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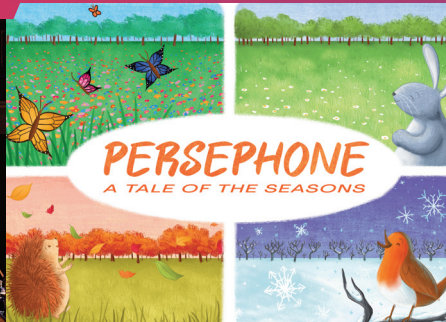
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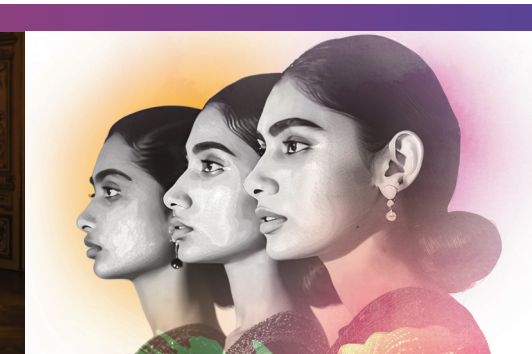
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SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY, 10:30AM

VAL REGAN COMMUNITY SINGING WORKSHOP

This workshop is for anyone who loves singing, wants to sing, is scared of singing, or has ever thought about singing.

Whether you're already in a community choir and can read music, or you're just trying it for the first time, you are equally welcome. The workshop is led by Val Regan, a member of the Natural Voice Network and one of the UK's most experienced singing leaders.

£25 standard | Ballroom | Ages 14+



FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY, 8PM

DISCOS FOR GROWN UPS 70S, 80S, 90S DISCO PARTY

After our last few sold-out discos in Stamford, we are bringing Discos For Grown Ups back for more disco fun with a brand-new playlist of '70s, '80s, and '90s dance floor classics. Start the new year off right with a fun and fabulous night of dancing with people your own age - it's going to be a boogie night to remember!

£19.50 standard | £24.50 VIP | Ballroom | Adults only



SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

WINTER WARMERS WITH SCO

Stamford Chamber Orchestra return to the Arts Centre for another wonderful concert. Join us for some cheer on a cold winter's evening – Haydn's tuneful and inspiring Farewell Symphony, Reinecke's wonderful Serenade for Strings, Enescu's sensational Decet for Winds and a new composition from our composer-in-residence, George Brown.

**£13.50 (£11.50 concessions)
£6 Under 26s | Ballroom**





FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY, 7:30PM

MATT FORD: THE COLE PORTER SONGBOOK

BBC Proms regular, Matt Ford, presents an evening of world-class music and song from one of the 20th Century's most celebrated composers, Cole Porter, whose music reigned supreme in the Broadway Musicals and Hollywood films of the early 20th Century.

Matt is joined by a trio of world-class musicians for an intimate musical journey as they perform a selection of Cole Porter's finest and most iconic music. The programme includes songs such as 'I've Got You Under My Skin', 'Night & Day', 'Too Darn Hot', 'Anything Goes', 'I Get a Kick Out of You' and many more!

"Ford shares with Sinatra a gift for timing and thoughtful phrasing which adds new colours to the songs and gives them a freshness" - The Times

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

MARTIN SIMPSON — A MASTER OF HIS ART

One of England's most revered folk performers, widely acknowledged as one of the finest acoustic and slide guitar players in the world, Martin's interpretations of traditional songs are masterpieces of storytelling. Martin has been nominated an astounding 32 times in the 18 years of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards (more than any other performer) and has won numerous awards.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom

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Pick25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

THE CLARE TEAL FIVE

She's back! Expect exhilarating swing from award winning jazz vocalist and long-time Radio 2 & Jazz FM broadcaster Clare Teal, who returns with a fabulous new show. The Clare Teal Five is a truly exciting collaboration between Clare and her regular quartet, featuring the UK's finest jazz musicians.

A magical world where the talents of Sam Smith, Cole Porter, Van Morrison, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Radio Head, Blossom Dearie, Peggy Lee and Sarah Vaughan are heralded by Clare and her band's unique swing jazz palette. The evening promises rich sounds and stories - always engaging, always uplifting.

As one of the UK's greatest interpreters of popular song and much-loved performers, Clare and her band guarantee an evening of inspirational, uplifting music and unbridled entertainment performed by the very best.

£28 (£26 concessions) | Ballroom | Ages 12+



SATURDAY 1ST MARCH, 7:30PM

KATHERINE PRIDDY

2024 saw the release of Katherine's eagerly awaited second album, 'The Pendulum Swing'. Greeted by critical acclaim in the press, the album landed at #1 in the official UK Folk Charts. Her live performances are engaging, moving and amusing, delivering original songs with emotional maturity and particularly noteworthy lyrics. Despite the delicate nuances of her sound, Katherine is not a fragile wallflower, but a determined young woman making her mark.

£18 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 8TH MARCH, 7:30PM

THE MAXWELL QUARTET

The Maxwell Quartet combines a refined approach to classical works with a passion for its own folk heritage and a commitment to expanding the string quartet repertoire through wide-ranging projects. Friends since they met playing in youth orchestras in Scotland, their tight bond shows through in compelling musical interpretations. Strongly connected to their own Scottish roots, the programme includes Haydn, Dvorak and folk-inspired works. Full programme available on our website.

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 15TH MARCH, 7:30PM

TIM KLIPHUIS TRIO

Founded in 2006, the Tim Kliphuis Trio are one of the world's top string groups, combining jaw-dropping virtuosity and mesmerizing improvisations with a beautifully varied repertoire sourced from classical music, gypsy jazz and folk. Triumphanty premiered at Edinburgh's Queen's Hall in March 2024, Tim Kliphuis and his Trio present their brand-new 'Pictures at an Exhibition', showcasing the daring innovations of Musorgsky's music through a unique and exciting lens.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL, 7:30PM

EMPIRICAL

Join the multi award-winning UK jazz ensemble, Empirical, for a performance of their album 'Wonder is the Beginning', released on Whirlwind Recordings in 2024. Having started their journey in 2007, Empirical make a triumphant return, re-taking their rightful place at the centre of the UK scene, with their first full-length release since 2016.

Empirical's trademark combination of complex, thoughtful writing and spontaneous improvisation is enabled by the absolute trust that comes from years of collective music making and is at the heart of what makes Empirical stand out consistently on the musical landscape.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom





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SATURDAY 12TH APRIL, 7:30PM

PASCAL ROGÉ

Pascal Rogé exemplifies the finest in French pianism. Born in Paris, he was a student of the Paris Conservatory and was also mentored by Julius Katchen and the great Nadia Boulanger. Winner of Georges Enesco piano competition and 1st prize of Marguerite Long Piano competition, he became an exclusive Decca recording artist at the age of seventeen.

His playing of Poulenc, Satie, Faure, Saint-Saens and especially Ravel and Debussy is characterized by its elegance, beauty and stylistically perfect phrasing. Mr. Rogé has performed in almost every major concert hall in the world and with every major orchestra across the globe and has collaborated with the most distinguished conductors in history, including Lorin Maazel, Michael Tilson Thomas, Mariss Jansons, Charles Dutoit, Kurt Masur and others. This concert is 2/4 hand with Elena Font and includes Debussy Petite Suite for 4 hands.

Full programme available on our website.

£26 (£24 concessions) | Ballroom



FRIDAY 25TH APRIL, 7:30PM

AHMED DICKINSON & EDUARDO MARTÍN

With their musical empathy, Eduardo Martín and Ahmed Dickinson transform their concerts into a vehicle that connects, incorporates and juxtaposes their different generations. 'The Bridge' is a compilation of the most alluring works for two guitars by Grammy nominee composer Eduardo Martín. Here, classical styles and rock merge with son montunos; old Yoruba chants, feel-good rumbas, funk-boleros, new age tunes and cinematic pieces sit alongside Cuban tumbaos with slap bass.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom

JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR



FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY, 8PM

TONY KOFI'S TENOR LEGACY

Internationally acclaimed, award-winning saxophonist Tony Kofi explores the music of the great tenor saxophone players, with a focus on their output on Blue Note Records. This band has been playing as a unit since 2015 and on this outing will be exploring material by John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins, Sam Rivers, Wayne Shorter, Joe Henderson & Dexter Gordon as they pay homage to the giants of the tenor saxophone throughout jazz.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 7TH MARCH, 8PM

DAVE O'HIGGINS

Dave O'Higgins' tenor and soprano sax sounds are highly personal and recognisable, with a clear sense of melodic development and adventure. A popular performer with the public, he has a wide palette from Charlie Parker, Dexter Gordon, John Coltrane, Joe Henderson through to Stanley Turrentine and Michael Brecker. He has relentlessly pursued artistic and sonic exploration and development with a deep respect for the tradition of the music.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar

DON'T FORGET OUR MULTIBUY OFFER - PURCHASE 2 OR MORE EVENTS FROM THE "JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR" SERIES AND GET £2 OFF EACH TICKET!

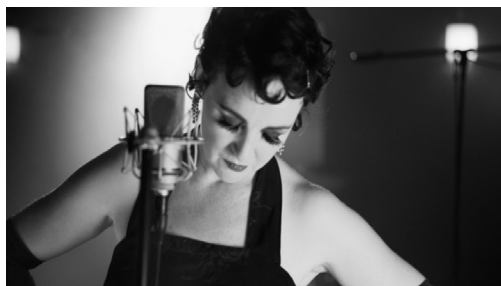


FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 8PM

KOKO COLLECTIVE

Koko Collective brings together some of the finest jazz talent from the UK, united by their passion for music that swings. The band's latest lineup introduces drummer Andrew Wood, as the band goes on a whistle stop tour of jazz history, showcasing styles from early jazz, Latin jazz, hard bop and modern jazz. With a mix of engaging storytelling, playful humor and an irresistible swing feel, Koko Collective guarantees an exhilarating and entertaining night out!

£15 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 11TH APRIL, 8PM

ME & MR JONES

Me & Mr Jones are Rachel Foster (voice) and Paul Deats (piano). They perform beautiful original songs, made with love. Nostalgic for another time but very much for today. The duo is accompanied by the awesomely talented Simon Paterson on double bass. Alongside their original material, Me and Mr Jones will also be serving up sweet music from the American Song book and other long loved confection.

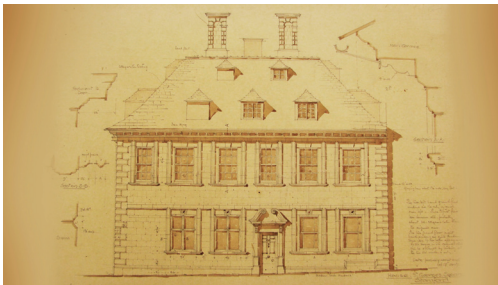
£15 standard | Cellar Bar

THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY, 7:30PM

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHACKLETON

It is just over a hundred years since Sir Ernest Shackleton's celebrated Antarctic expedition, when his ship, the *Endurance*, was crushed and sank in the Weddell Sea. This talk gives an illustrated account of Shackleton's extraordinary polar adventures, the dangers he faced and his brilliant leadership. The speaker will then add a postscript on his own adventure sailing the Southern Ocean to South Georgia and following Shackleton's exact route over the mountains to Stromness, the Shackleton Traverse.

£8 (£6 concessions) | Theatre



TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: A HISTORY OF 2 HOUSES

Philippa contrasts another two very different buildings in Stamford, 6+7 Red Lion Square and 19 St George's Square. The earlier one dates from the 15th century and the later one was built in the reign of Charles II. She looks at what was happening in the town at the times when they were built and for what they may have been used. And finally, she records who lived and worked in them over the centuries.

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre



THURSDAY 24TH APRIL, 7:45PM

PHILIPPA MASSEY TALK: ARTISANS AND TRADESMEN IN STAMFORD

Have you ever walked down Stamford High Street and marvelled at the number of shops selling clothes and shoes in a small market town? In another in her series about the artisans and tradespeople in Stamford, Philippa looks at the people who made and traded in garments and footwear, who clothed and shod the townspeople and how the wool and leather industries affected these trades from the medieval period to the present day.

£7.50 (£6 concessions) | Theatre



WRITING COURSE



THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY –

THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY, 7PM

THE RIGHT, TO WRITE - DARREN O'SULLIVAN

Join bestselling author Darren O'Sullivan on the journey as you write your own novel in this new 6-week course, designed for writers of all levels of experience. Over the weeks you will meet like-minded people and start the process of writing your book. During these sessions, you will examine how stories are created from first idea to final draft and how you can write fast paced, engaging fiction, as well as managing time, expectations and overcoming that dreaded writers block.

£90 | Burley Room | Adults only

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

HOW TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER!

Join best-selling authors Darren O'Sullivan and Lisa Hall as they discuss how to plan, write, and execute the perfect crime!

During this hour-long conversation, both authors, who between them have sold over a million books, will discuss openly the way they craft their stories, with extracts from novels being read too.

The audience will then be invited to ask questions about their work, and the dark and murderous worlds that live inside their heads.

£8 (£6 concessions) | Theatre



FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

HAUNTINGS — GERARD LOGAN

Hauntings is a spellbinding evening of three tales of the supernatural from two of the world's greatest writers of ghost stories, E.F. Benson and M.R. James. With masterful storytelling from the award-winning actor Gerard Logan (Olivier Nominee & Winner of The Stage Newspaper's 'Best Solo Performer of the 2011 Edinburgh Festival'), Hauntings will transport you to a world of invisible, but terrifyingly present, spirits.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre | Ages 11+



WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY, 7:30PM

RAISE THE OOF WITH JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH

Radio 4 favourite, comedy legend and 'the 42nd best reason to love Britain' (The Telegraph), John Shuttleworth is back with more hilarious stories and songs performed on his trusty Yamaha organ (with built-in auto accompaniment). In Raise The Oof, John celebrates 40 years in showbiz. Do come along and join him in punching the air and helping - in an orderly and controlled fashion - to Raise The Oof!

£10 standard | Theatre

WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

METTLE

Written and performed by Nicholas Collett and directed by Gavin Robertson. Award-winning solo performer Nicholas Collett tells the story of his father's service during the Atlantic Convoys of World War Two. A true odyssey, that takes us from Sheffield to Liverpool to Nova Scotia, Boston to West Africa and home again, amidst the constant threat of U-Boat attack and treacherous weather. With physical theatre, storytelling, a dramatic soundscape and 40's music, this is a tribute to those who served, those who were lost – and those who lived to tell their story.

In association with the Daparian Foundation - committed to those on trauma journeys, supporting veterans and blue lights personnel.

£14 (£12 concessions) | Theatre | Ages 11+





TUESDAY 4TH – SATURDAY 8TH MARCH, 7:45PM

A TASTE OF HONEY STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

Shelagh Delaney's groundbreaking, darkly comic depiction of controversial social issues and prejudice shook British society when it first hit theatres. Its power remains today. Salford, 1958. A comfortless flat where the relationship between Helen and daughter Jo is breaking down - reverberations felt far beyond the bed they must share. In seeking a better life, Jo discovers a powerful truth at the heart of working-class England: friendship, love and hope can be found in strange places.

£12 (£10 concessions) Buy 10 get the 11th free | Theatre



FRIDAY 21ST MARCH, 7:30PM

SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE LAST ACT!

Drawn from two years of Sussex retirement for the funeral of his friend, Dr Watson, Holmes returns to Baker Street to resolve 'the last act' of his epic career. A theatrical evening then unfolds, with fourteen characters, all played by Nigel Miles-Thomas in a tour de force performance. Cross-examinations, heated arguments and all manner of comic and serious interactions, between many famous Conan Doyle characters. As the play concludes the great detective reveals a shocking secret.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre | Ages 12+

THURSDAY 1ST MAY, 7:30PM

SOPHIA

Sophia Duleep Singh was born into royalty and grew up to be a revolutionary. This Spring, Eastern Angles sheds light on her extraordinary story in Sophia. Sophia's father was the last Maharajah of Punjab, dethroned by the British as a child and exiled to England. The family made a home in Elveden in Suffolk, until bankruptcy and a new mistress swayed the dispossessed Maharajah to make a secret new life abroad and plot to take back his kingdom.

Back in England, the young Princess faces years of loss and mourning before embarking on a lifechanging journey to her family's homeland in India. Returning with a bold new sense of bravery, Sophia uses her status to become a beacon in the fight for women's suffrage and Indian independence.

Written by Hannah Kumari, this epic new drama tells the story of an unknown lioness of women's suffrage and her part in some of the defining moments of British Indian history.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre | Ages 14+





FRIDAY 11TH APRIL, 7:30PM

LUKE WRIGHT: JOY!

Following the smash hit success of his Silver Jubilee show ("the best thing he's done and that's saying something." ★★★★★ Telegraph) Luke Wright returns with a new set of poems that get to grips with the idea of JOY. Is it possible, as a 42-year-old, to feel pure unbridled happiness, and what does it look like?

The French novelist Henry de Montherlant said that "happiness writes white" but Wright's not exactly starting with a blank page. With a mix of the comic and the wistful, JOY takes in consumerism, boozing, cancer scares, abseiling vicars, and the joy of language itself. We might have to go down to come up, but we'll get there in the end. Come let a little joy into your life with a raconteur and wordsmith at the top of his game.

£15 standard | Theatre



WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL, 7:30PM

STAMFORD POET LAUREATE FINAL

Could you be the next Stamford Poet Laureate?! Put pen to paper and enter our annual Poet Laureate competition! You can find the application form with full information on our website - closing date Friday 18th April. The final will then be held at our monthly open mic night, Pint Of Poetry, on Wednesday 30th April.

Free | Gallery Bar

SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2:30PM

PIGS & BEARS DON'T COME IN PAIRS!

Straw, wood, brick? Porridge, chairs, beds? Two trios to tantalise and tickle your senses in this double bill of Furry Tails, where Goldilocks may even be more scary than the Big Bad Wolf! If two's company and three's a crowd, then book your place now for these well-loved stories, retold with puppets, original music and a perfectly petite pop-up set.

"Two of the most gorgeous and delicate tellings of familiar tales you'll hear this side of 'Jackanory' in the TV show's glory days" - ★★★★★ Get Your Coats On

£10 (£8 concessions) £32 Family of 4
Theatre | Ages 3-7



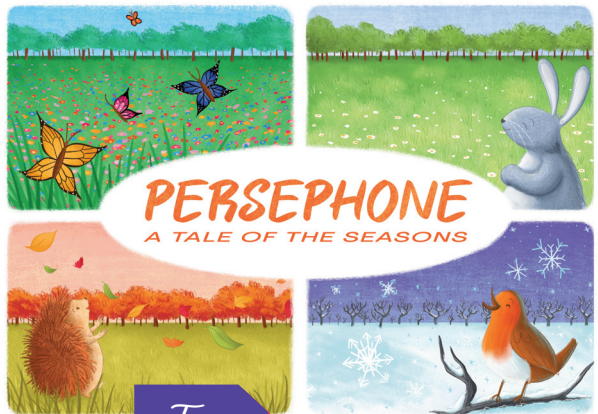
THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 11:30AM, 12:45PM & 3PM

PERSEPHONE

Join Persephone and her animal friends as they guide you and your babies through the changes in nature, collecting things on their way. Hear a robin chirp a merry tune, as it gets colder and the days draw in. Hop through the meadow with a bunny, watching the flowers bloom. Listen to the waves of the ocean and fly through the summer with a colourful butterfly, feeling the heat of the sun on your face. See the leaves change colour and fall to the ground as a hedgehog snuffles through the undergrowth.

Persephone is a gentle sensory exploration of the seasons, perfect for babies and toddlers.

£12 adult | £8 child | Ballroom
Ages 6 months - 3 years



Top Pick

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL, 2:30PM

THE FROG AND THE PRINCESS

What if wishes were granted? What if magic was real? When a Storyteller appears, everyone is enchanted... Beasts and breadcrumbs, wolves and witches, but all Froggy really wants is to hear a story starring someone like him. Head into the woods with Hansel & Gretel, help little elves make beautiful shoes, meet the princess who is champion of hide-and-seek and see if Froggy finally gets his wish!

Box Tale Soup present a stunning adaptation of Grimm's most magical tales, featuring wonderful puppets and spellbinding original music... Now let's have a story about a Frog!

£12 (£10 concessions) £40 Family of 4
Theatre | Ages 3+



THURSDAY 10TH APRIL, 2:30PM

THE MYSTERY OF STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

From the award-winning creators of 'I Believe in Unicorns' comes this new brain-teasing interactive adventure. Combining live board game elements with a thrilling evidence hunt, you'll become a detective faced with intriguing suspects, curious objects and a detailed theatre map. Can we crack this case together?

Navigate through secrets and surprises, watch camera footage and uncover hidden clues, every riddle bringing us closer to the truth. Expect mischief, intrigue, spontaneous stories and of course a sprinkle of magic. Get involved... get it solved!

£12 (£10 concessions) £40 Family of 4
Theatre | Ages 6+



KIDS WORKSHOPS



Workshops With Hannah



SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY, 10AM

STORYTELLING & CRAFT WORKSHOP

Join Hannah for an interactive, creative and engaging storytelling workshop, based on the book 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell'. The story tells the tale of a slug who just wants to be a snail and goes on a journey to find the perfect shell. The craft session to follow will include colouring inspired by this heartwarming story and an opportunity to invent your very own shell using recycled materials!

£8 per child | Ballroom | Ages 2-5

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL, 10AM

EASTER CRAFT MORNING

This Easter, join us for a creative and colourful craft morning with arts facilitator Hannah Peacock! Design and make your very own Easter wreath to hang on your door ready for the Easter bunny and create an adorable Easter Bunny card to send to your loved ones. There will be a doodle matt available for any little ones too!

£5 per child | Ballroom | Ages 2+



TUESDAY 15TH APRIL,

SESSIONS FROM 10AM

WONDERDOME PLANETARIUM

Hop into WonderDome and blast off into a 30-minute journey through the stars - let the magic of space envelop you. This is a spacey-fun time that'll leave the family wide-eyed with wonder! Seating is general admission on the floor and the dome is wheelchair accessible.

£8 standard | Ballroom | All ages

Pint Of Poetry



PINT OF POETRY

Join us for Pint Of Poetry, held in our Gallery Bar on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. Stamford poets (and budding poets) perform live stand-up poetry. Enjoy reading aloud to an appreciative crowd or simply enjoy the poetry of others over a drink! These events are free to attend!



TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER - SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY

THE LIVING THREADS GROUP

Originally formed by teachers in adult education in Nottingham, Derby, Lincolnshire and Leicester 40 years ago, members now include textile artists from the East Midlands. Artists work in a variety of media encompassing embroidery, knit, felt and paper making, quilt making, lacework, costume-making, weaving, and mixed-media with stitch.



TUESDAY 14TH – SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY

KEEPING WARM

Our experiences of keeping warm at home might seem ordinary or unremarkable. However, they connect deeply personal concerns like care, love, health, family, control, security and safety, with far-reaching political, social, cultural, technological and environmental change. 'Keeping Warm' shares oral history stories gathered in Stamford and Rotherham, South Yorkshire, and artworks made in response by Becky Shaw.



TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY – SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

ROSEMARY TOLKIEN STAMFORD FANTASY AND REALITY

Following three successful solo exhibitions of paintings, Rosemary is presenting an exhibition of retrospective work and a new series of surreal paintings in which she imagines Stamford is the scene of monsters, water parks, tropical forests and other fantasy scenarios. In the work she combines the iconic architecture of this beautiful town with images designed to amuse and awake the imagination.



TUESDAY 11TH –

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

STAMFORD SCHOOL GCSE & A LEVEL ART EXHIBITION

This year, the next generation of talented young artists reflect on the people, events and places that have brought meaning, joy and delight to their lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the arts and advance their place in the curriculum and their importance in our lives. It is also a time to recognise excellence of our school and the talent, creativity and sensitivity of the students.

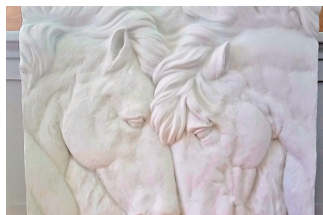


TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY –

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH

STAMFORD COLLEGE CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION

Explore work from across the Creative Arts students at Stamford College, showcasing our talented students' work with multidisciplinary installations of photography, art, fashion and graphic design. We pride ourselves in offering inspiring and engaging industry relevant courses in Art and Design, Photography and Video, Graphic Design and Fashion and Textiles.



TUESDAY 25TH MARCH –

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL

A SCULPTURAL LANDSCAPE

Christopher Groombridge is a Rutland based sculptor but was born and grew up in East Sussex. Having graduated in 1991 with a BA (hons) in Design Representation at Herts College of Art & Design, they have since developed their own fine art sculpture practice, whilst working on commercial commissions. In recent years they have amassed a body of work centred around exploring human and animal forms as a 'landscape'.



MONDAY 14TH APRIL – SATURDAY 3RD MAY

WVAS SPRING EXHIBITION

Welland Valley Art Society, which celebrates its 80th anniversary, will stage two impressive exhibitions in the Arts Centre in 2025. With more than 130 exhibiting members competing to have work shown, visitors can be assured of seeing a wonderful selection of paintings, drawings and sculptures.



Exhibit your work in our gallery!

The space is used by a variety of artists including fine art, sculptures, metal work and more. If you are interested, please submit sample images to the email address stamford.events@southkesteven.gov.uk. We will then contact you as soon as possible and add you to our waiting list for the next available yearly programme.



FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY & FRIDAY 11TH APRIL, 6PM

GONG BATH MEDITATION

Sally will create a soundscape using light percussion instruments and gongs. All you have to do is to lie on a mat in a comfortable space and be open to receiving the enveloping sound vibrations which can help bring you into a restorative state of balance and relaxation. Please bring a thick comfy mat, a blanket and a small cushion.

£17 standard | Ballroom | Ages 13+
Stamford Arts Centre



SELECTED FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 11AM

GUIDED HERITAGE AND HISTORY WALKING TOURS OF STAMFORD

Join Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours for a 90-minute guided tour of beautiful Stamford. You'll hear tales of Stamford's past, explore stunning streets and discover hidden treasures, on special themed walks. A full list of dates is available on our website.

£12 (£10 concessions) | Stamford Arts Centre



FRIDAY 21ST MARCH, 6PM

CHILDREN'S CONCERT - SCO

Enjoy a magical journey through Mozart's life, with a new work based on his most famous tunes. Stamford Chamber Orchestra is accompanied by our Children's Choir and student players as we celebrate the Marriage of Figaro Overture, and the Jupiter Symphony No 41, as well as Haydn's Toy Symphony.

£16.50 (£13.50 concessions) £6 Under 26s
Barn Hill Methodist Church



THURSDAY 17TH & TUESDAY 22ND APRIL, 11AM

ALL THE FUN OF THE CIRCUS

A family walk with Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours. Join a travelling circus and make history fun on this circus themed tour of Stamford. Discover historical characters, secret stories and circus activities throughout the town.

£10 adults (£6 children) £25 Family of 4
Stamford Arts Centre

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

SKETCHING STAMFORD WORKSHOPS – KAREN NEALE

MONDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM
karen@karenneale.co.uk | 07710 406967
www.karenneale.co.uk

MONDAY ART CLASS – HEATHER HARRISON

MONDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM (DURING TERM TIME)
heatherlindaharrison@gmail.com

LOVE TO DANCE (STAMFORD) - MODERN JIVE CLASSES

MONDAYS 8PM
07730 269969
Facebook: Love To Dance (Stamford)

STAMFORD DANCE ACADEMY VARIETY OF DANCE CLASSES FOR AGES 2 ½ - 18

MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS
charlotte@stamforddanceacademy.co.uk
www.stamforddanceacademy.co.uk

ADVANCED LIFE DRAWING CLASS

TUESDAYS 10AM - 12:30PM
pacrewe@yahoo.co.uk | 07540 075764
Paul Crewe

NICKY HAYES YOGA

TUESDAYS 10AM – 1:30PM,
WEDNESDAY 7:30PM – 9PM
07739 589810
www.nickyhayesyoga.co.uk

THE ARTS SOCIETY STAMFORD

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 11AM
stamford@theartsociety.org
www.theartsocietystamford.org.uk

DRAWING FROM LIFE PORTRAITURE

TUESDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM &
THURSDAYS 7:30PM - 10PM
01780 763806
Mike Alabaster

WILDCATS THEATRE SCHOOL – STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

VARIOUS CLASS TIMES TUESDAYS & SATURDAYS
admin@wildcats-uk.com
www.wildcats.org.uk

PAINTING & DRAWING CLASS – TIM BEASLEY

WEDNESDAYS 10AM – 12:30PM & 1:30PM - 4PM
smcfoundry@yahoo.co.uk | 07453 993340

SCULPTURE CLASS – TIM BEASELY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM – 9PM
smcfoundry@yahoo.co.uk | 07453 993340

DROLMA MEDITATION

THURSDAYS 1PM - 2PM
addrolma@gmail.com | 07717 420057
www.drolmacentre.org.uk

LIFE DRAWING CLASS

THURSDAYS 1:30PM - 4PM
pacrewe@yahoo.co.uk | 07540 075764
Paul Crewe

60+ DANCE CLASS – SARAH HILL

THURSDAYS 2PM - 3PM
01778 421229

WOVEN CHORDS

THURSDAYS 7:30PM - 9:30PM
(SEE WEBSITE FOR TERM DATES)
info@wovenchords.com
www.wovenchords.com

EXPLORING ART

SATURDAYS 10AM - 1PM
malcolmpugh@btinternet.com | 07913 938908

WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

We're thrilled to welcome a brand-new year filled with exciting events! But before we dive into what's ahead, let's take a moment to reflect on some standout moments from this past year. One highlight was an exclusive preview screening of *Conclave*, marking 30 years since our cinema first opened its doors. It was a truly special evening—a sold-out celebration that made for the perfect anniversary and gave guests a VIP experience.

Adding to the festivities, we were joined by local artist Karen Neale, who hosted a free craft workshop where children were able to unleash their creativity by bringing their favourite film characters to life. The resulting artwork was proudly showcased in a special cinema collage at the Arts Centre.

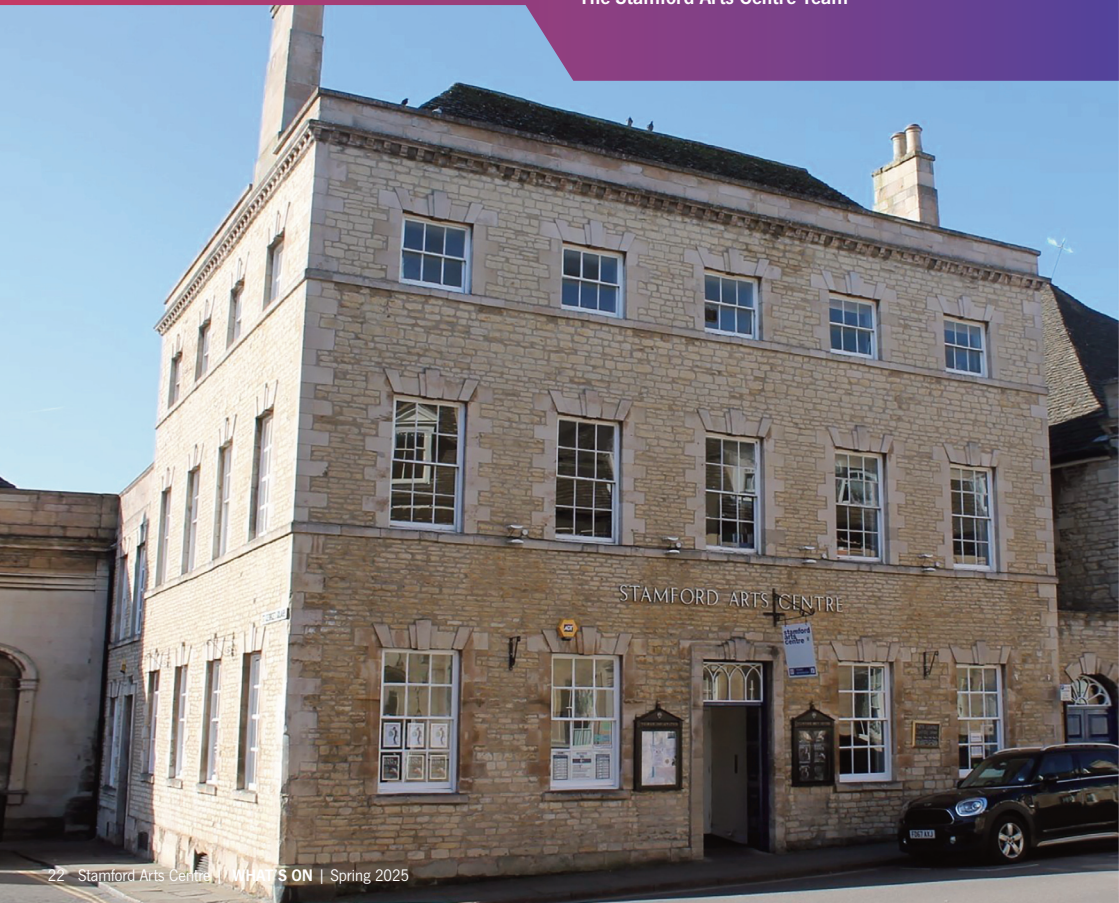
We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support of our Pay It Forward Scheme. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide a free art class at the St Barnabas Wellbeing Centre in Grantham this past August.

The Engagement Officer from the class said “Most of the people there are managing grief and although this is a unique journey for everyone, it is a benefit to escape from it for a few hours while the brain focuses on creating something as beautiful as these paintings. The session resulted in some very proud people who couldn't wait to take them home to show their families and friends.” Our Pay It Forward Scheme continues to support the entire district by bringing arts activities and events to those who might otherwise not have access. You can follow the impact of your donations by visiting the “Support Us” section on our website.

Looking ahead, we have some wonderful family shows lined up for the February and April half-term breaks. If you're searching for activities to keep the kids entertained during school holidays, look no further. Our programmers always ensure a variety of theatre performances, workshops and films suitable for children. Be sure to check out pages 15-17 for details.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

The Stamford Arts Centre Team



BOOKING INFORMATION

The box office is open from 10am-2pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday plus 45 minutes prior to events. Online bookings are open 24/7 and gift vouchers and credit can also be used when booking via our website. Tickets can be printed in person or sent via email as a PDF. Simply show your ticket on your smart phone as you enter the theatre – no need to print!

SIGN UP TO OUR DIGITAL MAILING LIST

Join our digital mailing list via our website or contact the box office if you would like to sign up to receive the brochure, as well as exclusive discounts, offers and exciting updates.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions are available on selected performances, indicated in brackets. We are proud to say that we are part of the Blue Light Card and SKDC Armed Forces Discount Card schemes, and discounts are available on Arts Centre Promoted events – please see logo on website listings for participating events.

CHILDREN

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when attending unless otherwise specified. Babes in arms tickets are available on selected performances for children. These are for toddlers aged 2 and under. Please speak directly to the box office to check for eligibility. These are lap tickets only and they will not be assigned a seat, therefore one babes in arms ticket per adult.

REFUNDS

We are unable to refund money or tickets once a purchase has been made. If an event is sold out, we will try to sell unwanted tickets and if successful, your Stamford Arts Centre account will be credited the money.

GIFT VOUCHERS

You can buy a gift voucher for any amount you require over the phone, via our website or by popping into the box office.

HIRE THE VENUE

From our magnificent ballroom to meeting rooms we have a variety of spaces to suit your needs. Visit our website or email us at Stamford.Events@southkesteven.gov.uk for more information.

The management reserves the right to change the programme, if necessary, without notice.

THEATRE SEATING PLAN

STAGE/SCREEN

A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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BALLROOM SEATING PLAN

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ENTRANCE

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HIRE THE VENUE



Stamford Arts Centre is a stunning, historic building with a rich heritage that dates back to the 18th century. Conveniently situated in the heart of the town, it offers easy access to a variety of amenities, including an on-site coffee shop and nearby parking.

Rooms available:

- ✓ Ballroom
- ✓ Meeting spaces
- ✓ Rehearsal spaces
- ✓ Gallery
- ✓ Theatre

FIND OUT MORE:

 01780 480846

 www.stamfordartscentre.com

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