



A man in a bright yellow jacket and white trousers with a red stripe down the side is captured in a dynamic dance pose on a stage. He is seen from the back, with his right arm raised high and his left leg kicked back. He holds a thin, light-colored stick or baton in his right hand. The stage is dark, with a spotlight illuminating the performer.

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What's On

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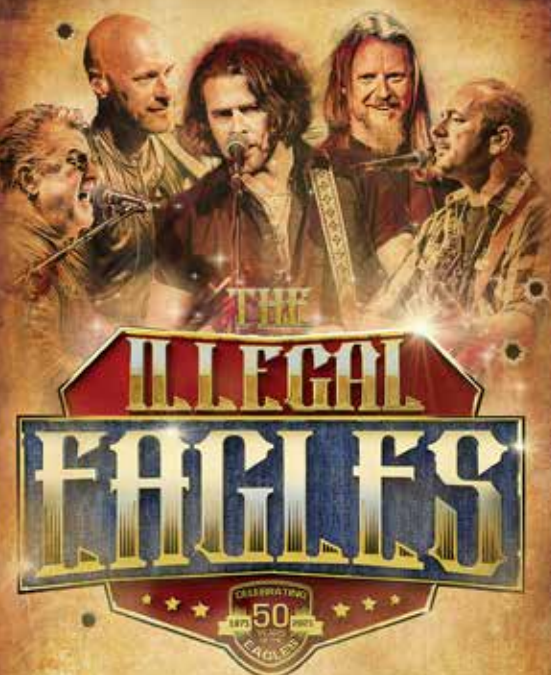


The Illegal Eagles

Saturday 7 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 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* and *Life In The Fast Lane*, as well as deeper cuts from the Eagles iconic 1973 album *Desperado*.



Fleeting Rumours

Saturday 14 February, 7.30pm | Tickets from £18

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*.



An Audience with Newcastle Legends: Les Ferdinand and Andy Cole

Friday 27 February, 7.30pm | £37.50 (£85 VIP Meet & Greet)

Legendary Newcastle United strikers Les Ferdinand and Andy Cole are coming to Empire Consett.

Hosted by Sky Sports' Pete Graves, this is your chance to listen to two Premier League Legends who scored over 400 goals between them.

A limited number of VIP Meet & Greet (includes seats in front rows and printed professional photo) are also available.



Hamlet

Presented by NT Live

**Thursday 19 February, 7pm | £15
(£13 concession)**

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (*Life of Pi*) is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy screened at our cinema.

Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question - you know the one.

National Theatre Deputy Artistic Director, Robert Hastie (*Standing at the Sky's Edge*, *Operation Mincemeat*) directs this sharp, stylish and darkly funny reimagining.



The Audience

Presented by NT Live

**Thursday 5 March, 7pm | £15
(£13 concession)**

Coming to our big screen, Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in the Olivier and Tony Award-winning hit production, directed by Stephen Daldry.

For 60 years, Queen Elizabeth II met with each of her 12 prime ministers in a private weekly meeting. This meeting is known as The Audience.

Through these private audiences, we see glimpses of the woman behind the crown and witness the moments that shaped a monarch.

Peter Morgan's Netflix phenomenon *The Crown* was based on this hit play which went on to become one of the most-watched NT Live productions.



The UK Rock Show

**Saturday 7 March, 7.30pm | Tickets
from £25**

Get ready to be transported back to the 80s heyday of classic rock, combining the feel of a rock festival with the atmosphere of a top end rock arena tour.

Expect fireworks, flames, amazing lighting and exacting attention to detail as this amazing five piece band recreate hits from rock gods such as Journey, Aerosmith, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, Kiss, AC/DC, Van Halen and many more!



The Comedy Store

**Friday 13 March, Friday 15 May &
Friday 17 July, 7.30pm | £12 (£10
concession)**

The Comedy Store is back and showcasing the best and brightest comedy talent at Empire Consett.

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!

Age restriction: 18+



The Fureys: Farewell Tour

Tuesday 19 March, 7.30pm | Tickets from £25

After ten previous performances, The Fureys will play their last ever concert at Empire Consett as part of their Farewell Tour.

Legends of Irish music and song, the band are 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, From Clare to Here, Her Father Didn't Like Me Anyway, Leaving Nancy* and *Steal Away*.

Their emotive songs stir many emotions, tears and laughter, sadness and joy.



Hometown Glory Candlelit Concert

A Tribute to Adele by Natalie Black

Saturday 21 March, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

The most intimate of evenings - a candlelit recital of Adele's delightful songbook, performed absolutely live in concert.

Superb musicians delicately accompany the devastatingly-talented Natalie Black as Adele.

Multi-award-winning Natalie's unrivalled likeness in both vocal quality and appearance will make this a night to remember with all your most-loved Adele songs from her four platinum-selling albums including *Set Fire to the Rain, Make You Feel My Love, Someone Like You, I Drink Wine* and many more.

A gorgeous must-see, not only for Adele fans, but for anyone wishing to enjoy a very special, golden evening of hits to take your breath away.



90s Live

Friday 27 March, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

Get ready as we spice up your life, taking you back for good and hit you one more time with the ultimate 90s party night out!

The music of a generation 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, Ricky Martin, The Vengaboys, Bryan Adams, Boyzone, Shania Twain, Aqua, Lou Bega, Eternal, Bewitched, Wet Wet Wet, Ace of Base, 2 Unlimited, S Club 7, Gina G, Pulp, Blur, Shampoo, and many more.

The Makings of a Murderer: The Undercover Detective

Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

Join Peter Bleksley, a founding member of Scotland Yard's undercover unit and former star of Channel 4's *Hunted*, as he lifts the lid on the most dangerous and hidden aspects of murder investigations. From the gritty realities of infiltrating criminal gangs to his own terrifying experience of becoming the target of a murder plot, Peter shares the untold stories of the most high-stakes cases.

For over a decade, Peter worked undercover, posing as everything from drug dealers to contract killers. His double life gave him access to the darkest corners of humanity, uncovering secrets that would save lives - but at the cost of his own safety. Forced into witness protection by an FBI-uncovered assassination plot, his career as a detective came to an abrupt end, leaving him with chilling memories of murderers and the justice system that hunts them.



Country Superstars

Dolly Parton and Friends Tribute Show

Thursday 2 April, 7.30pm | Tickets from £24

The world's biggest country music tribute touring show is rolling into Consett with a spectacular, award-winning cast!

As seen in London's West End at the Adelphi Theatre where it was given a five-star review, honoured at the Grand Ole Opry, and celebrated on Nashville's Broadway, this internationally acclaimed production featuring 12 award-winning impersonations of country superstars is a must-see for country music fans.

Sing along to timeless classics including: *9 to 5*, *Jolene*, *Islands in the Stream*, *The Gambler*, *Annie's Song*, *Ring of Fire*, *Blanket on the Ground*, *Stand By Your Man*, *That Don't Impress Me Much*, and many more.

A dazzling, heartfelt tribute to the music, the superstars, and the legacy of country.



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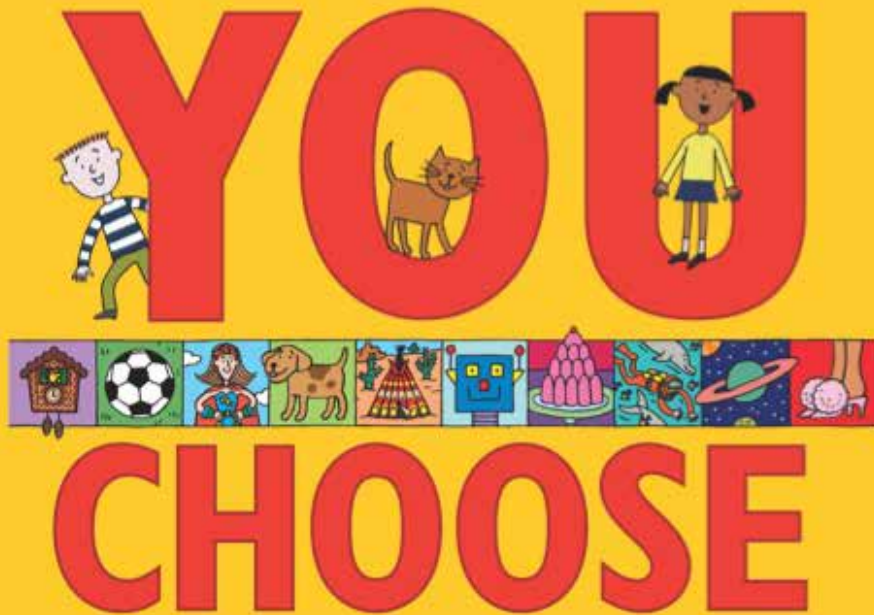
Saturday 18 April, 2pm | £13 (£48 family ticket min. two under 16s)

You Choose - every show is unique!

Based on the brilliant book by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt, Nonsense Room Productions (*Shark in the Park* and *Hairy Maclary*) bring you an interactive musical show for all the family.

But in this show - YOU CHOOSE what happens!

Using the picture book as inspiration and through a series of games and challenges, each show will be unique with different characters, locations, costumes and much more every time.



Totally Tina

Saturday 25 April, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

Come shake a tail feather with the UK's supreme Tina - Justine Riddoch - and her talented cast. This breathtaking recreation of a live Tina Turner concert celebrates the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll's incredible songbook.

Early hits, including *Proud Mary*, *River Deep - Mountain High* and *Nutbush City Limits*, earned Tina a no-holds-barred reputation for fearsome live performances. While Eighties anthems *We Don't Need Another Hero*, *Simply the Best*, *What's Love Got to Do With It*, *I Don't Wanna Lose You* and *When the Heartache is Over* propelled the songstress to stadium concert stardom.

Supported by her fabulous band, and dazzling dancing girls in sequins, feathers and diamonds, Justine recreates those famed live performances.



All My Sons

Presented by NT Live

**Thursday 23 April, 7pm | £15
(£13 concession)**

Filmed live from the West End, Bryan Cranston (*Breaking Bad*) and Marianne Jean-Baptiste (*Hard Truths*) feature in a five-star, triumphantly acclaimed new production of Arthur Miller's classic play, from visionary director Ivo Van Hove.

One family, the heart of the American dream. When wartime delivers profits for Joe, it comes at a price when his partner is charged with criminal manufacturing deals, and his eldest son goes missing in action. Will peacetime bring peace of mind, or will he be confronted by the consequence of his actions?



Gary Delaney: Gary On Laughing

**Thursday 7 May, 7.30pm | Tickets from
£24**

Gary Delaney's last UK tour ran for two and a half years across 378 dates. People laughed a lot and kept coming back. His videos have hundreds of millions of views.

So now he's doing it all again with a brand new show. All new jokes and utterly splendid filth. Come along. It'll be fun. Don't bring the kids or people who like to get their knickers in a twist. Do wear a TENA pad or dark trousers.

'More quality jokes in one hour than most comics have in their entire careers... Quite brilliant' ★★★★★ **Scotsman**

'A master craftsman' ★★★★★ **Times**



In The Air Tonight

Friday 1 May, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

Get ready for a night to remember - as the unforgettable sound of Phil Collins is brought to life in the ultimate live tribute!

From the epic drum breaks to the soul-stirring ballads, relive the magic of Phil's greatest moments - from his Genesis roots to his incredible solo career - in a concert that will have you singing, swaying, and dancing all night long.

Starring an electrifying live band, powerhouse vocals, and a stellar cast of musicians, *In The Air Tonight* captures the unmistakable energy, emotion, and drive of Phil Collins like never before.



The Big Pants Party

Friday 8 May, 7.30pm | Tickets from £23

The Big Pants Party is the ultimate night out, celebrating the iconic soundtrack of a lifetime of fun, love and friendship.

Join us for an evening of fabulous live music and amazing vocalists as we embark on an extraordinary celebration of sisterhood with some of the greatest hits of all time from Abba, Sister Sledge, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Cyndi Lauper, Aretha Franklin and more.

Performed live in concert *The Big Pants Party* takes you on a nostalgic journey as you relive the amazing music that helped create bonds that will last a lifetime.

Gather your squad, dress to impress and get your tickets to the hottest girl's night out this year!



Beyond The Barricade

Saturday 16 May, 7.30pm | Tickets from £25

Beyond the Barricade, the UK's longest running Musical Theatre Concert Tour, is back.

Join the cast for two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End, featuring the songs that have made audiences return over and over again for more than 25 years.

Enjoy numbers from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *West Side Story*, *The Lion King*, *Blood Brothers*, *Miss Saigon*, *Hamilton* and many others, climaxing with a spectacular finale from, of course, *Les Misérables*!



It's A Beautiful Noise with Fisher Stevens

The Neil Diamond Tribute Spectacular

Friday 22 May, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

The Music. The Voice. The Legend. Like you've never heard before.

Get ready for a night to remember as the UK and Europe's biggest, best, and longest-running Neil Diamond tribute show returns - bigger, bolder, and more breathtaking than ever before!

At the heart of this phenomenal show is Fisher Stevens, hailed by critics and fans alike as the definitive Neil Diamond tribute artist. With pitch-perfect vocals, charm, and charisma, Fisher captures the magic of Diamond like no one else can.



KPOP Fantasy

Saturday 23 May, 3pm | £23

KPOP Fantasy is a high-energy theatrical celebration of the global phenomenon that is K-pop. Blending electrifying choreography with outstanding live vocals, this immersive stage show brings the spectacle, precision, and passion of K-pop to life in a thrilling theatre experience.

Featuring powerful performances inspired by the biggest K-pop moments from music, TV, and film, the show delivers non-stop energy, bold visuals, and slick choreography from start to finish. Expect explosive dance routines, unforgettable musical moments, and a vibrant atmosphere that captures everything fans love.

Perfect for devoted fans or newbies this show is a hit with all ages, *KPOP Fantasy* is a vibrant, feel-good production that celebrates the fantasy, energy, and global impact of K-pop in an exhilarating live theatre setting.

This production is an independent tribute and is in no way affiliated with, endorsed by, or associated with the original artists, their estates, or management.



The Playboy of The Western World

Presented by NT Live

Thursday 28 May, 7pm | £15 (£13 concession)

Nicola Coughlan (*Bridgerton*) joins Éanna Hardwicke (*The Sixth Commandment*) and Siobhán McSweeney (*Derry Girls*) in John Millington Synge's riveting play of youth and self-discovery.

Pegeen Flaherty's life is turned upside down when a young man walks into her pub claiming that he's killed his father. Instead of being shunned, the killer becomes a local hero and begins to win hearts, that is until a second man unexpectedly arrives on the scene.

Screening at our cinema, Caitríona McLaughlin directs this darkly funny tale full to the brim with secrets.



The Greatest Hits of Motown: How Sweet It Is

Saturday 30 May, 7.30pm | Tickets from £28

Get ready to go loco, down in Acapulco with the ultimate celebration of the sweet sound of Motown.

This stunning 100% live show combines first class music with the slickest choreography and an amazing band, to deliver truly outstanding performances for the best Motown experience you will ever have!

This show will have you dancing on the ceiling, with songs from legendary artistes such as Lionel Richie, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, The Jackson Five, The Isley Brothers, Edwin Starr and many, many more.



Strange But True Crime

Thursday 4 June, 7.30pm | Tickets from £19

Explore the world's most hard-to-believe crimes with former forensics lecturer and police recruit trainer Jennifer Rees with cases including; the serial killer who gained work in law enforcement - and was tasked with hunting himself; one woman's plan to free a convicted serial killer by committing a copycat murder; and the hunt for a phantom female serial killer whose DNA was found at over 40 crime scenes...but did not exist.

Learn how your DNA, fingerprints, or an eyewitness, could tie you to a crime you did not commit!



Phantoms of the Popera: Starring G4

Saturday 6 June, 7.30pm | Tickets from £25 (£40 add-on for VIP Meet & Greet)

The UK's No1 vocal harmony quartet and original X Factor stars, G4 return in 2026 to unleash their unique trademark sound on the greatest showstoppers that musical theatre has to offer. Join Jonathan Ansell, Michael Conway, Mike Christie and Duncan Sandilands on a spine-tingling rollercoaster of breathtaking show-tunes, riding the high and lows of uplifting melodies, heart-rending ballads and climactic anthems.

Featuring classics from *Les Misérables*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Wicked*, *Jersey Boys*, *Hamilton*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Rent*, *Miss Saigon*, *The Book of Mormon*, *The Lion King*, and many more.

A pre-show Meet & Greet with G4 is available with event tickets which includes a welcome drink, the opportunity to meet and pose for photographs with G4, and receive autographs.



Calling Planet Earth

Friday 12 June, 7.30pm | Tickets from £25

Get ready to step back in time and relive the electrifying energy of the 80s with *Calling Planet Earth*.

Join us for a night filled with unforgettable hits from iconic artists like Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Depeche Mode, Ultravox, Human League, Eurythmics, Culture Club, ABC, Japan, OMD, Tears for Fears and more.

Experience the magic of the 80s nightclub dance floor as an incredible live band delivers stunning arrangements and captivating vocals.

Don't miss the ultimate 80s experience that defines a decade – get ready to dance, sing, and party like it's the best night of your life!



Paul Young

Songs & Stories

Saturday 13 June, 7.30pm | £32 (£48 Premium & £80 Meet and Greet)

Paul Young broke into the big time 40 years ago when *No Parlez* went to number one and spawned iconic hits like *Wherever I Lay My Hat (That's My Home)*.

More success followed with the number one album *The Secret Of Association* and the worldwide hit *Every Time You Go Away*, not forgetting the opening line for Band Aid and appearances at Wembley Stadium for Live Aid. Now, he's looking back during these intimate shows, that combine conversation and acoustic versions of hit songs. Paul's meeting fans, singing songs, and telling stories about his incredible career.

Limited Premium (good seats and goodie bag) and Meet and Greet (front row seats, goodie bag, pre-show Meet and Greet, autograph and photograph) tickets are also available.



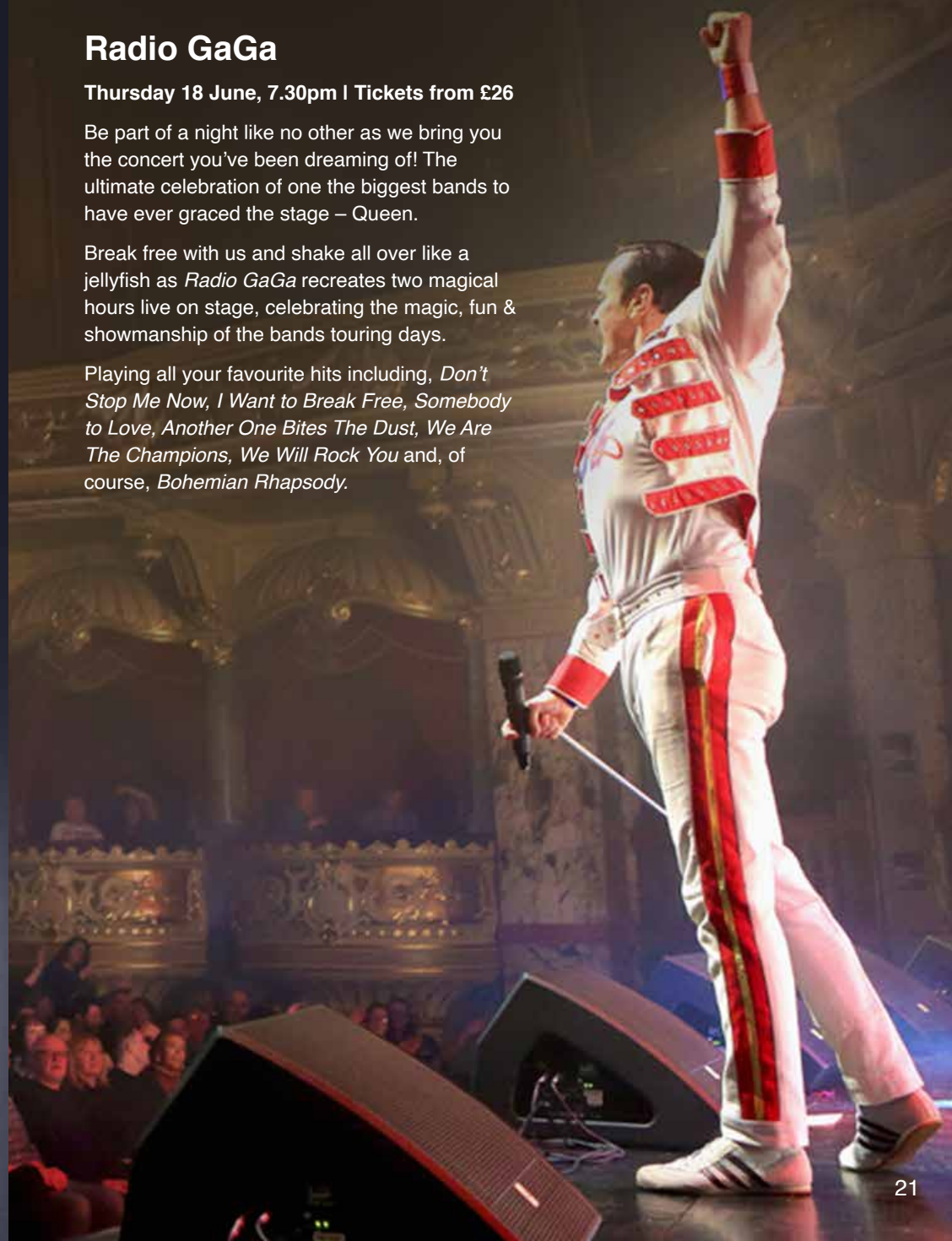
Radio GaGa

Thursday 18 June, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

Be part of a night like no other as we bring you the concert you've been dreaming of! The ultimate celebration of one of the biggest bands to have ever graced the stage – Queen.

Break free with us and shake all over like a jellyfish as *Radio GaGa* recreates two magical hours live on stage, celebrating the magic, fun & showmanship of the bands touring days.

Playing all your favourite hits including, *Don't Stop Me Now*, *I Want to Break Free*, *Somebody to Love*, *Another One Bites The Dust*, *We Are The Champions*, *We Will Rock You* and, of course, *Bohemian Rhapsody*.



Les Liaisons Dangereuses

Presented by NT Live

**Thursday 2 July, 7pm | £15
(£13 concession)**

BAFTA Award-winner Lesley Manville (*Phantom Thread*) joins Aidan Turner (*Rivals*) in a striking new staging of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the classic novel, where among the glittering salons of the super-rich, one misstep can mean ruin.

Marquise de Merteuil is a master in the art of survival. Alongside the magnetic Vicomte de Valmont, they turn seduction into strategy and weaponise desire. But when their alliance collapses into rivalry, the battle between them threatens to destroy everyone in their path.

Coming to our big screen, Marianne Elliott (*Angels in America*) directs this thrilling game of love, lies, and social warfare.



Sky Full of Stars

**Friday 10 July, 7.30pm | Tickets from
£26**

Get ready for an electrifying night of music and magic with *Sky Full of Stars* - the most authentic tribute to Coldplay!

This spectacular live experience doesn't just capture the sound and spirit of one of the world's biggest bands- it makes you part of the show. With LED wristbands lighting up the crowd, the energy of the music surrounds you like never before!

Whether you're a lifelong Coldplay fan or just looking for an unforgettable night out, *Sky Full of Stars* delivers dazzling performances, stunning visuals, and an atmosphere that truly brings Coldplay's greatest hits to life.



The Magic of The Bee Gees

Saturday 18 July, 7.30pm | Tickets from £26

Whether you're a brother or whether you're a mother, when the feeling's gone and you can't go on, it's time to put on your dancing shoes, for the night out of the year you have been waiting for, as we celebrate the songs of music royalty, the Bee Gees.

Direct from London's West End and complete with stunning light and video show, prepare to experience the distinct sound of one of the greatest bands to have ever graced the stage in this unforgettable concert spectacular.

This fabulously authentic production ensures the Gibb brothers' incredible legacy of classic hit songs is well and truly stayin' alive!



COMMUNITY

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Presented by CBS Theatre Group

Tuesday 23 to Saturday 27 June, 7.15pm (+2.15pm Saturday) | £18 (£16 under 16s), all tickets £16 on Tuesday

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang the Musical is based on the book by Ian Fleming and the 1968 film which is a firm favourite of many a family.

COMING SOON

Northern Live: Do I Love You
Saturday 5 September, 7.30pm

The Comedy Store
Friday 11 September, 7.30pm

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Friday 18 September, 7.30pm

80s Live
Saturday 19 September, 7.30pm

The Mersey Beatles
Thursday 24 September, 7.30pm

Joe McElderry
Saturday 26 September, 7.30pm

**Brothers in Band: The Ultimate
Dire Straits Tribute**
Saturday 3 October, 7.30pm

The Story of Guitar Heroes
Thursday 22 October, 7.30pm

Crown Ballet: The Nutcracker
Saturday 14 November, 2.30pm



The Story of Guitar Heroes

Empire Lounge

Take a seat and relax in our café and lounge area, with light bites served from 11am to 3pm Wednesday 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.

Empire Cinema

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



The Devil Wears Prada 2

Empire Youth Theatre

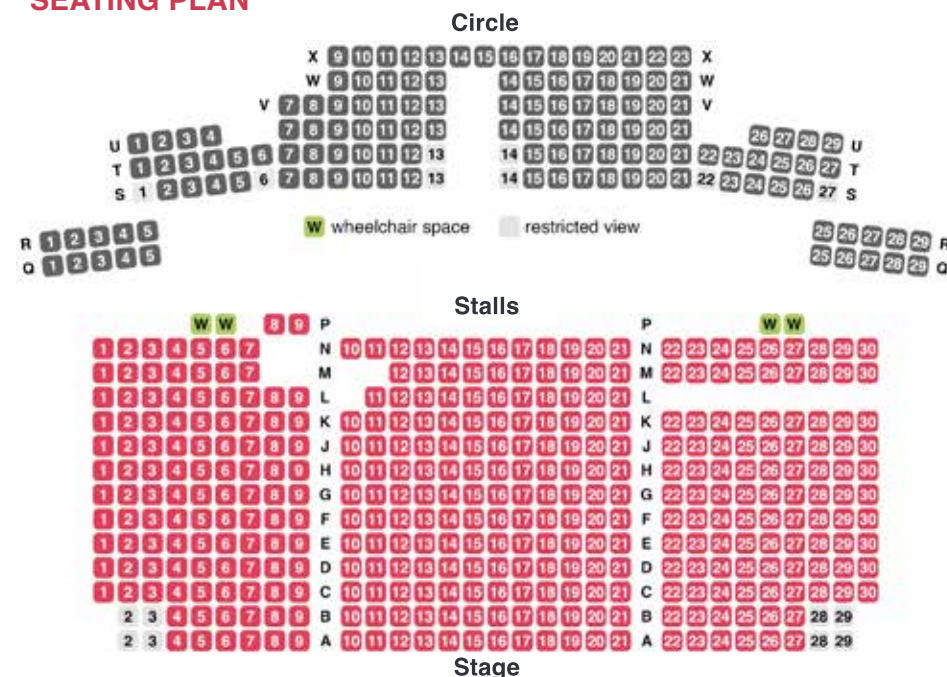
Empire Youth Theatre provides young people aged 4 to 11 with a wide range of opportunities to improve confidence, develop performance and creative skills, and make new friends.

Working in a supportive group led by brilliant theatre practitioners, participants will learn about the process of theatre making whilst having fun.

For our Spring term, weekly drama sessions will run on Saturday mornings from 24 January until 28 March (excluding 28 February).

There will also be performance opportunities, visits from theatre specialists and trips to see shows throughout the term

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 from 11am to 3pm from Wednesday to Saturday with later opening times for performances and screenings. Box Office: Wednesday: 11am to 3pm; Thursday to Saturday: 11am 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 and essential companions: Our disability access seats are always set at the lowest available price. If you require an essential companion to attend our venue due to a disability, illness, or other condition, you are entitled to a free companion ticket upon providing qualifying documentation. To book disability access tickets, please contact our Box Office on 03000 262 400, and for further information, visit: empireconsett.co.uk/your-booking

Group reservations: Group reservations: We can reserve group bookings of 10 or more. These reservations must be paid at least three 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 four 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.



The Fairytale Pantomime

Beauty
and the
BEAST

Friday 27 November to Thursday 31 December 2026

Tickets from £10 (school, family and group discounts available)

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