

Empire
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What's On

Spring / Summer 2025



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Empire Cinema

Catch the latest blockbusters on the big screen with prices now from just £5*, with further savings to be had when purchasing five tickets for £20 (min, two under 16s).

Subtitled screenings are also now available.

* excluding special screenings and 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 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.



Snow White

90s Live

Friday 7 February, 7.30pm | £28

Get ready as *90s Live* spices up your life, takes you back for good and hits you one more time with the ultimate 90s party night out!

The music of a generation is brought to life with fantastic vocals, genius costumes and, of course, all the dance moves you know and love.

From Take That to Oasis, Spice Girls to Supergrass, get ready for this non-stop 90s extravaganza as we set you free and pump up the jam with songs by Britney Spears, The Vengaboys, Bryan Adams, Boyzone, Shania Twain, Bewitched, Wet Wet Wet, Ace of Base, S Club 7 and many more.



10CCLO

Saturday 8 February, 7.30pm | £19

10CCLO are the world's only tribute to both the legendary 10CC and ELO in one incredible hit packed two hour show with fantastic visuals.

Both bands have enjoyed worldwide hits for the last four decades and have remained in the hearts of millions of fans.

With *Dreadlock Holiday*, *Mr Blue Sky*, *I'm Mandy Fly Me*, *Evil Woman*, *The Things We Do for Love*, *Wild West Hero*, *Life is a Minestrone*, *Art for Art's Sake*, *Turn to Stone* and *I'm Not in Love?*...the classics just keep on coming!



Fleeting Rumours

Saturday 15 February, 7.30pm | £19

Fleeting Rumours are the North's premier tribute band to Fleetwood Mac, covering all decades of the band's back catalogue including the early years with Peter Green performing songs like *Black Magic Woman* and *Oh Well*.

The performance is set around the songs from the album *Rumours*, but the band also play hits from Stevie Nicks solo career, before moving on to songs like *Sweet Little Lies*, *Everywhere* and *Big Love from Tango in the Night*.

Diana & Lionel: Endless Love The Show

Saturday 22 February, 7.30pm | £27

Starring a sensational cast, incredible vocals and a stellar live band, *Endless Love* is the ultimate feel-good night out which celebrates the two legendary artistes, Diana Ross and Lionel Richie.

The show is packed with Motown classics and timeless smash hits such as *I'm Coming Out*, *Dancing On The Ceiling*, *Upside Down*, *Say You Say Me*, *Chain Reaction*, *All Night Long*, *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*, *Hello*, *Can't Hurry Love* and, of course, the number one duet of all time - *Endless Love*.



Natural History Museum Presents: Dinosaurs Live

Wednesday 26 February, 1.30pm & 4.30pm | Tickets from £15
(£60 family ticket min. two under 16s)

For the first time since 1881, the home of dinosaurs, London's Natural History Museum, is going on tour!

Ever since they were first identified in the 1800s, dinosaurs have sparked the imagination of kids and adults alike and for the first time ever, the world-renowned Natural History Museum takes you on a dinosaur adventure like no other!

Join us as we go on a pre-historic journey to the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods and watch life-like dinosaurs come alive on stage! You'll also find out more about fossils, time scales and how our planet has changed over hundreds of millions of years.

Age guidance: 3+



The Illegal Eagles

Friday 28 February, 7.30pm |
SOLD OUT

Celebrating over 50 years since the formation of the legendary West Coast Country Rock band The Eagles in 1971, 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.

The Makings of a Murderer 2: The Real Manhunter

Thursday 6 March, 7.30pm | £29

Following sell-out shows nationwide, the UK's top true crime theatre tour is back with a brand-new lineup featuring Senior Investigating officer Colin Sutton, who caught serial killer Levi Bellfield and 'Night Stalker' Delroy Grant.

Join us for a chilling, thrilling night at the theatre as Colin, who was head of a Metropolitan Police murder squad, tells us the stories of how he caught some of the UK's most evil murderers.

In this all-new show, Colin; who the ITV drama series *Manhunt*, played by Martin Clunes, is based on, will talk you through his remarkable career and what it is like to chase and catch a serial killer in a unique night at the theatre - for true crime fans and theatre goers alike.

Into The Groove

Saturday 8 March, 7.30pm | £28

Celebrating 40 years of Madonna, strike a pose and get up on the dancefloor, it's time to open your heart as we've got the key.

Join us for an incredible night as we cherish the love and celebrate the incredible career of the best-selling female artist of all time Madonna!

This energetic, dazzling and colourful production recreates the highlights from her breathtaking live tours for the ultimate concert night out!

Featuring all of Madonna's greatest hits including *Holiday*, *Like a Prayer*, *Papa Don't Preach*, *Material Girl*, *Vogue*, *Music*, *Hung Up* and many more!

So don't go for second best, put your love to the test and get *Into The Groove*!



The Comedy Store

Friday 14 March, Friday 23 May &
Friday 25 July, 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 faint-hearted and not to be missed!

Recommended age: 18+



One Night In Dublin

Saturday 15 March, 7.30pm | £24.50

The ultimate feel-good Irish music show!

Receiving rave reviews for its incredible musicians and great song choices, Middi and his award-winning band cover all of your favourite sing-along Irish classics including *Galway Girl*, *Tell Me Ma*, *The Irish Rover*, *Dirty Old Town*, *Whiskey in the Jar*, *The Wild Rover* and many more.

Let them take you to 'Murphy's Pub' for two hours of music and humour with songs by The Pogues, The Saw Doctors, The Dubliners, The Fureys, Flogging Molly, The Dropkick Murphys and more.

It's like St. Patrick's Day every night!



The Story of Soul

Friday 21 March, 7.30pm | £30

The latest hit show from Entertainers - the producers that brought you *The Magic of Motown* and *Lost in Music*, get ready as the cast take you on a journey of sweet soul music.

Join the Love Train, as *The Story of Soul* gives you the best of our love and shows you there ain't nobody who does it better!

Powerful performances from their talented cast showcase the biggest hits spanning a generation including songs by Aretha Franklin, Earth Wind and Fire, James Brown, Wilson Pickett, Sam and Dave, Chaka Khan, Tina Turner, The Pointer Sisters, Whitney Houston, Ben E King, Barry White and many more.



FEATURING MUSIC FROM:
TINA TURNER • MARVIN GAYE • JAMES BROWN
ARETHA FRANKLIN • BARRY WHITE
AND MANY MORE

The American Four Tops

Friday 28 March, 7.30pm | £27

Direct from the USA, Soul Satisfaction's American Four Tops show has been travelling internationally bringing all the sweet soul music and Motown magic to their audiences.

With powerful vocals, splendid harmonies and the high stepping dance routines, you will be taken on a journey through all the hits of the Four Tops including *Reach Out*, *Baby I Need Your Loving*, *Walk Away Renee*, *Same Old Song*, *Loco in Acalpulco*, *Standing In the Shadow* and *Bernadette* along with other classic hits from the golden era!



Power Ballads

Friday 4 April, 7.30pm | £26.50
(£24.50 concession)

Big hair, big voices and big fun - *Power Ballads* transports us to a time when music was larger than life and massive arenas sang as one with the bands that defined the era.

Relive the heyday of stadium rock with top-tier musicians dedicated to their craft and steeped in the nostalgic nuances required to deliver a jaw-droppingly authentic live performance.

Enjoy hit after hit by Rainbow, Heart, Whitesnake, Bon Jovi, Bryan Adams, Aerosmith and many more!

You're in for an unforgettable night with state-of-the-art stage production, dazzling lights and the biggest sing-along choruses of all time.



Songs of the North East

Saturday 5 April, 7.30pm | £20

International singing stars Graeme Danby and Valerie Reid are leaving behind the great opera stages of the world to bring their new show to Graeme's hometown of Consett.

Songs of the North East celebrates the music of our region and includes traditional ballads such as *Blow the Wind Southerly*, *The Keel Row* and *Sally Wheatley* alongside more contemporary numbers by local songwriters Mark Knopfler, Sting and Eric Boswell.

Join us for an evening of wonderful music and the stories behind the songs in this show written and produced by Graeme Thompson and Tom Kelly with accompanist Andrew Richardson.



André Rieu's 75th Birthday Celebration: The Dream Continues

Saturday 12 April, 7pm | £15 (£13 concession)

The King of the Waltz invites you to a boat party with him and his beloved Johann Strauss Orchestra as they sail through his hometown of Maastricht.

This brand-new cinema special is a tribute to André's childhood dream of one day forming his own orchestra and travelling the world.

The film features a selection of André's favourite and most spectacular global performances along with some of the finest moments the Maestro and his Johann Strauss Orchestra have shared during their many decades together.



A Big Egg

Presented by The People's Theatre Company

Saturday 19 April, 2.30pm | £12 (£10 concession), £40 family ticket (min. two under 16s)

For Jack and his little sister Molly there's nothing more astonishing and magical than an egg.

But how big can an egg get? And what wonderful surprises might there be inside?

Based on the picture book by Steven Lee and performed with a magical mixture of live action, animation and puppetry, this scrumptious, sing-along musical will delight even the most hard-boiled of theatre goers.

Perfect for ages 2-102, join Jack and Molly this Easter for what is guaranteed to be a feast of fun and a cracking good time!



Milkshake! Live On Holiday

Thursday 24 April, 12.30pm & 3.30pm | £17.50 (£16.50 under 16s), £64 family ticket (min. two under 16s)

Milkshake! Live is back with a brand-new show!

Join your favourite *Milkshake!* friends on Holiday with Smurfette, Dora, Pip and Posy, Blue from *Blues Clues and You!*, Milo, Milkshake! Monkey plus two of your *Milkshake!* presenters for an all-new adventure!

Pack your bags and jump aboard the *Milkshake!* train as we go on an all singing, all dancing holiday together! It's a family show not to be missed!



Walk Right Back: The Everly Brothers' Story

Wednesday 30 April, 7.30pm | £27

Immerse yourself in a wave of pure rock and roll nostalgia with *Walk Right Back!*

Presented by the creators of *That'll Be The Day*, this show recounts the tale of those two Kentucky boys who created unparalleled vocal magic - The Everly Brothers.

Brace yourself for a thrilling journey from their roots in Kentucky to their glorious reunion at London's Royal Albert Hall, boasting signature guitar riffs and those unforgettable harmonies with smash hits like *Bye Bye Love*, *Wake Up Little Susie* and *All I Have To Do Is Dream*.

Each rendition is performed with infectious energy and captures the heartfelt essence of The Everly Brothers.

Country Roads

Friday 16 May, 7.30pm | £30

Come with us to the place you belong for a night of the very best country classics!

Leave your 9 to 5 worries at the door and get ready as - for one night only - we celebrate the Kings and Queens of country music.

Enjoy the very biggest country songs of all time including *9 to 5*, *The Gambler*, *Walk the Line*, *Ring of Fire*, *King of the Road*, *Crazy*, *Rhinestone Cowboy*, *Jolene*, *Dance the Night Away*, *Walkin' after Midnight* and many more.

The stars of our hit show *Islands In The Stream* return in this brand-new production that's now BIGGER than ever!



The Haunting of Blaine Manor

Winner of The Salford Star Best Play of the Year Award
Written & directed by Joe O'Byrne

Saturday 17 May, 7.30pm | £20

England, 1953. Renowned American parapsychologist Doctor Roy Earle, famous for discrediting hauntings and exposing fake mediums, is invited to attend a séance in Blaine Manor, said to be the most haunted building in England.

However, Earle's arrival awakes something horrific within the manor's walls. As a raging storm closes them off from the outside world, Earle and his companions find that what is waiting within the manor is not nearly as horrific as what has entered with them.

In the spirit of M R James, England's most accomplished ghost story writer (*Casting the Runes*, *Whistle and I'll Come To You My Lad*, *The Haunted Doll's House*), and with a nod to the classic black and white films of Columbia Pictures, Metro Goldwyn Mayor, Universal Pictures and 20th Century Fox.

O'Byrne's award-winning production is a love letter to both the Golden Age of Hollywood and the Hammer Horror era. An appreciation of the fabulous characters played by the likes of Vincent Price, Peter Cushing, Bette Davis, Peter Lorre and more. It's a thrilling haunted house chiller set in a manor with a twisted history of madness, witchcraft, tragedy and death, it's the new *The Woman in Black*.

Age guidance: 10+ (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult)



Flowers & Friendship Bracelets

Saturday 31 May, 6pm | £22.50

Get ready for a dazzling explosion of music, dance and excitement as *Flowers and Friendship Bracelets* takes to the stage in this unforgettable family-friendly pop concert experience!

Come and join us for the ultimate pop concert and celebrate the biggest hits from the hottest artistes of the moment.

Let's *Shake it Off* to our very own Taylor Swift; sing along to *Flowers* with Miley Cyrus; dust off all our best dance moves to *Vampires* with Olivia Rodrigo, and not forgetting the unstoppable Sabrina Carpenter performing all her top hits such as *Espresso*.

Flowers and Friendship Bracelets will create unforgettable memories for children and families.



Fastlove

The Tribute to George Michael

Friday 13 June, 7.30pm | £29

Direct from London's West End and with a brand-new show for 2025, *Fastlove* is the world's favourite George Michael celebration!

This show has it all, the power, emotion, and star quality with full video and light show, as we respectfully recreate the soundtrack to your life.

Playing 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.



Think Floyd

Friday 27 June, 7.30pm | £32.50

Think Floyd's exciting new show will feature a complete performance of the iconic album *Wish You Were Here*, as well as the whole range of classic Pink Floyd from *The Dark Side of the Moon, The Wall, The Division Bell* and more.

Backed by an impressive laser light show, Think Floyd's production will faithfully recreate all the atmosphere, visual magnitude and musical excellence of Pink Floyd live on stage.

"Brilliant! - they are really good."

Pink Floyd's Nick Mason



Lee Mead: The Best Of Me

Thursday 3 July, 7.30pm | £29 (£27 concession)

Lee Mead, star of television and award-winning West End leading man, comes to Empire Consett!

Lee shot to fame in 2007 on the BBC reality TV show *Any Dream Will Do*, beating 10,000 other hopefuls in the live finals to be crowned as Joseph in Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Lee has since starred in a wide range of stage productions including *Wicked*, *Legally Blonde*, *Chicago*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and, most recently, *We Will Rock You* at the London Coliseum last summer. He has also released several successful albums that showcase his powerful vocals and impressive range.

The Best of Me features Lee's outstanding live band and stunning musical arrangements with selected songs from his musical influences as he celebrates a career lasting over twenty years.

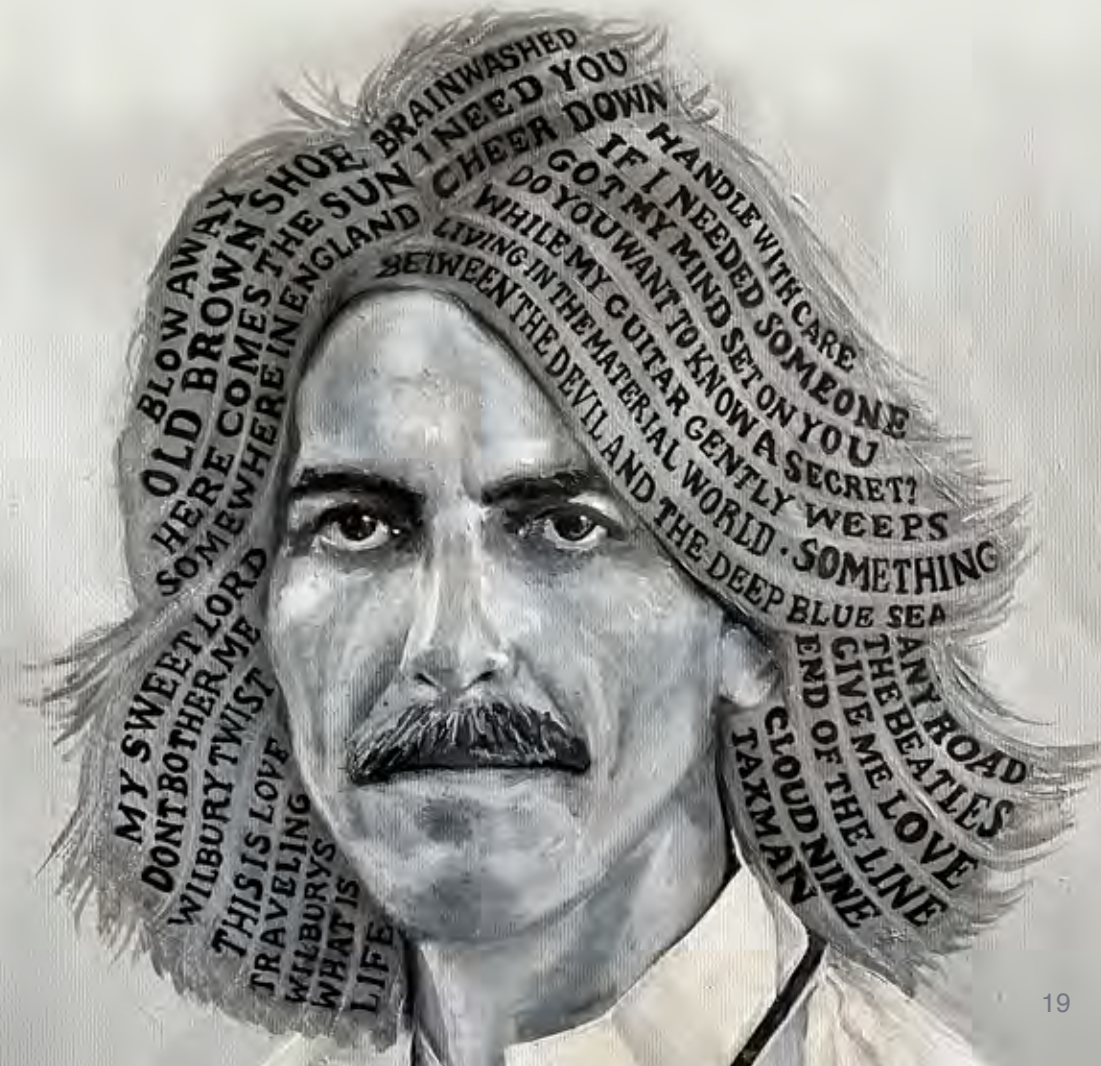
Join Lee for an evening of unforgettable music from the world of Musical Theatre, contemporary hits and his brand-new EP.

The George Harrison Project

Saturday 5 July, 7.30pm | £26

Enjoy the ultimate live music tribute to George Harrison, performing his best-loved hits from The Beatles, his solo career, and The Traveling Wilburys.

Earning rave reviews, these talented musicians authentically recreate some of George Harrison's best-known tracks in this hit-packed show including *My Sweet Lord*, *Here Comes The Sun*, *Something*, *While My Guitar Gently Weeps*, *Got My Mind Set On You*, *All Things Must Pass*, *Handle With Care*, *Taxman*, *Give Me Love*, *What Is Life*, *If I Needed Someone*, *Blow Away* and many more!



Spot's Birthday Party

Words and songs by Guy Unsworth
Based on the books by Eric Hill

Saturday 26 July, 2pm & 4pm | £14 (£52 family ticket min. two under 16s)

You're invited to join Spot and his friends as they celebrate his birthday in *Spot's Birthday Party!*

Based on the beloved Eric Hill classic *Happy Birthday Spot*, this engaging and interactive show for everyone aged 2+ and their grownups has integrated Makaton, catchy songs, dancing and lots of interactive party games.

It's going to be the best birthday party ever!



COMMUNITY

The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Presented by CBS Theatre Group

Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 June, 7.15pm | £15 (two tickets for £24 on Tuesday 3 June)

Based on the novel by Victor Hugo, and music from the animated Disney film in 2002, this story is set in 1482 in Paris; the deformed Cathedral bell ringer Quasimodo and his guardian Archdeacon Claude Frollo are central to the tale.

Frollo convinces Quasimodo that he has no right to a normal life as his disfigurement condemns him to a life of servitude to Frollo. Quasimodo is befriended by a dancer named Esmerelda who teaches him what kindness and love is. However, Frollo consumed with jealousy, sets about creating a regime that will be the ruination of them all.

COMING SOON

Uptown Girl: The Billy Joel Collection

Friday 5 September, 7.30pm | £26.50 (£24.50 concession)

Ireland The Show

Thursday 18 September, 7.30pm | £27.50

Emma Kenny's Killer Couples

Friday 17 October, 7.30pm | £27.50

Walk Like A Man

Friday 24 October, 7.30pm | £26.50

Crown Ballet: Swan Lake

Saturday 15 November, 2.30pm | £31 (£28 concession & £23 under 16s)

Sleeping Beauty

Written and directed by Leah Bell

Friday 28 November to Wednesday 31 December | Tickets from £10
(family, group and school discounts also available)



Uptown Girl: The Billy Joel Collection



Empire Lounge

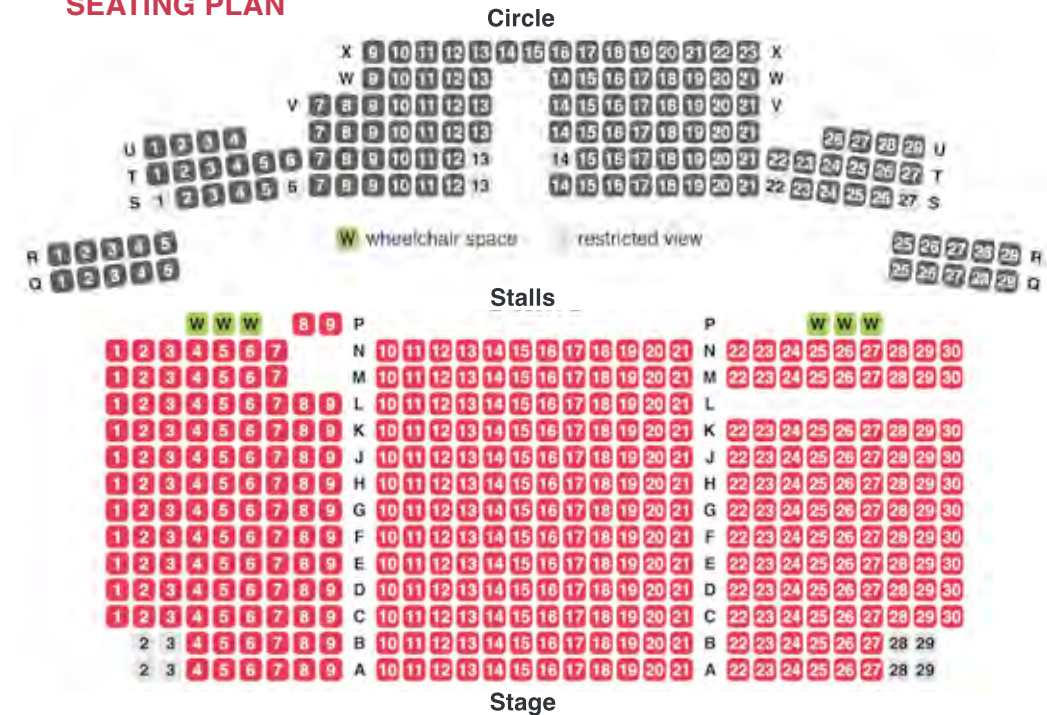
Take a seat and relax in our café and lounge area, with light bites served from 10am to 3pm Tuesday to Saturday.

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

Opening times: We are open 10am to 3pm from Tuesday to Saturday with later opening times for performances and screenings. Box Office: Tuesday to Saturday: 10am to 3pm and 6.30pm to 9pm

Seating and pricing: For some of our shows, our auditorium will be split into different price bands with a range of prices based on where we feel the optimum experience will be. We believe there should be accessible priced tickets for all, so by booking early, you can secure the best price.

We love having the front of the auditorium full for every show. To ensure the best experience for our audiences and actors, some seats are not offered for sale until seats towards the front of the theatre are sold.

Bookings can be made in person at the Box Office, by telephone, or through this website. Please note, tickets booked online or by telephone include a £2 transaction charge.

Disability access seats will always be set at the lowest price and carer/guardian tickets will remain free. The booking process for disability access seats will remain the same by contacting our Box Office on 03000 262 400.

Group reservations: We can reserve group bookings of 10 or more. These reservations must be paid at least two months before the show. If you wish to make a group reservation, please contact our Box Office on 03000 262 400.

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.

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.

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SLEEPING BEAUTY

The Pantomime of Your Dreams

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Tickets from £10

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