April – August 2024

# **BUXTON OPERA HOUSE & PAVILION ARTS CENTRE**

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DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY

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# Welcome to Buxton Opera House & Pavilion Arts Centre!

Hot on the heels of our record-breaking pantomime. Cinderella, and successful National tour of The Full Monty, we are thrilled to welcome you back with another, brand-new programme of spectacular theatre experiences at Buxton Opera House and Pavilion Arts Centre.

This season marks the beginning of our second year as a National Portfolio Organisation and we are extremely grateful for the continued support from Arts Council England, which has contributed to the expansion of our Learning and Engagement activities.

Coming up this year we have various exciting, new activities including Leave No Trace, an outdoor theatre project in collaboration with Buxton Civic Association, ABC Singing Club, a free singing group for

anybody who is living with or has been affected by cancer. Young Company (including their Summer School and performances of Shrek The Musical Jr.), as well as Technical Youth Theatre, and work experience placements for ages 14-18. Flick to pages 6-9, or check out our website for ways of getting involved at or contributing to the success of the iconic Buxton Opera House.

Summer at the Opera House as ever comprises of the Buxton International Festival with an impressive line-up of opera, jazz, literary events and dance, including performances by the international dance star, Carlos Acosta. The ever-popular International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival returns with a full programme of events including new productions of The Gondoliers and HMS Pinafore.

As always, we bring you a glittering array of top artists including Jools Holland, John Bishop and Sir Tim Rice. For musical theatre fans, two of the all-time, most successful musicals will be taking place this season, kicking off with our community production of Tim Rice and Andrew Llovd Webber's Evita in April and the international tour of Sister Act in May. Looking further ahead, our magical, family pantomime will be bigger than ever this year with Jack and the Beanstalk.

None of this would be possible without your on-going support and we thank you for continuing to make memories with us. Our incredible team of staff and volunteers are on hand to open the doors and welcome vou in for another brilliant visit to the Opera House.

#### Paul Kerryson, CEO



#### BOX OFFICE OPENING: MONDAY TO SATURDAY 10AM TO 6PM, SUNDAY 4PM TO 8PM PLEASE NOTE OPENING TIMES WILL SOMETIMES VARY DEPENDING ON PERFORMANCE TIMES.

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As part of Arts Council England's 'Let's Create' strategy, National Portfolio Organisations are ensuring that many more people will have access to a wider choice of exceptional art, culture and creative opportunities on their doorsteps.

At the heart of Derbyshire's cultural scene, Buxton Opera House and Pavilion Arts Centre has utilised this funding in a variety of ways. Check out the impact of our work from 2023/2024 below.





**150%** Increase in accessible performances across Buxton Opera House and Pavilion Arts Centre.

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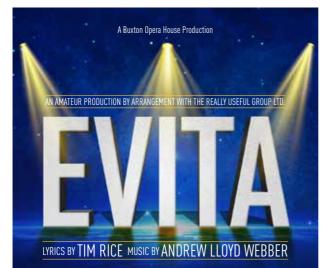
OVER 1,500 participants involved in Learning and Engagement projects\*





"This experience has been a one of a kind. Not only has it introduced me to how being a professional actor works, it also introduced me to other opportunities and jobs within the industry." – Work Experience participant 2023

\*Approximate figure of participants from April 2023 – March 2024 Photos by David John King Photography



#### Evita

The 7-Tony Award-winning musical follows the story of the young and ambitious Eva Perón's meteoric rise to sainthood, directed by Paul Kerryson.

# WHAT'S ON THIS SEASON!

From show-stopping musicals to laugh-out-loud comedy, here are a few of our season highlights...



In the Night Garden Igglepiggle, Upsy Daisy, Makka Pakka and friends are back in their fun-filled live show *Igglepiggle's Busy Day!* 



Julian Clary: A Fist Full of Clary Yee-haw! Julian Clary is fixing to saddle up and head on out for his 2024 UK tour.



**Cirque: The Greatest Show** Escape with us for a night like no other, where musical theatre meets jaw-dropping circus spectacular.



Nadiya and Kai: Behind the Magic Nadiya and Kai invite you back into their world and go behind the scenes to witness how the magic comes together.

# ACCESS FOR EVERYONE!

At Buxton Opera House and Pavilion Arts Centre we are committed to ensuring as many people as possible can enjoy the magic of live performance. Across our season we offer a range of accessible performances including, British Sign Language Interpreted, Relaxed performances and Audio-Described performances.

#### BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES ( 🖕 )

In a visible position, an interpreter will sign the spoken word and heard elements of the performance.

Evita Sun 28 Apr 3pm

#### **CAPTIONED PERFORMANCES (CAP)**

Words are displayed on a screen(s) by the stage and can be seen at the same time as they are spoken or sung.

Sister Act Thu 30 May 7.30pm

#### RELAXED & AUTISM FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES (R)

A relaxed performance is a show that's been adapted to suit people who have additional needs or find going to the theatre daunting.

Jack and the Beanstalk Wed 11 Dec 5.30pm

#### AUDIO DESCRIBED (AD)

Audio Description is a live verbal commentary to assist patrons who are visually impaired. A trained Audio Describer will conduct the description live.

Manon Lescaut Sat 6 Apr 7.30pm Evita Sat 27 Apr 2.30pm

If you have any additional requirements or require specific seats, please speak to our friendly Box Office team when you book your tickets. Further accessible performances may be scheduled throughout the year. Please visit our website for the full listing.

# NAME A SEAT

Be a part of the furniture, literally, at Buxton Opera House. Whether it's for a loved one, for yourself, or just your way of helping us, you can have a presence in our beautiful theatre for just £1000.

What you will receive: a shiny brass plaque inscribed with the wording of your choice, certificate acknowledging your location and an invitation for you to visit your named seat.

For more information, please contact Hayley in our Development team on **01298 211866** or **hkardahji@boh.org.uk**.

# **THANK YOU!**

Buxton Opera House is a charity committed to bringing creativity and opportunity to the High Peak. From our community shows to our work in schools, we are dedicated to making the High Peak a hub of creativity for everyone. Your support makes this possible.

By purchasing a ticket, buying an interval drink or treat, and especially by **donating**, you are helping us to do more and create more in our community. **Thank you**.

You can donate by:

- Adding on a donation when you buy a ticket
- Visiting buxtonoperahouse.org.uk/support-us
- Contacting Hayley in our Development Team on hkardahji@boh.org.uk





Keeper of the Books Rehearsals 2024

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Community Cast of Little Shop of Horrors 2023



Making Space Schools Dance Showcase 2023

# BECOME PART OF OUR CORPORATE COMMUNITY

As a corporate supporter, you are directly helping creativity thrive in the High Peak and it is our pleasure to work with you to tailor the perfect partnership. We can help you reach more audiences, meet your CSR ambitions, entertain your staff and clients, or simply give back to your community.

#### **BECOME A PARTNER**

Enjoy a year long relationship with Buxton Opera House.

#### **BECOME A SPONSOR**

Sponsor one of our produced, co-produced, or community shows, or speak to us for other sponsorship opportunities.

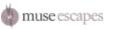
#### JOIN THE CAVENDISH BUSINESS CLUB

Join a community of likeminded businesses all supporting Buxton Opera House.

To find out more please contact Hayley on hkardahji@boh.org.uk.

# THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING CORPORATE SUPPORTERS

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# LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT TAKE PART

#### Platform 3 – Engage – Create – Perform

Platform 3 is the Learning and Engagement department shared by Buxton Opera House and Buxton International Festival.

Set up with the aim of engaging young people and the community, Platform 3 has exciting activities for all ages and made possible by tickets sales, your generous donations and support from Arts Council England.

Join us for a weekly group, a school event, or for holiday fun. Make new friends, discover new art forms and become part of the Platform 3 family.

#### Platform 3 – your creative journey starts here!

#### Adult Readers Group



#### Tuesdays 10.30am-12pm

Join us for Platform 3's very own "Book Club", every Tuesday during term time. A light hearted and refreshing opportunity to explore new novels and plays or revisit your favourite ones. Sessions will involve ice breakers and introductions to each text, lively discussions and accessible activities on the themes and characters.

Texts are available to borrow on the day, but readers can also bring their own copies. Suitable for ages 18+.

#### Kaleidoscope Community Choir



#### Tuesdays 1pm-2pm

If you love to sing then come and join our friendly Kaleidoscope Choir. From choral classics and favourite hymns to pop and folk, you don't have to audition to be part of the choir. Just come along and join us for an hour of singing led by Bella Hardy in the Pavilion Arts Centre each Tuesday from 1pm.

Tickets: £5 in advance, £6 on the door



Tickets: £6 (6 week block £30)

#### **Buxton Opera House Young Company**

Young Company is Buxton Opera House's flagship youth theatre group for anyone aged 6-19 with an interest in drama. Led by Anna Berentzen, Karina Tomlinson, Kitty Randle and Niamh Forster, Young Company provides a creative hub for young people where they can experiment, develop and fine tune their creative skills in both performance and production, in a safe and supportive environment, with the full support of our professional team. Each week members will develop their performance skills through physical theatre, script work and improvisation.

Meeting every Wednesday during term time in the Pavilion Arts Centre, the groups will perform regularly to family and friends.

As part of the membership there will be exciting opportunities for Young Company members to meet the cast from touring companies and work with theatre professionals throughout the year.

Our Junior or Inters company are currently at full capacity, however there are still spaces available in our Seniors group. For more information and to be added to the waiting list contact Kerry Allsop: kallsop@boh.org.uk.

Juniors (6-9) 4pm – 5.15pm Inters (10-13) 5.30pm – 6.45pm Seniors (14-19) 7pm – 8.30pm Term fees: £90

For more details visit buxtonoperahouse.org.uk/learning-engagement



#### Technical Youth Theatre (age 13-18) Introduction to Technical Theatre – Progression Course

This three part course is suitable for anyone who has previously taken part in our three hour Introduction to Technical Theatre workshop. During the first two sessions, you will build on your previous experience in sound and lighting, providing you with the necessary skills and confidence to load in, set up and run a gig.

Session 1: Lighting (Tue 16 Apr, 5pm – 7pm) Session 2: Sound (Tue 30 Apr, 5pm – 7pm) Session 3: Gig in a day (Tue 7 May, 5pm – 8pm)

#### Tickets: £40

Limited bursary tickets are available for people receiving income support. Email **kallsop@boh.org.uk** for more information and to see if you are eligible.



# Be part of Leave No Trace – a promenade production taking place in Grin Low Woods in partnership with Buxton Civic Association.

Leave No Trace will invite audiences and participants to connect with our local wild spaces through movement, poetry, and storytelling. We will be recruiting two performance groups to create a performance, alongside directors and choreographers, that will be shared this summer in our local woodland.

#### Get Involved! We are recruiting for...

- A Youth Dance Company for people aged 9-17
- An Adult performers Group for people aged 18+

No previous performance experience is necessary to join these groups, just enthusiasm for theatre making and a love for the outdoors!

Rehearsals will take place in Buxton on: 27 April, 2 May, 11 May, 16 May, 23 May Performance date: 1 June (11am, 12.30om & 2om)

For more information, rehearsal times and how to get involved head to our website or email Anna on **aberentzen@boh.org.uk**.

A Buxton Opera House production in association with Buxton Civic Association



#### **Buxton Short Film Exhibition 2024**

The annual Buxton Shorts is back! Once again we are partnering with our friends at Buxton Film for this year's Short Film Exhibition. We are focussing on local connection, so we're restricting entries to film makers residing near or having a direct connection with the Peak District.

Selected films will be screened during the Buxton Festival Fringe in July 2024. Laurels will be awarded to winning, commended and selected entries. The judging panel will be announced in due course and cash prizes will be awarded to winning entries.

Register your intention to submit by **Tuesday 30 April** by completing the form on the Buxton Film website. Films with completed entry forms and payment must be submitted by **Friday 31 May**.

For more information at to register your interest, visit **buxtonfilm.org.uk**.







# ENGLISH TOURING OPERA

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#### THURSDAY 4 & SATURDAY 6 APRIL (AD AUDIO DESCRIBED) 7.30PM

#### Manon Lescaut by Giacomo Puccini

Manon Lescaut is a dramatic and musical triumph and was Puccini's first great success. Based on a controversial book by the Abbé Provost, the opera is a devastating depiction of a woman wrestling with her desire for love on her own terms, and the rigid double standards imposed on her by society. Performed in English with English surtitles.

Join members of the creative team for a **free** pre-show talk, as they share insights into the production. Taking place in the auditorium at 6.30pm.

#### FRIDAY 5 APRIL 7.30PM

#### The Rake's Progress by Igor Stravinsky

Igor Stravinsky's exuberant *The Rake's Progress* follows young Tom Rakewell from riches to ruin at the hands of his own naivety and a devilish new friend. Performed in English with English surtitles.

Join members of the creative team for a **free** pre-show talk, as they share insights into the production. Taking place in the auditorium at 6.30pm.

#### TICKETS: £28-£41.50

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Matcham cards: 12% off Groups (8+)/Senior/Equal Access: £3 off (not valid in Dress Circle) JSA/Income Support/Students/Children: Half price (not valid in Dress Circle) Multibuy: Buy tickets for both shows get £10 off the total price (top two prices only)





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#### **TUESDAY 9 APRIL 7.30PM**

#### ARTS CENTRE

#### New Old Friends in association with Yvonne Arnaud Theatre present **Houdini's Greatest Escape**

Harry Houdini is the world's greatest entertainer. Just as his death-defying escapology stunts have him, and his wife Bess, on the cusp of a career-defining performance for King Edward, he finds himself framed for murder by a gang of criminals in cahoots with the chief of police. Age Guidance: 10+

#### TICKETS: £23

Matcham cards: 12% off Groups (8+)/Senior/Equal Access: £1.75 off Students/Children: Half price

#### THURSDAY 11 APRIL 8PM



DRAMA

#### Dreamboys Stripped Back

Brace yourself for an electrifying night of unadulterated pleasure and indulge in the *Dreamboys: Stripped Back 2024* tour. Be part of our explosive, immersive, and seductive dance show where desires come alive, boundaries are shattered, and inhibitions are left at the door. Prepare to be captivated for two unforgettable hours, where with every provocative thrust and smouldering gaze, the Dreamboys will ignite a fiery passion within that will burn long after the curtains close.

Age Guidance: 18+

TICKETS: £27.50-£34



APRIL





Relax and enjoy our lunchtime Coffee Concerts. With a complimentary coffee (or tea) and biscuits, our daytime recitals are the perfect musical pit stop. All musicians appear by the kind permission of the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM).

#### FRIDAY 5 APRIL 1PM

### Genesis Trombone Quartet

A new and burgeoning quartet who pride themselves on performing an eclectic range of repertoire, from classical to jazz to contemporary. Their ambition is to showcase to audiences the versatility and virtuosity a trombone quartet is capable of. Featuring **Freddie Hughes, Toby Marshall, Oliver Webb**, and **Asa Riley**.



### FRIDAY 3 MAY 1PM

## **RNCM Songsters**

A specially selected group of students at the RNCM; singers and pianists who are passionate and excel in the performance of art song, the **RNCM Songsters** have performed for many music societies across the United Kingdom, as well as several leading festivals of song, including Leeds Lieder and Manchester Song Festival.

### FRIDAY 7 JUNE 1PM

**Paddington Trio** 

Having arrived in London from different countries, violinist **Tuulia Hero** (Finland), cellist **Patrick Moriarty** (Ireland) and pianist **Stephanie Tang** (US) seek to build engaging concert programmes curated for changing times and audiences.







# COMEDY CLUB

More stand-up from some new and not-so-new faces on the comedy club circuit.

ARTS

#### FRIDAY 5 APRIL 8PM

Headliner **Chris Washington** opened for Michael McIntyre in 2023 and won BBC 2 Richard Osman's *House of Games*. **Percy Savage** is a Cumbrian funnyman with a bunch of inventive and effortlessly ribtickling perspectives. Opener and compere, **Jon Pearson's** laid-back storytelling has audiences hanging on his every word and is a perfect addition to any line up.



#### FRIDAY 3 MAY 8PM

Headliner **Steve Gribbin** is a diminutive guitar-wielding satirist from Liverpool whose scabrous comedy songs and off the wall observations have made him one of the firm favourites of the comedy circuit. **Jacob Nussey** unassumingly draws in audiences with his deadpan style: sharp jokes, ill-fated anecdotes, and clever punchlines. Opener and compere **Sam Harland** has been performing stand-up since 2007. Sharp witted and charismatic Sam is a real audience pleaser.

#### **FRIDAY 7 JUNE 8PM**

Headliner **Karen Bayley's** stage presence, combined with killer wit, an infectious giggle, and devastating one-liners, make her a comedic force with a spiky edge. **Clayton Jones** has an observational comedy act which considers marriage, kids, being mixed race, text messages, school life, and growing up in London but now living in Lancashire! Opener and compere **Jack Gleadow** is an award-winning new comedian with Hull Comedian of The Year 2013 and Hilarity Bites Comedian of The Year 2014 already under their belt.



#### TICKETS: £9 ADVANCE, £12 ON THE DOOR

COMEDY



#### FRIDAY 12 APRIL 8PM

#### Edge Street Live present John Robb Do You Believe in the Power of Rock 'n' Roll?

John Robb talks about a life in music, his bestselling art of darkness book, being the first person to interview Nirvana, inventing the word britpop and adventures on the post punk frontline.

TICKETS: £14.50-£16.50

TALKS



#### SATURDAY 13 APRIL 7.30PM

Prime Orchestra

#### **Rock Sympho Show**

This musical show has become a real sensation! A rush of emotions and impressions, drive and crazy energy. The new program of *Rock Sympho Show* features legendary rock hits of the 20th and 21st centuries in an original reinterpretation by the innovative crossover Prime Orchestra!

#### TICKETS: £36.50-£46.50

MUSIC





#### SATURDAY 13 - SUNDAY 14 APRIL 7.30PM



# Chapterhouse Theatre Company present **Wuthering Heights**

Chapterhouse Theatre Company present *Wuthering Heights*, Emily Brontë's savage tale of love and obsession on the Yorkshire Moors. When orphaned Heathcliff is adopted by the Earnshaws, he falls deeply in love with their free-spirited daughter Catherine, but love is never as simple as it seems and their union leaves a trail of devastation in its wake. Can Catherine and Heathcliff's love endure, or will forces beyond their control tear them apart?

#### TICKETS: £23

DRAMA

#### Children/Students: £13 Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children): £59

#### THURSDAY 18 APRIL 8PM



#### The Horne Section's Hit Show

They have two series of their own TV show on Channel 4, an iTunes-chart-topping podcast and now they're tuning up their instruments once more to tour the country, it's *The Horne Section's Hit Show!* 

★★★★★ "We can't recommend The Horne Section highly enough" – **Time Out** 

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★★★★★ - Heat Age Guidance: 14+

TICKETS: £28

COMEDY

A Buxton Opera House Production

### AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE REALLY USEFUL GROUP LTD.



# LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

Directed by Paul Kerryson

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Following the success of *Little Shop of Horrors* last year, Buxton Opera House is excited to showcase the amazing talent of local performers in its production of *Evita*, directed by Paul Kerryson.

The musical follows the story of the young and ambitious Eva Perón's meteoric rise to sainthood. Set in Argentina between 1934-1952, Eva Duarte's journey moves from poor illegitimate child to ambitious actress to, as wife of military leader-turned-president Juan Perón, the most powerful woman in Latin America.

How will Eva Perón deal with this rise to power?

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice (the creative geniuses behind *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*), the show has become a firm favourite within the musical community.

The 7-Tony Award-winning musical features songs *Requiem for Evita, A New Argentina* and notably the ballad of Eva Perón, *Don't Cry for Me Argentina*.

# "FAST-PACED AND ENGAGING"

Buxton Advertiser on Little Shop of Horrors 2023

Thu – Sun 7.30pm Sat 2.30pm (**AD** Audio Described)) Sun 3pm (BSL Interpreted 🏜 ) & 7pm

TICKETS: £21-£25

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#### **THURSDAY 18 APRIL 7.30PM**

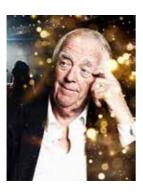


#### Leveret

Leveret is a unique collaboration between three of England's finest folk musicians. Andy Cutting (button accordion), Sam Sweeney (fiddle) and Rob Harbron (concertina) are each regarded as exceptional performers and masters of their instruments. Together their performances combine consummate musicianship, compelling delivery, and captivating spontaneity.

#### TICKETS: £20.50

MUSIC







#### FRIDAY 19 APRIL 7.30PM



#### Sir Tim Rice My Life in Musicals – I Know Him So Well

Sir Tim Rice, the multi-award winning, internationally renowned lyricist will reflect on his illustrious career at the heart of musical theatre, sharing anecdotes behind the songs – the hits and the misses along with stories of his life.

The musical accompaniment will be from an array of some of the UK's leading West End singers and musicians led by Musical Director, Duncan Waugh.

#### TICKETS: £43.50-£50

MUSICAL

#### SATURDAY 20 APRIL 7.30PM



What has quickly become an annual tradition, Carl is back for a third consecutive back-to-back tour. His storytelling skills and ability to hold an audience is second to none, rich in observations and exaggerated physical comedy, a night out with this Geordie is guaranteed to have you belly laughing from start to finish.

Age Guidance: 14+

#### TICKETS: £20

#### THURSDAY 2 MAY 7.30PM



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ENTERTAINMENT

#### Stuart Michael The Psychic Medium

Direct from London's West End, a thrilling and intriguing night of psychic mediumship! Boasting a worldwide celebrity client list, Stuart brings his quick-witted humour, sensitivity, and compassion to the stage.

Connecting with the spirit world, direct messages from loved ones who have passed on are brought forward with comfort and empathy. Prepare for a truly uplifting experience.

#### TICKETS: £31.50

Matcham cards: 12% off Students/Children/Equal Access/Groups (8+): £2 off





#### FRIDAY 3 MAY 8PM

### **Count Arthur Strong**

#### And It's Goodnight From Him

Part one of Count Arthur Strong's farewell tour. (Of the World. Potentially. (Certainly Jersey)). Having consulted with top Harley Street specialists, the St. Anne's Jombulance Brigade and Professor Twitty, that did covid (the bald one), Count Arthur Strong has decided to gradually phase in his farewell tour over a yet to be specified number of parts.

"Pure genius and pure tribute to the golden age of vaudeville"

- Bruce Dessau, Evening Standard

TICKETS: £26

COMEDY



#### SATURDAY 4 MAY 7.30PM



#### **Julian Clary** A Fistful Of Clary

Yee-haw! You've heard of The Man with No Name? Well, here's The Man with No Shame. Julian Clary, renowned homosexual, and national trinket is fixing to saddle up and head on out for his 2024 UK tour. "*Yes, it has a Western theme*," the old buckaroo confirms, sipping Bourbon from a pint tankard. "*It was only a matter of time before I eased myself into some chaps*" he adds, dabbing his temples with a damp flannel.

Age Guidance: 16+

#### TICKETS: £32.50





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#### SUNDAY 5 MAY 7.30PM



#### An Audience with Aggers & Tuffers

Prepare for a sensational evening of laughter and captivating stories as legendary cricket greats Jonathan "Aggers" Agnew, and Phil "Tuffers" Tufnell step up to bat for their highly anticipated 2024 tour! Whether you're a devoted cricket fan or just looking for a fun evening out, don't miss these two stars live in action.

Age Guidance: 14+

#### TICKETS: £33.50-£42

#### TUESDAY 7 MAY 7PM

National Theatre Live



A new play by Tim Price Directed by Rufus Norris

Michael Sheen plays Nye Bevan in a surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain's welfare state and created the NHS.

#### TICKETS: £15.50

Students/Children: £12.50

#### FILM

TALKS





# **PROTECT YOUR TICKETS!**

Should you need to apply for a refund, we have introduced an optional refund protection called Booking Protect, as all our tickets are non-refundable. Add Booking Protect to your order when booking online or ask our box office team and your tickets will be protected should you experience the following:

- Adverse weather where the government has issued travel warnings
- Injury, illness or death happening to you or an immediate family member
- Burglary or fire at your residence within 48 hours before the event
- Breakdown, accidents, fire or theft of private vehicle on route to the event
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By selecting Booking Protect you are confirming that you have read and accept the Terms and Conditions available on our website. Booking Protect can only be added at the time of booking and not at a later date. Claims are handled direct through **www.bookingprotect.com**.



WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT

#### WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 8PM

#### John Bishop

#### Back At It

Comedy superstar John Bishop is back with a new stand-up tour in 2024.

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"A performer of rare natural charm... the hottest stand-up going."

- The Daily Telegraph

#### TICKETS: £28-£47

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### What's Love Got To Do With It?

After a fantastic sell out debut tour across the UK, *What's Love Got To Do With It?* is back for 2024 celebrating the music of the incredible rock and soul legend Tina Turner. Enjoy all the hits including *Private Dancer, Proud Mary, Simply The Best* and many more.

#### TICKETS: £28-£33.50



MUSIC



### FRIDAY 10 MAY 7.30PM

#### Looking For Me Friend The Music of Victoria Wood

"The most feel-good show in town" (Daily Mail) has spread nostalgia and laughs throughout the UK, with the seal of approval from Victoria's colleagues and school-chums.

Featuring Paulus The Cabaret Geek with Michael Roulston on piano, it's an evening of pure joy. So zip-up your cocktail slacks and get booking! Age Guidance: 10+

#### TICKETS: £22.50

#### SATURDAY 11 MAY 7.30PM



ENTERTAINMENT

#### Steve Steinman's Love Hurts Power Ballads & Anthems

Famously known for his hit shows *Anything For Love: The Meat Loaf Story* and *Vampires Rock*, this new show will feature over 25 epic love songs that broke a million hearts and rocked the world, plus a 7-piece live band and a powerhouse cast of amazing singers!

#### TICKETS: £32-£36.50

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#### **SUNDAY 12 MAY 7.30PM**

#### The Simon and Garfunkel Story



#### The International Hit Show

Direct from a weeklong run in London's West End, a sold-out Worldwide tour and standing ovations at every performance, *The Simon & Garfunkel Story* continues to stun audiences across the globe! Using huge projection photos, original film footage and a full live band performing all the hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Homeward Bound and many more.

#### TICKETS: £27-£28

Matcham cards: 12% off Groups (8+)/Senior/Equal Access: £2.50 off (not valid in Dress Circle) JSA/Income Support/Students/Children: Half price (not valid in Dress Circle)

#### **TUESDAY 14 MAY 7.30PM**



MUSIC



#### Avalon presents Frank Skinner 30 Years of Dirt

Following a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe and 7-nights at the Lyric Theatre in London's West End, comic legend Frank Skinner is back with his critically acclaimed new show 30 Years of Dirt.

"He's still got it... a comedy master... a masterclass in crowd work, with Skinner getting spontaneous laughs off every interaction ... exquisite one-liners"

#### - Steve Bennett. Chortle

TICKETS: £31.50

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# DEVONSHIRE LOUN

Receive the VIP treatment at Buxton Opera House by visiting our new and improved VIP Lounge. Beat the gueues and add some extra sparkle to your night at the theatre!

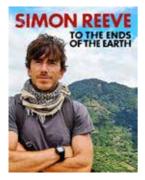


#### For £20 per person you can enjoy:

- Exclusive access to the lounge for one hour before the performance and during the interval
- Drink of your choice on arrival
- The option to pre-order interval drinks and ice creams
- Use of a private cloak room for bags and coats

To book your place, simply add on at the checkout when purchasing your tickets or call our Box Office on 01298 72190

For groups of 10+ please call the Box Office.



#### WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 7.30PM

#### Simon Reeve To The Ends Of The Earth



Simon is an author and TV presenter, and one of the world's most adventurous travellers. On his new UK tour Simon will share stories, surprises, thrills, deeper thoughts and hearty laughs. With behind the scenes footage and stunning imagery, Simon will inspire and remind audiences that we all need more journeys in our lives, and plenty of wild experiences.

#### TICKETS: £33.50

TALKS



# THURSDAY 16 - SATURDAY 18 MAY 7.30PM



#### **Buxton Drama League present**

#### Ladies Day by Amanda Whittington

Work, love and life are just one long, hard slog for Pearl, Jan. Shellev and Linda, But their fortunes are set to change when Linda finds tickets to Ladies' Day at Royal Ascot, and the girls ditch work, do themselves up to the nines and head off to the races for a drink, a flirt and a flutter. An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books.

#### **TICKETS: £17.50**

Matcham cards 12% off School Groups: £8 per ticket Groups (8+)/Senior/Equal Access/Support/Students/Children: £9.50 off

#### **FRIDAY 17 MAY 7.30PM**



### **Tiny Dancer**



DRAMA

#### The Music of Elton John

Get ready for an electrifying night of pure musical magic with Tiny Dancer: The Music of Elton John, starring Tom Weston! Join us for an unforgettable experience as Tom Weston channels the charisma of Elton John himself, bringing to life the greatest hits that have defined generations.



MUSIC



#### SATURDAY 18 MAY 7.30PM

Senbla presents

#### **Kenny Thomas** Him Tour 2024

British soul legend and multi-platinum singer-songwriter Kenny Thomas and his all-star band will be hitting the road in Spring 2024. Kenny remains one of the most important and successful UK soul singers of his generation with his debut album Voices selling 600,000 copies in the UK alone, achieving a total of 8 Top 40 singles and 2 Top 10 records whilst picking up 2 BRIT-Award Nominations for Best Male Vocalist and Best Newcomer.

TICKETS: £33.50-£37.50 (VIP MEET AND GREET: £86.50)

MUSIC



#### SUNDAY 19 MAY 7.30PM



## The Pitmen Poets

#### A Night of Songs and Stories

From *Billy Elliot* to *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*, from *When The Boat Comes In* to *The Likely Lads*, now be enthralled and entertained by The Pitmen Poets. Laced with North East humour and humanity.

Made up of Lindisfarne singer and songwriter Billy Mitchell, Warhorse songman Bob Fox, Master of Tyneside song Benny Graham, and award-winning songwriter Jez Lowe.

#### TICKETS: £26.50

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#### **TUESDAY 21 MAY 7.30PM**



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#### Newton Faulkner Feels Like Home Tour 2

"Just a man with his voice and guitar doing some old-fashioned diddly-diddly-diddly-bap-bap."

Newton Faulkner is continually adjusting to a music landscape dominated by flux, he's moved from the phenomenal success of his debut album *Hand Built By Robots*, to the surging triumph of *Write It On Your Skin* from *Studio Zoo*.

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

#### TICKETS: £32 (VIP MEET AND GREET: £82, GUITAR WORKSHOPS: £163)

MUSIC

#### FRIDAY 24 MAY 7.30PM

#### f54 presents **The Zombies** Celebrating 60 Years on Tape

Legendary 60s Psychedelic Pop icons The Zombies celebrate 60 years on tape with a retrospective live tour in 2024! Expect timeless classics such as *She's Not There, Time of the Season, Care of Cell 44, Tell Her No* and many more.

Age Guidance: 14+ (under 18s must be accompanied by an adult)

#### TICKETS: £39



#### SATURDAY 25 MAY 7.30PM



John Reilly and The Smooth Operators perform

#### The Definitive Burt Bacharach Songbook

A sophisticated masterclass in melody, honouring Burt Bacharach, writer of over 60 USA top 40 hits for Dionne Warwick, Dusty Springfield, Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, Gene Pitney, The Carpenters and so many more. You may have forgotten how many songs you hear every day were written by Burt Bacharach. Join us for a night to remember!

TICKETS: £28



#### SATURDAY 1 JUNE 11AM, 12.30PM AND 2PM



### Leave No Trace

Join our community performance groups, as they take you on a guided promenade performance through Grin Low Woods.

A combination of projection, movement, poetry, drama and visual arts will take you on a journey through the woodland exploring the environmental theme of 'Leave No Trace'.

Please note, this is a woodland performance which includes steps, uneven ground and walking in between performance areas. Please wear suitable footwear.

Tickets: this is a **FREE** event, but capacity is limited and tickets are required for the first part of the performance inside Poole's Cavern. If tickets have sold out, audience members can join the performance in the woodland. A Buxton Opera House production in association with Buxton Civic Association









#### FRIDAY 31 MAY 7.30PM

DRAMA

# Speakers from the Edge **Allie Bailey**

#### Running Won't Save You

Allie Bailey has spent the past decade running Ultramarathons and sinking beers in every corner of the world. In *Running Won't Save You*, she gives a frank, shocking and, at times, darkly funny account of what it was like to be a functioning alcoholic and depressive, what Ultrarunning has taught her and what she's now teaching other people!

#### TICKETS: £19

TALKS

Matcham cards: 12% off Groups (8+)/Senior/Equal Access/JSA/Income Support/Students/Children: £3 off

#### SUNDAY 2 JUNE 7.30PM



#### Jools Holland and his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

Featuring Gilson Lavis with guest vocalists Ruby Turner, Louise Marshall & Sumudu Jayatilaka.

The 19-piece Jools Holland & his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra consists of pianist, organist, drummer, three female vocals, guitar, bass guitar, two tenor saxophones, two alto saxophones, baritone saxophone, three trumpets, and three trombones.

TICKETS: £47.50-£56



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# WENDI PETERS LANDI OSHINOWO

DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY







#### Brace yourselves sisters - the habit is coming to Buxton!

Don't miss this eagerly anticipated, brand new production of the Broadway and UK award winning musical *Sister Act* direct from London.

All your prayers have been answered with a stunning cast, including *Coronation Street* and theatre legend **Wendi Peters** as Mother Superior\* and West End star **Landi Oshinowo** as Deloris, everyone's favourite nun on the run!

Disco diva Deloris' life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Placed under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she shouldn't be found – a convent! Encouraged to help the struggling choir, she helps her fellow sisters find their true voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own.

Featuring original music by Tony<sup>®</sup> and 8-time Oscar<sup>®</sup> award-winner Alan Menken (Disney's *Aladdin* and *Enchanted*) and songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco, this heavenly musical is joyous and uplifting in equal measures. A musical sent from above, *Sister Act* is the brilliant and must-see show which raises the spirits and warms the soul time after time.

#### ★★★★ "Hallelujah! A heavenly revival" – Independent

Mon – Sat 7.30pm Wed & Sat 2.30pm Captioned performance (**CAP**): Thu 30 May 7.30pm

\*Please note Wendi Peters will not be performing as Mother Superior on Mon 27 May

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#### **TUESDAY 4 JUNE 7.30PM**



#### Chas Cole for CMP Entertainment presents

### Rumours of Fleetwood Mac

Personally endorsed by Fleetwood Mac founding member, Mick Fleetwood, *Rumours of Fleetwood Mac* is the ultimate tribute to one of rock and roll's most remarkable groups. Channelling the spirit of Fleetwood Mac, they offer a unique opportunity for fans to rediscover the music that has ensured Fleetwood Mac's place as one of the most loved groups of all time.

#### TICKETS: £33.50-£44.50

MUSIC



#### **THURSDAY 6 JUNE 7.30PM**



#### Red Hot Chilli Pipers Featuring the Red Hot Chilli Dancers

The most famous bagpipe band on the planet... ever! Bagpipes with attitude, drums with a Scottish accent and a show that leaves people with warm hearts and smiles on their faces. The Pipers will be accompanied on the tour by the amazing Red Hot Chilli Dancers... it really is a sizzling show!

TICKETS: £38.50-£48.50 (VIP: £68.50)

MUSIC

# 2 FOR EIO Cocktails

# Enjoy our brand-new cocktail menu from the foyer bar on your next visit!\*

With a lovely selection of Espresso Martini, Cosmopolitan, Passionfruit Martini or alcohol-free option, Sunrise Mocktail, what's not to love? Cocktails are priced at £6.95 or 2 for £10 when ordered between 6.30pm – 7pm.

\*Available on selected performances. 2 for £10 offer only applicable on two of the same cocktail



#### FRIDAY 7 JUNE 7PM & 9.30PM

#### Chamber Touring Ltd Presents Jimmy Carr Laughs Funny

If you like fast-paced, edgy one-liners then get ready to be happy, Jimmy Carr is going back on tour. Jimmy tells jokes, and jokes are like magnets. Jokes attract people, but they can also repel. Some people are repelled by Jimmy's dark brand of comedy. This show is not for them. But if it's the kind of thing you like, then this is the kind of thing you'll like. Age Guidance: 16+

TICKETS: £39

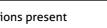
COMEDY

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ARTS



#### SATURDAY 8 JUNE 7.30PM





#### Oddsocks Productions present

#### Julius Caesar

Egotistical Emperor Julius Caesar is sweating. Rome is in chaos, the peasants are revolting. Expect the tearing of togas, the swishing of roman swords, some preposterous puppetry and the biggest battle scene five actors have ever created.

Age Guidance: 7+

#### TICKETS: £20.50

DRAMA





#### SATURDAY 8 - SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2.30PM & 7.30PM



### Cirque: The Greatest Show

#### Where Musical Theatre meets Circus

Musical theatre showstoppers meet jaw-dropping circus spectacular as everyone's favourite West End hits combine with breathtaking, amazing performances, incredible contortionists, and thrilling feats of agility and flair.

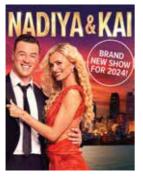
Let the music lift you on a truly wondrous journey bursting with kaleidoscopic colour in this smash-hit variety spectacular that's fun for all the family. West End stars combine with incredible circus performers.

Show content varies dependent upon venue facilities and regulations. Promoter reserves the right to alter the programme.

#### TICKETS: £33.50-£41

Groups (8+)/Senior/Equal Access/JSA/Income Support/Students/Children: £2 off (not valid in Dress Circle)





#### WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 7.30PM

#### Nadiya and Kai Behind the Magic



Nadiya and Kai are back with their brand-new show, as they invite you back into their world and go behind the scenes to witness how the magic comes together. Together with their talented cast they will highlight the influence of some of the 20th century's greatest legends, creatives and artists alike, whose lasting impact is still felt today. Fabulous outfits, wonderful music and of course, sensational dancing!

#### TICKETS: £35-£48 (VIP MEET AND GREET: ADDITIONAL £50)

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#### **THURSDAY 13 JUNE 7.30PM**



### Coldplace

#### The World's Leading Tribute to Coldplay

The only tribute to have worked for Coldplay, this outstanding band leads you through all your favourite Coldplay hits including *Yellow, Paradise, A Sky Full of Stars, Higher Power* and *My Universe.* 

This world class show recreates the magic of Coldplay's live tours – featuring lasers, confetti, video screen and Xylo band LED wristbands that have become synonymous with Coldplay concerts.

"Coldplace are pure quality. Thanks for flying the Coldplay flag." – Phil Harvey, Coldplay

#### TICKETS: £26.50

MUSIC

#### SATURDAY 15 JUNE 7.30PM



Snake Davis is thrilled to be back on the road with his 4-piece band, featuring guitar, bass guitar, and drums. From soulful melodies to danceable beats, his performances cover a wide musical spectrum, including original compositions and timeless saxophone classics like *Baker Street* and *Night Train*.

#### TICKETS: £20.50



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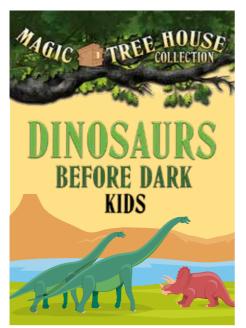
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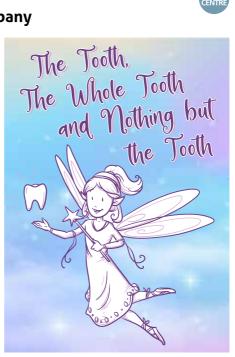
Leaving a gift in your will is a very special thing to do and we understand that your family comes first. If you choose to give to Buxton Opera House, we will work closely with you to ensure any gift you kindly leave us will make a real impact.

Our wonderful Buxton Opera House has created amazing memories since 1903, and together we want to ensure memories keep being made for generations to come. Your support will help us do this. Thank you.

If you would like to speak to someone about legacy giving, please contact Amy at **asimcox@boh.org.uk**.

#### An Evening with the Young Company





#### Buxton Opera House Junior Company present

#### The Magic Treehouse: Dinosaurs Before Dark KIDS

Dinosaurs Before Dark KIDS is an adaptation of the first book in Mary Pope Osbourne's award-winning Magic Treehouse series. Jack and Annie travel back in time to the land of the dinosaurs. They meet many friends along the way, but can they make it back to the treehouse and return home before the T-Rex finds them?

Book by Jenny Laird

Music and Lyrics by Randy Courts

Additional Lyrics by Will Osborne

Based on Magic Tree House #1: Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne

Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark KIDS is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY

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#### Buxton Opera House Inters Company present The Tooth The Whole Tooth and Nothing but the Tooth by Nic Gilder

When Sebastian put his tooth under his pillow for the Tooth Fairies to collect, the last thing he expected was to be transported to Tooth Town, along with his tooth. Nor did he expect to be tasked with a mission! Join Sebastian, Jenny, Fairy Crown and the Tooth Town Fairies as they battle to save their kingdom from evil Cavity Kate.

DRAMA

#### TICKETS: £7 FOR BOTH PERFORMANCES

Students/Children: £1 off



#### SATURDAY 15 JUNE 8PM



#### Live Nation presents

#### **Troy Hawke** The Greeters Guild

Experience the charm of Troy Hawke, the 1930s throwback aficionado of greetings and compliments, as he graces the Buxton Opera House with his all-new comedy show. Age Guidance: 14+

#### TICKETS: £24





#### **THURSDAY 20 JUNE 7.30PM**



#### **The Carpenters Story**

A musical journey through the glittering career of pop's most famous brother and sister duo. Featuring all of the Carpenters hit songs including *Close To You, Top of the World, We've Only Just Begun, Rainy Days & Mondays, Goodbye to Love* and many more!

#### TICKETS: £33

MUSIC

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#### FRIDAY 21 JUNE 7.30PM

#### A Country Night in Nashville

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.

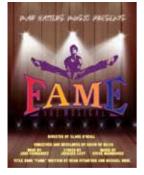
Prepare to be transported on a musical journey through the decades; from Johnny Cash to Alan Jackson, Dolly to The Chicks, Willie Nelson to Kacey Musgraves, don't miss this incredible celebration of the very best of country music.

#### TICKETS: £28

Matcham cards: 12% off







#### SATURDAY 22 JUNE 7.30PM



#### Jez Lowe, Bob Fox & Julie Matthews **The New Radio Ballads: In The Footsteps of Ewan MacColl** A Concert of Songs and Spoken Word

Three of the most loved and respected performers on the folk/acoustic/roots music scene come together in a concert of songs and stories from the 2006 New Radio Ballads.

Consummate and engaging, their skills have been honed by decades of live touring and recording.

#### TICKETS: £25



#### WEDNESDAY 24 - THURSDAY 25 JULY 7.30PM



#### Mad Hatters Music presents Fame The Musical

After the success of their production of *Grease* last summer, Mad Hatters Music's senior group take on the international sensation that is *Fame the Musical*. Fame follows a group of talented teenagers as they navigate the trials and tribulations of New York City's High School for the Performing Arts. Mad Hatters Music's senior group is made up of children from in and around Buxton ranging from age 11 to 18. Come and join this fantastic group of local young people in a musical that really does "live forever".

#### TICKETS: £16.50

MUSICAL

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Tickets: **£7** Students/Children: **£5** 



#### **BIF** Buxton International Festival

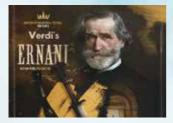
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# AT A GLANCE | OPERA



#### ERNANI

Giuseppe Verdi (1813–1901)

🛗 6, 10, 12, 14, 17 July

A new production of Verdi's operatic *dramma lirico* which tells the tragic love story of Elvira, who is caught between three men: her lover, her guardian and the King of Spain.





#### IL TRIONFO DEL TEMPO E DEL DISINGANNO

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

🗂 7, 11, 15, 18 July

Christian Curnyn returns to Buxton for this brand-new production of Handel's dramatic oratorio with the award-winning Early Opera Company.

### LA TRAGÉDIE DE CARMEN

Peter Brook's adaptation of Georges Bizet's opera (1893–1951

#### 🛗 5, 9, 13, 16 July

In its second collaboration with Norwich Theatre, BIF presents Peter Brook's adaptation of Bizet's extraordinary La tragédie de Carmen, a gritty tale fuelled by lust.



### THE BOATSWAIN'S MATE

Ethel Smyth (1858–1944)

#### 🛗 8, 14, 19 July

This brand-new BIF production, written by British composer and suffragette Ethel Smyth, centres around a humorous battle of the sexes on the seafront in Margate.

#### LA CANTERINA Joseph Havdn (1732–180

🗂 7, 11, 18, 20 July

Haydn's comedic two-act operetta, another new BIF production, has all the ingredients for a riotous show with its stock-in-trade *buffo* plot and cast.







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# BIFE Buxton International Festival

OPERA/MUSIC/BOOKS/JAZZ

# AT A GLANCE | MUSIC

### GOLDA SCHULTZ

#### 🛗 8 July

South Africa's superstar soprano, Golda Schultz, who dazzled at the BBC's Last Night of the Proms, makes her Buxton recital debut.

#### ANTONIO PAPPANO

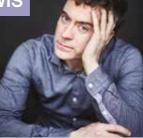
📋 19 July

The internationally renowned conductor, Sir Antonio Pappano best known as music director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, gives a singers masterclass plus a talk about his book, *My Life in Music*.

### PAUL LEWIS

📛 5, 6 July

World-class pianist Paul Lewis returns to Buxton to complete his eagerly awaited survey of Schubert's piano sonatas.



#### **VOCES8**

#### 📋 11 July

Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble, VOCES8, performs sacred and secular music from Lassus and Gibbons to Gershwin and Enya.



#### KATHRYN STOTT

📋 16 July

Concert pianist Kathryn Stott has delighted Buxton's audiences for years. This will be her farewell recital as part of her last professional tour.

#### BRODSKY QUARTET

🛗 17 July

Since forming 50 years ago, the

insatiable Brodsky Quartet has given over 3000 concerts, made over 70 recordings and collaborated with everyone from Bjork to Elvis Costello.



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# AT A GLANCE | JAZZ

#### NEW ORLEANS SOCIAL CLUB

#### 📩 8 July

One of the world's leading New Orleans clarinettists Adrian Cox fronts a star-studded line-up of musicians as they play alongside Tommy Blaize, lead singer from the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*.

#### JUDI JACKSON / MADELINE BELL

📩 11 July

Judi Jackson, Vocalist of the Year at the 2020 Jazz FM Awards, headlines this late-night double bill with New Jersey-born singer and Buxton favourite, Madeline Bell.

#### JEREMY SASSOON'S RAY CHARLES ORCHESTRA

📋 14 July

Don't miss singer-pianist Jeremy Sassoon and his 18-piece big band as they play tribute to the very best music of Ray Charles - a night of jazz, blues and soul.



#### **MICA MILLAR**

🗂 13 July

A chance to hear the winner of Jazz FM's Soul Act of The Year Award (2022), Mica Millar, who is fast making a name for herself as one of Britain's brightest new soul stars.



# AT A GLANCE | BOOKS



CLIVE MYRIE

Popular BBC Newsreader Clive Myrie discusses his deeply personal bestselling memoir, *Everything*, which tells *Everything*, which tells how his family history has influenced his life, work and view of the world.



📛 16 July

Barrister turned writer and broadcaster Rob Rinder, best known as a documentarymaker and TV's Judge Rinder, discusses his new legal thriller, *The Suspect*.



📋 12 July

BBC's Security Correspondent, Frank Gardner, was left for dead in 2004 when ambushed in Saudi Arabia. His survival and return to news reporting has been remarkable. Frank discusses his career and latest novel, *Invasion: The new Luke Carlton Thriller.* 



Caroline Lucas, MP for Brighton Pavilion and the UK's first and only Green Party MP discusses her book, *Another England: How to Reclaim Our National Story* which sketches out an alternative Englishness: one that we can all embrace to build a greener, fairer future.



From the Great Pyramid at Giza to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, acclaimed historian and author of *Istanbul* Bettany Hughes charts the construction, fame and legacy of these marvels through her book, *The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*.





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# The 30<sup>th</sup> International GILBERT & SULLIVAN Festival

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## The 30<sup>th</sup> International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival

The International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival is back in Buxton Opera House this summer. The annual Festival is the biggest celebration of the works of Gilbert & Sullivan – the world's most performed theatrical partnership.

Sullivan's genius for melody and Gilbert's magical words produced a combination of music and text that has rarely been equalled. And what a Festival it will be! Enjoy a fantastic selection of shows, including all-time favourites The Gondoliers, The Pirates of Penzance, HMS Pinafore, and much more.

## We look forward to welcoming you.

## **BOOK NOW**



# THE PROGRAMME

# The 30<sup>th</sup> International GILBERT & SULLIVAN Festival

## Buxton Opera House 27 July - 10 August &02

Experience this unique Festival and enjoy Gilbert & Sullivan morning, noon and night! The main programme in Buxton Opera House includes professional performances from the acclaimed professional National Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company and societies competing for the prestigious Champions Trophy. The outstanding National Festival Orchestra accompanies all performances.

There is a jam-packed fringe programme with morning lectures, lunchtime classical concerts and numerous full-scale matinee performances in the Pavilion Arts Centre and St John's Church.

And every night after the curtain falls in the Opera House, the Festival Cabaret Club opens next door in the Pavilion Gardens, where visitors can enjoy more entertainment, supper and bar. A warm and friendly welcome awaits everyone.

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## THE PROGRAMME

## **BUXTON OPERA HOUSE PROGRAMME**

1 and a	Saturday 27 July	2.30 pm	The Gondoliers	National G&S Opera Company
No.		7.30 pm	The Gondoliers	National G&S Opera Company
	Sunday 28 July	2.30 pm	The Pirates of Penzance	National G&S Opera Company
		7.30 pm	The Pirates of Penzance	National G&S Opera Company
5	Monday 29 July	7.30 pm	The Yeomen of the Guard	Grosvenor Light Opera Company
	Tuesday 30 July	7.30 pm	The Gondoliers	Edinburgh G&S Society
5	Wednesday 31 July	2.30 pm	HMS Pinafore & Trial by Jury	National G&S Opera Company
		7.30 pm	HMS Pinafore & Trial by Jury	National G&S Opera Company
	Thursday 1 August	7.30 pm	lolanthe	Peak Opera
14.4	Friday 2 August	2.30 pm	The Sorcerer	Charles Court Opera
		7.30 pm	The Sorcerer	Charles Court Opera
	Saturday 3 August	2.30 pm	New The Best of G&S	National G&S Opera Company
1-1-1		7.30 pm	The Pirates of Penzance	National G&S Opera Company
	Sunday 4 August	2.30 pm	The Pirates of Penzance	National G&S Opera Company
		7.30 pm	HMS Pinafore & Trial by Jury	National G&S Opera Company
1	Monday 5 August	7.30 pm	The Grand Duke	Savoy Company
1.1.1	Tuesday 6 August	7.30 pm	Patience	Bus Pass Opera
AL DE	Wednesday 7 August	2.30 pm	The Gondoliers	National G&S Opera Company
		7.30 pm	The Gondoliers	National G&S Opera Company
Section 2	Thursday 8 August	7.30 pm	The Mikado	The SavoyNet Performing Group
I	Friday 9 August	2.30 pm	The Pirates of Penzance	National G&S Opera Company
		7.30 pm	New - Best of G&S	National G&S Opera Company
	Saturday 10 August	2.30 pm	HMS Pinafore & Trial by Jury	National G&S Opera Company
		7.30 pm	The Gondoliers	National G&S Opera Company
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## **PAVILION ARTS CENTRE - MATINEE FRINGE PROGRAMME**

Thursday 1 August	2.30 pm
Friday 2 August	2.30 pm
Monday 5 August	2.30 pm
Thursday 8 August	2.30 pm
Saturday 10 August	2.30 pm

Princess Ida Ruddigore The Pirates of Penzance Princess Ida The Sorcerer York University Birmingham University Harrogate G&S Society Oxford University Festival Youth Production

# AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!





### WEDNESDAY 14 - THURSDAY 15 AUGUST



## In the Night Garden Live

Igglepiggle, Upsy Daisy, Makka Pakka and friends are back in their fun-filled live show *Igglepiggle's Busy Day!* Join Igglepiggle as he looks for his friends in the Night Garden by following their funny sounds until he finds them all! You'll see all your favourite characters beautifully brought to life with full-size costumes, magical puppets, and enchanting music. This show lasts just under an hour and your little ones will be amazed when they see a very special visit from the amazing flying Pinky Ponk.

#### WED 1PM & 4PM AND THU 10AM & 1PM

#### TICKETS: £16.50-£22

FAMILY

Children: £2 off (All children aged 6 months plus must have a ticket purchased at the child price)

### FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 3PM



#### Sweeney Entertainments present

## **Pop Princesses**

A magical show where beautiful princesses become pop stars! This is the children's pop concert with a big difference. The four fabulous fairytale princesses are back with their new show for 2024. They just love to sing! It's the perfect mix!

Featuring a soundtrack of top pop hits from artists such as Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor, Miley Cyrus, Dua Lipa and Lizzo, plus a few of the best songs from all your favourite films and musicals. Come and join the fun!

TICKETS: £20 (VIP MEET AND GREET: £27.50)

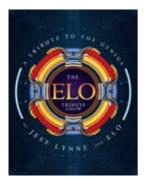
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## SATURDAY 24 AUGUST 7.30PM

## OPERA HOUSE

### The Ultimate Celebration of Carlos Santana

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the most beautiful guitar melodies and the amazingly creative, unique, diverse, and very challenging songs of Carlos Santana, all of which are played skillfully by our band of top-quality and highly educated musicians. This live experience spans the entire musical Carlos Santana legacy, including the early era songs from the *Abraxas* album such as *Black Magic Woman, Oye Como Va*, and *Samba Pa Ti*, through to the late 70s hits such as *Europa* and *She's Not There*, to the modern era, multi Grammy-awarded songs such as *Smooth* and *Maria-Maria*.

#### TICKETS: £20-£22

Matcham cards: 12% off

Very Santana

## SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 7.30PM



MUSIC

#### Q The Music presents a

## James Bond Concert Spectacular

Widely regarded as the most definitive musical tribute to James Bond ever – featuring Q The Music and hosted by former Miss Moneypenny, Caroline Bliss (*The Living Daylights*). Don't miss it!

"Stunning" – The Times "Extraordinary" – Roger Moore's Office "They did John Barry proud" – George Lazenby

#### TICKETS: £29

Matcham cards: 12% off Groups (8+)/Senior/Equal Access/JSA/Income Support/Students/Children: £1.50 off (not valid in Dress Circle)

## SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 7.30PM



MUSIC

# Chapterhouse Theatre Company present Little Women

Meet Jo March and her sisters Meg, Amy, and Beth. Each sister is determined to pursue her own path in life, but though their dreams may be different, their bond remains as true as ever. An uplifting and heartfelt tale of the March sisters' journey into adulthood and all the trials and triumphs that come with it, Chapterhouse Theatre Company's *Little Women* features authentic costuming and a beautiful musical score.

#### TICKETS: £20.50

Children/Student: £13 Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children): £59 Child under 5: Free

## **THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 7.30PM**



DRAMA

## The ELO Show

The ELO Show is back on the road with a stunning new stage production, featuring a band of amazing musicians, complimented by a female string section, playing hit after hit from ELO's vast back catalogue including *Evil Woman, Don't Bring Me Down, Telephone Line, Sweet Talkin' Woman* and of course the legendary *Mr. Blue Sky*.

Don't miss out on this fantastic night of nostalgia and classic tunes!

TICKETS: £31.50

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A Buxton Opera House Production

HOUS

## Fee-fi-fo-fum and it's time for another one!

Jack and his mother live a simple life, until one day Jack acquires some magic beans from the market and grows his very own giant beanstalk. The place he discovers at the top of the beanstalk is beyond his wildest dreams...

Brought to you by the incredible team behind *Sleeping Beauty* and *Cinderella*, join Jack and a talented cast for another year of festive fun, wonderful music and an enormous amount of Christmas magic. It will be bigger and better than ever before!

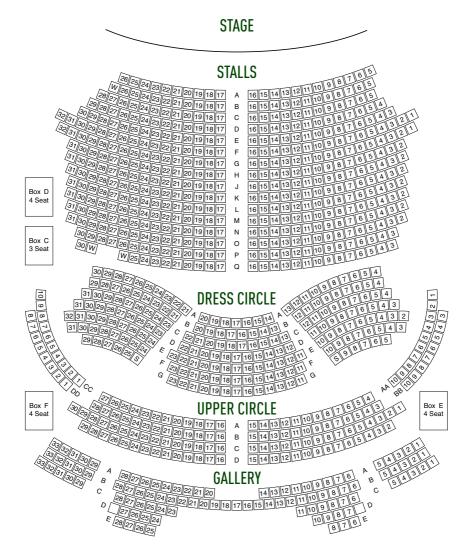
Autism-friendly performance (R): Wed 11 Dec 5.30pm

#### TICKETS: £19.50-£27.50

PANTOMIME

Matcham cards: 12% off Senior/Equal Access/JSA/Income Support/Students/Children under 16: £2 off School & Children's Groups of 10 or more: £12-£13 (one adult free per ten children) Adult Groups of 10 or more: £18-£20 Children 2 or under: £2.50 (on parent's knee) Babies under 12 months: Free (on parent's knee)

## **Opera House Seating Plan**









# Events Diary

#### **APRIL**

Thu 4 - Sat 6ETO: Manon LescautThu 7.30pm AD Sat 7.30pmBOHFri 5Coffee Concert: Genesis Trombones1pmPACFri 5ETO: The Rake's Progress7.30pmBOHFri 5Buxton Buzz Comedy Club8pmPACTue 9Houdini's Great Escape7.30pmBOHThu 11Dreamboys8pmBOHFri 12Kate Rusby7.30pmBOHFri 12John Robb8pmPACSat 13Prime Orchestra Rock Sympho Show7.30pmBOHSat 13Prime Orchestra Rock Sympho Show7.30pmBOHFri 19Sir Tim Rice: My Life In Musicals Today Years Old7.30pmBOHFri 19Sir Tim Rice: My Life In Musicals Today Years Old7.30pmBOHSun 28Evita Various Sun 3pmPAC					
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Fri 3	Coffee Concert: RNCM Songsters	1pm	PAC
Fri 3	Count Arthur Strong	8pm	BOH
Fri 3	Buxton Buzz Comedy Club	8pm	PAC
Sat 4	Julian Clary: Fistful of Clary	7.30pm	BOH
Sun 5	An Evening with Aggers & Tuffers	7.30pm	BOH
Tue 7	NT Live: Nye	7pm	PAC
Wed 8	John Bishop: Back At It	8pm	BOH
Thu 9	What's Love Got To Do With It?	7.30pm	BOH
Fri 10	Looking For Me Friend: The Music of Victoria Wood	7.30pm	PAC
Sat 11	Steve Steinman's Love Hurts	7.30pm	BOH
Sun 12	The Simon & Garfunkel Story	7.30pm	BOH
Tue 14	Frank Skinner: 30 Years of Dirt	7.30pm	BOH
Wed 15	Simon Reeve	7.30pm	BOH
Thu 16 – Sat 18	Ladies' Day	7.30pm	PAC
Fri 17	Tiny Dancer: The Music of Elton John	7.30pm	BOH
Sat 18	Kenny Thomas: Him Tour	7.30pm	BOH
Sun 19	The Pitmen Poets	7.30pm	PAC
Tue 21	Newton Faulkner	7.30pm	BOH
Fri 24	The Zombies	7.30pm	BOH

Sat 25	The Definitive Burt Bacharach Songbook	7.30pm	BOH
Mon 27 May – Sat 1 Jun	Sister Act	Mon – Sat 7.30pm Wed & Sat 2.30pm <b>CAP</b> Thu 7.30pm	BOH
Fri 31	Allie Bailey: Running Won't Save You	7.30pm	PAC

#### JUNE

Sat 1	Leave No Trace	11am, 12.30pm & 2pm	GLW
Sun 2	Jools Holland	7.30pm	BOH
Tue 4	Rumours of Fleetwood Mac	7.30pm	BOH
Thu 6	Red Hot Chilli Pipers	7.30pm	BOH
Fri 7	Coffee Concert: Paddington Trio	1pm	PAC
Fri 7	Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny	7pm & 9.30pm	BOH
Fri 7	Buxton Buzz Comedy Club	8pm	PAC
Sat 8 – Sun 9	Cirque: The Greatest Show	2.30pm & 7.30pm	BOH
Sat 8	Julius Caesar	7.30pm	PAC
Wed 12	Nadiya and Kai: Behind The Magic	7.30pm	BOH
Thu 13	Coldplace	7.30pm	BOH
Fri 14	An Evening with the Young Company	6.30pm	PAC
Sat 15	Snake Davis	7.30pm	PAC
Sat 15	Troy Hawke	8pm	BOH
Thu 20	The Carpenters Story	7.30pm	BOH
Fri 21	A Country Night In Nashville	7.30pm	BOH
Sat 22	In The Footsteps of Ewan MacColl	7.30pm	PAC

#### JULY

Thu 4 – Sun 21	Buxton International Festival (BIF)	Various	Various
Sat 24 – Sun 25	Mad Hatters Music: Fame The Musical	7.30pm	PAC
	The International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival	Various	Various

#### AUGUST

Wed 14 – Thu 15	In The Night Garden Live	Wed 1pm & 4pm Thu 10am & 1pm	BOH
Fri 23	Pop Princesses	3pm	BOH
Fri 23	Shrek The Musical Jr.	4pm & 7pm	PAC
Sat 24	Very Santana	7.30pm	BOH
Sun 25	James Bond Concert Spectacular	7.30pm	BOH
Sun 25	Little Women	7.30pm	PAC
Thu 5 Sep	The ELO Show	7.30pm	BOH

KEY

BOH Buxton Opera House PAC Pavilion Arts Centre GLW Grin Low Woods R e Cap Relaxed Performance **BSL** Interpreted Performance Captioned Performance Audio Described

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# **Booking & Venue Information**

#### TICKET PRICES AND FEES

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The Pavilion Arts Centre has step-free access on the ground floor and accessible toilets, however the layout of the seating can change for certain shows, please check when booking.

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