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Welcome

We are excited to head into a brand new year with a fresh and exciting season of events! From music, to mediumship, comedy to cabaret we really do have something for everyone.

As always we are thrilled to welcome back our regular, and very talented, local amateur groups. This includes SRS Productions with their hilarious adult pantomime, **Aladdin**, but you'll have to be quick as last year was a complete sell out! In April you can watch talented youngsters from our resident theatre group, New Youth Theatre, as they take to the stage with **Into the Woods JR**. We also welcome back Grantham Operatic Society and Harrowby Singers as well as opening the season with The Fourtunes Musical Groups as they make their debut performance at the Arts Centre.

In February half term we've got Lyngo Theatre here with family show, **Red Riding Hood**. We also have The Noise Next Door in April with brand new family show, **The Mysterious Mansion of Mystery**. If you have little ones then make sure to sign up to our mailing list, or follow our social media pages where you can keep up to date with what workshops you can get involved in.

Our music season is something to get excited about, starting off with **The Jive Aces** in January and ending on a high with Christine Bovill's **Piaf to Pop** which is sung in both English and French! We also have some high quality tributes to the musical genius's you know and love, including **ABBA Sensation** and **The Shakin' Stevens Story**. One of the highlights of the season for us is certainly **Elaine Delmar** who has performed at the Royal Albert Hall, The Ritz, and now The Guildhall Arts Centre!

If you fancy something a little bit different then you're in luck. We've got comedy from Gary Delaney with Gary Delaney: In Punderland, psychic mediumship from Stuart Michael, supernatural thriller *The Tell Tale Heart* by Rumpus Theatre, cabaret from Miss Hope Springs and more. Keep reading to find out more!

On behalf of the Arts Centre Staff, we look forward to welcoming you soon.



THURSDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE (THE FORTUNES MUSICAL GROUP)

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change is a witty musical that tackles modern love in all its forms, from the perils and pitfalls of the first date to marriage, children, and the twilight years of life. Set in the modern world and told in a series of vignettes and songs, this comedy musical traces the overall arc of relationships throughout the course of a life. An insightful and hilarious musical will have audience members shouting, "This is my life!"

**£12 standard | Musical Theatre**

SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

THE JIVE ACES

The Jive Aces are renowned for their high-energy swinging music and spectacular live show and have toured in over 40 countries worldwide. They strive to spread smiles and cheer with their swinging music and classic vintage style from crooning smooth ballads to blasting honking rhythm and blues. Having played for Her Majesty the Queen, selling out the Royal Albert Hall, becoming the first band to reach the finals of Britain's Got Talent or just entertaining at one of their 250 live shows a year, they continue to prove that they are the UK's No.1 Jive & Swing band!

£23 standard | Music

TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY, 7:30PM

MRS CHURCHILL (ON A ROLE)

They say that behind every great man, there is a great woman. Was this true in Winston Churchill's case? What of Clementine, his wife for 56 years? Did he bully her like he did so many other people?

All these questions will be answered, and many more, in Liz Grand's superb, moving, sensitive and informative portrayal of Clementine Churchill.

Winston himself said, "my most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me."

£14 (£13) | Drama



THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 7:30PM



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UNKNOWNREALMS (ACE DANCE CO)

The world we once knew is becoming one we have yet to understand...

Performed against a backdrop of stunning scenography and multidimensional soundscapes, two contrasting works examine the past and present. Six dancers rise from the ashes with powerful explosive dance that uncovers the rich history of lives lived; human struggle and people letting go...

~~£12 (£10)~~ Just £5 / £3 groups of 10+ thanks to funding from Arts Council England! | Dance

**Only
£5**

WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

GARY DELANEY: GARY IN PUNDERLAND

Get ready to dive into a rabbit hole of the best jokes in the world - star of Live at the Apollo and longstanding Mock the Week special guest, Gary has been through the laughing glass and he's ready to bring you a brand new show with hit after hit of one-liners. Including support.
Ages 16+

£20 standard | Comedy



FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

ABBA SENSATION

Widely considered to be one of the best ever Abba Tribute Acts, they play to packed theatres and festivals throughout Europe. A stunning stage show, which combines costume changes, lighting effects and a faithful reproduction of the Abba sound.

A great evening's entertainment is guaranteed for all age ranges.

£17 (£16) | Music



SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY, 2PM



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RED RIDING HOOD (LYNGO THEATRE)

A wardrobe can take you to magical spaces, to all sorts of stories and wonderful places. Ours is a portal to the wild wood where something is roaming the forest, animals are mysteriously going missing and a little girl has just received a beautiful red cloak from her granny. Open our doors and it all comes alive through puppetry, songs and music from hidden hatches and secret compartments.

~~£8 (£7) £24 family of four~~ Just **£5 each** or **£15 for a family of four** thanks to funding from Arts Council England! | Family Theatre

**Only
£5**

WEDNESDAY 15TH - SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 7.30PM

ALADDIN – ADULT PANTOMIME (SRS PRODUCTIONS)

A-ladd-in and a magic lamp
What really could go wrong
See what pops up when it is rubbed
It's thick, so shiny and long
Ages 16+

£15 standard | Comedy



WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

GREATEST SONGS FROM THE MOVIES (FIVE STAR SWING)

From Pinewood to Hollywood! – Join us for an unforgettable mix of themes and songs from the greatest movies of all time - Star Wars, James Bond, Lawrence of Arabia... Performed by multi-Instrumental / vocalists Five Star Swing, who have famously played for Pinewood Film Studios, Whoopi Goldberg, Michael Winner, Jeremy Irons, Michael Caine, Film & Television Veterans Association.



£18 (£17) | Music

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

MISS HOPE SPRINGS

Comedy, cabaret chanteuse Miss Hope Springs plays the piano and sings a sparkling array of numbers from her vintage repertoire of self-penned songs and regales with scandalous showbiz stories from her 'Ritz to the pits' life in London, Paris, and erm...Dungeness. Still in the sequinned pantsuits she left Las Vegas wearing in 1972, you'll hear toe tapping show tunes, smouldering ballads and hysterical comedy numbers as she once again rummages through the magical musical mementos within her somewhat battered suitcase of dreams. 'Tragi-comic genius' Julian Clary

£20 standard | Comedy Cabaret



WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH, 7:30PM

'PHONEY TOWERS' THE STAGE SHOW (THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT)

Starring -Award Winning Comedy Impressionist & Britain's Got Talent star, Drew Cameron.

From the creators of the popular Phoney Horses tribute, comes this brilliantly hysterical new production. Based around the classic TV show everybody loves, this tribute show, performed in the style and variety of Fawlty Towers, offers an ingenious homage.

"Our show is inspired by the classic BBC comedy Fawlty Towers. Please note, that the content of our show is entirely original, and no use is made of the scripts or other materials from the TV programmes. We are not linked to or authorised in any way by the BBC or others involved in the TV programmes"
Ages 12+

£16 (£14) | Comedy





FRIDAY 3RD MARCH, 7:30PM

ELAINE DELMAR

One of the great British jazz voices, Elaine Delmar brings to life her acclaimed interpretations of the 'Great American Songbook' – including music from the pens of George Gershwin and Cole Porter.

"Her style is a mixture of Broadway musical punch and jazz inflected subtlety ... it is a blend that invites the widest possible audience"

The Guardian

£20 (£18) | Music

SATURDAY 4TH MARCH, 6PM

STAR ACADEMY STUDENTS PRESENT SHOWTIME 2023

All singing all dancing parade of talent from Star Academy Junior and Senior Students. We will perform scenes, songs, and dances from popular shows, put together in one explosive musical spectacular. Join us for a performance of high energy fun, providing entertainment to suit all ages. You'll be gripped to your seats and leaving us on a tremendous high!

£10 standard



THURSDAY 9TH MARCH, 7:30PM

THE ELLIOTT MORRIS BAND

Originating from Lincolnshire, Elliott Morris has gained a formidable reputation as one of the hardest-working and most sought-after artists on the acoustic scene.

Tonight, Elliott is joined by his brilliant band of equally hard-working musicians and will be playing music from right across his repertoire, including from his recently released third album, 'Something Worth Fighting For'. An uplifting musical celebration of love, hope and friendship in the company of a band of absolute gents!

£16 (£14) £10 under 26s | Music



FRIDAY 10TH MARCH, 7:30PM

STUART MICHAEL: PSYCHIC

Join Stuart Michael renowned Psychic Medium for an evening of psychic & mediumship messages.

Stuart gives direct messages to those he feels drawn to. It doesn't matter where you sit as if he has a message for you, he will find you!

Stuart has travelled the world with his work and has many known names and celebrities on his client list. The evening will see Stuart bringing messages from loved ones in the spirit world, clairvoyant messages & dream interpretations.

£18 standard | Mediumship



Bob Drury's

VIVA
NEIL DIAMOND
UNPLUGGED

SATURDAY 11TH MARCH, 7:30PM

VIVA NEIL DIAMOND

Described in Las Vegas as "one of the world's finest vocal tributes to Neil Diamond". Bob Drury's UK tour with his award-winning solo show brings a new dimension to the iconic songs, stripping them back to voice and guitar. The vocal likeness and prowess on the guitar make this an exceptional show.

£17 standard | Music

WEDNESDAY 15TH - SATURDAY 18TH MARCH,

7:30PM AND SATURDAY MATINEE 2:30PM

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL (HARROWBY SINGERS AMATEUR MUSICAL SOCIETY)

Dolly Parton's hit musical is the most fun you'll have at the theatre all year!

With an incredible score by the Queen of Country, 9 to 5 the Musical tells the story of three workmates pushed to boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss. Concocting a plan to kidnap and turn the tables on their despicable supervisor, will the ladies manage to reform their office - or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit?

£16 (£14 under 16s) | Musical Theatre



FRIDAY 24TH MARCH, 7:30PM

**THE TELL TALE HEART
(RUMPUS THEATRE COMPANY)**

Imagine you have committed a murder. Imagine someone heard the scream and the police come calling. They're friendly enough, but will your conscience betray you? And what is that noise in your ears that grows ever louder? Is it the beating of your own guilty heart ... or is it the heart of the man you've just killed!

A supernatural thriller!
Ages 15+

£16 (£15) | Drama



SATURDAY 25TH MARCH, 7:30PM

**WHOLE LOTTA SHAKIN' –
THE SHAKIN' STEVENS STORY**

Performing as Shakin' Stevens, West End star Rebel Dean will guide you through a full audio-visual spectacular with his live band, including rare footage and images which tell the story of the rockin' Welsh boy and his rise to chart-topping superstardom.

£24 standard | Music



MONDAY 27TH & TUESDAY 28TH MARCH, 8:00PM SENIORS

WEDNESDAY 29TH & THURSDAY 30TH MARCH, 8:00PM JUNIORS

INTO THE WOODS JR (NEW YOUTH THEATRE)

Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's ground-breaking musical fairytale about wishes and the choices we make.

Be careful what you wish for as Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's cockeyed fairy-tale comes to life in this adaptation of their ground-breaking, Tony Award-winning musical. Into the Woods JR. features all of your favourite characters – Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk) and the Witch in this lyrically rich retelling of classic Brothers Grimm fables.

£10 (£9.50) | Musical Theatre



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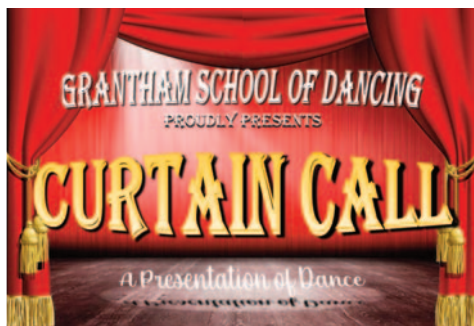
SATURDAY 1ST APRIL, 1:30PM AND 6:30PM, SUNDAY 2ND APRIL, 1:30PM

**CURTAIN CALL
(GRANTHAM SCHOOL OF DANCING)**

Grantham School of Dancing are proud to present CURTAIN CALL.

Grantham's longest established Dance School with a wealth of experience behind them, bring their showcase debut performance here to the Guildhall. Performances of all ages strut their stuff to entertain you. Showing a mixture of genres. This show is a dazzling sight for all ages to enjoy.

£12 (£8 under 16s/concessions) | Dance



WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL, 2PM

**THE NOISE NEXT DOOR : THE
MYSTERIOUS MANSIONS OF MYSTERY**

Take a tour of the world's most bewildering building with comedy heavyweights The Noise Next Door. Who knows what lurks in the curious corridors and bizarre boudoirs of this ancient manor house? You do! What you say goes in this hour of anarchic entertainment that is fun for literally everyone. A little bit spooky, a little bit stupid and a whole lot of funny.

"Immense" ★★★★★ Broadway Baby

£8 (£7) £24 family of four | Family Theatre



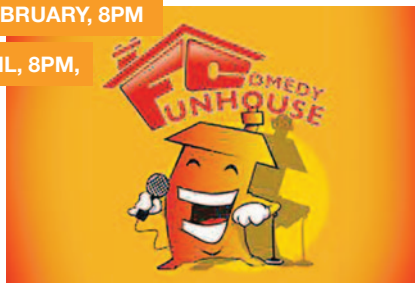
THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY, 8PM, THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 8PM

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH, 8PM, THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 8PM,

THURSDAY 18TH MAY, 8PM

FUNHOUSE COMEDY CLUB

Hilarious comedy in our beautiful ballroom once monthly. Keep an eye on social media for line-ups.



THURSDAY 6TH APRIL, 7:30PM

GARY STEWART'S GRACELAND (APEX)

Expect to hear those magical songs, with their captivating stories, distinctive harmonies and South African rhythms brought to life in front of you with no detail spared; from the layers of guitars and percussion, right down to the legendary bass solos and maybe even some token dance moves – if you're lucky!

£18 (£16) | Music



THURSDAY 13TH – SATURDAY 15TH APRIL, 7:30PM &

SATURDAY MATINEE 2PM

ME AND MY GIRL (GRANTHAM OPERATIC SOCIETY)

Come and join the award-winning Grantham Operatic Society as they present 'Me and My Girl.' This famous musical comedy follows Bill—a cockney chancer who suddenly discovers he is the 14th heir to the Earl of Hereford. In order to inherit however, Bill has to impress the family and break up with his cockney girlfriend, Sally but Bill refuses to accept the title if cannot keep Sally as his girl. With a hilarious script revised by Stephen Fry and well-known songs including 'The Lambeth Walk', 'The Sun has got his hat on' and 'Leaning on a lamppost', it is no surprise that this show won multiple Olivier and Tony awards.

£16 (£14) Saturday matinee: £14 standard | Musical Theatre

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL, 7:30PM

GRAB'S BIG BAND BASH – SWING INTO SPRING

GRAB is Grantham's very own big band and they return to the Guildhall Arts Centre in another big band bash, this time heralding the onset of Spring with a packed programme.

This energetic and highly accomplished band will get the theatre jumping with their mix of classic and modern big band tunes. As a group of highly skilled musicians, the band has gone from strength to strength and always delivers a fun show, full of storming tunes, smiles and laughs.

£12 standard | Music



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WORKSHOPS - TUESDAY 25TH & WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL, 3PM

GHOST DANCES – WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCES

Join Chantry Dance for a FREE workshop that explores the themes of dreams and memories. Nicholas Maw was born in Grantham in Finkin Street and went on to become one of Britain's most celebrated contemporary composers. His 1988 'Ghost Dances' suite serves as the inspiration for this workshop.

Chantry's highly experienced workshop leaders will guide you through a series of engaging tasks in which you will be encouraged and supported to explore how we can depict dreams and memories through movement. You will learn various methods of movement creation enabling you to feel more confident in expressively and imaginatively using your body.

Ages: Guidance
15+

Open to ALL ability levels. No previous dance experience is required.

Duration: 1hr

Please wear comfortable clothing you can move in.

Footwear should be clean and easy to move in.

Tickets are FREE but must be booked | Dance Workshop



TUESDAY 25TH & WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL, 6PM

CHANTRY DANCE PRESENTS GHOST DANCES

Memories of the past...thoughts of the present...dreams of the future.

Ghost Dances is an innovative dance-theatre performance set to the 1988 suite by Nicholas Maw. Maw was born in Grantham as the son of pianist and church organist who ran a music shop in Finkin Street. Maw went on to become one of Britain's most celebrated contemporary composers creating work including 'Sophie's Choice' which played at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden.

In this interpretation of Maw's composition, the 'ghosts' of the title are memory-related dream-distorted images that range from the sophisticated to the commonplace, and from the disconcerting to the nostalgic. The atmospheric,

highly allusive interpretation of Maw's sensitive scoring takes the audience on a journey through the past, present, and future using contemporary dance and puppetry to convey the multifaceted nature of human consciousness.

A Q&A with the cast follows the performance.

Age guidance: 15+

Contains moderated depictions of adult themes

Running time: 30mins + 10mins Q&A – total 40mins

No interval

Tickets are FREE but must be booked | Dance



THURSDAY 27TH APRIL, 1:30PM (SCHOOLS) & 7:30PM

MACBETH (DICKENS THEATRE CO)

DTC's new adaptation of the 'Scottish Play' arrives in Grantham in 2023.

Set against a back-drop of wars, witchery and treason, Shakespeare's tale of the tyrant Macbeth is ominously relevant in the 21st Century.

"What's done cannot be undone!"

DTC has been successfully staging classic English literature texts for the UK stage since 2015.

As part of DTC's 'Revision on Tour' Macbeth entertains and educates... to the bitter end.

£14 (£13) £8.50 schools with every 11th ticket free | Drama



SATURDAY 29TH APRIL, 7:30PM

CHRISTINE BOVILL: PIAF TO POP

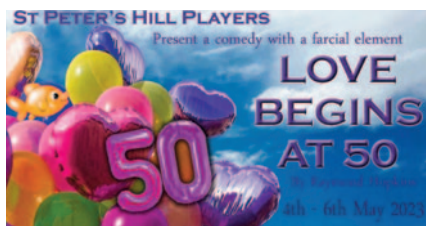
Christine Bovill's award-winning Paris established her reputation as one of Europe's finest interpreters of French song. In her new show, she travels into the 60s and the Americanisation of French music: le yé-yé. A time of great cultural change in France, would the high art of chanson survive...? This new show- a smash-hit sell out at the 2022 Edinburgh Fringe- offers a sexy and delicious celebration of the Golden Age of French song and how it evolved during the Swinging Sixties. Singing in both French and English she honours many stars including Edith Piaf, Jacques Brel, Serge Gainsbourg and Francoise Hardy.

£18 standard | Music

COMING IN MAY

LOVE BEGINS AT 50 (ST. PETER'S HILL PLAYERS)

Grantham's first amateur dramatics society return for 2023 with Love Begins at 50. The action is fast and furious in this hilarious farce. Check next seasons brochure for full details.



Information

Booking

The box office is currently open from 10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday plus 45 minutes prior to events. Online bookings are open 24/7 and gift vouchers and credit can also be used when booking via our website.

Tickets

All tickets can now be sent as E-tickets! Tickets are sent via email as a PDF and are just shown on your smart phone as you enter the theatre – no need to print!

Sign Up to our Digital Mailing List

We have moved towards Digital communication. Please contact the box office if you wish to receive the brochure, and other exclusive discounts, offers and exciting updates via email.

Concessions

Concessions are available on selected performances, indicated in brackets. We are proud

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Children

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when attending unless otherwise specified. Babes in arms tickets are available on selected performances for children. These are for toddlers aged 2 and under. Please speak directly to the box office to check for eligibility. These are lap tickets only and they will not be assigned a seat, therefore one babes in arm ticket per adult.

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Before all shows choose from a range of soft and alcoholic drinks, snacks, and interval ice creams!



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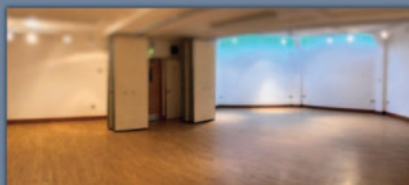
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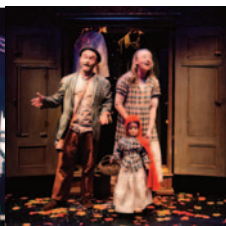
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Spring 2023 Calendar

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Thursday 16th February	Sublime Science Children's Workshop
Wednesday 22nd February	Greatest Songs From The Movies (Five Star Swing)
Thursday 23rd February	Funhouse Comedy Club
Saturday 25th February	Miss Hope Springs
Wednesday 1st March	'Phoney Towers' The Stage Show (That's Entertainment)
Friday 3rd March	Elaine Delmar
Saturday 4th March	Showtime 2023 (Star Academy)
Thursday 9th March	The Elliott Morris Band
Friday 10th March	Stuart Michael: Psychic
Saturday 11th March	Viva Neil Diamond
Wednesday 15th – Saturday 18th March	9 To 5 The Musical (Harrowby Singers Amateur Musical Society)
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