

Empire
Consett

What's On

Spring / Summer 2022



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Cinema at Empire

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

Prices

£6.50 Evenings

£5.50 Matinees and concessions

£4 Tuesdays only (all tickets)

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Ian Ashpittel & Jonty Stephens as: Eric & Ern, page 6.



Empire Lounge

Our refurbished cafe and lounge area is perfect for pre-show drinks and snacks. The new food and drink menu includes a tasty variety of light bites served from 10am to 3pm and afternoon tea served from 1pm (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

Introducing.... The Comedy Store

Friday 22 April & 17 June, 7.30pm | £11 (£9 concession)

Empire Consett is delighted to introduce *The Comedy Store* to our programme in 2022, showcasing the best and brightest comedy talent. The London Club that gave a leg-up to the likes of Eddie Izzard and Rhod Gilbert offers a night out like no other - and now you don't even have to leave Consett to experience it!

Each show will provide two hours of laughter featuring four of the best stand-up comedians currently working in the UK. Expect adult themes and proper grown-up comedy.

Not for the feint-hearted and not to be missed!



A Country Night in Nashville

Friday 11 February, 7.30pm | £23.50 (£22 concession)

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 musical 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 concession)

Starring Leah Bell and Charles Lawson (*Coronation Street*).

Adapted by Paul Dunn and directed by Leah Bell, *The Cinder Path* is a sizzling and fast-moving musical drama, based on the book by legendary author Dame Catherine Cookson, set against the backdrop of World War I.

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.

Buddy Holly & The Cricketers

Saturday 5 March, 7.30pm | £21
(£19 concession)

This breath-taking show has rock 'n' rolled audiences across the globe from Cardiff to California, Barking to Bangkok and Swindon to Sweden and is guaranteed to have everyone singing along!

Starring some of the finest actor-musicians in the UK whose combined West End credits include Buddy, Lennon, Forbidden Planet and Jailhouse Rock and was endorsed as Britain's most popular Buddy Holly act. Featuring hits such as That'll Be The Day, Peggy Sue, Heartbeat, It Doesn't Matter Anymore, Raining In My Heart, Oh Boy! - and much, much more.

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!

Featuring all the Motown classics from artists such as Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, The Jackson 5, Smokey Robinson and many more. This is Motown at its very best; signed sealed and delivered, touring the nation.



The Roy Orbison Story

Saturday 12 March, 7.30pm | £24

Direct from his West End Debut at The Adelphi Theatre, Barry Steele returns to celebrate solid gold hits from Roy Orbison and his friends.

The production will take you on a musical journey in time, as *The Roy Orbison Story* puts a contemporary twist on The Big O's back catalogue and culminates in a stunningly brilliant accolade as the whole cast come together to pay homage to the original supergroup 'The Traveling Wilburys.'



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 those famous comedy sketches, from Grieg's Piano Concerto, Mr Memory... 'Arsenal', to the paper bag trick!

From the Olivier Award nominated duo Ian Ashpitel and Jonty Stephens, this nostalgic show evokes memories of a time when whole families would huddle around the telly on Sunday evenings. Bringing you sunshine, this show is full of Morecambe and Wise's most loved routines, songs and sketches and of course a musical guest.



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.

Ross, Chandler, Monica, Phoebe, Joey and Rachel haven't gone anywhere and are singing and dancing their way back into our hearts in the first UK and Irish tour of the hilarious off-Broadway and Las Vegas hit musical that lovingly lampoons the popular TV sitcom. You'll laugh! You'll cry! You'll Unagi!

The Fureys

Friday 8 April, 7.30pm | £22

Legends of Irish music and song, The Fureys, renowned for their hit songs I Will Love You, When You Were Sweet 16, The Green Fields of France, The Old Man, Red Rose Café, Leaving Nancy, Steal Away and lots more, return to Empire Consett for a night of music and song.



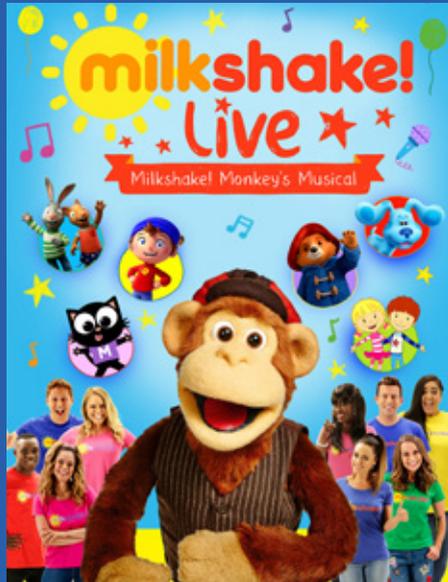
Milkshake! LIVE

Saturday 9 April, 12pm & 3.30pm | £15, £56 family ticket (four seats, max. two adults)

Milkshake Monkey is back and can't wait to put on a spectacular new show for you all, joined by some of his favourite Milkshake friends plus two Milkshake Presenters.

Learn the amazing songs and dances with all your favourite Milkshake friends and watch as the music, the lights, the costumes and the stage brings Milkshake! to life. This brand-new show has plenty of laughter, audience interaction and great fun to get everyone up on their feet.

*Produced by Mark Thompson Productions by arrangement and in partnership with Channel 5 Broadcasting.



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 remain a seminal rhythm and blues band who still commands great respect.

Featuring original members John Steel and Micky Gallagher, hear all the hits on their farewell tour including We Gotta Get Out Of This Place, Don't Bring Me Down, Baby, Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood and their multi-million selling anthem House Of The Rising Sun.



Frankie: The Concert

Saturday 30 April, 7.30pm | £24.50

Frankie: The Concert is an unbelievably accurate and authentic celebration of legendary hall-of-famer's Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

Considered the closest portrayal of Frankie Valli amongst many in the industry, touring theatre star Stephen James (*Let's Hang On*) has formed an undeniable reputation for recreating the powerful falsetto of the 60's & 70's icon with absolute perfection.

Featuring a spectacular eight-piece band including live brass, this show brings Frankie Valli's music back to life with actual concert recreations, and a few surprises!

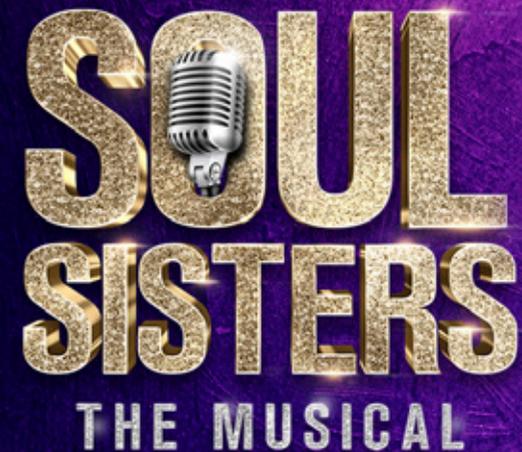


Soul Sisters: The Musical

Saturday 14 May, 7.30pm | £25.50

Soul Sisters is the exhilarating new soul musical that will take you on a journey of success, survival and sisterhood, set to the toe-tapping music of a Soul Weekender.

Have you ever felt like you want to turn back the clock and party with your best friends? Our three stars of stage and screen are about to do just that. Set in a holiday camp chalet at a Soul Weekender, we follow 80s smash-hit making band, The Fabulettes, as they seek to reclaim that elusive closeness they once shared as starry-eyed teens. If real friendship is about accepting your friends as they truly are, then perhaps first they must learn to accept themselves. Let your soul sing out!



A Right Royal Knees Up

Saturday 21 May, 2.30pm | £16

This feel-good performance is packed with show-stopping scenes, sing-a-long memories and spectacular footage as we take a nostalgic journey through the seventy year reign of Queen Elizabeth II with Leah Bell, Jimmy Cricket and full supporting company.

Guaranteed to put you in the party mood, this once in a lifetime performance will get your spirits soaring, your hands clapping and your voices bellowing out as we bring you to our rousing flag waving finale.

There's no better way of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee than by joining us for *A Right Royal Knees Up*.



Dominic Kirwan & Special Guests

Thursday 26 May, 7.30pm | £25
(£23.50 concession)

Ireland's international hit recording star, Dominic Kirwan, takes to the road again in 2022 with his new show - *Through The Eyes Of An Irishman*.

Hear all of Dominic's biggest hits, along with some of those lovely Irish favourite songs and melodies. Joining Dominic on the tour will be Irish singer/songwriter Gary Quinn and one of Ireland's newest female stars Stacey Breen.



The Greatest Hits of Foster & Allen

Saturday 18 June, 7.30pm | £24

Foster and Allen have been one of Ireland's most successful musical exports over the past 45 years. Join Tony Allen as he embarks on a solo concert tour, performing all the greatest hits plus songs from his new solo album.

Hear such wonderful hits as Maggie, I Will Love You All My Life, When I Dream, The Mountains Of Mourne and many more. Joining Tony will be Scotland's accordion virtuoso Brandon McPhee, and Ireland's newest Country sensation Niamh McGlinchey.

80s LIVE

Friday 1 July, 7.30pm | £23.50

Travel back in time to one of the most iconic eras of music with the biggest 80s party show to tour the UK!

Put your hands together and get into the groove as live band Electric Dreams perform over two dozen chart topping anthems from artists including Wham, Madonna, The Weather Girls, Culture Club, Rick Astley, Duran Duran, Soft Cell, The Human League, A-Ha, Tears for Fears and more.

This is the ultimate 80s night out, so come dressed to impress as we spin you around and around for a night to remember!



Dinosaur Adventure LIVE

Friday 5 August, 2pm & 4.30pm | £15

The Greatest Prehistoric Show on Earth! 65 million years in the making...Are you ready for the adventure?

Join our intrepid Dinosaur Adventurers as we journey to a world of living, breathing, life-like Dinosaurs. Walk with us through the Jurassic era on an unforgettable interactive experience as we introduce you to some of the most incredible species ever to have lived on Earth. Feel the excitement of meeting real life-like Dinosaurs face-to-face and hearing the tremendous roar of a T-Rex. Learn their history and even feed them but watch out - you could be on the menu.



ALSO SHOWING

Sister Act

Presented by CBS Theatre Group

Monday 6 to Saturday 11 June, 7pm | £14

CBS Musical and Stage Society are a mixed age group of residents from County Durham and surrounding areas and present this feel-good hit comedy musical that will have you dancing and singing along.

NHS We Thank You Concert: Broadway Greats

Presented by Durham Musical Theatre Company

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 June, 7pm (& 2pm Sat matinee) | £15

DMTC present an evening of songs from great American musicals in support of the NHS. All profits to be donated to Durham University Hospital to support the physical and mental wellbeing of all staff.

COMING SOON

One Night in Texas

Saturday 24 September, 7.30pm | £23

An amazing night of country music classics with an all-live band.

The Pitmen Poets

Friday 7 October, 7.30pm | £22.50

Songs and stories with Billy Mitchell, Bob Fox, Benny Graham & Jez Lowe.

Chicago Blues Brothers: A Night At The Movies

Saturday 8 October, 7.30pm | £25 (£23 concession)

Direct from London's West End, join the Chicago Blues Brothers and their 9-piece band bringing you the greatest movie anthems of all time.

The Three Degrees

Friday 14 October, 7.30pm | £25

The long-running trio of female vocalists from Philadelphia perform live.



The Pitmen Poets

COMING SOON

Sensational Sixties Experience

Friday 21 October, 7.30pm | £28

Starring Mike Pender MBE (The Searchers), The Tremms, Dozy Beaky Mick & Tich, The Fortunes & The Dakotas.

Ministry of Science Live

Saturday 22 October, 2pm | £15, £56 family ticket (four seats, max. two adults)

Presenting an explosive family-friendly look at how science has shaped the world we live in!

Russian National Ballet:

Sleeping Beauty

Saturday 29 October, 2.30pm

£22 (£20.50 concession), £17.50 Under 16s

Swan Lake

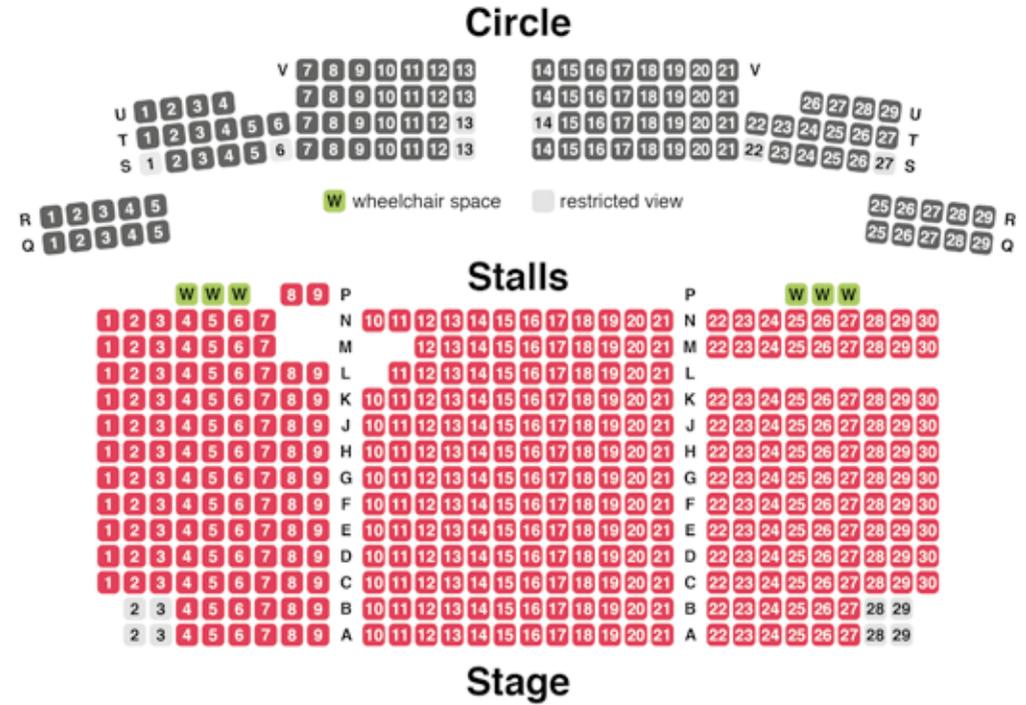
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Swan Lake

Seating Plan



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: If you are unable to attend a performance or film for any reason, and your booking is not greater than 10 tickets, as long as you let us know 48 hours before the event, we will refund the cost of your tickets, or exchange them to another event, free of charge

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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Empire Consett's smash hit family pantomime
presented in partnership with

Leah Bell and Durham County Council

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Thursday 1 - Saturday 31 December 2022

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