



Empire
Consett

What's On

Autumn / Winter 2021-22

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Performance ● Film ● Food



Cinema at Empire

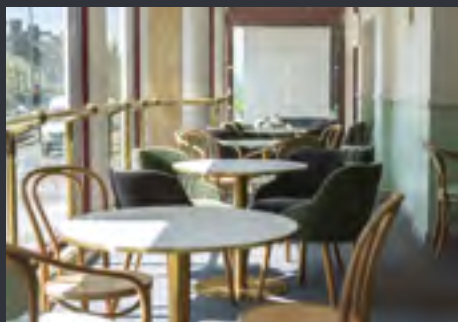
The Empire's cinema screens the latest blockbusters and family films.

Prices

£6.50 Evenings

£5.50 Matinees and concessions

£4.00 Tuesdays only (all tickets)



Empire Lounge

Our recently refurbished cafe and lounge area is perfect for pre-show drinks and snacks. The new food and drink menu includes a tasty variety of lite bites served from 10.00am to 3.00pm and afternoon tea served from 1.00pm (must be pre-booked). Whether you're popping in for a cuppa and lunch during the day or a glass of wine before a show, Empire Lounge is a great place to start.

View our full menu at

www.empireconsett.co.uk

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Screenings

Andre Rieu: Together Again

Saturday 11 September

1.00pm & 7.00pm | £15

The King of the Waltz has handpicked his all-time favourite show tunes, operatic arias and dance numbers from stages around the world – featuring many performances never seen before on the big screen.

André brings together performers from all over the world in one global spectacular to make you smile, sing and dance. Featuring performances from São Paulo, Mainau, Bucharest, Mexico City, Amsterdam, Melbourne and Istanbul.



Cliff Richard: The Great 80 Tour

Saturday 13 November

1.00pm & 7.00pm | £15

Cliff Richard invites you all to be part of the most fabulous big screen party of the year!

The Great 80 Tour will be broadcast from the Royal Albert Hall to our big screen and features a selection of his greatest hits, in his most exciting tour yet. His incredible energy and passion on stage is sure to have you swaying in the aisles.

The Carpenters Story

Saturday 18 September

7.30pm | £23.50

This highly acclaimed concert style production continues to captivate audiences across the UK with its spectacular celebration of the classic songbook that made The Carpenters a legend in the world of popular music, selling over 100 million albums and singles.

This brand new show once again features the outstanding vocal talents of Claire Furley, with Musical Director Phil Aldridge leading The Carpenters Story Orchestra as they re-create Richard Carpenter's original orchestral arrangements, and featuring hit songs including *(They Long To Be) Close To You*, *Yesterday Once More*, *We've Only Just Begun*, *Superstar*, *A Song For You*, *Rainy Days & Mondays*, *Goodbye to Love*.





Dirty Dusting

Wednesday 29 September

7.30pm | £22

Gladys, Olive and Elsie are three 'vintage style' cleaning ladies who, threatened with redundancy, chance on an 'unconventional' way of earning some extra cash when a wrong number requiring a sex chat line rings into the office... what could possibly go wrong?

Starring Vicki Michelle ('Allo 'Allo!) and Vicky Entwistle (Coronation Street), Leah Bell completes the line-up in this laugh out loud comedy.

Written by Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood, this production is directed by Leah Bell who injects this hilarious play with her own unique comedic style.

Recommended age 16+

Joe McElderry: On The Road Again

Saturday 2 October

7.30pm | £25

Always a favourite at the Empire, Joe is back on the road again and returns to Consett with his brand new tour.

His cheeky chappie character and 24 carat gold voice make him an all-round entertainer, thrilling audiences of all ages. Joe will perform many of the songs that have made him the star that he is today.





The Sensational 60s Experience

Thursday 14 October

7.30pm | £28

Travel back to the sixties and experience a musical phenomenon like no other with this festival of nostalgia!

The show with the definite feel-good factor will transport you back to that magical decade that was the 1960s. Whether you come to relive your childhood memories, or simply want to see what your parents have been raving about for all these years, this is the show to see!

Hits include *Needles and Pins*, *Silence Is Golden*, *Storm In A Teacup*, *The Legend Of Xanadu*, *Little Children*, plus many more. Take a step back in time to when pop music was at its very best.



Come What May: The Ultimate Tribute to Moulin Rouge

Friday 22 October

7.30pm | £24.50

Enter the world of one of the greatest movie-musicals of all time with this all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza.

Featuring the sensational 'Britain's Got Talent' winner Jai McDowall and a cast of top West End performers.

Bursting at the seams with timeless classics including *Come What May*, *Your Song*, *Diamonds Are A Girls Best Friend*, *Roxanne* and *Lady Marmalade* plus hit songs from *The Greatest Showman* and other iconic movie musicals.

Travel back in time as the children of the revolution take you on a thrilling non-stop journey into the sexy, disreputable and glamorous underworld of Paris.



Pop Princesses

Monday 25 October
3.00pm | £15 (£56 family)

A children's pop concert with a difference! This musical spectacular stars four fairy tale princesses who love to sing.

Featuring a soundtrack of top pop hits from artists

such as Little Mix, Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor and Miley Cyrus, plus all the best songs from all your favourite films and musicals. Half term fun for the whole family!

The Drifters

Friday 5 November
7.30pm | £26

The Drifters are back on tour in the UK with a brand-new show performing all their classic hits from the last six decades.

The legendary group have been inducted into the rock & roll hall of fame, performed for the President of the United States and listed among the greatest artists of all time by Rolling Stone magazine.



Don't miss their brand-new tour performing all the classic hits such as *Saturday Night At Movies*, *You're More Than A Number*, *Come on Over to My Place*, *Up On The Roof*, *Under the Boardwalk*, *Kissin In The Back Row*, *Hello Happiness* and many more.

The Magic of The Beatles

Saturday 6 November

7.30pm | £21.50

If you're looking for an authentic, lively dose of 'Beatlemania' then you need to look no further!

The Magic of The Beatles is one of the UK's leading Beatles tribute shows who play to ecstatic sell-out audiences all over the world.

The world class performers use authentic guitars and amps to ensure every note is just the way you remember. Bringing you all the hits you know and love including *Love Me Do*, *She Loves You*, *Please Please Me*, *From Me To You*, *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, *Hey Jude*, *Let It Be* and so many more.

This is a tribute show and is no way affiliated with any original artists/estates/management companies or similar shows.



Lost In Music

Thursday 11 November

7.30pm | £24.50

Get ready to get lost in music! The show that everyone is talking about, taking you straight to the heart of 70's DISCO!

Relive some of the greatest songs of all time from artists such as Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge and Chic.

Boasting a sensational live band, incredibly talented cast and stunning vocals, this high energy show is sure to have you dancing the night away.



Lipstick On Your Collar

Friday 12 November

7.30pm | £21

Step back in time to the golden era of music where the jukebox roared and feet didn't touch the floor. Get your dancing shoes at the ready – you are in for an evening of back to back hits from the 1950s and 60s!

From the birth of rock 'n' roll through to the Beat Group sounds of the British Invasion and beyond, the show is packed with over forty hits from the likes of Connie Francis, Brenda Lee, Chuck Berry, The Ronettes, Cliff Richard, and Cilla Black.

All performed by a full live band, featuring some of the country's top musicians, this incredible show features excellent vocals, tight harmonies and an infectious sense of fun.

One Night In Dublin

Friday 19 November

7.30pm | £22

Multi-award-winning Irish band The Wild Murphys feature the very best traditional Irish musicians playing a thrilling mix of traditional and contemporary tunes.

The seven-piece live band is headed by lead singer Middi Murphy armed with blarney, banter and an accordion, alongside Trevor Brewis (Jimmy Nail) on drums, Tony Davis (Prelude) on keys and BBC award-winning fiddle player Sophy Ball.



Celebrate Irish classics with tracks including: *Galway Girl*, *Tell Me Ma*, *Dirty Old Town*, *The Irish Rover*, *Brown Eyed Girl*, *Seven Drunken Nights*, *Sally MacLennane*, *When You Were Sweet Sixteen*, *Whiskey in the Jar*, *Wild Rover* and *Molly Malone*, to name just a few.

Russian National Ballet: Sleeping Beauty

Saturday 20 November

2.30pm | £22, £20.50 concs, £17.50 Under 16s

Every child's favourite fairy-tale, *Sleeping Beauty* is the classic story of love and innocence, mystery and magic set to Tchaikovsky's sublime score.

Stunning choreography, sumptuous costumes and wonderful sets form the fantasy world in which the Lilac Fairy struggles against the evil Carabosse.

There are no scores more successful in supporting the full range of ballet than those by Tchaikovsky.



Russian National Ballet: Swan Lake

Saturday 20 November

7.30pm | £22, £20.50 concs, £17.50 Under 16s

Swan Lake is one of Tchaikovsky's best works, featuring some of ballet's most memorable music and breath-taking dance.

Telling the compelling legend of a tragic romance in which a princess, Odette, is turned into a swan by an evil curse. Swan Lake is full of mystery and romance and has captured the imagination of generations over the years and it continues to attract worldwide audiences, young and old.

A wonderful evening out and memories which you will cherish long after the final curtain falls.





Treasure Island

**Saturday 27 November
to Friday 31 December**

£17 full, £15 concs

£10 opening performance (27 Nov)

Family Ticket (maximum two adults) **£56**

Our annual smash hit pantomime returns in 2021, celebrating the 10th anniversary of our partnership with Producer and Director Leah Bell.

Join us for the swashbuckling 'Yo-Ho-Ho' panto Treasure Island, packed full of adventure, magic, dazzling costumes, hilarious characters and a modern twist on the traditional story.

*Fantastic
school and
group
discounts
available*



CONSETT'S FAMILY PANTOMIME

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TREASURE ISLAND

THE YO-HO-HO PANTO

PERFORMANCE DATES

Sat	27 Nov	3.00pm
Sun	28 Nov	3.00pm
Tues	29 Nov	10.00am
Wed	01 Dec	10.00am
Thurs	02 Dec	10.00am
Fri	03 Dec	10.00am & 1.30pm
Sat	04 Dec	3.00pm & 6.30pm
Sun	05 Dec	3.00pm
Tues	07 Dec	10.00am
Wed	08 Dec	10.00am
Thurs	09 Dec	10.00am
Fri	10 Dec	10.00am
Sat	11 Dec	3.00pm
Sun	12 Dec	3.00pm
Tues	14 Dec	10.00am
Wed	15 Dec	10.00am
Thurs	16 Dec	10.00am & 1.30pm
Fri	17 Dec	6.30pm
Sat	18 Dec	11.00am & 3.00pm
Sun	19 Dec	3.00pm
Tues	21 Dec	4.30pm
Wed	22 Dec	4.30pm
Thurs	23 Dec	12.30pm & 4.30pm
Fri	24 Dec	12.30pm & 4.30pm
Sun	26 Dec	3.00pm
Mon	27 Dec	3.00pm
Tues	28 Dec	3.00pm
Wed	29 Dec	11.00am (relaxed) & 3.00pm (B.S.L.)
Thurs	30 Dec	3.00pm
Fri	31 Dec	1.30pm

A Country Night in Nashville

Friday 11 February

7.30pm | £23.50, £22 concs

A Country Night in Nashville recreates the scene of a buzzing Honky Tonk in downtown Nashville, perfectly capturing the energy and atmosphere of an evening in the home of country music.

Prepare to be transported on a journey through the history of Country, featuring songs from its biggest stars both past and present. Hits from Johnny Cash to Alan Jackson, Dolly to the Dixie Chicks, Willie Nelson to Little Big Town, are showcased by the amazing Dominic Halpin and the Hurricanes.



The Cinder Path

Thursday 17 February

7.30pm | £22, £20 concs

A brand new musical drama based on the book by legendary author Dame Catherine Cookson, starring Nick Cochran and Leah Bell plus a talented cast of 15 actors and singers.

Set against the backdrop of World War One, the tale begins in the rolling hills of Northumberland, where Charlie Macfell becomes an innocent witness to the murder of his cruel and sadistic landowner father. Believing himself to be the only person aware that his childhood friend Arthur Benton is the killer, Charlie tries to set old injustices to right by protecting his friend from prosecution.

A fantastic production filled with laughter, tears, a brilliant story, and an unforgettable musical score.

COMING SOON.... Spring 2022

Buddy Holly & The Cricketers

Saturday 5 March

7.30pm | £21, £19 concs

Starring some of the finest actor-musicians in the UK and packed full of Buddy Holly hits.



The Magic of Motown

Thursday 10 March

7.30pm | £24.50

Celebrating 60 magical years of Motown, immerse yourself in the sound of a generation as The Magic of Motown returns to the stage!

Ian Ashpitel & Jonty Stephens as Eric & Ern

Saturday 19 March

7.30pm | £22.50

For all the family from 8 to 108 Eric and Ern is a brilliant homage to Morecambe and Wise, crammed full of all those famous comedy sketches and performed by Olivier Award nominated duo Ian Ashpitel and Jonty Stephens.



Friends: The Musical Parody

Tuesday 29 March

7.30pm | £28

Friends! The Musical Parody celebrates and pokes fun at the wacky misadventures of the group of 20-something pals we love from the hit TV show, as they navigate the pitfalls of work, life, and love in 1990's Manhattan.



The Fureys

Friday 8 April

7.30pm | £22

Legends of Irish music & song
The Fureys return to the Empire for another outstanding concert.

The Animals & Friends: Farewell Tour

Saturday 7 May

7.30pm | £26.50

The Animals were one of the most iconic pop, rhythm and blues bands of the 1960s. They had over 20 global top ten hits and still remain a seminal rhythm and blues band that commands great respect.



ALSO SHOWING

CBS Theatre Group Present: Aladdin

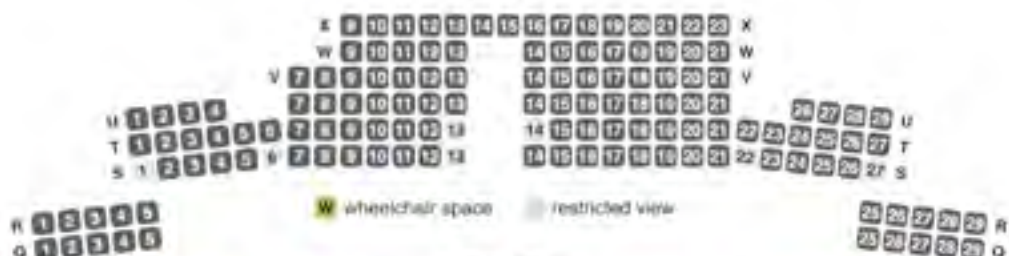
Monday 10 to Saturday 15 January

7.15pm (2.15pm Sat matinee) | £10 (Mon £7)

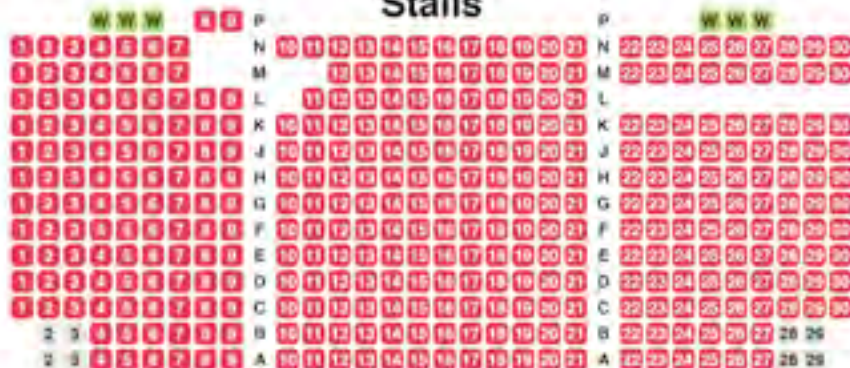
Aladdin is a traditional fairy tale brought to life by your local community CBS Theatre Group.

Seating Plan

Circle



Stalls



Stage

Website: Please purchase tickets in advance where possible, and use our eTicket facility, ideally bringing a copy on your smartphone, rather than printing the ticket off. This will allow you to enter our venues more easily and minimise the amount of time you may have to wait. Visit www.empireconsett.co.uk

Box Office opening times: Monday – Saturday 10.00am-3.00pm. Tuesday – Saturday 6.30pm-9.00pm. You can book in person at Empire Consett, Front Street, Consett, DH8 5AB or telephone 03000 262 400.

Reservations: Reserved seats are held for 5 days from booking and will be released if payment is not made. No reservations taken from 5 days before the performance.

Refunds: Book with Confidence Guarantee. If you are unable to attend a performance or film for any reason, as long as you let us know 24 hours before the event, we will refund the cost of your tickets, or exchange them to another event. Free of charge. No questions asked.

Discounts: Concession prices for selected shows for Senior Citizens (65+) and under 16s. Proof of eligibility may be required. Carers are admitted free. Selected shows offer a group booking discount of 1 free ticket in every 10 booked.

Access and facilities: The ground floor is ramped in the relevant places. There are 6 dedicated wheelchair spaces in the auditorium. A disabled toilet is situated at ground level. A hearing loop is available. Disabled parking is situated at the front of the building – spaces limited.

Children and families: Children under 2 years are admitted free for suitable performances (if sitting on paying adult's knee). A limited number of children's booster seats are available. With regret we are unable to provide storage for pushchairs and they are not permitted to enter the auditorium.

Additional information: Tickets booked via telephone, post or internet will incur an administration charge. Durham County Council reserves the right at all times, and without notice, to cancel any performances. This brochure was correct at the time of going to print, however some slight changes to the programme could occur.

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ANDY POWER-TATE
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Featuring

DAVE MCCARTHY
GABRIELLE SMITH
KAS ONEIL

JASON JONES

Empire Consett

Sat 27th Nov – Fri 31st Dec 2021

Tickets: £17 Adults £15 Concessions

Family and Group Discounts available.

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