

Empire
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What's On

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Cinema at Empire

Join us for the latest blockbusters, special events and family films on our big screen!



Prices are now just £5 across all our screenings* with further savings to be had when purchasing five tickets for £20 (min. two under 16s).

Subtitled screenings are also now available.

* excluding special events

Bringing In Baby

For parents and guardians with babies under one, we are delighted to be introducing Bringing In Baby screenings at Empire Consett. Bringing In Baby enables you to see the latest films in a baby-friendly environment, without the worry of disturbing others.

Screenings have unallocated seating and reduced capacity so you can move around and sit where suits, with lights slightly raised and volume lowered.

Tickets also include a 10% discount off food and drink purchases at Empire Lounge.

Visit our website for details of screenings.



Disney 100

Join us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Disney with re-releases of some of the most popular animations of all time.

The Disney 100 'Celebrating Timeless Memories' limited screening programme celebrates classic, ground-breaking Disney films and offers many families their first opportunity to watch the magic on the big screen. All tickets are £5.

Saturday 9 September, 10.30am

101 Dalmatians (U)

Saturday 16 September, 10.30am

The Jungle Book (U)

Saturday 23 September, 10.30am

Beauty & The Beast (U)

Saturday 7 October, 10.30am

The Princess & The Frog (U)

Saturday 14 October, 10.30am

Frozen (PG)



Hocus Pocus (PG)

30th Anniversary Screenings

Friday 27 October, 6.30pm & Tuesday 31 October, 1.30pm | £5

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of the classic film *Hocus Pocus* this Halloween on the big screen!

You're in for a devil of a time when three outlandishly wild witches-Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy return from 17th-century Salem after they're accidentally conjured up by some unsuspecting pranksters!

It's a night full of zany fun and comic chaos once the tricky 300-year-old trio sets out to cast a spell on the town and reclaim their youth - but first they must outwit three kids and a talking cat!



The Prince of Egypt: The Musical

Thursday 19 October, 7pm & Wednesday 25 October, 1pm | £15 (£13 concession)

The Prince of Egypt - The Musical is the mesmerising and spectacularly immersive filming of the critically-acclaimed West End stage adaptation.

With songs written by Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz, the composer of *Wicked* and Disney's *Enchanted*, the show is a visual and auditory spectacle, with live fire effects, illusions, pyrotechnics, as well as breathtaking dance performances.

Filmed live at the Dominion Theatre in London, the show featured a cast and orchestra of 60, making it one of the biggest musicals ever staged.

'Bursting with glitzy razzmatazz'

★★★★ **Daily Mail**

'An utterly stand-out cast'

★★★★ **WhatsOnStage**

The Comedy Store

Friday 15 September & 10 November, 7.30pm | £11 (£9 concession)

The Comedy Store is delighted to be showcasing its best and brightest comedy talent at Empire Consett. 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 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!

Recommended age: 18+



Emerald Storm

Friday 29 September, 7.30pm | £29.50

Feel the immense power and thunderous rhythms as Irish Dance and Modern Tap combine to soar into the 21st century!

Set to a backdrop of Celtic mythology and the conflicts of human nature, this explosive show is a thrilling fusion of music and dance styles.

Co-written and co-choreographed by world renowned tap dancer and Hollywood actor Adam Garcia, a twice Olivier Award nominated stage actor and star of hit movies such as *Coyote Ugly*.

A spectacular show not to be missed.

This is Irish Dance reborn!



Crown Ballet: Swan Lake

Saturday 30 September, 7.30pm | £27 (£25 concession and £21 under 16s)

After last year's successful première, Crown Ballet returns this year to Consett to enchant you with the delightful production of *Swan Lake*.

One of Tchaikovsky's best works and the most famous ballet of all time, *Swan Lake* features some of ballet's most memorable music and breath-taking dance.

Full of mystery and romance, *Swan Lake* 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.



Fleeting Rumours

Friday 13 October, 7.30pm | £18 (£16 concession)

Fleeting Rumours are the North's premier tribute to Fleetwood Mac, getting that special blend of vocals, guitars, keyboards and drums to an exceptional level of authenticity.

Every member of the six piece band are seasoned musicians and singers renowned in their own field, covering all decades of Fleetwood Mac's back catalogue, including the early years with Peter Green performing songs like *Black Magic Woman* and *Oh Well*.

Based around the songs from the album *Rumours*, the band also play hits from Stevie Nicks solo career, before moving on to songs like *Sweet Little Lies* and *Everywhere*.

Get It On!

Saturday 14 October, 7.30pm | £28

It's time to bang a gong and *Get it On* for one night of glam rock!

From the producers who brought you the hit show *Lost in Music*, the biggest glam rock show of a generation brings you the costumes, the make-up, the music...you ain't seen nothing yet! So bring your tiger feet and join us for a night like no other.

We will transport you back to a time dreams were made of featuring the biggest hits from T.Rex, Mud, Slade, Bowie, Suzi Quatro, Wizzard, Sweet and many more.

Come on feel the noise and dress to impress for this feel-good show of the year!

entertainers presents
GET IT ON!
 - ONE NIGHT OF GLAM ROCK -
 FROM THE PRODUCERS OF **LOST in MUSIC**



Fast Love

Friday 20 October, 7.30pm | £28

Direct from London's West End, this is the world's favourite George Michael celebration!

Make new memories whilst reliving old classics as we celebrate one of the greatest musicians the world has ever seen.

This show has it all. The power, emotion, and star quality in this stunning production featuring all the hits, from Wham! right through his glittering career, including, *Wake Me Up, Too Funky, Father Figure, Freedom, Faith, Knew You Were Waiting, Careless Whisper* and many more.

"The closest you can get to the real thing" **The Reviews Hub**

The Wonder of Stevie

Thursday 26 October, 7.30pm | £26.50

The ultimate celebration of the genius of Stevie Wonder.

Award-winning vocalist Noel McCalla and his world-class live band present a diverse catalogue of iconic back-to-back hits including *Superstition, Signed, Sealed, Delivered, Isn't She Lovely, I Wish, Sir Duke, Master Blaster* and many more.

Featuring musicians who've previously performed with music legends Bill Withers, Amy Winehouse, Jools Holland, The Bee Gees, Eric Clapton, David Gilmour, Paul McCartney, Martha Reeves, Nile Rodgers, Jamiroquai and Alfie Boe.

'Spine-tingling' ★★★★★ **The Guardian**
'Breathtaking' ★★★★★ **Sunday Times**



Do You Believe In Ghosts?

Saturday 21 October, 7.30pm | £27.50

An experiential ghost story, unlike anything you have ever experienced before.

Welcome to a haunting night at the theatre. Are you feeling brave?

If you are, join us, and we will tell you all the secrets of what goes on when the theatre goes dark. When the only thing to guide you is the Ghost Light. To keep mischievous spirits away - or maybe just to light the way for the ghosts who call it their home.

The ghostly stories of the things that go bump in the night, or the day. Stories that you have to take away with you. . . or at least try not to. We will raise the hairs on your arms and send chills down the back of your neck. . .

Join us for a dark night. Dare you!





Jack and the Beanstalk

The GIANT panto that's Fe-Fi-Fo-FUN!

Friday 1 to Sunday 31 December | £10 - £18
Great family, group and school discounts available.

Written and Directed by Leah Bell.
Starring Leah Bell, Tommy Cannon, Crissy Rock and Jason Jones.

Beaver Ridge Campsite has a GIANT problem. Every night, the sound of GIANT footsteps causes treetops to tremble, windows to wobble and clouds to collide, bringing GIANT rainstorms across the Enchanted Forest. Sometimes a GIANT voice is heard booming across the sky...

Join Jack, Dame Tilly Trot, Lord Mayor Tommy Tomato, Big Mac the Cow, Cowella Daville and a whole host of other characters on an adventure packed full of fun, hit songs, dazzling costumes, audience participation and more, in our GIANT panto that's Fe-Fi-Fo-FUN!

EMPIRE CONSETT PROUDLY PRESENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEAH BELL



Jack and the Beanstalk

PERFORMANCE DATES

Fri	01 Dec	10am
Sat	02 Dec	3pm
Sun	03 Dec	3pm
Tues	05 Dec	10am
Wed	06 Dec	10am
Thurs	07 Dec	10am & 1.30pm
Fri	08 Dec	10am
Sat	09 Dec	11am & 3pm
Sun	10 Dec	3pm
Tues	12 Dec	10am
Wed	13 Dec	10am
Thurs	14 Dec	10am
Fri	15 Dec	10am & 1.30pm
Sat	16 Dec	11am & 3pm
Sun	17 Dec	3pm
Tues	19 Dec	6.30pm
Wed	20 Dec	4.30pm
Thurs	21 Dec	4.30pm
Fri	22 Dec	3pm & 6.30pm
Sat	23 Dec	12.30pm & 4.30pm
Sun	24 Dec	12.30pm & 4.30pm
Tues	26 Dec	3pm
Wed	27 Dec	3pm
Thurs	28 Dec	11am* & 3pm**
Fri	29 Dec	3pm
Sat	30 Dec	3pm
Sun	31 Dec	1.30pm

*Relaxed Performance

** British Sign Language interpreted

THE MERSEY BEATLES

The Mersey Beatles

Saturday 28 October, 7.30pm | £25

Fans of The Beatles...prepare to be wowed by the world's favourite Liverpool-born tribute to the fab four.

The band - who clocked up more than 600 appearances in a 10-year residency at Liverpool's legendary Cavern Club - brilliantly exude the inner and outer spirit of John, Paul, George and Ringo in this truly authentic and widely acclaimed celebration.

Throughout two unforgettable hours, prepare to be taken on a fabulous ride through the 'mop top' hits of Beatlemania, the psychedelic creativity of Sgt Pepper to the melodic wonder and energy of the Fab Four's later work.

So, roll up, roll up for this very special 'Magical History Tour' - a splendid time is guaranteed for all!

Sing-a-long-a Matilda The Musical

Saturday 4 November, 2pm | £16 (£14 concession)

Calling all revolting children and their parents - come and be a little bit naughty at *Sing-a-Long-a Matilda the Musical*. Find the "magic" inside of you and join our gang at the latest film to get the sing-a-long treatment, the Tony and Olivia Award winning *Matilda the Musical* based on Roald Dahl's novel.

Our host will teach you the dance moves, show you how to use your free props bags and have you booing the villains and championing the heroes. YOU the audience are the stars!

Fancy dress is strongly encouraged and full audience participation essential. Do you want to change your story and be a little bit naughty? Well, this is your chance...

Please note this is a screening of the movie not a live stage show.



Vincent Simone: Tango Passions

Saturday 11 November, 7.30pm | £33 (£75 VIP Meet and Greet)

Argentine Tango king and *Strictly Come Dancing* legend Vincent Simone returns to the stage with a brand new show alongside Argentine Tango specialist Paula Duarte as his leading lady.

Accompanied by world-class Argentine Tango specialists, let the original Italian stallion take you on a journey to Buenos Aires and enjoy his dancing, tales and poetry about the history of the Argentine Tango featuring music from Astor Piazzolla and Gotan Project.

This is a sexy, steamy and passionate night not to be missed!

There are a limited number of VIP Meet and Greet tickets available where audiences can get a photo and autograph opportunities with Vincent, plus a signed print and VIP lanyard.





The Illegal Eagles

Wednesday 15 November, 7.30pm | SOLD OUT

Celebrating over 50 years since the formation of the legendary West Coast Country Rock band The Eagles, The Illegal Eagles make a welcome return to Consett with a brand-new production, promising more of their trademark musical prowess, acute attention to detail and incredible showmanship.

This critically acclaimed show features the very best from the Eagles' catalogue of classics including *Hotel California*, *Desperado*, *Take It Easy*, *New Kid In Town*, *Life In The Fast Lane* and many more. Extremely tight harmonies and an acute attention to detail are synonymous with The Illegal Eagles and they have established themselves not only as the ultimate celebration of The Eagles, but as one of the foremost authentic and talented shows in the world.



Gary Delaney: Gary In Punderland

Saturday 18 November, 7.30pm | £21

Get ready to dive into a rabbit hole of the best jokes in the world - star of *Live at the Apollo* and sell-out sensation Gary Delaney is back!

One of the most sought-after joke writers in the country 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 the kind of one-liners only a master could craft. If you're hunting for snark, Gary's got it covered!

'A cavalcade of brilliantly inventive puns'
★★★★ **Guardian**

Big Girls Don't Cry

Friday 17 November, 7.30pm | £28

They skyrocketed to worldwide stardom 60 years ago with no.1 hit *Sherry* - so, come out tonight as we celebrate all of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons' million-selling hits including *Walk Like a Man*, *Rag Doll*, *Oh What a Night* and *Silence is Golden*, all in one incredible concert show.

Transporting you back in time to 1963 and beyond for a magical evening, *Big Girls Don't Cry* celebrates the iconic sounds of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons with all your favourites authentically recreated by this phenomenal cast and live band.

It showcases Frankie's incredible falsetto, and features his solo hits like *Grease*, *Let's Hang On*, *Working My Way Back to You*, *Beggin'*, *I've Got You Under My Skin*, and *Who Loves You*.

So it's time to hang on to what we got and celebrate one of the world's treasures in two hours of non-stop hits with *Big Girls Don't Cry*.



Whitney - Queen of the Night

Thursday 23 November, 7.30pm | £20 - £30

Direct from the West End, *Whitney - Queen of the Night* is a celebration of the music and life of one of the greatest singers of all time: Whitney Houston.

Experience the ultimate tribute to the remarkable musical repertoire of Whitney Houston in an electrifying production that honours her timeless songs with sensational vocalists and a full live band.

Prepare to be blown away by an extraordinary journey through three decades of all-time hits such as *I Wanna Dance With Somebody*, *One Moment In Time*, *I'm Every Woman*, *I Will Always Love You*, *My Love Is Your Love*, *So Emotional*, *Run To You*, *Saving All My Love*, *How Will I Know*, *Million Dollar Bill*, *The Greatest Love Of All* and many more.

Join us for an unmissable evening filled with live music, captivating choreography, and powerful vocals, as we pay homage to the one and only queen of the night.



ALSO SHOWING: COMMUNITY

Beauty and the Beast

Presented by CBS Theatre Group

Monday 15 to Saturday 20 January,
7.15pm (+2.15pm Saturday) | £10
(two for £16 on Monday 15 January)

Fun and frolics all the way with CBS Theatre Group community pantomime.

This much-loved tale will be brought to life through song, dance and comedy.

Not to be missed.



VENUE UPDATE

We want to be able to provide the best quality shows and performances in a comfortable and safe venue for many years to come. In order to do so, it is necessary for us to carry out important remedial work in the roof areas of the building which means that our auditorium will temporarily close in February 2024 for work to take place and will reopen in Autumn 2024.

We will keep customers updated via our social media and website.

Thank you for your continued support.





Empire Lounge

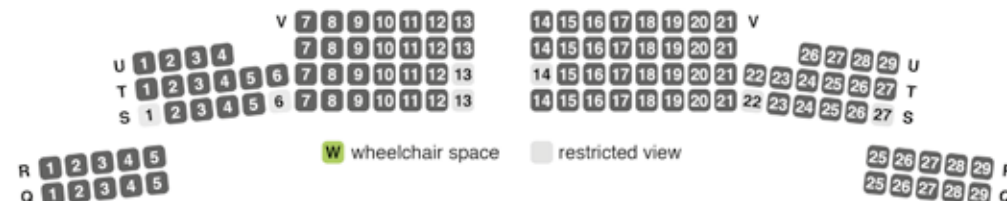
Take a seat and relax in our refurbished café and lounge area, with light bites served from 10am to 3pm Monday to Saturday.

Whether you're popping in with friends for a cuppa or lunch during the day, or a glass of wine before a show, Empire Lounge is a great place to start.

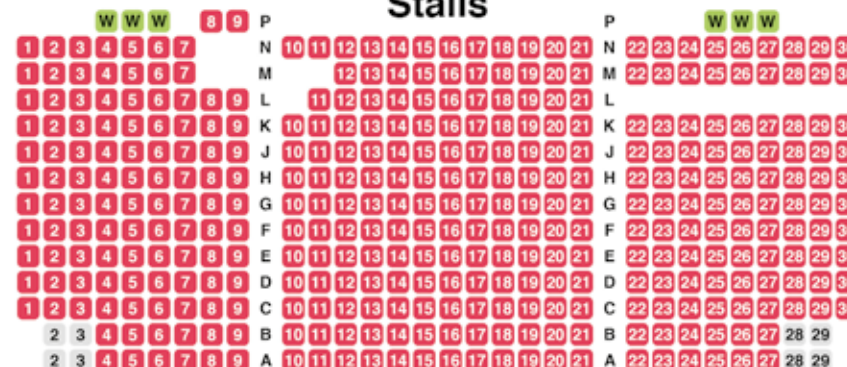
Evening bar open for refreshments 30 minutes before film and 45 minutes before live shows. Please note the bar will close 15 minutes prior to show start times to enable the audience to be seated.

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 10am-3pm. Tuesday – Saturday 6.30pm-9pm. 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 and exchanges: Tickets may be exchanged for other performances (for a fee of £1 per ticket) up to 48 hours before a performance if your booking is not greater than ten tickets. Unless an event is cancelled, all tickets are non-refundable. By purchasing our tickets you agree that these can't be resold for profit through any means. This will result in tickets being declared void.

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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CANNON**

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