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WELCOME TO THE GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE

Welcome to the Guildhall Arts Centre and our exciting Summer 2026 season. We're delighted to bring you a programme filled with inspiring live events — both within our beautiful building and beyond.

Alongside our Arts Centre programme, we're once again preparing for another wonderful summer of 'Music in Quiet Places'. This much-loved concert series showcases talented musicians performing in some of the most beautiful and historic churches in the area. These intimate venues with stunning acoustics, create a unique and memorable listening experience for attendees. The series celebrates the rich musical heritage of the region and allows the opportunity to appreciate the historic and cultural significance of the churches themselves. This year we'll be visiting churches in Harlaxton, Billingborough, West Deeping and Careby.

You may have spotted some of our team out and about across the district during the February half term, delivering fantastic activities at local skate parks. Young people had the chance to customise and decorate their gear, as well as learn the basics of skating in a fun and supportive environment. Even though the weather wasn't quite on our side, it certainly didn't

dampen our spirits — we still had an amazing time, with plenty of enthusiastic participants coming along to get involved and try something new.

Looking back to Christmas, we had a truly fantastic Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-On! The market was packed with happy faces, and it was wonderful to see so many people come together to celebrate the start of the festive season. The excitement didn't stop there — not only was the marketplace bustling, but the theatre was full throughout December with all the fun and laughter of our pantomime. Thanks to your incredible support, we smashed our box office record once again — so give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back! We want this year to be even bigger and better, so make sure to book your tickets early to avoid missing out on the most wonderful time of the year.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

The Guildhall Arts Centre Team



Don't forget to visit Digby's Café inside the Guildhall Arts Centre! Enjoy a full English breakfast, a hot lunch or coffee and cake. You can also beat the interval queue and order your interval drinks when you arrive! Digby's is open one hour before our evening shows serving snacks, ice creams and alcoholic drinks.

MAY



SATURDAY 2ND MAY, 7:30PM

ALFIE MOORE: ACOPALYPSE NOW

The Four Horsemen of Rising Crime, Global Warming, AI and Culture Wars are galloping towards us. Are we on the road to hell? And can we avoid the potholes? In his brand-new tour show cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore, star of his hit BBC Radio 4 comedy show 'It's a Fair Cop', has the antidote to the breakdown of law and order, fake news and the price of baked beans.

He's encountered more than his fair share of egotistical dictators in his policing career and learnt when pragmatism, and more than a dash of laughter, can defuse even the most menacing showdown. Join Alfie as he saddles up to see off those bullies on their pesky ponies. Doomsday is no laughing matter but this show certainly is.

"offbeat, revealing and very funny" - You Magazine

"Brilliantly funny...genuinely hilarious" - David Mitchell

"His charisma shines through as bright and colourful as a twirling blue light" - Times

£21 standard | Suitable for ages 14+



MONDAY 18TH MAY, MONDAY 22ND JUNE,

MONDAY 20TH JULY &

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST, 10:30AM

DISCO TODDLERS

Join us in our beautiful Ballroom for our themed disco toddler sessions - join in, play and dance together to music and lights! With participatory songs, dressing up, dance play, a ball pit and more, it's sure to be the coolest disco in town. This season's sessions include dinosaur party, rainbow party, summer party and beach party.

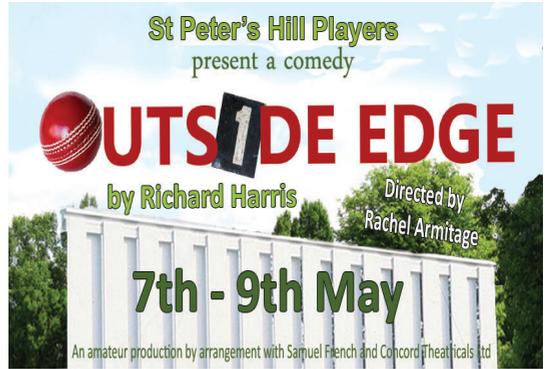
£5 per child | Suitable for ages 0-4

THURSDAY 7TH & FRIDAY 8TH MAY, 7:30PM, SATURDAY 9TH MAY, 2:30PM

OUTSIDE EDGE ST PETER'S HILL PLAYERS

St Peter's Hill Players return to the Arts Centre with 'Outside Edge' by Richard Harris. Roger has enough trouble assembling his cricket team, but these complications are minor compared with those occurring amongst their various wives and girlfriends. Can it get any worse?

£13 (£12 concessions) | Hired



THURSDAY 14TH MAY, 7:30PM

AN EVENING WITH AGGERS

Aggers returns to the Guildhall following his previous sold-out show! With a new cricket season upon us, Jonathan Agnew returns to the stage to relive the trauma of the winter's Ashes series and look ahead to what the impact of that tour will be on English cricket. Packed full of anecdotes and guaranteed laughter, Aggers will also take us deep into the extraordinary Australian outback on the Cessna he piloted during the tour, raising money for charity. Tickets are expected to sell fast so book now!

£25 standard



FRIDAY 15TH MAY, 7:30PM

PRIDE & PREJUDICE... BUT FUNNY

Lamphouse Theatre Company are back! What do you get if you cross Jane Austen's most famous novel with a bunch of buffoons? Pride and Prejudice....but funny! A ridiculous romp through all the Bennets, Bingleys, bachelors and balls (not that kind), and not forgetting the De Bourghs and Darcys. Featuring at least one soaking wet shirt and some excellent boiled potatoes, this hilarious retelling of Austen's most loved story is not to be missed!

£16 (£15 concessions) | Suitable for ages 12+

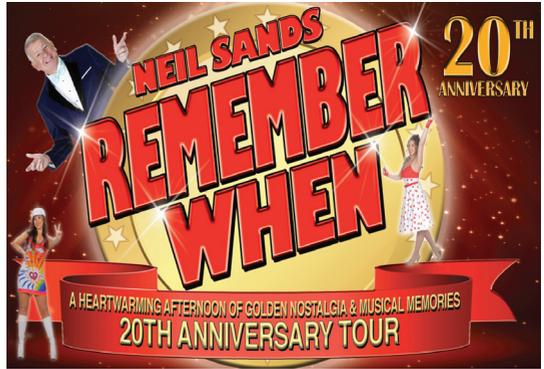


WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY, 2PM

NEIL SANDS PRESENTS: REMEMBER WHEN - 20TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL!

Step back in time with Neil Sands and his wonderful West End cast as they celebrate an incredible 20 record-breaking years of the nation's favourite afternoon nostalgia shows. Relive the Golden Days of the 1940s, '50s, '60s & '70s in a heartwarming trip down Memory Lane, packed with over 60 of the greatest songs ever written. From the wartime singalongs of Vera Lynn to the swinging hits of the Beatles, Dusty, Elvis, and even ABBA – it's the music that shaped generations. Promising to be their biggest and most spectacular show yet don't miss this loving tribute to the golden days of music.

£14 (£13 concessions)



SATURDAY 23RD MAY, 7:30PM

THE PAUL MCCARTNEY PROJECT

An evening of music, written by Paul McCartney and spanning over 70 years, is performed by The Paul McCartney Project. The story of one of rock music's most successful and talented songwriters is told through live music, video and narrative and features songs from an enormous back catalogue including those from his time with Wings, The Beatles and his solo career. Enjoy the power and energy of such hits as Live and Let Die, Band on the Run, Let 'em In, Silly Love Songs, Hello Goodbye and many more. Don't miss out on this incredible tribute to the legendary Paul McCartney.

£24 standard | Hired



WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY, 7:45PM

TINY TIM'S STAND UP ADVENTURES

8 years ago, Tiny Tim decided to go on his own adventure navigating through adult life and posting about his calls on social media. With over 250 million views on YouTube and over 10 million followers on all social media platforms, I'm sure at some point you have all seen the hilarious videos of the legend that is Tiny Tim's Adventures. Now it's your turn to join the man behind the voice on his BIGGEST adventure to date. Come along for a night with Tiny Tim LIVE. ON STAGE. IN PERSON. VIP tickets include a preshow meet and greet.

£25 standard | £35 VIP | Suitable for ages 16+ | Hired





THURSDAY 28TH MAY, 2PM

COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS

Since 2005, the Comedy Club 4 Kids has been getting the best stand-ups and sketch acts from the international circuit to do their thing for an audience of children (aged 6+) and their families... but without the rude bits!

A decade later, the company has expanded from one London residency to being countrywide, running shows and workshops all over the UK from Peebles to Portsmouth, even producing a book on how to write and perform stand-up. The show is family friendly, but without any patronising idiocy. In fact, it's just like a normal comedy club, but it's on in the day, kids are allowed in, and thus there is a higher than usual chance of heckles like "why is that your face!"

"A highlight for children in recent years, giving them a taste of some of the biggest names in comedy... with the fun, rowdy feel of a real comedy club" - The Guardian

"The ethos is just right" - The Daily Telegraph

"The perfect way to entertain the whole family." - Three Weeks

"Comedy Club 4 Kids has stand-up sets from grown-up, high-quality acts who perform their usual sets, just without the swearing or rude bits." - The Independent

£10 adult | £8 child | Suitable for ages 6+



TUESDAY 26TH MAY, 10AM & 11:15AM

DIY BIRD FEEDER MAKING

Join us for another fun-filled adventure with the amazing Hannah Peacock – where young imaginations come alive through creativity and play! Using a combination of string, glue and recycled materials, create a bird feeder ready for your gardens and outdoor spaces during May half term.

£5 per child | Suitable for ages 4+

SATURDAY 30TH MAY, SATURDAY 27TH JUNE, SATURDAY 25TH JULY & SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST, 7PM

THE GROOVE

An exciting, fun-filled night for adults with disabilities aged 16+, their families and support workers. If you have ever wanted to experience a nightclub environment this event should not be missed! The Groove is a great opportunity not only to dance to great music, but to socialise and meet new people in a safe place. Head into the Ballroom where our Live DJ will play top tunes all night! The Bar will be open serving alcoholic and soft drinks.

£5 | Carers go free | Strictly ages 16+

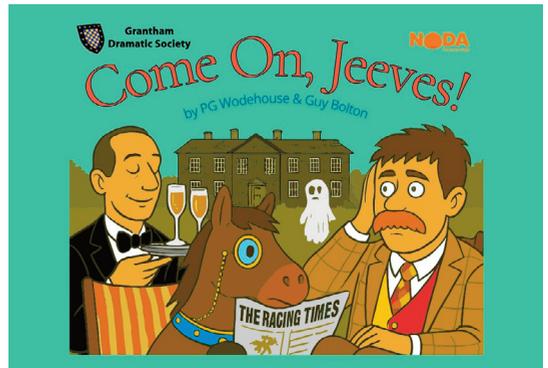


WEDNESDAY 3RD – FRIDAY 5TH JUNE, 7:30PM, SATURDAY 6TH JUNE, 2PM

COME ON, JEEVES! GRANTHAM DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Grantham Dramatic Society proudly presents 'Come on, Jeeves' by P.G Wodehouse and Guy Bolton. A farcical comedy romp featuring the inimitable 'gentleman's personal gentleman', Jeeves, who steps in to extract the young Lord Towcester from the soup. With a quintessentially Wodehouse cast of engaging characters, a mouldering Abbey, ghosts, tangled love lives, this show has something for everyone, especially lovers of 'Plums', witty word play and apt aphorisms.

£14 (£12 concessions) | Hired

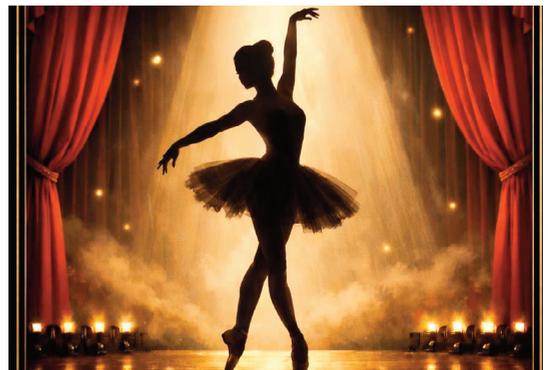


FRIDAY 12TH JUNE, 6PM & SATURDAY 13TH JUNE, 12PM & 6PM, SATURDAY 20TH JUNE, 12PM & 6PM

DANCEPOINTE PRESENTS A DANCE CELEBRATION

The students of DancePointe present their stunning annual performance to showcase their talents in ballet, modern, contemporary, acrobatics, tap, street and musical theatre. The dancers all train at Grantham's premier dance school, DancePointe, located on Swinegate. DancePointe are proud to be one of the leading dance schools in the area, with a first-class faculty, fantastic student results and superb facilities. The showcase includes original choreography and performances by students of all ages from 2-18yrs. There's something for everyone, from singalong show tunes to astounding acrobatics and beautiful ballet – this show has it all!

£16 standard | Hired



THURSDAY 11TH JUNE, 8PM

RICH HALL - CHIN MUSIC

“Chin Music” has two meanings. One is idle talk. The other is a brushback throw in baseball or cricket to intimidate the batter. Both describe Rich Hall’s comedy. Idle but intimidating. Sharp, quick, splenetic, and sublimely improvisational. If you’ve never seen him, you need to hustle down to your local venue and grab a seat because he never disappoints. Ever.

£18 standard | Suitable for ages 14+



THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 7:30PM

TWICE NIGHTLY

Freddie Francis has been a second spot comic for thirty years touring the country on every variety bill going. We find him in 1956 recalling his life spent touring the halls; the ups, the downs, the riotous, the fantastic and the downright silly! He recalls his days entertaining the troops during the war, playing at the infamous Glasgow Empire, and we discover what really happened when a speciality act lost her snake on stage!! Ultimately Twice Nightly is a fading memory of the variety stage. The death of something that has been part of everyone’s life for decades is now on the decline. Where will Freddie go when he finishes this tour? Who will he go back to, and ultimately who really cares?

£16 (£15 concessions) | Suitable for ages 8+



SATURDAY 27TH JUNE, 7:30PM

SOUL BATTALION

Join us for an unforgettable evening of entertainment with Soul Battalion - an energetic 8-piece band complete with electrifying horns, silky strings, and sweet female vocals - all 100% live! Performing hits that swept the nation in the 60's and 70's, Soul Battalion present their 100% live show: The Best of Soul & Motown. Relive the magic of this timeless era with 32 dancefloor classics, featuring music from: The Supremes, Martha Reeves, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Candi Staton, Gloria Jones, Frankie Valli, Diana Ross, Frank Wilson & many more! It's no wonder audiences Never Can Say Goodbye!

£18 (£16 concessions)



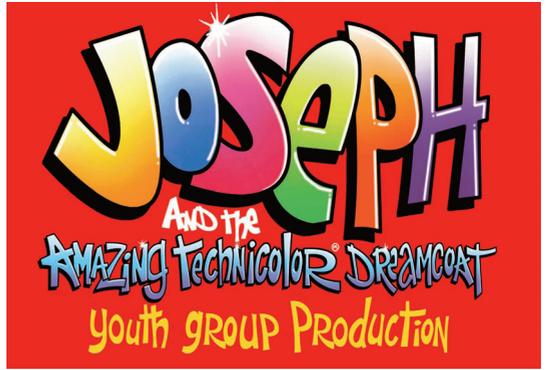
MONDAY 29TH & TUESDAY 30TH JUNE, 8PM, WEDNESDAY 1ST & THURSDAY 2ND JULY, 7:30PM

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT GRANTHAM NEW YOUTH THEATRE

Joseph follows the biblical tale of Jacob's favourite son, Joseph, whose prophetic dreams spark jealousy among his eleven brothers. Sold into slavery, he endures hardship, imprisonment, and a rather surreal encounter with an Elvis inspired Pharaoh before rising to power in Egypt. Set to Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's genre hopping score and delivered at breakneck speed. It's half parable, half pop-concert, and entirely committed to entertaining its audience every second.

£11 (£10.50 concessions) | Hired

FRIDAY 3RD JULY, 7:30PM

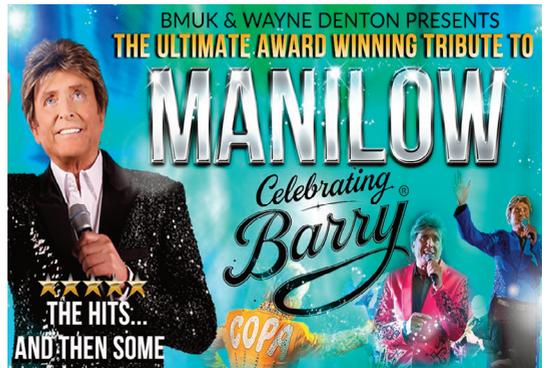


CELEBRATING BARRY – THE ULTIMATE MANILOW SHOW

The UK's No.1 Barry Manilow tribute show celebrating the legendary singer-songwriter as portrayed during his amazing 'LIVE IN CONCERT' shows in Las Vegas. If you can't make it to Las Vegas, then this is your opportunity to experience the energy and excitement of this beloved entertainer in an unforgettable way. Multi-award-winning tribute artiste Wayne Denton brings a fabulous voice, stage presence and charisma to the performance. Backed by the phenomenal City Rhythm live band and backing singers, this show is a true spectacle.

£25 standard | Hired

THURSDAY 9TH JULY, 7:30PM



THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE HOTBUCKLE PRODUCTIONS

An Exploration of Fate, Society, and Nature. Thomas Hardy's "The Return of the Native" is a profound exploration of human desires and the indomitable forces that shape destiny. Set against the haunting backdrop of Egdon Heath, the novel tells the story of Eustacia Vye, a young woman whose passionate longing for escape and fulfilment drives the narrative inevitably towards its tragic conclusion. With live music, high energy, multi role playing, humour and inventiveness, yet another English classic novel is brought wonderfully to life—Hotbuckle style!

£16 (£15 concessions) | Suitable for ages 12+



JULY

THE VERY BUSY BUMBLEBEE

Top
Pick



SATURDAY 11TH JULY, 2:30PM

THE VERY BUSY BUMBLEBEE

Mr. Grumpy the Gardener is a litter bug! When he is finished with his sandwich bag and coffee cup, he just throws it on the ground! Mr Grumpy also doesn't like bees. He doesn't like them buzzing or flying round his head, and he's always worried they will sting him.

But Beatrice the Very Busy Bumblebee wants to whizz from flower to flower, collect nectar and make lovely, sweet honey, and she certainly doesn't want rubbish messing up her lovely garden.

Can Beatrice teach Mr. Grumpy to tidy up and just how important she is for the garden and for the whole world? With themes of friendship and sustainability, this sweet, funny show is the perfect introduction to live ballet and helps children understand just how important looking after our planet really is.

With larger-than-life characters, crystal clear storytelling and fabulous dancing, the Let's All Dance Ballet Company creates beautifully engaging shows for young and family audiences.

£10 adult | £8 child | Suitable for ages 0-8



BALLET WORKSHOP

A fun relaxed 30-minute dance workshop based on moves, characters and themes from the show 'The Very Busy Bumblebee'. The class will take place at 3:30pm after the performance of the show. This workshop is suitable for ages 4+. No experience is needed and children should wear comfortable clothing or ballet uniforms. This workshop is limited to 30 children therefore all participants must book in advance.

£3.50 child | Suitable for ages 4+

WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY, 7:30PM

FIVE AND THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF DICK

Five are all grown up – well, technically. Middle-age spread has set up camp, hangovers last a week, and their best stories start with “remember when.” Realising life’s slipping by faster than their hairlines, they decide it’s time to get off the sofa, ditch the takeaways, and have one last big adventure. What could possibly go wrong?

£13 standard | Hired



THURSDAY 16TH JULY, 7:30PM

THE SEARCHERS & HOLLIES EXPERIENCE

Now in its eleventh year, this show celebrates every top ten hit from both bands as they stormed the UK and US charts throughout the golden age of pop. From the jangling guitars and soaring harmonies to the feel-good energy that defined a generation, this is a must-see show for fans of classic 60's and 70's music. Packed with the biggest chart-toppers, this incredible performance will have you in Needles And Pins with nostalgia When You Walk In The Room. It is definitely worth Just One Look and you will say I feel I'm Alive when hearing these melodic hits.

£26 (£24 concessions) | Hired

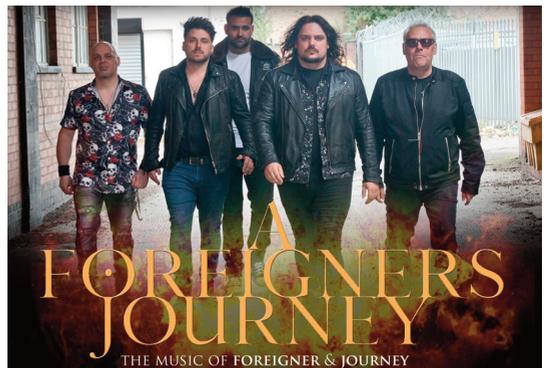


THURSDAY 23RD JULY, 7:30PM

A FOREIGNERS JOURNEY

A Foreigners Journey proudly won both the “UK’s Number 1 Tribute to Foreigner” and the “UK’s Number 1 Tribute to Journey” awards at the National Tribute Music Awards. Their talent has also been acknowledged by Jeff Pilson, bass player of Foreigner, who said “Check out this amazing band, they rock!” They have toured throughout the UK and Europe for the last 12 years, headlined several festivals and played to packed theatres and venues, safely establishing themselves as one of the most respected and known tribute shows around. A Foreigners Journey take things far beyond a mere ‘tribute act’ and turn their show into a living, breathing and powerful experience.

£22.50 standard | Hired



CREATIVE PLAY WITH HANNAH PEACOCK



WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST, 10AM & 11:15AM

CARDBOARD CREATIONS

Bring your own cardboard and make. Use your imagination to create a cardboard animal, habitat, house, car, rocket, it's completely up to you. This workshop encourages you and your family to create together and explore new and exciting ways you can use your old cardboard.

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST, 10AM & 11:15AM

KITE MAKING & SUMMER GARLAND WORKSHOP

Make a summer kite and garland using recycled materials and paper. Decorate with tissue paper, ribbon and crayons to create your unique summer inspired designs.

WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST, 10AM & 11:15AM

BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFTS

Get back into the school spirit ready for the new term, or your very first school term. Make your own DIY bookmark, caterpillar pen pots and confidence crowns ready for school. There will also be a doodle matt for any extra doodles!

All workshops are £5 per child and suitable for ages 3+ or 4+

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

ANN GIBBONS DANCE

EVERY MONDAY – BALLROOM
7pm – 9pm
www.anngibbonsdance.co.uk
07768 583912

GRANTHAM U3A

EVERY 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH – THEATRE
1:30pm – 4pm
www.u3a.org.uk
02084 666139

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EVERY 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH - THEATRE
VARIOUS EVENTS BETWEEN 10am - 3:30pm
www.theartsociety.org
02070 387590

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10am – 10:45am
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MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

A POPULAR CONCERT SERIES THAT SHOWCASES TALENTED MUSICIANS PERFORMING IN SOME OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORIC CHURCHES IN THE AREA. ALL TICKETS ARE £17 (£15 CONCESSIONS).



THURSDAY 28TH MAY, 7:30PM

CHAMELEON

With a quartet of musicians sharing 13 instruments between them, Chameleon's concerts are full of excitement as they perform different styles, sounds and genres. This programme features a mix of original compositions and player-arranged works, drawing on diverse instrumentations and time periods. From the folk-inspired melodies of Dvorák to the serene piano music of Amy Beach, the programme pairs the old with the new, the familiar with the unexpected.

St Mary & St Peter's, Harlaxton, NG32 1JQ



THURSDAY 25TH JUNE, 7:30PM

K'ANTU

K'antu Ensemble invites you on a journey through the glittering courts of Renaissance Europe, where the Elizabethan elite were captivated by exquisite lute songs and elegant dance music. Performed by a quartet of K'antu Ensemble's award-winning players, this programme traces the musical connections between England, Continental Europe, and the New World—from the refined courts of Spain and England to the distant missions of South America.

St Andrew's, West Deeping, PE6 9HU



THURSDAY 11TH JUNE, 7:30PM

ELMORE QUARTET

The Elmore Quartet currently hold the position of Hans Keller Chamber Fellows at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama following a Fellowship position at the Royal Northern College of Music where they taught chamber music to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students. Over the past two years, the Elmore Quartet have recorded multiple times for BBC Radio 3 and performed at esteemed venues including Wigmore Hall, Kings Place London and Bridgewater Hall.

St Andrew's, Billingborough, NG34 0QG



THURSDAY 9TH JULY, 7:30PM

SIMON THACKER

Simon Thacker is a composer, classical guitarist, improviser and ensemble leader. Equally at home playing Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* with orchestra or performing his reimaginings of Bengali Baul spiritual songs for an audience of 60,000 at South Asia's largest folk festival, Thacker is one of Scotland's most distinctive and compelling musical figures.

St Stephen, Carey, PE9 4EA

