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FRIDAY 2ND MAY, 7:30PM

JACK RUTTER

Yorkshire folk singer, Jack Rutter, has established himself as one of the standout voices of the folk, roots and acoustic music scene in recent years. This year sees the release of his critically acclaimed third album 'This Is Something Constant', a compelling and spellbinding showcase of gripping story ballads and upbeat festival-stage firecrackers, perfectly pitched and delivered with soaring, crystal clear vocals that breathe new life into ancient tales.

£14 (£12 concessions) | Theatre



SATURDAY 24TH MAY, 7:30PM

FLOOK

What began in 1995 as a ground-breaking union of musicians and instruments, has continued as a unique musical offering through one live album, four studio albums and countless outstanding performances. After 30 years, Flook show no sign of letting up in their brilliance, their dynamism, or their inventive flair. There is an ever-present abundance of individual virtuosity amongst Flook's four members, but there is also something wholly unique when this iconic Anglo-Irish band step on stage together. An evening and a celebration you don't want to miss out on.

£20 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom



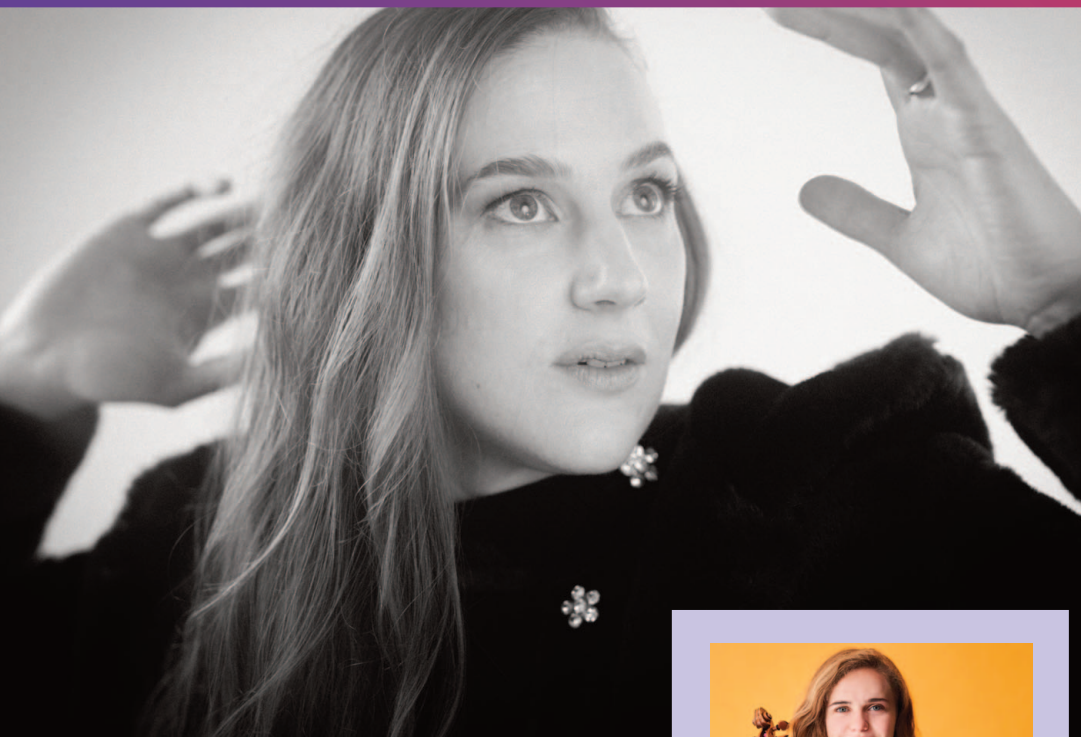
FRIDAY 30TH MAY, 8PM

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

The Disco For Grown Ups pop-up disco party is coming back to Stamford Arts Centre's beautiful regency ballroom! 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. Get ready to dance the night away to all your favourite disco, soul and feel-good pop hits you love from Donna Summer, Sister Sledge, Chaka Khan, ABBA and many more.

£19.50 standard | £24.50 VIP | Ballroom | Strictly 18+





SATURDAY 14TH JUNE, 7:30PM

JOSIENNE CLARKE SINGS THE SONGS OF SANDY DENNY

Indie-folk singer, songwriter, guitarist and producer Josienne Clarke is often said to draw on traditional British folk inspirations, but is a thoroughly modern, multifaceted artist who follows her own compass.

Blessed with a voice of crystalline beauty and clarity that has been compared to Sandy Denny, her myriad talents translate effortlessly to the live space in performances that are all her own. She has extensive touring experience having been a Rough Trade-signed, Radio 2 Folk Award-winning artist – two opposing poles that neatly sum up her inability to be pigeonholed – and has also been hand-picked as main tour support for folk legend Richard Thompson. She's shared a stage with Robert Plant and has written songs for an adaptation of *The Snow Queen* for the National Theatre, performed by children aged 7-11.

Clarke's rare authenticity is something to admire. Here is an artist singularly unafraid to express herself via her art and is naturally armed with all the verve and ability to do so – and bring the audience with her.

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 21ST JUNE, 7:30PM

SCO GRAND FINALE

Don't miss Stamford Chamber Orchestra's Season Finale as we welcome back the incredible and amazing Charlotte Saluste-Bridoux to play Beethoven's timeless classic Violin Concerto, along with the Barber of Seville Overture and Schubert's tuneful Symphony No. 3.

**£16.50 (£13.50 concessions) £6 Under 26s
Ballroom**

MUSIC



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SATURDAY 28TH JUNE, 7:30PM

BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

This refreshingly unconventional and snappily attired boutique orchestra play gypsy and folk-flavoured music in their unique and surprising way. From Balkan and Russian traditional music to their artful distillations of romantic masterworks to soaring Gaelic folk anthems, Budapest Café Orchestra is an infectious musical experience like none other.

Fifteen albums to their name, Budapest Café Orchestra was established by British composer and violinist Christian Garrick in 2009. A diminutive ensemble of just four players, the BCO creates an astonishing soundscape and aural alchemy characteristic of larger ensembles, combining violin, guitar, accordion, double bass, saz, balalaika, domra and percussion to dazzling effect.

Evoking vivid images of Tzigane fiddle maestros, Budapest café life and gypsy campfires - plus a few surprises along the way - hugely entertaining, immense skill, profound musicianship. A show by the BCO is enough to make you want to book that holiday down the Danube!

£20 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 5TH JULY, 7:30PM

'SUMMER SIZZLERS' A CONCERT OF HOT BRASS

Get ready for the Award-Winning Stamford Brass Summer Concert! Brace yourself for an electrifying evening of hot brass music that's exciting, captivating and entertaining. It's a summer sizzler of melodies you won't want to miss! An evening of music to be enjoyed by all the family. Come and listen to the sounds of Stamford Brass in the heart of their community.

£11 (£6 child/student) | Ballroom



Top
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WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY, 7:30PM

LE VENT DU NORD

The multi-award winning and highly acclaimed Le Vent du Nord is a leading force in Québec's progressive francophone folk movement. The group's vast repertoire draws from both traditional sources and original compositions, while enhancing its hard-driving soulful music with a broad range of global influences.

Since its inception in August 2002, Le Vent du Nord has enjoyed meteoric success, performing well over 2,500 concerts over 4 continents and racking up several prestigious awards, including a songlines music award - Americas (UK, 2023) Grand Prix du Disque Charles Cros (France), two Junos (Canada's Grammys), three FÉLIX at ADISQ (Québec), a Canadian Folk Music Award and been awarded Artist of the Year at the Folk Alliance annual gala.

As an amazing live performance quintet, Le Vent du Nord continues to explore new sounds with stunning vocal arrangements. On stage these five friends create intense, joyful and dynamic live performances that expand the bounds of tradition in striking directions.

£20 standard | Ballroom



THURSDAY 24TH JULY, 8PM

WOVEN CHORDS SUMMER CONCERT

Stamford's popular community choir are back to celebrate the end of another vocal year. In keeping with their motto of "Worldwide Harmonies with a Local Heart" they will be singing a wide range of a cappella songs in a variety of languages from Europe, Africa, Asia and beyond. Lead by talented director Graham Dale, the musical delights will include rich harmonies, folk songs, gospel songs, protest songs, original compositions, an unofficial national anthem and even some Gaelic mouth music.

£10 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 25TH JULY, 7:30PM

GREEN ROOM PIANO FESTIVAL

An unforgettable evening featuring some of the world's finest young pianists, who have spent an intensive week in Stamford refining their craft under the mentorship of renowned professors from across the globe. This Steinway & Sons Educational Partner will showcase their student's exceptional skill and passion from Classical to Jazz. Your support makes an impact - 20% of proceeds will be donated to Anna's Hope, supporting children and young people with brain tumours.

£22 (£18 concessions) | Ballroom



THURSDAY 31ST JULY, 6PM

NATIONAL YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA: SENIOR ORCHESTRA IN CONCERT

Catch up with the National Youth String Orchestra's senior ensemble at the close of their summer residency in Stamford. Founded in 1995, NYSO is one of the UK's most prestigious training orchestras for string players up to the age of 21, bringing together talented young players from across the country for residencies at Easter and summer. Players benefit from outstanding personalised coaching from a dedicated team of leading chamber orchestra musicians.

£15 (£7.50 concessions) | Ballroom



SATURDAY 26TH JULY, 7:30PM

THE MIKADO

Professional Gilbert & Sullivan company, Forbear! Theatre, present their fantasy reimagining of 'The Mikado', ahead of its transfer to New York this Autumn. Minimal changes have been made to the text in bringing this fantasy kingdom to life, with the same madcap characters, plot and iconic songs that have been loved for generations. Now in their tenth year, Forbear! Theatre regularly perform in London, Hever Castle, the International Gilbert & Sullivan Festival, and on tour.

£22 (£20 concessions) | Ballroom | Suitable for ages 9-109!



TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST, 6PM

NATIONAL YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA: SINFONIA & CAMERATA IN CONCERT

Catch up with the players of the National Youth String Orchestra's Camerata and Sinfonia ensembles at the close of their summer residency in Stamford. Players benefit from outstanding personalised coaching from a dedicated team of leading chamber orchestra musicians. Working on challenging repertoire they unlock the potential in each player, developing their musicality and confidence as individuals and as members of a section.

£15 (£7.50 concessions) | Ballroom

JAZZ IN THE CELLAR BAR



FRIDAY 9TH MAY, 8PM

SIMON SPILLETT

Over his 25-year career, Simon has worn almost as many hats as is possible to wear within jazz; multi-award-winning instrumentalist (BBC Jazz Awards, British Jazz Awards), big band leader, recording artist, author, historian, record producer, archivist, magazine columnist and latterly blogger. However, for all these varied skills he identifies most strongly as a powerfully swinging, straight-ahead tenor saxophonist, one capable of taking the audiences who hear him on a roller-coaster ride encompassing everything from energetic bebop and heartfelt balladry.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 13TH JUNE, 8PM

MARTYN SPENCER'S ACES OF BASS

Nottingham double bassist Martyn Spencer steps out from the back of the bandstand to lead this dynamic piano trio, focusing on the great bass players across the history of Jazz and the influence of the low-end instrument in shaping the course of the music. Since leaving the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in 2007, Martyn has performed nationally and internationally as a side man with many acclaimed musicians in the Jazz and Popular music genres.

£15 standard | Cellar Bar



FRIDAY 18TH JULY, 8PM

OXLEY-MEIER GUITAR PROJECT

The Oxley-Meier Guitar Project was established over ten years ago, following these two guitarist's tenure in the unique quartet, 'Eclectica'. In that decade, they have recorded 7 albums together and have performed literally hundreds of concerts throughout the UK and Europe. Their music falls into the jazz category, as there is improvisation (as a major element) in each piece. However, the soundscapes are very much influenced from their various travels, this summed by their strapline: "soundscapes from Turkey to Brazil".

£15 standard | Cellar Bar

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

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN THE SAME TRANSACTION AND WILL APPLY TO EQUAL NUMBER OF TICKETS BOOKED FOR EACH EVENT.

STAMFORD INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Led by international violinist and festival director Freya Goldmark, SIMFestival is a vibrant annual celebration of chamber music, bringing together 14 exceptional musicians for an intimate and dynamic series of performances each May.



THURSDAY 15TH MAY, 7:30PM

SOUNDS OF SPAIN

The festival opens with a vibrant celebration of Spanish colours and rhythms, from the fiery passion of Bizet's *Carmen* to the rich Andalusian landscapes of Turina - Soloist Edgar Francis. Chabrier's exuberant *España* reflects the French fascination with Spanish music, while Schubert's beloved Trout Quintet embodies the SIMFestival's tradition of programming famous chamber works alongside lesser-known gems.

£24 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 1PM

SOLOS AND DUOS FROM SCARLATTI TO SARASATE

Back by popular demand, this lunchtime concert of solos and duos offers an opportunity to hear some of this year's festival musicians in an even more intimate set up. From Scarlatti's Baroque brilliance to Sarasate's Romantic flair, this program showcases Spain's lasting influence on composers across Europe.

£16 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 7PM

MENDELSSOHN OCTET

A programme that brings together music shaped by place, tradition, and youthful brilliance. Boccherini, an Italian who made Spain his home, infused his String Quartet in D major with the dance rhythms of his adopted country. Granados' Piano Trio offers a later Romantic perspective, full of expressive melodies and rich textures that evoke the spirit of Spanish folk music. After the interval, Mendelssohn's Octet brings the evening to a lively close.

£24 standard | Ballroom



FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 9:30PM

SACRED CONTEMPLATIONS: HAYDN'S SEVEN LAST WORDS

In this late-night performance, Haydn's *Seven Last Words* offers an evening of reflection and stillness. Commissioned by the priest of Cadiz for a Lenten service, this deeply expressive work unfolds in seven meditative movements, each inspired by Christ's final words on the cross. Through its poignant harmonies, Haydn's music invites quiet contemplation, creating a serene and atmospheric experience.

£16 standard | St Martins Church



SATURDAY 17TH MAY, 11:30AM

GOLDBERG VARIATIONS

Begin your Saturday with a fresh take on Bach's Goldberg Variations, presented in a brilliant string trio arrangement. Composed as a set of 30 variations on a simple aria, this masterpiece reveals Bach's unparalleled skill in counterpoint and invention. In this unique arrangement, the variations come to life with intricate interplay between the strings, offering a new perspective on each variation's depth and character.

£18 standard | St Martins Church



SATURDAY 17TH MAY, 3PM

CHILDREN'S CONCERT THE KITCHEN DRAMA DANCE

Step into a world where the kitchen comes to life through music and storytelling! This concert brings Czech composer Martinů's reimagined Kitchen Revue to the Arts Centre stage, introducing children to the instruments of the orchestra. A rolling pin twirls to a lively Charleston, a teapot sways to a sultry tango, and other kitchen characters join the musical fun!

£8 standard | Ballroom



SATURDAY 17TH MAY, 7:30PM

GRAND FINALE MUSIC FROM THE STAGE

The grand finale of the Stamford International Music Festival features the largest ensemble of the season, with 14 musicians, including trumpet, bassoon, clarinet, piano, strings and perhaps even castanets. The centrepiece of the programme is the world premiere of Manuel de Falla's The Three-Cornered Hat Suite No.1, arranged for chamber ensemble by Joseph Havlat and commissioned especially by SIMFestival.

£28 standard | Ballroom

GUIDED WALKING TOURS OF STAMFORD

Join Stamford Sights and Secrets Tours on a guided walking tour of beautiful Stamford. You'll hear tales of Stamford's past, explore stunning streets and discover hidden treasures, on special themed walks. Alongside standard tours they offer themed tours on various topics including William Cecil and Georgian locations. There's also a new tour for 2025 designed especially for families, where children can join a travelling circus and make history fun!

All tours start at Stamford Arts Centre, visit our website for more information.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES



THURSDAY 29TH MAY, 7:30PM

TĀLA TARANG

A unique tabla and harp duo who perform a fusion of styles from South Indian Konnakol and Ghanaian folk music to Ravel's Bolero. Mendi Singh and Eleanor Turner have been writing music and performing together for a decade now. They are seasoned artists, recording and performing alongside Peter Gabriel, Akram Khan, Take That and more. They creatively weave strands of traditional, contemporary and classical music into a tapestry that celebrates their connection and virtuosity.

All Saints Church, Hough-On-The-Hill
NG32 2AZ



THURSDAY 12TH JUNE, 7:30PM

KOSMOS ENSEMBLE

An inspirational combination of Tango, Gypsy, Balkan and music from the Far East, referencing Classical composers, with fearless improvisation and impeccable technique. Prepare to be intoxicated by entrancing dance rhythms, soulful improvisation and gypsy passion delivered with inimitable panache and virtuoso technique. All three members of Kosmos are soloists in their own right and have recorded concertos with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, English Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Nova to critical acclaim.

St Andrew's, Witham On The Hill
PE10 0JH

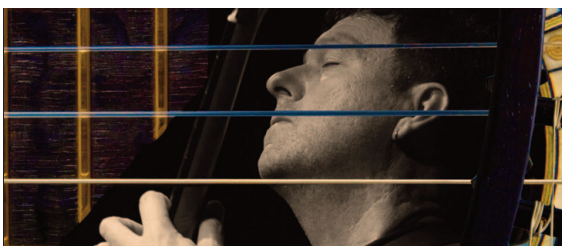


THURSDAY 26TH JUNE, 7:30PM

THE CARNIVAL BAND

The Carnival Band play an extraordinary mix of instruments, including medieval shawm, renaissance cittern, Flemish bagpipes, fiddle, bass and add rich vocal harmony. Their unique blend of folk, world, classical and contemporary influences defy definition. Renowned for their recordings and concerts with Maddy Prior, they are admired for their consummate musicianship and loved for their humour and rapport with the audience.

St Andrew's Church, Folkingham
NG34 0SD



THURSDAY 10TH JULY, 7:30PM

RICHARD DURRANT

One of the world's most inventive, virtuoso guitarists presents a brand-new show of jaw dropping beauty. Experience Richard Durrant's world of magical realism via the English Folk Baroque, the wilds of South America and JS Bach. Composer & concert artist Richard attended the Royal College of Music and is a passionate supporter of music literacy. He's celebrated in Paraguay for his playing of the music of Agustín Barrios and his lyrical, virtuosic interpretations of Bach's works have received critical acclaim.

St Thomas Of Canterbury, Greatford PE9 4PX

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES

is a popular concert series that showcases talented musicians performing in some of the most beautiful and historic churches in the area. These intimate venues with stunning acoustics, create a unique and memorable listening experience for attendees. The series celebrates the rich musical heritage of the region and allows the opportunity to appreciate the historic and cultural significance of the churches themselves.

All tickets are £17 (£15 concessions)

WEDNESDAY 7TH MAY, 7:30PM

THE PINE HUNTERS SEEKING OUT THE LAST WILD SCOTS PINE

From the debate around deer management and rewilding, to the epic story of the return of the white-tailed eagle to Britain, Ted Simpson's work explores our relationship with nature in the British Isles. In this event, he will talk about what has drawn him to these topics and the lessons he has learnt through making these films. The event will feature a screening of Ted's latest short film, *The Pine Hunters*, a documentary following two ecologists in search of the last of our ancient wild pine forests.

£14 (£12 concessions) £10 RGS members | Theatre



FRIDAY 27TH JUNE, 7:30PM

GARDEN SCENTS AND SECRETS

Join BBC Gardeners' World presenter and local resident Nick Bailey for an entertaining evening packed with gardening inspiration and amusing anecdotes. With a particular focus on achieving year-round scent in the garden both day and night, Nick will introduce the best-scented cultivars of old favourites such as roses and sweet peas along with a range of more unusual species. Alongside gardening inspiration, Nick will also share some of the secrets of TV Gardening and witty tales from his 35-year career as a gardener, garden designer, author and TV presenter.

£15 standard | Theatre



THURSDAY 3RD JULY, 7:30PM

MANHUNTER & MINDHUNTER

An unforgettable evening of true crime with two of Scotland Yard's most prolific detectives. In an unexpected twist of fate, former Detective Chief Inspectors Steve Gaskin and Colin Sutton met two years ago and what began as a chance meeting has evolved into a groundbreaking theatre production. This is a gripping show that delves into the dark world of serial killers, offering audiences a unique blend of true crime storytelling and psychological exploration. It's not just another true crime show; it's a deep dive into the mind of a serial killer, with a particular focus on Levi Bellfield.

£24 standard | Theatre | Suitable for ages 16+

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TUESDAY 3RD – SATURDAY 7TH JUNE, 7:45PM

BAKKHAI BY EURIPIDES STAMFORD SHOESTRING THEATRE

A new version by Anne Carson. A modern retelling of Euripides' most subversive play, Bakkhai relates the story of a world in flux. The stage is set for a night of chaos. Rumours are spreading of a debauched cult raucously celebrating the emergence of a new deity. Enter Dionysos – Greek god of wine and son of Zeus. He has come to the mortal world with one purpose: to destroy the family that dared deny his divine heritage. Hedonism and violence abound as taboos are questioned and the boundaries of society are pushed and threatened.

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



SATURDAY 7TH JUNE, 7:30PM

THE SECRET ROGUES PARTY MIDNIGHT ROGUES BURLESQUE

Dare to indulge in a night of risqué revelry as the Midnight Rogues Burlesque brings you an electrifying evening of tease, seduction, and glamour. Prepare to be mesmerised by dazzling performances, where sensuality meets sophistication in a show designed to captivate and excite. From sultry solos to playful duets and show-stopping troupe numbers, each act is crafted to enthrall and entice.

£20-£22 | Ballroom | Strictly 18+



THURSDAY 12TH JUNE, 7:30PM

LITTLE WOMEN HOTBUCKLE PRODUCTIONS

After last year's successful tour of 'Pride and Prejudice', Hotbuckle are back with their unique style of adaptations of classic novels. The virtuoso company have been entertaining audiences for many years with their inventive interpretations of familiar texts. Hotbuckle are renowned for their fast-paced, multi-role-playing adaptations which cross age and gender traditions and their latest offering promises to keep true to their style, as we are invited to enter the world of the March sisters.

£16 (£15 concessions) | Theatre



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THURSDAY 19TH JUNE, 8PM

LEMN SISSAY: LET THE LIGHT POUR IN

Lemn Sissay is a BAFTA-nominated, award-winning writer and broadcaster. He has authored collections of poetry and plays and his memoir, *My Name Is Why*, was a number one Sunday Times bestseller.

His Landmark poems are visible in London, Manchester, Huddersfield and Addis Ababa. He has been made an Honorary Doctor by the universities of Manchester, Kent, Essex, Huddersfield and Brunel, and in 2019 he was awarded the PEN Pinter Prize. He received an MBE in 2010 and an OBE in 2021 for services to literature and charity. In 2023, Sissay was awarded the Freedom of the City of London. He is British and Ethiopian.

For the past decade, Lemn Sissay has composed a short poem as dawn breaks each morning. Life-affirming, witty and full of wonder, these poems chronicle his own battle with the darkness and are fuelled with resilience and defiant joy. *Let the Light Pour In* is a collection of the best of these poems, and a book celebrating his morning practice.

£25 standard | Theatre



SATURDAY 5TH JULY, 7:30PM

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES

Witness the most famous Sherlock Holmes story reimagined like never before! Set in 1880-ish, this classic thriller meets slapstick comedy as three actors portray nearly 30 characters in a hilarious, fast-paced performance.

Tangled in a web of murder, mystery and multiple suspects, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson strive to solve the centuries-old puzzle of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Another classic comedy adventure from your local theatre company, Two's A Crowd Productions.

£15 (£13 concessions) | Theatre
Suitable for ages 12+

TUESDAY 27TH MAY, 2:30PM

PUFFLING PERCY PUFFLING PRODUCTIONS

Percy is a puffling who loves his burrow a little too much. Map & Pap want him to venture outside and flap his wings, but Percy has other ideas. What the puffling doesn't realise is that his entire flock are about to migrate south for the winter! Along comes a fearless fieldmouse called Shrimp, whose brimming self-confidence makes Percy feel braver. Together, they take off on an adventure that requires every ounce of courage they've got. An uplifting children's show about friendship, overcoming self-doubt and trusting your own instincts. With original music and songs by Harriette Ashcroft, puppetry and a heartwarming story, Puffling Percy will lift you up, up & away!

£12 adult | £8 child | Theatre
Suitable for ages 4-11



SATURDAY 12TH JULY, 2PM

CREATION – THE BUBBLE SHOW

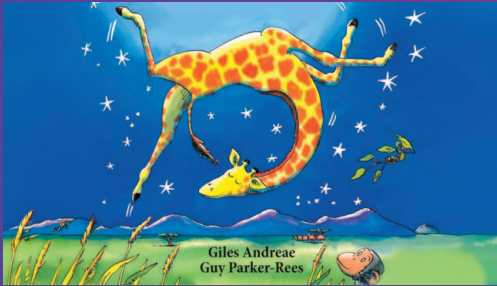
Journey through the awe-inspiring story of the origins of Bubbleland, as it's brought to life in a dazzling display of soap and water. Immerse yourself in this spectacular adventure as the master of bubbles breathes life into light, water, plants, animals, stars, and the essence of human nature itself. Creation is a feast for the senses, with fire effects, poetic puppetry, light-displays, captivating music and brand-new bubble masterpieces never seen before. Step into a new world where magic sparkles, colours dance, and imagination knows no bounds. Don't miss this mesmerizing family experience which will leave you spellbound.

£12 adult | £8 child | Theatre
Suitable for ages 4+



KIDS WORKSHOPS

Join us for a fun-filled workshop with the amazing Hannah Peacock – where young imaginations come alive through creativity and play!



THURSDAY 29TH MAY, 10AM

GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE: STORYTELLING & CRAFT WORKSHOP

Have you ever wondered if Giraffes can dance? Join us for an interactive storytelling workshop of the captivating tale 'Giraffes Can't Dance' by Giles Andreae. The workshop invites children and their parents to dance, play and discover that perhaps with a little help from a cricket, Giraffes really can dance. After the storytelling workshop, create your own animal mask inspired by the characters in the story.

£8 per child | Gallery | Suitable for ages 4-7



FRIDAY 25TH JULY, FROM 10:30AM

NATURE DAY

Join us for a fun and creative Nature Day! Create your very own nature themed suncatcher to sparkle in your window and paint and print your own beautiful butterfly patterns. For your outdoor spaces or gardens, decorate pinecones to make your own garden animals and monsters. This is followed by a bug hotel making workshop to build the perfect habitat for creepy crawlies. Choose one workshop or make a day of it and attend all four!

£4 per child or book all 4 workshops for £14
Gallery | Suitable for ages 3+



FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST, 10AM

DUCK & GOOSE: STORYTELLING & CRAFT WORKSHOP

Join us for the interactive storytelling of 'Duck & Goose Go To The Beach'. The storytelling session will be followed by a craft making workshop where you can make your favourite characters from this classic and adventurous tale!

£7 per child | Gallery
Suitable for ages 3-7



THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST, 10AM

SUMMER KITE MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a summer craft morning at Stamford Arts Centre. Create your very own paper kite to play with during the summer holidays. Doodle and colour to create your very own design.

£6 per child | Gallery
Suitable for ages 4+



FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST, 10AM

BACK TO SCHOOL CRAFT MORNING

Join us for a creative craft morning to get back into the school spirit ready for the new term, or your very first school term. Design your very own pen pots, confidence crowns (paper flower crowns) and paper diary covers.

£6 per child | Gallery
Suitable for ages 4+

WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 10AM, 11AM & 12PM

COPPER LEAVES WORKSHOP WITH SHALINI AUSTIN

Join Stamford based artisan metalsmith Shalini Austin for a fun workshop and make copper leaves in autumnal colours, or any colours you like! Learn about metalwork tools and how to use a hammer to create texture and dimension on flat copper sheet. All material and tools will be provided. This is a fun workshop suitable for both adults and children aged 8+! Adults who are just accompanying their children do not need to buy a ticket however adults who wish to take part in the workshop must buy a ticket.

£8 per participant | Gallery | Suitable for ages 8+



FRIDAY 6TH JUNE, 6PM

GONG BATH MEDITATION

A deeply restorative experience for the mind, body and soul. All you have to do is lie comfortably on your mat and be open to sound vibrations. Sally will create a soundscape using light percussion instruments and gongs. Please bring a thick comfy mat or equivalent, a warm blanket (depending on the season), a small cushion and be open to receiving the enveloping sound vibrations which can help bring you into a restorative state of balance and relaxation.

£18 standard | Ballroom | Strictly 13+



SATURDAY 7TH JUNE, 10AM

LAMPSHADE MAKING WORKSHOP

Learn how to make a professionally finished, modern drum lampshade for your home! Classes are informal and tuition will be given by Lee from Finch and Toad Upholstery to guide you through your lampshade-making project. The frame and lining for your 30cm drum lampshade are supplied as well as all the materials and tools you will need for this course, apart from your outside fabric. You will need to bring your own outside fabric suitable for your project - cotton or cotton-linen mix fabrics are perfect for this project although other fabrics can be used. You will need to bring ½ a metre of fabric.

£25 per participant | Art Room | Suitable for ages 18+



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,
WEDNESDAYS 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

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 13TH – SATURDAY 24TH MAY

OAKHAM ART GROUP SPRING EXHIBITION

Oakham Art Group exhibit annually at the arts centre and currently have around 20 members meeting weekly without tuition on Monday mornings in Oakham at the Bowling Club. Our artworks include watercolours, pastels, acrylics, oils, pen and ink etc. on sale at affordable prices.



WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY – SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

A SPARK OF CURIOSITY

"A Spark of Curiosity" is the intriguing title to the new exhibition being staged by Tinwell Art Group. Twenty diverse multidisciplinary artists who come together each week at Tinwell Village Hall to inspire, create and celebrate the power of artistic impression. The group has been meeting in Tinwell for more than 25 years. The exhibition showcases not only their individual creativity but also demonstrates the way this creativity fuels a mutual encouragement and motivation on their artistic journey.



TUESDAY 10TH – SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

FIVE ARTISTS, ONE UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

This show is a chance to see the newest work of five exciting local contemporary artists, a group of friends who have shared and encouraged each other's art journeys and found joy in the power of community. The work is bold and colourful, with textual, floral, still-life and landscape themes. There will be a launch event on Saturday 14th June 12-5pm.



TUESDAY 8TH – SATURDAY 19TH JULY

WATERLANDS - LIZ KELLEHER

My works' starting point is in response to the fen landscape and the ephemeral effects of light and weather, layering the ideas of awe, openness and witness to the narratives and sense of place of South Holland and further afield. Often incorporating found paraphernalia and collected objects from my surroundings, I like to think of my work as an index of the juxtapositions inherent in the landscape and the stories that sit alongside.



TUESDAY 22ND JULY –

SATURDAY 2ND AUGUST

TREES AND WATER - TWO VISIONS

Paintings by Ann Ardron and Richard Allen. Ann and Richard are established artists with a shared interest in landscape painting. Ann uses several different media to represent the many places she has visited, both here and abroad. Richard paints in oils, often on location, and is inspired by the scenery closer to his home in Cambridgeshire.



TUESDAY 5TH – SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST

DAVID HAINES

This Exhibition of my paintings is perhaps a journey through my life. The industrial scenes reflect early days in Bradford. Cottages in the west of Ireland where I once lived in Co Clare, of East Northamptonshire and the Harringworth Viaduct. More recently of Rutland Water and Rutland this lovely county I now reside in.



TUESDAY 19TH – SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST

DIVERSITY

A celebration of our local projects over the years aimed at:

- Promoting an integrated community through creative events.
- Removing stigma around marginalised people and giving representation to all.



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.

WELCOME TO STAMFORD ARTS CENTRE

Welcome back to Stamford Arts Centre—and if it's your first time here, a warm welcome to you! We're excited to have you join us for a fantastic summer season of events and delighted to share some exciting accessibility improvements with you.

We're proud to announce the installation of WatchWord – Closed Captions at Stamford Arts Centre Cinema, making us one of just 10 venues currently using this innovative system. With the provided smart glasses and an intuitive touchscreen controller, wearers can enjoy films with fully customizable captions at a time that suits them. You'll be able to adjust the size, colour, position, brightness and focus to match your preferences and the system will be available for any enabled film. We anticipate opening bookings for the glasses in April 2025, once testing is complete. Don't worry, our open-captioned screenings aren't going anywhere! This new system simply expands access, offering even more flexibility for those who use captions. This project is proudly funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Christmas 2024 was a milestone for us as we staged our first professional in-house pantomime, Mother Goose! With fantastic ticket sales, it was a joy to welcome so many smiling faces, young and old. We're thrilled to announce that this year's pantomime will be... Alice In Wonderland! Tickets are on sale now, so don't miss out! Performances run from 19th–24th December - be sure to book early!

We love seeing our younger audience continue to grow! This May half-term and summer holidays, we've lined up a fantastic selection of kids' shows and engaging workshops to keep little ones entertained. Find out more on pages 16 & 17.

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

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U - USHER SEAT

BALLROOM SEATING PLAN

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ENTRANCE

U - USHER SEAT

OUR SECOND PROFESSIONAL IN-HOUSE PANTOMIME
NOW ON SALE!



FRI 19 - WED 24 DECEMBER 2025

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