2018*
Various times
**£15/ £13.50 concessions/ £50.00
family of four/ £12 groups of 10+**

Wednesday 17 January
2.00pm & 7.30pm
£4.00/ £3.00 concessions





Rock Into 2018

By popular demand, following the sell out success in 2017, we present the sequel for 2018. The show stars Terry Carey, comedienne/singer Ali James, Mike Shelby by the very best Elvis entertainer and Grantham's 60's and 70's live band the Premier Cru. An evening of foot tapping singalong songs from the best of rock and roll is promised. The show is compered by singer Dennis George. Please get your tickets early as another sell out is expected.

The show is in support of the Grantham Twinning Association.

**COMMUNITY
SHOW**

Friday 19 January
7.30pm
£12.50

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY



Plus Guests



DOMINIC HOLLAND

Numerous TV appearances including Have I Got News For You? He is also father of Spiderman actor Tom Holland!

CHRISTIAN REILLY

Wonderful guitar-toting funnyman

THURSDAY 29 MARCH



Plus Guests



JO CAULFIELD

Countless TV appearances, including Live at the Apollo and Mock The Week.

ROB ROUSE

As seen on Ben Elton's hit BBC2 Shakespeare sitcom 'Upstart Crow'

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY



Plus Guests



JUSTIN MOORHOUSE

TV appearances include Live at the Apollo and Phoenix Nights.

GARY DELANEY

Regular Mock The Week panellist

THURSDAY 26 APRIL



Plus Guests



ALAN HUDSON

As seen on ITV's The Next Great Magician and Penn and Teller: Fool Us

STEVE HALL

Regular support act for Russell Howard's arena tours.



Funhouse Comedy Club

Guildhall Arts Centre
Ballroom

Doors Open: 7.30pm

Show Starts: 8.15pm

£10.00

All shows
compered by
Spiky Mike.



6 Hire one of our many rooms! See page 23 for details...



King For A Day – the Nat King Cole Story

King for a Day, is the brand new concert from acclaimed jazz vocalist, Atila, celebrating one of the defining voices of the Twentieth Century: Nat 'King' Cole. Featuring world-class live music from Atila and his stellar group of musicians, narration and projected archive images, this is a unique concert celebrating his music.

This thoughtful and entertaining new show takes a fresh look at the life and work of the timeless Nat King Cole - whose vocal styling in songs such as Nature Boy, Unforgettable and When I Fall in Love defined a golden era of music.



Dunkirk (12A)

Dir: Christopher Nolan
Starring: Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy, Kenneth Branagh

One of the key events of modern British history was the evacuation of thousands of allied soldiers stranded on the beaches of Dunkirk, an astonishing story of heroism, fortitude, and the ferocity of battle.

1hr 50mins

'Intensely dramatic and moving'
The Independent



Spotlight Dance

Spotlight is a Schools dance production. Our ethos and drive is to put Melton Dance onto the stage for all to see. The aim of this show is to unite Melton Dance and to share ideas of work that is taking place across the area. The dances performed will vary from dances created in curriculum lessons, those taught during extra-curricular clubs, adult classes to dances choreographed and developed by performers in their own time.

We are thrilled to be able to continue to offer our dancers this valuable and rewarding experience and continue their journey through dance.



MERES LIVE

BRENDAN COLE

ALL NIGHT LONG

Strictly Come Dancing's Brendan Cole takes to the stage with his sensational guest dancers to wow audiences in his latest spectacular production, All Night Long.

An extravagant mix of Latin fever and ballroom magic - with a few surprises in store - this is no ordinary dance show.

Live music, stunning special effects and Brendan's own dazzling choreography and charm make this an unforgettable night; join us for the party!
This event is unreserved seating.

Friday 26 January
7.30pm

£16.00/ £14.00 concessions

Friday 2 February
2.00pm & 7.30pm

£4.00/ £3.00 concessions



Wednesday 7 – Thursday 8 February
7.00pm

£7.00/ £5.00 concessions

Friday 9 February
7.30pm

£36.00/ £34.00 concessions (includes
£1 booking fee)

Meres Live, Trent Road, Grantham,
NG31 7XQ

LIVE

**Meres
LIVE**



**The Nick Ross Orchestra
Present Sounds of The
Glenn Miller Era**

SELLING FAST!

The lights soften, the mood settles. An audience waits for that first moment of sound. The Big Band is poised, relaxed, but with eyes anxious for the lead.

And then, as if giving body to an echo, the murmured notes of 'Moonlight Serenade'...and the night, it seems, is suddenly full and timeless. Recapture the sounds of a bygone era as the Nick Ross Orchestra presents 'an unmissable evening of music and song' – the Classic Big Band Sound of the 1940s.

Saturday 10 February
7.30pm
£21.00/ £20.00 concessions



The Dead Sea

Louise has lost her sense of adventure and spends her days observing sponges, which is pretty boring. She would love to journey to the deep ocean, if only she wasn't so afraid of the water!

As a child she wanted to be the world's greatest ocean explorer and liked nothing more than to play her toy turtle and inflatable killer whale!

With a mission to the deep ocean at stake, will she conquer her fear of the sea? Louise is looking to get all ages excited about saving our planet and ocean conservation. Made in partnership with the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. Suitable for ages 7+ Free post show Q&A

You can also see this show at Stamford Arts Centre on Saturday 20 January!

Tuesday 13 February
2.00pm
£6.00/ £5.00 concessions/ £20 family of four



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8 Check out the Art Exhibitions in the Coffee Shop Gallery!



Disco Toddlers!

We are having a party! Join us for our hip club for pre-schoolers 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 mums and dads alike!

Pre booking highly recommended to avoid disappointment. All children must be accompanied.



 The Mayor of Grantham's



Mayors Charity Show

The Mayor of Grantham, Councillor Mike Cook welcomes you to a fun and entertaining night.

The Mayor's Charity Show 2018 will showcase the best of Grantham's considerable talent. Enjoy a wonderful Evening of song dance and comedy. Come and be awed by the moves of the Grantham Cheerleaders, dazzled by Grantham School of Dance, serenaded by Trevor Leeson and Terry Carey. The inimitable AJ will make you chuckle in your chairs and Carol's captivating compere will round off a thoroughly enjoyable night suitable for all.



Rhubarb Theatre

Plus Workshop from 11am – 12noon!
Maisie is hiding and thinks she's found the perfect place – Sidney's Shed. But this is no ordinary shed, and Sidney Waffles is no ordinary gardener...The potty flower-potter has made some unusual improvements to his allotment. Sidney has created the world's first time travelling shed!

Join Sidney and the bravest little girl on their time-travelling journey to dig up the past and weed out the bullies! A new family show for gardeners and adventurers of all ages - bursting with historical hilarity, songs, music and prize-winning rhubarb!

"Sidney's Shed" is a fun and fast paced adventure through time for all the family.

Suitable for 5+ years



Time-Travelling Adventure Workshop

Sidney's not the only inventor around, join Rhubarb Theatre as we create our own Time-machine! Together we'll make our own time-travelling adventure - bouncing around through time and space has never been so much fun!

Ideal age 5 - 9 years

Venue: Guildhall Ballroom

Thursday 15 February

10.00am – 11.30am

£3.00 (accompanying adults free)

Friday 16 February

7.30pm

£12.00

Saturday 17 February

1.30pm

£6.00/ £5.00/ £20.00 family of four

Saturday 17 February

Workshop in the Ballroom from

11am – 12noon

£3.00 per child

FINDING NANA



*New Perspectives
in association with LOV*

Room 17. Four walls full of lipstick, laughter, hairspray and Horlicks. Nana is nut brown and wrinkled and she has chicken fillets for arms. And she treats me like I'm way more amazing than I actually am.' Set in a seaside hotel of halcyon childhood summers, this autobiographical play by award-winner Jane Upton journeys back to find a beloved Nana before she forgot who she was. Following hit plays *Bones*, *Swimming* and *All the Little Lights*, *Finding Nana* is about the universal, unconditional love between a granddaughter and her Nana and the ugly truth of losing it all.

You can also see this show at Stamford Arts Centre on Friday 23 February!



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**Wednesday 21 February
7.30pm
£10.00/ £8.00 concessions/ £5.00
under 26s and school groups**

The Grantham Singers



A Sentimental Journal

Grantham Singers

The Grantham Singers invite you to take *A Sentimental Journey* through song. This varied programme will include music from the realms of folk, opera, Gilbert & Sullivan and songs of WWI. Our voyage continues with a trip through the early 20th century and the world of Broadway and West End musicals. So pack up your troubles and join us for a feast of song.



**Friday 23 – Saturday 24 February
7.30pm
£9.00/ £8.00 concessions**



Casket Case

Flickbook Theatre

Lightning. Heights. Raw Meat. Bears. Knives. Spiders... and death, obviously. *Casket Case* is a show about our fear of death, dying and being dead. It's about Jozey, who doesn't really do anything that could possibly, even slightly, increase her risk of dying. Not even putting salt on her chips. Madness. Her anxieties are spiralling out of control and her friends are faced with just two options - kill, or cure. *Casket Case* is part story, part cabaret, part totally morbid curiosity. After all, none of us are getting out of here alive. Supported by public funding from Arts Council England and commissioned by Lincoln Performing Arts Centre.



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**Wednesday 28 February
7.30pm
£10.00/ £8.00
concessions/ £5.00
under 26s and school
groups**

10 Did you know we are a licensed Wedding Venue?



Chairman's Charity Gala

Join Cllr Bob Sampson, the Chairman of South Kesteven District Council, for a very special evening celebrating some of the amazing talent our district has to offer. An evening of music, dance and surprises.



Friday 2 March
7.30pm
£10.00



FOLK DOUBLE BILL

Leveret and Spiro

The Eccentric Orbits Tour

Featuring seven of the UK's top instrumentalists in two incredible ensembles, the Eccentric Orbits Tour showcases the unique and distinctive music of Leveret and Spiro in a show that will fly the flag for new English instrumental music. The two groups share much of the same raw material – tunes from a handful of 18th-century tunebooks, as well as original compositions – but their musical orbits follow widely divergent paths. Leveret rely on their mutual trust and intuition to create their music entirely in the moment – there are no arrangements and the focus shifts constantly and compellingly between three masters of their instruments.

Saturday 3 March
7.30pm
£16.00/ £14.00 concessions



Night at the Theatre

Casson & Friends

Set at night in an abandoned theatre; when three friends become trapped, little do they know that they will soon become the stars of their own show.

An integrated (disabled and non-disabled) cast of three performers provide the perfect introduction to dance, helping audiences discover the amazing things that can happen at the theatre, and even create their own performance! Night at the Theatre sparks the imagination of children and adults alike. It's accessible performance for everyone, so come along, join in and let's make a dance! For children aged 4+ (and their grown ups).

You can also see this show at Stamford Arts Centre on Wednesday 21 March!

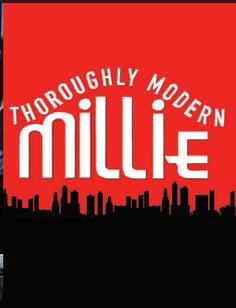
SCHOOLS SHOW
Free Teachers Tickets!



Tuesday 6 March
Schools Show: 1.30pm
Family Show: 6.30pm
£5.00



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JASON MANFORD

MUDDLE CLASS TOUR

Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr. & Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes

Star Academy

Star Academy Senior Students Present fun flappers, dashing leading men and a villainess audiences will love to hate. This is a clever adaptation of the six-time-Tony-Award-winning Best Musical. It's the high-spirited musical romp that has New York dancing the Charleston! It's 1922 in New York City, and Millie Dillmount has just moved to the Big Apple in search of a new life. However, her plan goes completely awry. Millie's wealthy boss is slow in proposing, and the man she actually falls in love with doesn't have a dime – or so he tells her.

Star Academy Junior students present two classic tales in one 'Big Bad Show'.



Friday 9 March: 7.30pm
Saturday 10 March: 2.30pm & 7.30pm
£10.00

He's back! It's been a busy few years for Jason since his last smash-hit stand up show but fans of his Absolute Radio show will know this nationally acclaimed comedian hasn't changed a bit. 'Muddle Class' promises to feature a wealth of new material about Jason growing up 'working class' then finding, over the years, that part of him has become 'middle class' - causing much confusion! Delivered with Jason's amiable charm and captivating wit, this is a show not to be missed. This event is reserved seating.

Friday 9 March
7.30pm
£28.50 (includes
£1 booking fee)

Meres Live, Trent Road,
Grantham, NG31 7XQ



A Brave Face

Vamos Theatre

Afghanistan: 2009. Under bright blue skies, a small girl stands and watches the soldier. She smiles, just like his sister...Ryan is there to see the world, learn a trade, get a life. Training is complete, combat is a buzz; he's part of a team, and knows his job. But on one particular hot and desperate tour of duty, Ryan sees things he can't talk about, to anyone. And then, when he returns home, the trouble really begins.

A Brave Face is suitable for audiences age 12 years +

This show is accessible for hearing and d/Deaf audiences alike.

Tuesday 13 March
7.30pm
£12.00/ £10.00
concessions/ £5.00
under 26 and school
groups





Victoria and Abdul (12A)

Dir: Stephen Friers
Starring: Judi Dench, Michael Gambon, Ali Fazal

As Queen Victoria nears her Golden Jubilee a young Indian clerk, Abdul Karim, is attached to the monarch's court and gradually develops a devoted, if controversial, friendship with the world's most powerful woman. A truly royal treat.

1hr 46mins



Croabh Rua

Croabh Rua are back, and it promises to be another very special and compelling celebration of Irish music and song from Belfast's favourites.

This exciting acoustic four-piece take a refreshing un-pretentious and uncommonly skilled run at some of the greatest music in the world. Croabh Rua (pronounced Crave Ru-ah) play Irish Traditional Music from the heart. A rich sound, acoustic driven, this is traditional Celtic fare at its finest, mixing rousing jigs, reels and polkas with tender ballads and airs. Driven by uilleann pipes, fiddle, whistles and the exciting banjo and mandolin playing of group founder Brian Connolly with passionate vocals from Jim Rainey.

WAR OF THE WORLDS



The Pantaloons

"No one would have believed in the last years of the nineteenth century that this world was being watched keenly and closely by intelligences greater than man's..." Fewer would have believed in the first years of the twenty-first century that H. G. Wells' sci-fi classic would be performed live by four actors with intelligences lesser than average.

The Pantaloons invade the stage in this funny new adaptation as they use musical instruments, puppetry and, um, enthusiasm to recreate deadly heat-rays, giant fighting-machines, squidgy tentacled Martians and interplanetary warfare on an epic scale. The chances of success? A million to one...

Wednesday 14 March
2.00pm & 7.30pm
£4.00/ £3.00 concessions



Friday 16 March
7.30pm
£15.00/ £13.00 concessions

Wednesday 21 March
7.30pm
£12.00/ £10.00 concessions/ £8 under 26 and school groups





Singing in the Rain Jr

New Youth Theatre

New Youth Theatre Seniors present the "Greatest Movie Musical of All Time" Singin' in the Rain Jr.

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.

Come along and tap your toes to the much loved musical numbers; 'Make Em Laugh', 'Good Morning' and of course 'Singing in the Rain'.



Monday 26 – Tuesday 27 March
8.00pm
£9.00/ £8.50 concessions



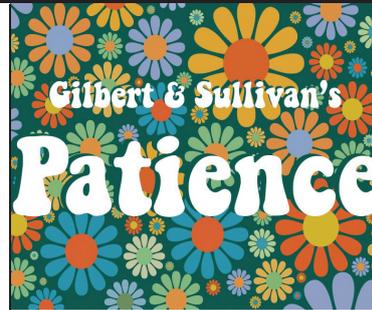
Wizard of Oz Young Performers

New Youth Theatre

Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas, like so many girls her age, often dreams of what may lie over the rainbow. One day a tornado hits her home town and carries her away to Munchkinland. Dorothy wants to go home to Kansas and persuades three friends to accompany her on a trip to the Emerald City to see the Wizard of Oz. Join Dorothy and her friends, Lion, Scarecrow and Tinman on their magical musical adventure to meet the famous Wizard of Oz.



Wednesday 28 March – Juniors Group A
Thursday 29 March – Juniors Group B
6.30pm & 8.00pm
£9.00/ £8.50 concessions



Patience

Grantham Operatics

Bold Dragoons returning home, Amazed to learn their lovers roam, Seduced by Bunthorne, grim poet Who loves but one all loveless yet: The milkmaid Patience, thinking of Her childhood friend, her only love. Aestheticism, love and rhymes Updated for more modern times. From Gilbert and Sullivan, we present a treat for all to see!



Thursday 5 – Saturday 7 April
7.30pm
Thurs: £12.00/ £10.00 concessions
Fri – Sat: £12.00



New Youth Theatre Easter Camp

Truly Scrumptious - inspired by the hit musical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Performance 3pm

A great opportunity for young performers aged between 6-14 years to work towards a mini-production in 3 days. The workshop will include acting, singing and dancing. 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

Wednesday 4 – Friday 6 April
10.00 – 4.00pm
£65 plus free entry to the show.

14 Our Box Office Team can sell tickets for events at Stamford Arts Centre too!



EASTER BUNNY EGGS FACTOR

Everyone is excited about the Easter Bunny's singing competition - but who will Fluffy think has got The Eggs Factor?

Marty MacDonald, Henrietta Hen and Professor Pinky are all going to enter - can you help them practice and see if YOU have The Eggs Factor too? The prize is an exciting visit to the hidden Chocolate Factory - and a special chocolate treat from the Easter Bunny himself!

Join the fun, songs and laughter in Easter Bunny's Eggs Factor, then meet the Easter Bunny afterwards and receive a special Easter treat!

Price includes meet and greet and gift with every child's ticket purchased - Not including lap tickets. Suitable for 2 - 7 year olds

Lasts approximately 40 minutes.



Easter Crafts With Creation Station!

Once you've met the Easter Bunny and received your special Easter Treat, why not pop along to the Ballroom for some Easter themed crafts?

Spaces are limited, so book fast!



You've Got Dragons

Taking Flight

"Dragons come when you least expect it. You turn round...and they're there." Lots of people get them; bad dreams, swirly tummy, feeling prickly. So, what can a young child with a bad case of the dragons do?

A delightful tale of one child's journey to come to terms with their dragons with live, original music, this highly visual, sensitive production is a humorous and touching exploration of the dragons we all face.

An intergenerational show aimed at 4 - 10 year olds, featuring creative captioning, interwoven BSL and audio description, You've Got Dragons is a treat for the whole family and everyone leave with a sticker, programme and wristband!

"I'm so glad I took three of my children to see your production of 'You've Got Dragons'. Little did I know the profound effect it would have on us!"

Monday 9 April
1.30pm

£10.00/ £9.00 concessions/
£36.00 family of four



Monday 9 April
2.30pm - 4.00pm

£2.00 per child (children must be accompanied)

Thursday 12 April
2.00pm

£7.50/ £6.50 conc./ £20.00 family of four





Jump, Jive & Wail Starring The Jive Aces

The UK's No.1 Jive & Swing band The Jive Aces, are renowned worldwide for their high-energy music and spectacular stage show. They are perhaps best known as the first live band to reach the final rounds of "Britain's Got Talent" and for their award winning viral video, "Bring Me Sunshine", which has 3 million views online!

This swinging sextet have performed for The Queen, as well as working with Van Morrison, John Travolta among many others.

They famously cheered up Simon Cowell and wowed the judges on "BGT". Other TV appearances include: "Strictly Come Dancing", "Children in Need" "Good Day Los Angeles" and "The Alan Titchmarsh Show".

Friday 13 April
7.30pm
£17.00/ £16.00 concessions



Hey Beatles

Hey Beatles showcase the Fab Four's biggest hits at Guildhall Arts Centre on Saturday 14 April 2018.

Hey Beatles perfectly capture the live feel and excitement of the band at their peak and their show promises to be an unmissable event! Book early to avoid disappointment!

Saturday 14 April
7.30pm
£12.00/ £10.00 concessions



Disco Toddlers!

We are having a party! Join us for our hip club for pre-schoolers 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 mums and dads alike!

Pre booking highly recommended to avoid disappointment. All children must be accompanied.

Venue: Guildhall Ballroom
Thursday 19 April
10.00am – 11.30am
£3.00 (accompanying
adults free)



See How They Run

St Peter's Hill Players

A comedy/ farce by Philip King. It is 1943. In the vicarage of Merton-Cum-Middlewick we find Penelope, an ex-actress, and her husband, Reverend Lionel Toop. Miss Skillon, a churchgoer, comes to complain about Penelope's latest 'outrages', before Lionel leaves, on business, for the night.

An old co-star of Penelope's, L/Cpl Clive Winton arrives to invite Penelope out. To dodge army regulations he puts on one of Lionel's suits, dog-collar and all!

Add to this; a bishop and vicar who arrive early, a cockney maid, a bottle of cooking sherry and a German POW disguised as...a vicar! Who is the real Lionel? Ask Penelope, can't we?



Thursday 19 – Saturday 21 April
7.30pm
£8.50/ £7.50 concessions

16 We're also Grantham's Tourist Information Centre!

MERES LIVE

ISLANDS IN THE STREAM



THE MUSIC OF
DOLLY PARTON & KENNY ROGERS

"Sounds just like the real thing"
Cross Country Magazine

*"Three encores before she left to
tremendous applause"*
Cross Country Magazine

*"The show had the audience on its feet by
the end, blown away by the quality of the
performance"*
Scunthorpe Telegraph

Islands in the Stream - The Music of Dolly Parton & Kenny Rogers

Enjoy the songs of the Queen and King of country music - Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers.

Leave your 9 to 5 worries at the door and get ready for a night in the company of Country Music Royalty!

This thigh-slapping stage show brings together the beloved glamour and personality of Dolly, along with Kenny's charisma and energy with hit after hit including: Jolene, Ruby, 9 to 5, Lucille, Here You Come Again, The Gambler, I Will Always Love You, Coward of the County, plus the smash hit Islands in the Stream.

Enjoy a superb score and supreme musicianship as we bring the house down with the ultimate tribute to two country music legends.

***** As seen on Sky TV

***** Featuring Stars in Their Eyes' Kenny Rogers

This event is unreserved seating

Jon Boden

the Afterglow Tour

In spring 2018 Jon Boden, former lead-singer of Bellowhead, will head out on the second leg of his "Afterglow" album tour - his first new release since leaving Bellowhead in May 2016. In the solo leg of the tour audiences can enjoy a close-up, intimate performance with Jon showcasing his infectious new material in a stripped-down, high-octane, very personal show. Using fiddle, guitar, concertina and his trade mark stomp box Boden also draws on material from throughout his fifteen year career including hits from Bellowhead, selections from his www.afolksongaday.com project and music from the Afterglow album.



Friday 20 April
8.00pm

EARLYBIRD: £21.00/ £19.00 conc./£16.00 groups of 6 or more

Price after Fri 2 Feb: £23.00/ £21.00 conc./ £16 groups of 6+
(Prices include £1 booking fee per ticket)

Meres Live, Trent Road, Grantham, NG31 7XQ

Tuesday 24 April
7.30pm

£21.00/ £20.00 concessions



Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG)

Dir: Simon Curtis UK 2017
Starring: Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie

This fine, beautifully visualised story of the relationship between A A Milne and his young son Christopher Robin excels in evoking both England between the wars and the sheer wonder of imagined worlds. A quiet and moving masterpiece.

1hr 45mins

2.00pm showing with subtitles for hard of hearing and d/Deaf audiences.



Ballet Central

Under the artistic direction of Christopher Marney, Ballet Central returns with a new programme showcasing the best in dance theatre. These young dancers on the cusp of their professional careers will perform works by world-renowned choreographers.

See Jenna Lee's brand new creation Black Swan, a dark twist on the iconic classic, and a gothic reworking of the 'Fairies prologue' from Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty. An excerpt from Far by the multi award-winning choreographer and director Wayne McGregor will also feature and the work of Kenneth MacMillan is included with an excerpt from his rarely-seen Valley of Shadows. And finally, enjoy Christopher Gable's Cinderella, a timeless version of a much-loved fairy tale.

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D2E Youth Drama
From the people
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Drama are pleased
to now present
Jekyll & Hyde the

Musical! The epic struggle between good and evil comes to life on stage in the musical phenomenon, Jekyll & Hyde. An evocative tale of two men – one, a doctor, passionate and romantic; the other, a terrifying madman – and two women – one, beautiful and trusting; the other, beautiful and trusting only herself – both women in love with the same man and both unaware of his dark secret. He makes himself the subject of his own experiments, accidentally unleashing his inner demons along with the man that the world would come to know as Mr. Hyde.

Thursday 26 April
2.00pm & 7.30pm
£4.00/ £3.00 concessions



Saturday 28 April
7.30pm
£14.00/ £13.00 concessions

7.30pm
Thursday 3 – Saturday 5 May
£9.00/ £8.00 concessions



Barbara Dickson

In this special acoustic performance Barbara Dickson and her pianist Nick Holland explore her catalogue of songs at an intimate level. The pair let the words and melodies take 'centre stage' as they perform a wonderful range of material drawing on Barbara's folk roots, contemporary greats, and some of her classic hits.

Emerging from the Scottish folk scene of the late 1960's Barbara had enjoyed mainstream chart success with hits including 'Answer Me', 'Another Suitcase in Another Hall', 'Caravan' and the million-selling number one single, 'I Know Him So Well'. As Scotland's best-selling female album artist she has earned 6 platinum, 11 gold and 7 silver albums and cemented her status as one of the UK's best-loved performers. Her stage career has included the roles of the original Mrs Johnstone in Willy Russell's long-running musical, 'Blood Brothers' and as Viv Nicholson in 'Spend Spend Spend,' both of which have won her an Olivier award for 'Best Actress'. Barbara was awarded an O.B.E. by Her Majesty the Queen in the 2002 New Year's Honours for her services to music and drama and she continues to record and to play to sold-out audiences.

Nick Holland joined Barbara's touring band in the mid 2000's playing keyboards and adding vocals on her 'Full Circle' album. Barbara and Nick recently started working as a 'duo' where she plays guitar and piano, and Nick on keyboards –and adding harmonies to Barbara's own wonderful vocals.

Wednesday 9 May
7.30pm
£25.00/ £24.00 concessions



UPCOMING MERE

Rock 'n' Roll

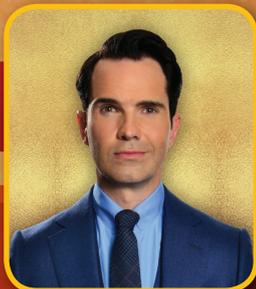


Rock n Roll Meets the Classics

Saturday 9 June
7.30pm

This is a show not to be missed and is a first for Grantham. This show combines the very best of memorable 60's and 70's music with instantly recognisable works from the classical composers. The classical part of the show features live performances from the renowned Nero String Octet and the Inner Wheel Choir from district7 recently returned from the stage at the Theatre Royal Nottingham, Rock and roll is provided by vocalist Terry Carey and Grantham's live sixties band the Premier Cru. We promise an explosive start and finish to the evening and some special guest performances on the night.

£16.00



Jimmy Carr: The Best Of, Ultimate, Gold, Greatest Hits Tour

Friday 29 June
7.30pm

Jimmy is gathering a selection of his very best jokes along with brand new material for the ultimate comedy show.

A man who has devoted his life to crafting perfect jokes and has left a trail of laughter in his wake, Jimmy Carr's new tour will distil everything we love to laugh at and be shocked by, into one incredible, unparalleled night of entertainment.

Jimmy Carr has been on the stand-up scene for a decade and a half. In that time he's performed **9 sell-out tours**, playing nearly **2,000 shows** to over **2 million people** across **4 continents**. He's won the **British Comedy Award** for 'Best Live Stand-Up Tour'.
£28.50

Fastlove – A Tribute to George Michael

Saturday 10 November
8.00pm

Get ready for an unforgettable evening with a global superstar, as he puts the Boom Boom into your heart in the all new production, Fastlove - A tribute to George Michael.

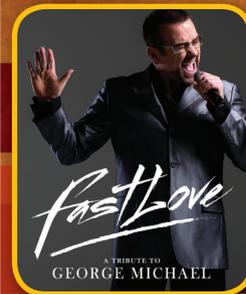
This is a spellbinding experience you don't want to miss. You'll be getting up (to get down) to all your favourite songs: Careless Whisper, Freedom, Faith, Father Figure, Outside, Jesus To A Child, and many more.

Relive the passion, the flare, and the unique sensitivity of George Michael in this incredible concert sensation.

**Disclaimer: This show is not affiliated with or endorsed by George Michael or his estate.*

EARLYBIRD: £21.00/ £19.00 conc./£16.00 groups of 6 or more

Price after Sat 30 June: £23.00/ £21.00 conc./ £16 groups of 6+



You Win Again - Celebrating the Music of the Bee Gees

Saturday 8 December
8.00pm

Direct from London's West End, You Win Again – Celebrating The Music of The Bee Gees. Prepare to experience the distinct sound of one the greatest bands to have ever graced the stage in this unforgettable concert spectacular.

Join us for this breath-taking concert spectacular, taking you on a musical journey through all your favourite songs, including: Night Fever, Stayin' Alive, How Deep is Your Love?, Jive Talkin', Tragedy, Islands in the Stream, Grease, If I Can't Have You and many more!

This fabulously authentic production ensures the Gibb brothers' incredible legacy of classic hit songs is well and truly stayin' alive.

EARLYBIRD: £21.00/ £19.00 conc./£16.00 groups of 6 or more

Price after Tues 31 July: £23.00/ £21.00 conc./ £16 groups of 6+

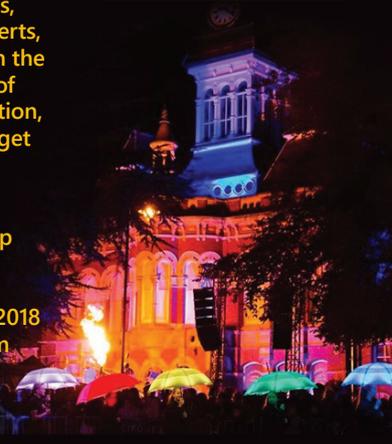




From 26 – 30 September 2018, Grantham's biennial Gravity Fields Festival of arts & science will be back for its fourth edition, taking over the streets of Grantham to celebrate our link to Isaac Newton, the man who changed science and the world for ever! This year's theme is 'Voyages of Discovery' and the festival will also be celebrating another Lincolnshire scientist, Joseph Banks, the botanist who set sail for Australia on board HMS Endeavour with Captain Cook exactly 250 years ago.

With 5 days of talks, demos, discussions, performances, events, exhibitions, workshops and concerts, plus a spectacular street event on the Saturday night, there are plenty of ways that you and your organisation, community group or school can get involved.

To find out more email j.dobbs@southkesteven.gov.uk and to keep up-to-date follow the Festival on Facebook & Twitter and visit www.gravityfields.co.uk The full 2018 programme will be available from April...



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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. The Senior Group are rehearsing their production of Jekyll & Hyde, with the Juniors and Intermediates Musical being performed in July. For more information or to register for the classes, please contact Jade Goswell at j.goswell@southkesteven.gov.uk

Junior - £2.00 per session paid termly (£50 main production)
8 – 10 years

Tuesdays 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Intermediate - £2.50 per session paid termly (£50 main production)

11 – 13 years

Tuesdays 5.45pm – 7.15pm

Senior – Main production

14 years+

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



DANCE BALLROOM AND LATIN AMERICAN

With Ann Gibbons Dance
www.anngibbonsdance.co.uk

NEW TERM starts 8 January 2018

Mondays

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 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.

Tel: 01949 843950

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GRANTHAM OCCASIONAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday 3 February, Saturday 3 March, Saturday 7 April, Saturday 5 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.

GUILDHALL PRODUCERS

Are you aged between 12 – 25? Interested in the arts? Want to put on events at the Guildhall Arts Centre?

Then come and join the Guildhall Producers! The group meets every Thursday at 4.30pm (term time) and plans. Organises and delivers fun and exciting events. In the past the group have worked with the Manchester Camerata and have just recently written their own original song with Alfie Jack! Their next project will be a music event for the Guildhall Pantomime.

So if you're interested in music, art or drama and want to put on professional events with like-minded young people, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Contact Kate Newman on kate.newman@litc.org.uk

For more information on any workshops at the Guildhall, call the box office on 01476 406158

THE VENUE



FROM WEDDINGS TO CONFERENCES...

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, wedding licence, excellent transport links and parking close-by: make The Guildhall your first choice for venue hire in Grantham, Lincolnshire and the East Midlands.

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.

Room For Hire Capacity

Room For Hire	Capacity
Theatre	204
The Ballroom	180
The Newton Room	50
Studio 1	30
Studio 2	10
Studio 4	18

Discounts available for block bookings, charities, arts and cultural events.

Please contact us for quotes for room hire and wedding packages. To make a booking, arrange a viewing or check availability
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LOV LINCOLNSHIRE ONE VENUES



The Guildhall Arts Centre is part of LOV (Lincolnshire One Venues) a network of 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.

Find out more at www.lincolnshireonevenues.com

Our box office is open 9.30am – 5.00pm weekdays, 9.30am – 2.00pm on Saturdays and 45 minutes prior to performances

You can buy tickets online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

Spring 2018 Live Events Diary

January

Wed 17	2.00pm & 7.30pm	My Cousin Rachel (12A)
Fri 19	7.30pm	Rock into 2018
Thurs 25	8.15pm	Funhouse Comedy
Fri 26	7.30pm	King For A Day – the Nat King Cole Story

February

Fri 2	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Dunkirk (12A)
Wed 7 – Thurs 8	7.00pm	Spotlight Dance
Fri 9	7.30pm	 Brendan Cole – All Night Long
Sat 10	7.30pm	The Nick Ross Orchestra – Sounds of the Glenn Miller Era
Tues 13	2.00pm	The Dead Sea
Thurs 15	10.00am-11.30am	Disco Toddlers!
Fri 16	7.30pm	Mayor's Charity Show
Sat 17	11am – 12noon	Time-Travelling Adventure Workshop
Sat 17	1.30pm	Sidney's Shed
Wed 21	7.30pm	Finding Nana
Thurs 22	8.15pm	Funhouse comedy
Fri 23 – Sat 24	7.30pm	A Sentimental Journal
Wed 28	7.30pm	Casket Case

March

Fri 2	7.30pm	Chairman's Charity Gala
Sat 3	7.30pm	Leveret and Spiro
Tues 6	1.30pm & 6.30pm	Night at the Theatre
Fri 9	7.30pm	Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr. & Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes
Sat 10	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr. & Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes
Fri 9	7.30pm	 Jason Manford – Muddle Class Tour
Tues 13	7.30pm	A Brace Face
Wed 14	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Victoria and Abdul (12A)
Fri 16	7.30pm	Croabh Rua
Wed 21	7.30pm	War of the Worlds
Mon 26 – Tues 27	8.00pm	Singing in the Rain Jr.

Wed 28 – Thur 29	6.30pm & 8.00pm	Wizard of Oz Young Performers
Thurs 29	8.15pm	Funhouse Comedy

April

Wed 4 – Fri 6	10.00am – 4.00pm	Truly Scrumptious NYT Easter Camp
Thur 5 – Sat 7	7.30pm	Patience – Grantham Operatics
Mon 9	1.30pm	Easter Bunny Eggs Factor
Mon 9	2.30pm – 4.00pm	Easter Crafts with Creation Station
Thurs 12	2.00pm	You've Got Dragons
Fri 13	7.30pm	Jump, Jive & Wail Starring The Jive Aces
Sat 14	7.30pm	Hey Beatles

Thurs 19	10.00am-11.30am	Disco Toddlers!
Fri 20	8.00pm	 Islands in the Stream
Thurs 19 – Sat 21	7.30pm	See How They Run – St Peter's Hill Players
Tues 24	7.30pm	Jon Boden – The Afterglow Tour
Thurs 26	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Goodbye Christopher Robin (PG)
Thurs 26	8.15pm	Funhouse Comedy
Sat 28	7.30pm	Ballet Central

May

Thurs 3 – Sat 5		Jekyll & Hyde the Musical – D2E Youth Drama
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All information contained in the programme was correct at the time of going to press.
The Guildhall Arts Centre reserves the right to make changes if necessary.



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

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