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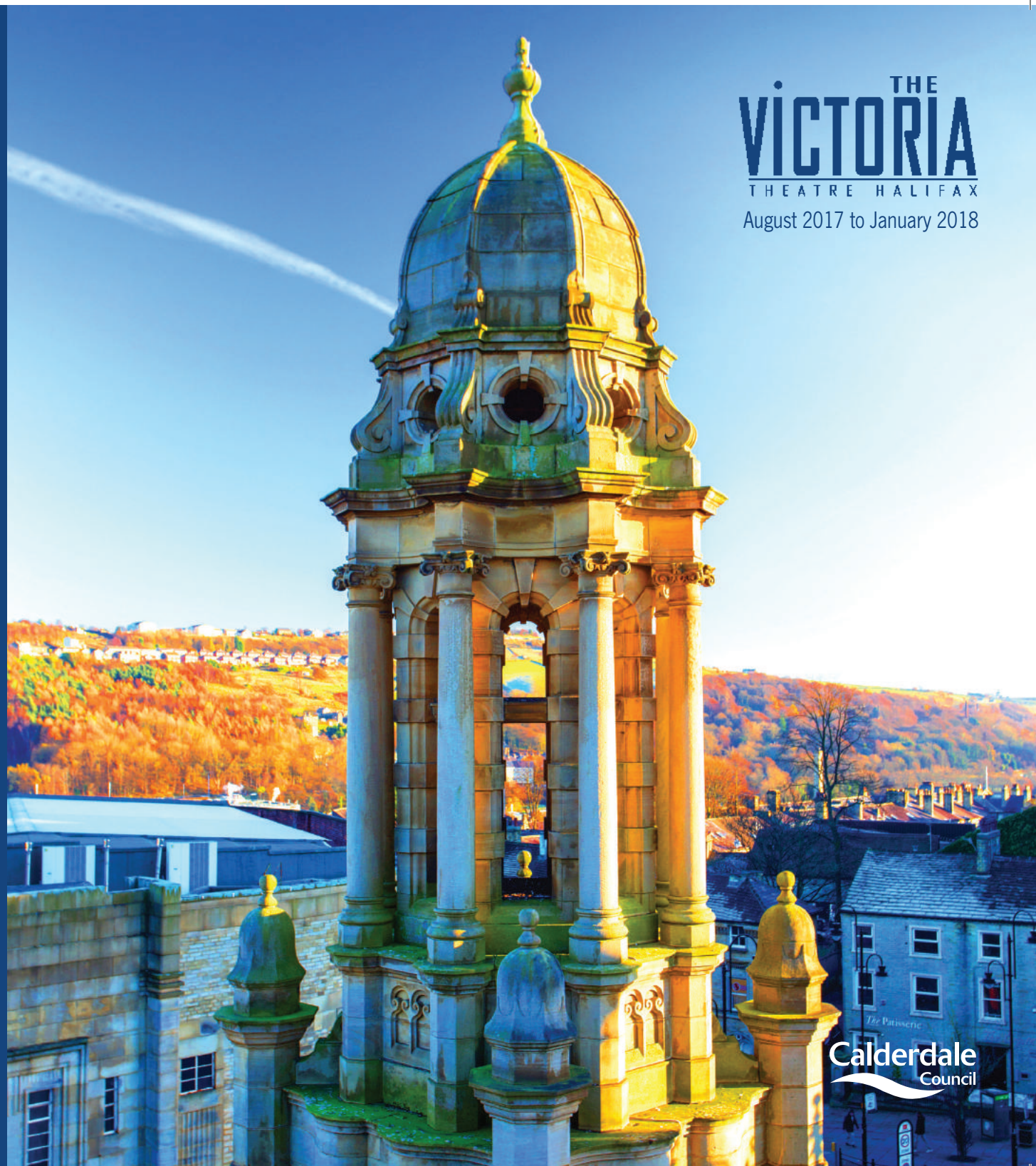
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News from the Theatres Manager

Welcome to our bumper Autumn/Winter season brochure. We're very excited about all the fantastic shows that we've got coming up for you; I hardly know where to start! We're very happy to be leading once again on delivering the **Halifax Comedy Festival (20-28 October)**, as one of the many venues across Halifax to host some cracking comedy.



Tim Fagan - Theatres Manager

As part of the Halifax Comedy Festival, we'll welcome top flight comedians **Richard Herring**, **Sara Pascoe** and **Lee Nelson**. The Time Warp also comes to town with a **Singalong-a-Rocky Horror Picture Show** and we hope to see many of you in the theatre in fancy dress!

In addition to the Comedy Festival, we'll also be hosting the brilliant comedy talent of **Paul Chowdhry**, **Milton Jones** and **Joel Dommett**.

Dipping our toes into world class contemporary dance, we present a magical production, **The Sandman** from Chantry Dance Company; and we'll be keeping your toes tapping with **Rip It Up**, featuring 'Strictly' stars **Natalie Lowe**, **Louis Smith** and **Jay McGuinness**.

Former Westlife boy band member **Shane Filan** highlights a wonderful music offer that also sees an 80s revival with **Midge Ure**, **The Christians** and **Altered Images** coming together for a mega concert!

For those who enjoy something a bit more thoughtful, and equally inspiring, we're thrilled to have legendary poet **John Cooper Clarke** laying it down for us.

There's so much to look forward to and I haven't even mentioned our pantomime, which this year is adventure love story **Aladdin**. Add a touch of sparkle to your festive season with this magical mix of music, comedy, adventure and pantomime fun.

Don't forget you can always visit our website for all our latest news. You can also sign up to our newsletter and receive ticket information straight into your inbox.

I'll sign off with enormous thanks to all our customers, supporters and partners and we look forward to extending a warm Victoria Theatre welcome when you come to see a show or two that we hope you'll never forget.

Tim Fagan -
Theatres Manager



Theatre Auditorium

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Dick & Liddy's Comedy Club

Laugh your way into the weekend with our regular and hugely popular comedy club held in our laid-back Green Room Bar.

Stand ups such as John Bishop, Alan Carr, Ross Noble and Michael McIntyre performed here early in their careers. Don't miss this chance to get seriously close to serious stand-up talent.

Line up subject to change. Seating not guaranteed, so please arrive early to be assured of a seat.



Forthcoming dates for Dick & Liddy's are

In the Green Room Bar, 8.30pm (unless stated)

Friday 25 August Friday 27 October, 9.30pm
Friday 29 September Friday 24 November

Tickets: £11.75 (concessions available)

Gift Vouchers

You can now give your nearest and dearest a wonderful experience for Christmas with Victoria Theatre gift vouchers! Treat that special someone to a gift of theatre, available in denominations of £20, £10, £5 and £1. These vouchers can only be used at the Victoria Theatre, and can be purchased from our Box Office.



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The Tiger Who Came to Tea

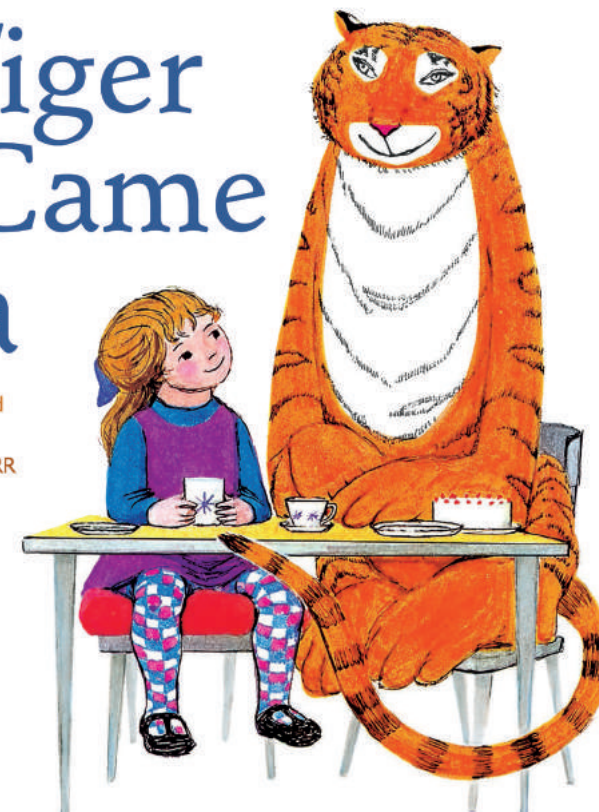
a musical play adapted and directed by DAVID WOOD
based on the book by JUDITH KERR

"This Tiger is the cat's meow"

★★★★★ The Times

"A rare and grreat achievement"

★★★★★ Mail On Sunday



Saturday 2 September 1:30pm & 4:30pm, Sunday 3 September 11:00am & 2:00pm

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Following a smash-hit West End season, the tea-guzzling tiger is back on the road in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos! A stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem...expect to be surprised!

For children aged three and above. Running time: approx 55 minutes (no interval).

Tickets: £14.25 with group and family tickets available



Saturday 9 September, 7:30pm
The Michael George London Show

Roll up, roll up for a wondrous night of entertainment with Michael George's London Show. Hold on to your seat as the Michael George Show band flies you to the moon (and let's you play among the stars), with magnificent performances of timeless classics performed with an 8-piece orchestra. The show also features the hilarious hijinks of Dusty Young, stunning showgirls, and daring dancers which will leave you simply spoilt for choice. This toe-tapping, nostalgic entertainment extravaganza certainly isn't one to miss!

Tickets: £19.75 (concessions available).
Group Tickets: Buy 10 get 1 free



Saturday 23 September, 8:00pm
Paul Chowdhry + Support

Following his 2015 100 date sell-out tour, comedy powerhouse and star of Taskmaster, Live at The Apollo and Stand Up for the Week, Paul Chowdhry brings his highly anticipated new stand-up show to venues nationwide.

"It's a rare and joyous thing to see a stand up so vibrant and imperiously on top of his game" - The Mail on Sunday.

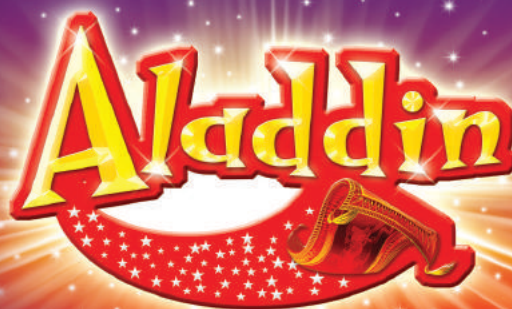
Tickets: £21

Sunday 10 September,
9:30am for a 10am start
Pantomime Junior Auditions

We're looking for junior chorus members to join the cast of our 2017 pantomime, Aladdin! Junior chorus members must be aged 9-16 and no higher than Year 11 at the time of performances. We are looking for two teams of eight, plus a reserve team.

Junior chorus members will dance in all the show's main songs, but may also be asked to do a little singing and acting.

For important registration and audition information, please contact our Box Office or visit our website.



Saturday 16 September, 8:00pm
Funkside Soul Band

The Funkside Soul Band play songs you can't help but dance to with tracks by the likes of James Brown, Michael Jackson, Jamiroquai, Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and more. This group will be sure to get you dancing!

Tickets: £16.75



Monday 25 September, 7:30pm
The Sandman

The Sandman is a contemporary ballet inspired by Hans Christian Anderson's tale of Ole Lukøje. The Sandman brings sleep to humans and uses a magical rainbow umbrella to impart good dreams, or a dark umbrella to send nightmares. We follow the story of a woman who is desperate to bring good dreams to her ailing husband - so desperate that she is willing to follow the Sandman into the DreamWorld to steal the dream umbrellas. There she meets many bizarre and entertaining characters.

Chantry Dance Company is run by choreographers Paul Chantry & Rae Piper, who are also known for their work on popular stage shows including 'GANGSTA GRANNY' and 'HORRIBLE HISTORIES'.

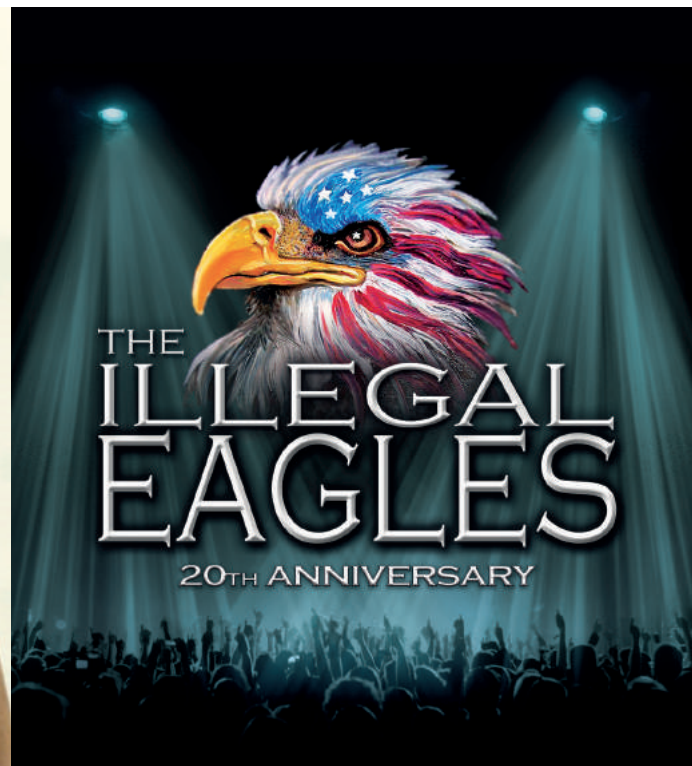
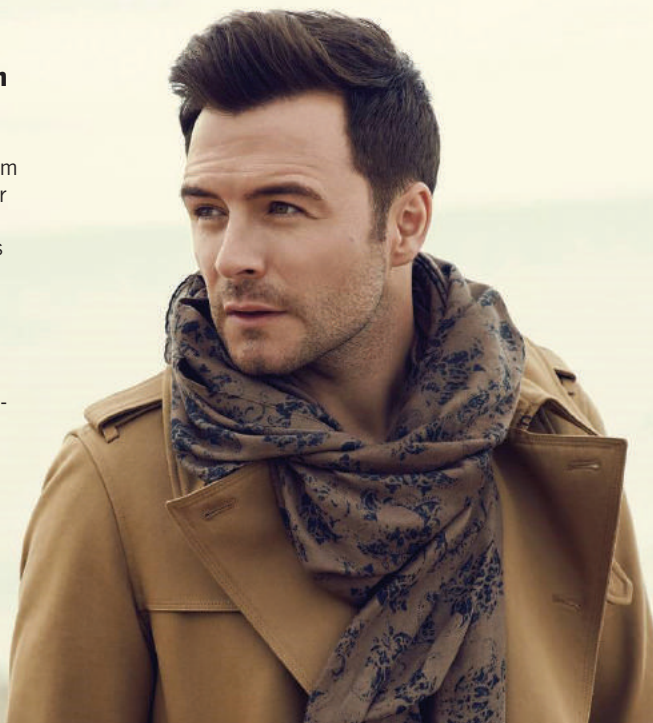
Tickets: £13.75 (concessions available)

Tuesday 26 September, 7:30pm
Shane Filan

Hot off the back of announcing his new album Shane Filan has announced his major indoor UK Tour – 'Love Always'. It takes in some of the UK's best loved venues, and features his new album, along with some of the tracks most synonymous with Shane.

Shane has cemented his position as one of the UK's most popular male solo artists, following phenomenal success with Westlife - one of the world's most successful bands of the last few decades.

Tickets: £29.25 - £51.75



Thursday 5 October, 7:30pm
Illegal Eagles

Often acclaimed as the World's Official No.1 Eagles tribute, The Illegal Eagles return to the stage in 2017, this time celebrating their incredible 20 years of touring!

This seasoned group of talented musicians are true Eagles fans at heart. Their impressive mastery of the Eagles' distinctive sound has made them one of the most sought after shows of their kind in the world. The Illegal Eagles bring you their strongest and most popular show to date with all the classic Eagles hits including Hotel California, Take It Easy, Lyn' Eyes, Take it to the Limit, Life in the Fast Lane and many more!

Tickets: £25.50



Sunday 1 October, 3:00pm
Mark Thompson's Spectacular Science Show

If you think Science is boring, think again; this is science like you have never seen before!

Explore the strange and magical properties of matter with exploding elephant's toothpaste, vortex generating dustbins, dancing paste, vanishing beakers and even exploding Pringle tubes!

TV astronomer and author Mark Thompson has been enthraling audiences for over 20 years with his fascinating journeys around the Universe. Now he is turning his infectious enthusiasm to things a little closer to home with this brand new show. Suitable for a family audience.

Tickets: £11.75 (concessions available)

Friday 6 October, 7:30pm
An Evening with Dirty Dancing: The Tribute Show

Now in its 7th record-breaking year, An Evening of Dirty Dancing: The Tribute Show is a 5 star homage to the greatest movie soundtrack of all time. It's the original concert celebration of the iconic music from the multi-award winning soundtrack to Dirty Dancing. A high energy, emotional roller-coaster of an evening with breath-taking choreography and buckets of nostalgia, including the classic songs Big Girls Don't Cry, Hey Baby, Wipeout, Do You Love Me, and many more. Put your dancing shoes on and get ready to have the time of your life!

"All singing, all dancing, highly watchable entertainment."
 - The Stage.

Please note this production is not affiliated with Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story On Stage on tour in the UK and worldwide.

Tickets: £24.75



Saturday 7 October, 7:30pm

Sensational 60s Experience

Without doubt the most explosive 60s show touring the UK, for one night only with a BRAND NEW PRODUCTION for 2017.

Five legendary names take to the stage and deliver to you a night never to be forgotten. With the definite feel good factor, this is must see 60s show for 2017. Starring Mike Pender (Original voice of The Searchers) Chris Farlowe, Herman's Hermits, The Fortunes, and The New Amen Corner.

Hits include Needles and Pins, Out Of Time, I'm Into Something Good, Storm In A Tea Cup, Bend Me Shape Me plus many more. Step back in time to when pop music was at its very best.

Tickets: £26.75 - £28.75

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The Sensational 60s Experience

MIKE PENDER
(Original voice of The Searchers)

**CHRIS FARLOWE,
HERMAN'S HERMITS,
THE FORTUNES AND
NEW AMEN CORNER**

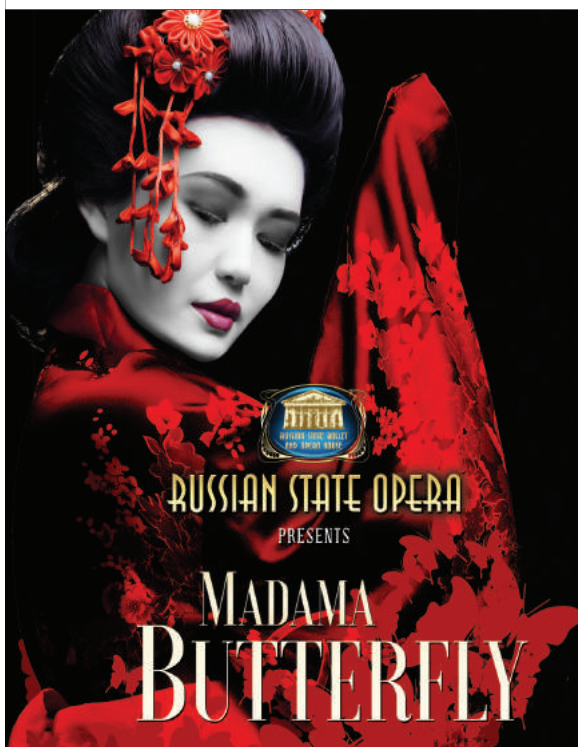
Sunday 8 October, 7:30pm Madama Butterfly

Featuring a live orchestra with over 30 musicians.

Set in Japan at the turn of the century, Madama Butterfly is among the most colourful and exotic of all operas, and from its theme of noble self-sacrifice spring melodies that grip your heart. It is the story of a doomed love affair between an American naval officer and his young Japanese bride whose self-sacrifice and defiance of her family leads to tragedy.

Sad and tragic it most certainly is, yet the compelling tale of Madama Butterfly remained Puccini's favourite opera - his supreme theatrical achievements also gave the world its most sublime and beautiful arias in history - One Fine Day and Love Duet, as well as the Humming Chorus which has been popular with opera-goers for over a century. This exquisite production, with its beautiful set and costumes, intensifies the emotion in a heart-breaking story. This touching tale of innocent love crushed between two utterly different cultures resonates as strongly as ever in today's world.

Tickets: £25.75- £34.75 (concessions available)



DANCING THROUGH THE 50's

**JAY
McGUINNESS**

**NATALIE
LOWE**

**LOUIS
SMITH**

Rip it Up



Thursday 12 October, 7:30pm

Rip It Up

TWO STRICTLY CHAMPIONS TOGETHER WITH ONE STRICTLY PROFESSIONAL
Live on stage with BBC Radio Two's Leo Green, musicians, dancers and singers.

Jay McGuinness, Natalie Lowe and Louis Smith will swing, bop, jitterbug, lindy hop, jive and ballroom through the greatest songs from the supreme decade of music! The music in the show spans various styles from romantic ballads and crooner songs through to classic pop hits and the shattering world of rock 'n' roll.

If you loved Dreamboats & Petticoats, That'll Be The Day, with a little twist of Strictly then this is the show for you!

There will also be a Meet and Greet after the show, £20 a ticket, limited to 60 people. Please contact the Box Office for more information and tickets.

Tickets: £21.25 - £56.75



Saturday 14 October, 7:30pm

Dr John Cooper Clarke

With special guests Mike Garry & Toria Garbutt

Poet; movie star; rock star; TV & Radio presenter; comedian; social and cultural commentator.

Dr John Cooper Clarke shot to prominence in the 1970s as the original 'people's poet', performing with The Sex Pistols, The Fall, Joy Division, The Buzzcocks, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Elvis Costello and New Order.

Since then his career has spanned cultures, audiences, art forms, continents and is just as visible in today's pop culture. Aside from his trademark look continuing to resonate with fashionistas, his poetry is studied on the national curriculum and he has collaborated on 2 global number 1 albums from the Arctic Monkeys and Plan B.

His latest show is a mix of classic verse, extraordinary new material, ponderings on modern life, honest gags, riffs and chat - a chance to witness a living legend at the top of his game!

Tickets: £21.75

Sunday 15 October, 6:30pm

Halifax Choral Society: Bicentenary Celebration

This year the Halifax Choral Society celebrates their historic 200th year of choral singing! This celebration concert will feature three special pieces, including the world premiere of Philip Wilby's new oratorio 'The Holy Face'. Also featured will be Felix Mendelssohn's 'Psalm 114', which was dedicated to the Halifax Choral Society in 1839, and Anton Bruckner's 'Te Deum Laudamus'. Halifax Choral Society are glad to be joined by the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus, Yorkshire Youth Choir and the North of England Classical Orchestra for this historic event.

Tickets: £12 - £24
(concessions available)



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Friday 20 October, 8:00pm
Richard Herring – Oh Frig, I'm 50!

"Podfather" (The Guardian) and star of Radio 4's Relativity, Richard Herring gets to the half century (against all odds) and looks at how his life has changed. From irresponsible, single kidult, to married father who is mid-way to the telegram from the Queen (though given she will be 140 in 2067, she might forget to send it). Following on from "Oh F***, I'm 40!", this is the second (and almost certainly penultimate) instalment in Herring's once-a-decade examination of ageing.

"A gloriously infantile delight in mischief, provocation and inspired rudeness" - The Guardian.

Tickets: £16.75

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Sunday 22 October 7:30pm
Singalonga Rocky Horror Picture Show

The Campest cult classic of all time gets the Singalonga treatment it's been SCREAMING for! Featuring the classic film, it's the most outrageous, riotous, kitsch, wonderful romp ever.

If you've done The Time Warp before, you'll never have done it quite like this! The evening begins with your host leading a vocal warm-up before they show you how to use your free interactive props bag. Fancy dress is not obligatory but highly recommended! Please note that this is a screening of the iconic movie and not a live stage show.

Tickets: £16

Irresistible Film!
Sing-a-Long-a



Saturday 21 October
11:00am & 2:30pm

The Sooty Show

Izzy wizzy let's get busy! Sooty is back in a brand new show with guaranteed giggles for the whole family! Mr Slater has put Richard in charge of running the show but nothing is going to plan! Sooty's magic tricks turn very messy and Sweep's escapology act has him all tied up.

Expect magic, music and mayhem, with buckets full of audience participation. A spectacular treat for Sooty fans old and new!

Tickets: £13.75 for Adults and £11.75 for Children

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Saturday 21 October
7:30pm & 9:00pm

Sara Pascoe - Ladsladslads

Sara is enjoying a year-long, one-woman stag do. From spiritual retreats, city breaks, life drawing classes and football matches – she has been drunk and lonely everywhere.

Following a sell-out live tour of Animal, the multi award-winning comedian and star of Live at The Apollo, Mock the Week and QI, returns with a brand-new (best ever) stand-up show.

"Pascoe's lively mind teases out big questions with intelligence, silliness and self-deprecation" - The Guardian

Tickets: £16.75

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Monday 23 October
8:00pm

Ed Gamble, Lou Sanders, Steve Bugeja

Three top comedians featured in this fantastic night of comedy. **Ed Gamble** has recently been seen supporting Russell Kane and Greg Davies on tour, and describes himself as "essentially a nice guy delivering humour". The surreal and refreshing **Lou Sanders** presents a charmingly haphazard show that's refreshingly different.

Finally, **Steve Bugeja**, is known for his compelling storytelling and comic detail, describing himself as an "out and proud nerd". The night promises to be a varied and hilarious evening featuring three up and coming comedians. Discover the 'next big thing' at the Victoria Theatre!

Tickets: £16.75



Thursday 25 October,
7:30pm, Green Room Bar

Shazia Mirza - With Love from St Tropez

Following her critically acclaimed 2016, 103 date sell-out international tour, 'The Kardashians Made Me Do It' Shazia Mirza announces her brand new stand-up show for 2017.

A show about lies and truth- or is that the same thing? Nudity and The Periodic Table, these things hold the key to the future. How much do you wear? What do you look like, and will they let you in? Oh, and don't you dare wear more than dental floss on a French beach.

Tickets: £14.25

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Friday 27 October,
7:30pm,
Green Room Bar

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Rob Rouse - Are You Sitting Comfortably

He's married, has two kids, a dog and an eye-watering mortgage in these times of austerity and uncertainty, but remains resolute that a career in the unpredictable world of comedy was absolutely the right way to go. (It's far too late to try something else now.)

Rob takes this trademark comedic storytelling to a career high in this full length show. He leads us on an irresistibly hilarious journey of enforced introspection that has taught him to relinquish any attempts to control his life and to face down, literally, one of the most awkward situations you're ever likely to hear about.

"Belly Laugh funny" - The Herald.

"He's a man with genuinely funny bones" - Sunday Times.

Tickets: £15.75



Saturday 28 October,
8:00pm

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Lee Nelson - Serious Joker

Due to huge demand, Lee's brand-new, best ever stand-up show has been extended into autumn 2017. You've seen him sneaking into places he shouldn't be, now come and see him where he most definitely should be: live on stage with his sensational Serious Joker Tour.

All profits from the show will be going to Lee.

"You should be ashamed of yourself" - Sepp Blatter.

"Get him out!" - Donald Trump.

"Comedy Legend" - The Sun.

"Comedy Genius" - The Mirror.

Tickets: £21.75

Monday 30 October, 7:30pm

Ray Mears 'Born to Go Wild'

From a very young age Ray discovered the joys of exploring the wilderness, the most intact, undisturbed wild natural areas left on our planet. His fascination with this environment that has not been modified by civilized human activity, has greatly shaped his life. Ray will take you on a journey that he deeply values for cultural, spiritual, moral and aesthetic reasons and explain why he believes these are vital for the human spirit and creativity

Tickets: £26.75 (concessions available)



Tuesday 31 October,
7:30pm

Midge Ure, The Christians and Altered Images

Midge Ure with his Band Electronica, The Christians and Altered Images featuring Clare Grogan; three critically acclaimed legends of the 80s join forces in this major new UK tour.

With millions of album sales and iconic hits, over 30 years perfecting their craft, performing to audiences at sold out stadiums, intimate unplugged sets and everything in between, this authentic 80s triple-header is not to be missed.

Tickets: £29.75 - £33.75



Thursday 2 November 7:30pm

The South

When great British pop institution, The Beautiful South split in 2007, some members of the band didn't feel ready to hang up their microphones or instruments just yet!

The South features former members of The Beautiful South including singer Alison Wheeler and lifelong sax player Gaz Birtles. Since original singer Dave Hemingway, left the group earlier this year, Gaz has now moved across to vocal duties. They play the songs made famous by The Beautiful South and bring back the full flavour and excitement with the nine piece live band.

With the new reshuffle complete, The South are a full team again and raring to go! Their live show promises to continue to celebrate and perform the classic Beautiful South songs - A Little Time (the number one single), Perfect 10, Rotterdam, Old Red Eyes Is Back, Good as Gold, Don't Marry Her. All performed again live, these songs, and many more, span an impressive 20 year career starting way back in 1989!

Come on! Let's Carry On... Regardless!

Tickets: £26.75 - £29.25



Saturday 4 November, 7:30pm

The Nutcracker

Featuring a live orchestra with over 30 musicians.

It wouldn't be the Christmas season without a trip to your local theatre for a dazzling production of the most famous ballet in the world - The Nutcracker.

The Russian State Ballet and Opera House is back for their annual UK tour with a vibrant, and enchanting ballet production. The Nutcracker is an eternal seasonal favourite, directed and choreographed by the former award winning Bolshoi Ballet Soloist, Konstantin Uralsky.

Snow flurries, sweets, princes, magic and love are just some of the elements that will be brought together by this renowned Russian company. A highly accessible ballet, full of familiar music such as the Waltz of the Flowers and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The Nutcracker continues to capture the hearts and imagination of different generations from all over the world. It is a truly captivating piece of theatre, a wonderful introduction to ballet for anyone who has never experienced it and retains its appeal for anyone who is familiar with it.

Tickets: £34.75 (concessions available)



The Summer of Love



Wednesday 8 November, 7:30pm

Summer of Love

Exactly 50 years after one of the most important cultural events in history, The Summer Of Love anniversary concert takes you back on a nostalgic musical journey to that incredible summer of 1967 - an eclectic explosion of flowers, psychedelia, freedom, peace and love and, of course, timeless music that inspired a generation.

With original 1960s film footage, The Summer Of Love also features a full live band performing songs such as California Dreaming, San Francisco, Turn Turn, Turn, Somebody To Love, Happy Together, Brown Eyed Girl, and over 40 more classic songs from the summer that changed the world.

Tickets: £21.75 - £23.75

ROCKTASTIC, HILARIOUS MUSICAL CONCERT



Thursday 9 November, 7:30pm

Vampires Rock: Ghost Train

Steve Steinman has ramped up the vamp in this spectacular sequel to the phenomenally successful Vampires Rock.

For more than two decades, Steinman and his crew have returned to our stages night after night and delivered exhilarating performances that have been packed with energy, fabulous dance routines, spectacular special effects and of course, amazing music that has everyone up on their feet. Throwing just the right amount of fun and humour into his script ensures that Steinman always has the audience roaring with laughter.

This rock-tastic, hilarious musical concert lives up to its rocking reputation. A tongue in cheek story, spellbinding cast, guitar gods and sexy vampettes take you on a ride through some of the greatest classic rock anthems ever! Including tracks from Queen, AC/DC, Meat Loaf, Journey, Bon Jovi, Guns n Roses and many more.

Prepare for a night of mischief and mayhem.

Tickets: £28.25

UTOPIA

Saturday 11th November 2017
13:30 & 19:00
Victoria Theatre, Halifax



**Saturday 11 November, 1:30pm
 & 7:00pm**

Dance Mill - Utopia

The Dance Mill Theatre School present their dance showcase 'Utopia'.

Tickets: £15.75 (concessions available)

Wednesday 15 November, 7:30pm

John Mayall

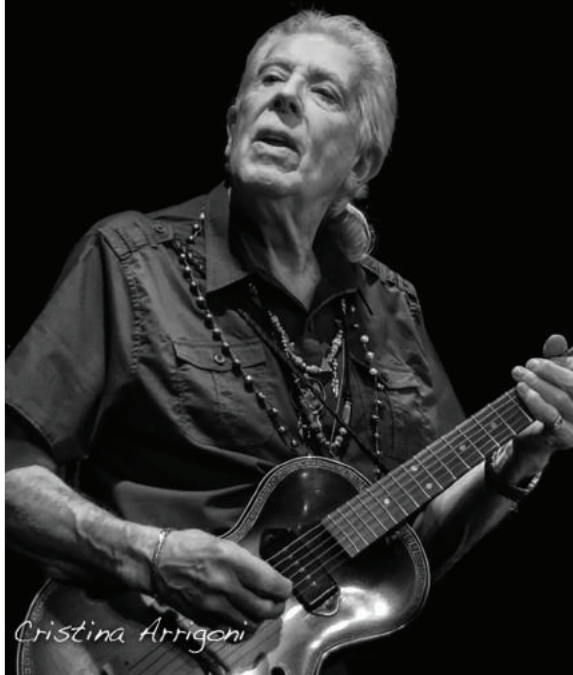
For over 50 years, John Mayall has served as a pioneer of blues music, rightly earning him the title, "The Godfather of British Blues".

Regarded by many as blues' most influential artist, John's band The Bluesbreakers, launched the careers of many true legends including Eric Clapton, Mick Fleetwood, John McVie, Peter Green and Mick Taylor.

64 albums later and John's captivating and authentic sound is still as vital today as it ever was.

Special guest and long term collaborator, Texan guitarist Buddy Whittington makes a welcome return to the UK with The Buddy Whittington Band. After joining The Bluesbreakers in 1993, he energized the band with his unique and fiery live style. Buddy made his recording debut on the Spinning Coin album and proved to be more than equal to following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessors.

Tickets: £29.75 - £33.75



Thursday 16 November, 7:30pm

The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Direct from its success in London's West End, a SOLD OUT UK tour and standing ovations at every performance, The Simon & Garfunkel Story is back! Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this 50th Anniversary Celebration also features a full live band performing all the hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Homeward Bound and many more. Get your tickets fast as this is an evening not to be missed!

"Fantastic" - Elaine Paige. BBC Radio 2. "Authentic and Exciting" - The Stage.

Tickets: £19.25 - £21.25



Friday 17 November, 7:30pm

Green Room Bar

The Temperance Seven

The Temperance Seven were formed in the mid-fifties by a group of enthusiastic students at the Royal College of Art in London. Although the line-up may have changed over the years, the band still maintains their early jazz style which will always be associated with The Temperance Seven.

Their recording of You're Driving Me Crazy went to Number One in the hit parade in 1961 and was produced by legendary producer, George Martin. Since then the band have played on most continents throughout the world and continue to play festivals all over Europe.

The band's favourite venues are the theatres of Britain where they can best create the nostalgia of a bygone era with their magical music and madness.

Tickets: £21.75

THE STAGE ACADEMY
 PROUDLY PRESENTS

THIS IS IT

VICTORIA THEATRE, HALIFAX
 18TH NOVEMBER 2017



Saturday 18 November, 6:00pm

This Is It

The Stage Academy School for Performing Arts proudly presents 'This Is It', an all singing, all dancing musical spectacular. These talented children will be showcasing their skills for one night only in their first ever performance at the Victoria Theatre- be sure to get your tickets now!

Tickets: £11.75

Sunday 19 November, 7:30pm

Milton Jones

Milton Jones is Out There. No, really out there and this time he hasn't just forgotten his keys. He's holding up the mirror of truth to society, and he can see right through it, which means it's probably just a window.

In his brand new show he'll be putting his foot down and lifting the lid on the pedal bin of lies of the media. He will be scaling the heights of fashion at the risk of falling into a terrible cravat. Milton will be talking about his life so far - the ups, the downs and why buying his own see-saw was the best decision he ever made. But perhaps he should give all this up and seek the highest office in the land - but how do you get a desk and a swivel chair up a mountain? Oh and now he wants to be Prime Minister too. Can we do worse than the politicians we already have? Yes we can!

'Absurdist one line masterpieces' - The Times.

'The best one liner merchant in British Comedy' - Chortle.

'Pun-derful Jones leaves the audience gagging for more' - Metro.

'Jones's one liners reach a new height' - Time Out.

'Beautiful one liners so skillfully sculpted you don't know whether to laugh or put them on your mantelpiece' - The Guardian.

'The tears of laughter came in floods... a sustained piece of observational storytelling which just peaked and peaked' - The Scotsman.

Tickets: £27.75



Saturday 25 November, 6:30pm

Whiteleys' Festival of Dance

Whiteleys' Festival of Dance featuring Whiteleys' students aged 2 to 18 years.

Tickets: £16.75 -18.75 (concessions available)



Sunday 26 November, 6:30pm

Halifax Choral Society: Handel's Messiah

Hallelujah! Halifax Choral Society are proud to present their annual performance of G F Handel's 'Messiah', for their 199th year! Conducted by John Pryce-Jones, the concert features the acclaimed arrangement for choir, brass and organ, featuring the world famous Black Dyke Band.

Tickets: £12 - £24
(concessions available)



Wednesday 29 November, 8:00pm

Joel Dommett

Catch the star of 2016's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here as he delivers his high octane comedy to venues up and down the country.

Joel came onto the comedy scene in 2007 and has never looked back. After receiving great critical acclaim for his Edinburgh Fringe shows, he has gone on to appear in numerous television shows including: Impractical Jokers (BBC3), Reality Bites (ITV2), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC), Drunk History (Comedy Central), and has performed in acting roles for Popatron (BBC2) and Skins (E4).

Age Restriction - 14+ with swearing and adult content.

"Simply hilarious and highly recommended" - ThreeWeeks.

Tickets: £19.50, student tickets £16.50



THE COOLEST PARTY IN TOWN!



Thursday 30 November, 7:30pm

Christmas with the Rat Pack

Christmas with the Rat Pack is still the coolest party in town, so beat the winter blues with Frank, Sammy and Dean.

Drift back in time to the glamorous, glitzy nights of Vegas in the company of three of the world's most popular entertainers. Experience Frank, Sammy and Dean performing at the famous Sands hotel with the fabulous Burrelli Sisters and The Rat Pack Big Band.

Hit follows hit including Pack favourites The Lady is a Tramp, Mr Bojangles, That's Amore, I've Got You Under My Skin, What Kind of Fool Am I, Volare and seasonal classics including: Baby it's Cold Outside, Let it Snow, White Christmas and Winter Wonderland.

Tickets: £27.25 - £31.25

Friday 1 December, 7:30pm

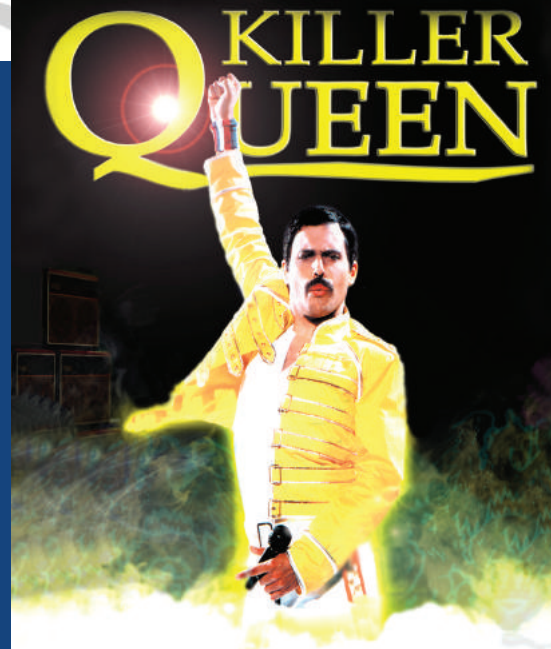
Killer Queen

Killer Queen have been performing their tribute to Queen's concert since 1993. Their expert musicianship, extraordinary energy and accurate portrayal of the world's greatest live band have rightfully earned Killer Queen the title of Queen tribute royalty.

Thrilling sell-out audiences across the globe from the UK to Moscow, Killer Queen recreates the high energy, powerful phenomenon that was Queen live.

Fronted by Patrick Myers as Freddie Mercury, 'Time Out' described Patrick's resemblance to Freddie Mercury as "Spooky". This quality, combined with a powerful 3½ octave tenor range, expert musicianship and dynamic stage presence, has captivated audiences the world over.

Tickets: £21.25 - £23.25
(concessions available)



Saturday 2 December, 8:00pm

Jon Richardson - Old Man

The British Comedy Award nominee and star of Live At The Apollo and 8 Out Of 10 Cats is embarking on a nationwide tour to complain about the state of the world and offer no solutions. Since his last show he has become a husband and father, seen the UK vote to leave the EU and watched the rise of Donald Trump, all of which leaves him asking one question, why does it seem that no one else alive can correctly load a dishwasher?

'One of our most individual and interesting stand-ups' - The Times.

Age Restriction, 14+ for swearing and adult content

Tickets: £21.50





Sunday 3 December, 7:30pm Kate Rusby

With a career spanning 25 years in music, Kate Rusby is one of the finest interpreters of traditional folk songs, melding old and new so you can barely see the join. After fifteen years of enchanting audiences, Kate's Christmas tour has for many, become as much a part of the festivities as Christmas pudding! Warm and inviting, spicy and sparkly, she and her marvellous band and her brass quintet embody the sounds and joyous spirit of the best Christmases ever!

Tickets: £26.75 (concessions available)

**Wednesday 6 December,
7:30pm**

Halifax Choral Society: Carols & Brass

Begin your Christmas with a merry evening of music, fun and laughter with this festive concert with the Halifax Choral Society. Also featuring the world famous Black Dyke Band, and conducted by John Pryce-Jones.

Tickets: £12 - £24
(concessions available)

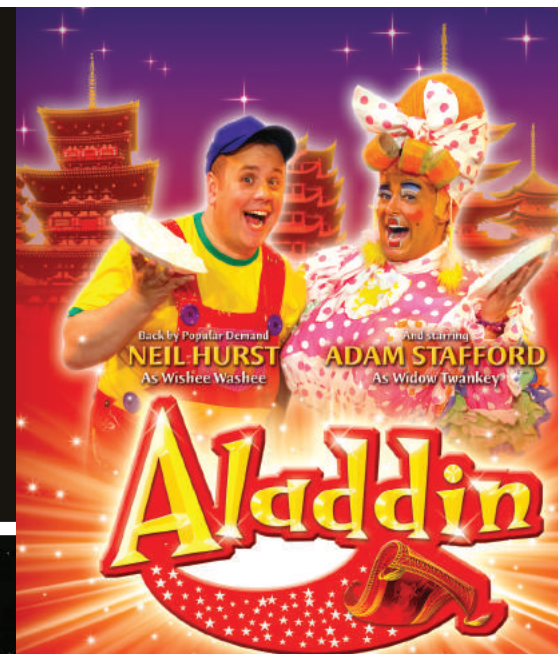


Thursday 7 - Sunday 10 December Santa's Mixed Up Martian

Santa's Mixed Up Martian features Santa, Ellie and Rudolph who are joined by a visitor from outer space! Children can join in with the action, sing along with their favourite songs, and get the chance to give their letter to Santa and receive a gift.

Santa's Mixed-up Martian is an unmissable treat for all children up to the age of 6 years and will ensure that the festive season gets off to a fun filled start. Running time approximately 35 minutes.

Tickets: Adults: £8.50. Children: £11.50



Come and see if Aladdin, a poor Chinese boy, can win the heart of the beautiful princess!

With a law decreeing that the princess can only marry a prince, and the evil Abanazar up to no good, it looks as though Aladdin's dream may never come true. And he's not the only one! Aladdin's mum Widow Twankey, has got the mixed-up Chinese laundry blues; her other son Wishee Washee is being particularly unhelpful; and they're also very poor... If only Aladdin could make his fortune and then all their dreams could come true.

Add a touch of sparkle to your festive season with this magical mix of music, comedy, adventure and pantomime fun.

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THE VICTORIA
THEATRE HALIFAX

Box Office: 01422 351158
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sat 16 Dec		1:00pm	5:30pm
Sun 17 Dec	No Performances		
Mon 18 Dec	10:15am	2:30pm	
Tue 19 Dec	10:15am	2:30pm	
Wed 20 Dec	10:15am*	2:30pm	
Thu 21 Dec	10:15am	2:30pm	
Fri 22 Dec		2:00pm	6:30pm
Sat 23 Dec	Touch Tour	2:00pm	6:30pm
Sun 24 Dec		1:00pm	5:30pm
Mon 25 Dec	No Performances		
Tue 26 Dec		1:00pm	5:30pm
Wed 27 Dec		2:00pm	6:30pm
Thu 28 Dec		1:00pm	5:30pm
Fri 29 Dec		2:00pm	6:30pm
Sat 30 Dec		1:00pm	5:30pm
Sun 31 Dec		1:00pm	
Mon 1 Jan	No Performances		
Tue 2 Jan		2:00pm	6:30pm
Wed 3 Jan		1:00pm	5:30pm
Thu 4 Jan		1:00pm	5:30pm
Fri 5 Jan	10:30am*		5:30pm
Sat 6 Jan		2:00pm	6:30pm

*Schools 'Side of Stage' Signed performance
♦Integrated Signed Performance (with a sign language interpreter who is involved in the on stage action).
*Relaxed Performance (for children/adults with special needs, including Autistic Spectrum conditions and/or learning disabilities. More information available upon request).

£21.70 / £19.70 (less 10% for groups of 20+; less 30% for groups of 250 - 499; less 35% for groups of 500+)

£17.70/£15.75 or £10.95 for school groups and £12.70 for groups of 250+ / £16.95 for coach and ticket offer

Christmas Eve £23.70 / £21.70

Touch Tours
For blind or partially sighted theatre-goers, giving access to the stage and set and the opportunity to handle selected props, costumes and furniture. Places are limited so please book with the box office.

All tickets include a £1.75 Theatre Support Fee.

Coming Soon

**Thursday 1 February 2018, 7:30pm
& Saturday 14 April 2018, 7:30pm**

Jason Manford: Muddle Class

He's back! It's been a busy few years for Jason Manford but this acclaimed comedian hasn't changed a bit. 'Muddle Class' promises to feature a wealth of new material about Jason growing up working class and finding himself becoming middle class. Delivered with Jason's amiable charm and wit, with two dates for you to choose from.

Tickets: £29.25

**Friday 2
February
2018, 7:30pm**

Icons of the 80s

The eighties are back with three legendary stars; Go West, Nik Kershaw and Cutting Crew, as they join forces for a truly incredible, once in a life time concert experience. With millions of album sales and iconic hits this triple header is not to be missed.

Tickets: £31.25 - £44.25

**Friday 9 February 2018, 7:30pm
Chinese New Year Extravaganza**

Featuring a team of performers showcasing Chinese Performing Arts to celebrate Chinese New Year, including the Lion Dance, contortionists, Chinese acrobats, kung fu, face changing magic.

Tickets: £22.75 - £18.75

**Wednesday 21 February
2018, 8:00pm**

Robin Ince - Pragmatic Insanity

Robin's first new stand up show in three years is a clash of the two cultures, a joyous romp through his favourite artists and strangest scientific ideas, 90 minutes fizzing with ideas about creativity in science and art.

Tickets: £16.75

BRENDAN COLE ALL NIGHT LONG

**Saturday 3 March 2018, 7:30pm
Brendan Cole - All Night Long**

Strictly Come Dancing's Brendan Cole is joined by his sensational guest dancers and band to wow audiences in his latest spectacular Latin and ballroom production, All Night Long.

Tickets: £32.75 - £40.25

BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY

**Thursday 8 March 2018, 7:30pm
Big Girls Don't Cry**

Celebrating the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons with the biggest hits, a phenomenal cast and a fantastic live band. The internationally acclaimed Big Girls Don't Cry authentically revives the sublime harmonies of New Jersey's finest! Oh what a night!

Tickets: £26.75

How to Book

There are several ways you can book tickets for shows at The Victoria Theatre:

In person at the Box Office, which is open:

January to February: Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm
March to May: Monday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm
June to August: Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm
September to December: Monday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm

The Box Office is also open until 30 minutes after 'curtain up' on performance days.

Online:

You can now book online at:
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk with no extra fees.

By telephone

Call the Box Office on **01422 351158**.

Tickets may be purchased by telephone using Mastercard, Visa and Maestro and can be posted to you for a £1 charge.

We can also reserve tickets for you. Reserved tickets must be paid for within 4 days.

Apologies but we cannot take bookings via email but are happy to take and respond to general booking enquiries – box.office@calderdale.gov.uk

Agents

Tickets can be booked through the following ticket agents:

Bradford Information Bureau, Kirkgate Centre
Hebden Bridge, Holmfirth, Todmorden & Wakefield Tourist Information Centres.

Discounts

Discounts are available for many performances through the Passport to Leisure scheme, as well as general discounts for children and other groups. Check with the Box Office for details of any special rates available when you book your tickets. **Only one discount can apply to any ticket.**

Theatre Support Fee

Now 115 years old and maintaining most of its original features, The Victoria Theatre acts as a magnificent architectural cornerstone of the town, celebrating the heritage and beauty of Halifax and our commitment to culture and the arts. To help with the upkeep of this fabulous building and improve the visitor experience, we charge a Theatre Support Fee on all tickets. This is included in all ticket prices within this brochure.

Insurance & Refunds

No refunds are available unless a performance is cancelled. If you would like to insure your tickets against accident, illness and failure of transport you can take out a Cancellation Protection policy with R.J KILN for an extra £1.50 per ticket. Please enquire about this when you book if you are interested.

Keep in touch

Web: www.victoriatheatre.co.uk
Facebook: Victoria Theatre Halifax
Twitter: @VicTheatre
Instagram: @victheatrehx
Post: Victoria Theatre, Fountain Street, Halifax, HX1 1BP.



Information

E-Newsletter

Want to keep in the loop with our future events and exclusive offers? Sign up to our free e-newsletter! Just visit our website and fill in your details on the 'Contact Us' page.

You can also send your email address to victoriatheatremarketing@calderdale.gov.uk.

Comments

We'd love to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or feedback, email them to victoriatheatre@calderdale.gov.uk, via post or via social media.

Where to find us

The Victoria Theatre is centrally located in Halifax, half a mile from both the train and bus stations



Access

Wheelchair access

The Victoria Theatre offers easy access and excellent viewing locations for wheelchair users, with a level access point to the stalls from the Commercial Street entrance, as well as a stair climber to access the Green Room Bar and accessible facilities on the stalls level.

Please inform the Box Office at the time of booking if you need this service, and if your wheelchair may restrict the view of other customers.

Hearing Impaired



The Victoria Theatre has an induction loop for hearing aid users in both the auditorium stall level and the Box Office. We also offer an infra-red audio system, allowing customers to sit anywhere in the circle or stalls and adjust their individual volume dependent on where they're sitting.

Our Minicom number is **01422 361584**, and we can advise you on both systems.

Visual Impairments

Guide dogs are welcome; we'll even provide a bowl of water for your pooch if you ask!

Complimentary tickets

The Victoria Theatre is happy to offer a limited number of complimentary tickets to essential carers. Please contact our Box Office for more details.

Alternative formats

Our brochure is also available in large print and in Braille upon request. Please contact the Theatre on **01422 351156** for more details.

Seating Layout

Detailed seating plans can be found on

www.calderdale.gov.uk/victoria/seatingplan.html

Friends of the Victoria Theatre

Support Your Local Theatre and Become our Friend

The Friends of the Victoria Theatre group comes together to share ideas, passion, skills and experience to support the theatre in many different ways.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Victoria Theatre please e-mail:

VTfriends@calderdale.gov.uk.

About the Victoria Theatre



History

Towards the end of the 19th Century a group of local businessmen led the movement for a substantial and prestigious concert hall in the centre of Halifax. In March 1897 the site at the junction of Commercial Street and Fountain Street was purchased for £8,169 and the Victoria Theatre (then called The Victoria Hall) opened in 1901. It was named in honour of Queen Victoria but she died just after it was completed. The building still retains many of the original features, including the broad staircase in the foyer, the stained glass, ornate dome above and the original Queen Victoria bust at the top of the foyer stairs.

For over 100 years the venue has acted as a magnificent architectural gateway, announcing the heritage and beauty of Halifax and the district's commitment to culture and the arts. The Victoria Theatre has an impressive capacity of 1,518 seated and 1,875 standing, making it one of the largest and most accessible venues in the region.

The first concert was by the Halle Orchestra and since then The Victoria Theatre has played host to some of the biggest names in entertainment, including: Russell Brand, The Stone Roses, Status Quo, Morrissey and the King of Pop, Michael Jackson!

Victoria Theatre Supporters

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Hiring the Victoria Theatre

As a busy and vibrant cultural destination in the centre of Halifax, just 5-10 minutes' walk from both the bus and train stations, the Victoria Theatre is a multipurpose venue and hosts a multitude of different events, from large music gigs, ballet and comedy shows, to award ceremonies, conferences and business meetings.

As well as the magnificent auditorium, the Theatre has other interesting and versatile spaces for smaller events. Recent investments in moving lights technology, WIFI in all areas, licensed bars and projection facilities all make the The Victoria Theatre a great, unique venue. Our team also has a vast array of experience and can help to make your event more special with services; such as event planning, creative supervision, team building, presentation support and lighting design.

For more information on booking the Victoria Theatre for your next event, please call us on

01422 351156 or email

alison.metcalfe@calderdale.gov.uk



The Green Room



VIP Lounge