

Empire
Consett

What's On

Autumn / Winter 2024-25



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Empire Cinema

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, our Bringing In Baby screenings at Empire Consett 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 empireconsett.co.uk for details of screenings.



Moana 2

A Country Night In Nashville

Friday 11 October, 7.30pm | £26

Direct from The Royal Albert Hall, *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 decades; from Johnny Cash to Alan Jackson, Dolly to The Chicks, Willie Nelson to Kacey Musgraves, don't miss this incredible celebration of the very best of country music.



Othello

Saturday 12 October, 7.30pm | £17
(£15 concession), £10 schools

Award-winning Durham-based Elysium Theatre Company has wowed audiences across the County with their productions of *A Doll's House*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Reiver - Tales From The Borders*. Now they bring Shakespeare's immortal tragedy of love and jealousy in a dazzling new production.

Cyprus is under threat from an invasion from the Turks. The Duke of Venice sends his best general, Othello the Moor, to defend the island in its hour of need. Othello is newly married to the young and beautiful Desdemona. Their love seems indestructible. But as the fate of Europe hangs in the balance Othello's malevolent officer Iago has other plans. Determined to destroy his commander, he rips apart Othello's love for Desdemona by sowing seeds of jealousy in his tortured mind.

Q&A with the cast after the show.

'This company can do no wrong.'

Reviewer Number 9

The Magic of Motown

Wednesday 16 October, 7.30pm | £28.50

Seen by millions, *The Magic of Motown* is back with its 20th Anniversary Tour!

It's no surprise that this show is one of the biggest success stories in British theatre history.

Come celebrate their brand-new show for 2024 as we Reach Out and show you there ain't no mountain high enough with the biggest Motown party of the year.

Get ready for all the hits, glittering costumes, dazzling dance routines and outstanding musicianship in this breath-taking live concert spectacular.

You will be going Loco down in Acapulco as we take you back down memory lane with 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, many more.

Celebrate the sound of a generation with one very special night of *The Magic of Motown!*



The Comedy Store

Friday 18 October & Friday 24 January,
7.30pm | £12 (£10 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+



80s Live!

Saturday 19 October, 7.30pm | £28

You've made it through the wilderness, somehow, you've made it through and now we're never gonna give you up!

Get ready as the biggest 80s party show to tour the UK comes to Consett!

Direct from London's West End, we will be heading down the Atlanta Highway, so bring your jukebox money and get ready to Jitterbug.

The show includes hits *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, The Edge of Heaven, Tainted Love, Love Shack, Living on a Prayer, The Final Countdown, Don't You Want Me?, Relax, Never Gonna Give You Up, It's Raining Men, Rio* and the list goes on.



The UK Rock Show

Friday 25 October, 7.30pm | £26

Combining the feel of a rock festival with the atmosphere of a top end rock arena tour, get ready to be transported back to the 80s heyday of classic rock in *The UK Rock Show!*

Expect fireworks, flames, amazing lighting and exacting attention to detail as this amazing 5 piece band, who have numerous recording credits and having travelled the Globe extensively, recreate hits from rock gods such as Journey, Aerosmith, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Kiss, AC/DC, Van Halen and many more!

If you are a fan of live classic rock, this is the show for you!



Joe McElderry: The Classic Collection

Saturday 26 October, 7.30pm | £28 (£75 VIP)

Joe McElderry brings a unique show to Empire Consett, taking the audience through the beautiful classic crossover repertoire of his Popstar to Opera journey, from dipping his toes in the operatic pool to winning the show.

The Classic Collection will also include many timeless songs from the world of music and musical theatre, allowing you to sit back, relax and enjoy a classic evening of entertainment!

Fireman Sam: The Great Camping Adventure

Tuesday 29 October, 1pm & 3.30pm | £16.50 (£15.50 concession), £58 family ticket (min. two under 16s)

Norman wants to go on an adventure to impress his friends, so when two famous animal explorers arrive in Pontypandy, he decides to follow them into the mountains.

But when Norman discovers a rare red squirrel, one of the explorers decides to take the glory for themselves, leaving Norman stranded in a cave.

Now it's up to Fireman Sam to save the day and ensure everyone is safe on their camping adventure!



Queenz: Drag Me To The Disco

Wednesday 30 October, 7.30pm | £28

Join the gals for an electrifying, live vocal, drag-stravaganza, where Dancing Queenz and Disco Dreams collide for the party of a lifetime.

After two trailblazing years of touring the country, a run in London's West End, and accumulating countless five-star reviews, *Queenz* has rapidly ascended as one of the world's most successful drag shows.

Featuring more sequins and surprises than ever before, the gals are ready to drag you to the dance floor and serve up the ultimate celebration of powerhouse popstars & dazzling disco divas.



ABBAMANIA

Friday 1 November, 7.30pm | £27.50

Celebrating 50 years of ABBA music!

In 1974, ABBA won the Eurovision song contest with *Waterloo* and you can still dance, jive and have the time of your life with Europe's leading ABBA tribute.

ABBAMANIA's widely acclaimed tribute to the music of ABBA, is a sensational two-hour show featuring record breaking and timeless hits including *Waterloo*, *Dancing Queen*, *Mamma Mia*, *Fernando* and more.

So dust off your platforms, put on your flares and enjoy an unforgettable night of music.



The Sensational 60s Experience

Thursday 7 November, 7.30pm | £31

Join us for the musical phenomenon of 2024 with this festival of nostalgia. The show with the definite feelgood factor will transport you back to that magical decade that was the 1960s.

Whether you come to relive your childhood memories or you just simply want to see what your parents have been raving about for all these years this is the show to see.

These legends of the 60s will deliver to you a night never to be forgotten. You will find it impossible to remain in your seat as these incredible artistes fill your venue with nostalgic memories performing hit after hit.

Starring Dozy Beaky Mick and Tich, The Trens (Featuring Jeff Brown former member of The Tremeloes), The Fortunes, Mike d'Abo (Lead singer with Manfred Mann) and Vanity Fare.

Step back in time to when pop music was at its very best.





Showaddywaddy

Friday 8 November, 7.30pm | £28

'The Greatest Rock & Roll Band In The World' is a bold statement, but Showaddywaddy have lived up to that title for the last five decades!

Formed in Leicester in 1973 from an amalgamation of several local bands, Showaddywaddy have gone on to sell more than 20 million records and tour the globe.

Their 50th Anniversary shows will be dynamic and uplifting, featuring all their greatest hits, many of which reached number one in the pop charts across Europe - *Under The Moon of Love*, *Three Steps to Heaven*, *Hey Rock & Roll*, *When*, *Blue Moon*, *Pretty Little Angel Eyes* and many more.

Gavin Webster

Saturday 9 November, 7.30pm | £15

Gavin Webster, a stand-up comedian of over 30 years comes to Empire Consett to share his jokes, routines and set pieces, his one liners, dark observations, sardonic ukulele comedy songs and verbal crash bang wallops.

He's done gigs over the last three decades literally all round the world. He's done dozens of radio programmes, television stand up showcases, panel shows, he's even starred in films that have won international awards as well as international comedy festivals.

It has involved swearing though, lots of it and shouting as well, it wouldn't be Gavin Webster without lots of swearing and shouting. Expect to be entertained with swears and shouts.



The Drifters

Friday 15 November, 7.30pm | £33

The Drifters are back on tour in the UK performing all their classic hits including *Saturday Night at the Movies*, *You're More Than A Number*, *Come on Over to My Place*, *Under the Boardwalk*, *Kissin' In The Back Row* and many more!

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.





LEAH BELL KEVIN KENNEDY CRISSY ROCK

Friday 29 November to Tuesday 31 December | Tickets from £10
Family, schools and group discounts available.

Written and directed by Leah Bell

Packed full of adventure, fun, dazzling costumes, hit songs, audience participation, and all your favourite characters - Leah Bell and company return in 2024 to present the most magical fairy tale of them all - Cinderella.

This year, we'll introduce *Coronation Street* legend Kevin Kennedy to our audiences at Empire Consett, where he will be playing His Royal Highness, King Curly, and Crissy Rock returns as Patty Pumpkin, the cook who can't cook

You'll really have a ball!



CINDERELLA

PERFORMANCE DATES

Fri	29 Nov	10am
Sat	30 Nov	3pm
Sun	01 Dec	3pm
Tues	03 Dec	10am
Wed	04 Dec	10am
Thurs	05 Dec	10am
Fri	06 Dec	1.30pm & 5.30pm
Sat	07 Dec	11am & 3pm
Sun	08 Dec	3pm
Tues	10 Dec	10am
Wed	11 Dec	10am
Thurs	12 Dec	10am
Fri	13 Dec	10am
Sat	14 Dec	11am & 3pm
Sun	15 Dec	3pm
Tues	17 Dec	10am & 1.30pm
Wed	18 Dec	10am & 1.30pm
Fri	20 Dec	6.30pm
Sat	21 Dec	11am & 3pm
Sun	22 Dec	3pm
Mon	23 Dec	12.30pm & 4.30pm
Tues	24 Dec	12.30pm & 4.30pm
Thurs	26 Dec	3pm
Fri	27 Dec	11am* & 3pm**
Sat	28 Dec	11am & 3pm
Sun	29 Dec	3pm
Mon	30 Dec	3pm
Tues	31 Dec	1.30pm

You'll Really Have A Ball!

Choreography by Harriet O'Brien

*Relaxed performance **British Sign Language Interpreted



Crown Ballet: The Nutcracker

Thursday 21 November, 7.30pm | £28 (£26 concession), £22 under 16s

After last year's successful tour, Crown Ballet® returns this year to Empire Consett to enchant you with the delightful production of *The Nutcracker*, a charming and kind fairy tale that is one of the jewels of Tchaikovsky's repertoire.

The original Christmas story is based on *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* written by E.T.A. Hoffmann. It tells the story of Marie, a sad little girl, whose godfather, Drosselmeier, gives her a Nutcracker doll as a present on Christmas Eve. In her lively imagination it turns into a prince and the magic starts...

This eternal seasonal favourite will be an unforgettable journey and an ideal introduction to audiences of any age to the magic that is classical ballet.

A wonderful treat full of glitter for the whole family!



THE MERSEY BEATLES



The Mersey Beatles

Saturday 25 January, 7.30pm | £27

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

The Mersey Beatles have been rocking sold-out shows around the globe since 1999 with their truly authentic and widely acclaimed celebration of John, Paul, George and Ringo.

From the costumes, instruments, cheeky Scouse wit and, of course, that brilliant era-defining Mersey sound, The Mersey Beatles stunning live stage show is a gloriously presented hit-packed celebration of the music that changed the world.

Lost In Music: One Night At The Disco

Thursday 30 January, 7.30pm | £28.50

Lost In Music - The Original Disco Show!

Embark on an electrifying journey through the sensational 70s. Our world class band and dazzling vocals are set to transport you straight to the heart of disco fever.

Get ready to re-live timeless hits from icons like Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge and Chic.

Don't miss out on the feel-good show of the year - join us, lose yourself in the music, and leave your worries behind!



Coming Soon

10CCLO

Saturday 8 February, 7.30pm | £19

Give Me The Night - A Tribute To George Benson

Friday 14 February, 7.30pm | £28.50

Fleeting Rumours

Saturday 15 February, 7.30pm | £19

Diana & Lionel: Endless Love The Show

Saturday 22 February, 7.30pm | £27

Natural History Museum Presents: Dinosaurs Live

Wednesday 26 February, 1.30pm &
4.30pm | Tickets from £15

The Illegal Eagles

Friday 28 February, 7.30pm | £36.50

The Comedy Store

Friday 14 March, 7.30pm | £12
(£10 concession)



ALSO SHOWING: COMMUNITY

THE FULL MONTY

The Full Monty

Presented by CBS Theatre Group

Tuesday 1 to Saturday 5 October, 7.15pm | £15 (£12 on Tuesday 1 October)

When the Steel Mills close in Buffalo, New York, Jerry and his best friend Dave - having been made redundant feel that they have been thrown on the scrap heap. He owes back payments in child maintenance, and is up to his eyes in debt and has to make some extra cash quickly and so he decides to form a strip group with a bunch of guys from the plant.

Based on the 1997 smash hit film, this gripping tale told through the characters and their personal hang-ups is a comedic rollercoaster ride of ups and downs as the guys share their individual woes. A must see showcase, as the guys go 'the Full Monty'.

Age guidance 16+

The Little Mermaid

Presented by CBS Theatre Group

Monday 13 to Saturday 18 January, 7.15pm (+2.15pm Saturday) | £10
(two for £16 on Monday)

The Little Mermaid is a heartwarming fairy tale of a young mermaid who desires to live a human life. Despite many attempts from her family and friends to dissuade her, she falls in love with a Prince and the only way she can fulfil her dream is to give her voice to the sea witch.

Come and see a family, fun filled panto full of frolics and mayhem - it's one not to be missed!



Empire Lounge

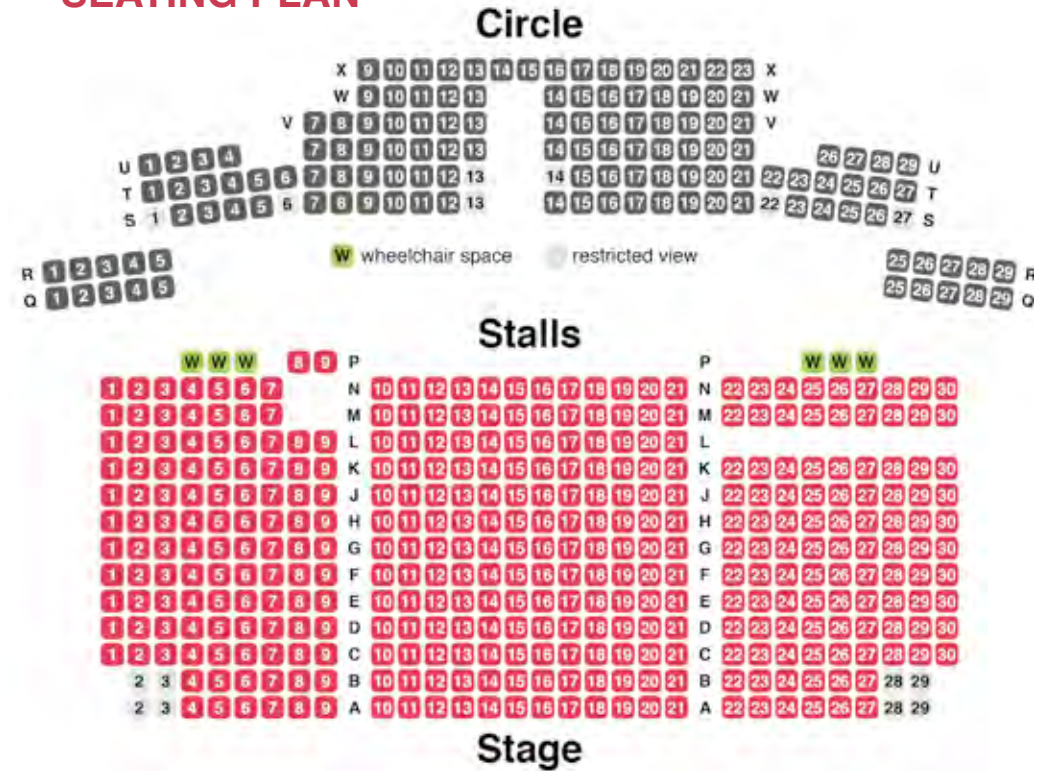
Take a seat and relax in our café and lounge area, with light bites served from 10am to 3pm Tuesday to Saturday.

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



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: Tuesday - 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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