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# APRIL

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### Screen Arts

Wednesday 1 April 7.15pm  
Tickets £13.50 / Under 18 £10



Live

## Swan Lake

*Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky*

Liam Scarlett's glorious production of *Swan Lake*, new in 2018, returns for its first revival. While remaining faithful to the Marius Petipa/Lev Ivanov text, Scarlett's additional choreography and John Macfarlane's magnificent designs breathe new life into what is arguably the best-known and most-loved classical ballet.

A masterpiece filled with iconic moments, the entire Company shines in this eternal tale of doomed love. An intoxicating mix of spectacle and intimate passion, the overall effect is irresistible.

Approx 3hrs incl interval.



### Art Classes

First Thursday of each month 10.30am-1.30pm  
£15 per session

## Life Drawing

Tutor Neil Cuthbert will introduce you to muscular and skeletal features as well as the creative process of drawing from a life model.

Second Thursday of each month 10.30am-12.30pm  
£5 per session

## Art Appreciation

Find out about artists, their lives and work including exclusive introductions to Corn Hall exhibitions in this relaxed and informal group.

### Comic Theatre

Saturday 4 April 7.30pm £16

## Dad's Army Radio Show

Two actors, two microphones, over 25 characters and lots of sound effects! The nation's favourite sitcom returns new-minted in this highly-acclaimed production.

Celebrating 50 years of Croft and Perry's quintessential sitcom, three episodes of the hugely popular radio series are hilariously and lovingly enacted by two master performers. David Benson (*Goodnight Sweetheart* and *One Man, Two Guvnors*) and Jack Lane (*Wisdom of a Fool* and *7 Days*) transport the audience back to Walmington, working from original radio scripts – complete with sound effects, vintage music and all of Perry and Croft's beloved characters and catchphrases.

'Benson and Lane's two-man Army are a comedy force to be reckoned with.'

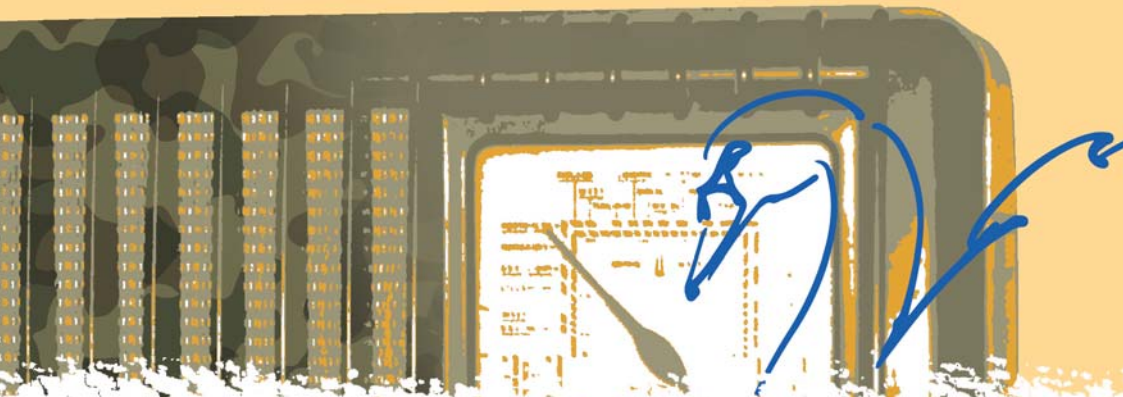
★★★★★ *Radio Times*

'Utterly brilliant, the best *Dad's Army* recreation I've seen'  
*Barry Cryer*

Approx. 2hrs incl interval.







## Theatre

Thursday 9 April 7.30pm  
£12.50 / Under 18's £10

Feast Theatre presents

## The Canada Boys

By Rob John

Set 1912, this funny, sad and thought-provoking play is based on the true story of a group of workers at J & J Colman.

Resonating with Norfolk voices and Norwich locations, the play – now on its third regional tour by popular demand – examines the relationship between a progressive company and its workers before the First World War.

Funny and poignant, this is a play about ambition, love, duty, family and mustard.

‘ a fine piece of writing which not only speaks to Norfolk but has something to say to us all’ *North Norfolk News*

2hrs 35mins incl interval.



## Music

Saturday 11 April 1pm-10pm  
£8 / Under 16 £4 / Under 5 FREE

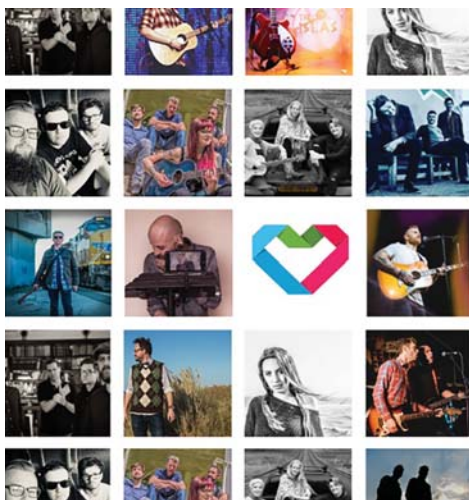
## Heartlands Music Festival

The finest musicians and performers from across the region gather at this One-Day festival to raise money and awareness of the Evelina Children's Heart Organisation (ECHO).

Featuring sets from The Trips, Tony James Shevlin, Alton Wahlberg, Matt Watson, The Coral Cross Band, Setting Sons, Scarlet, Hemingway, The Islas, The Magic Es and Love Songs for Losers, it promises to be a day of great music for a worthy cause.

Children's entertainment will also be provided by IMPS Creativity making this a fantastic day for all the family.

Find out more about ECHO at [www.echo-uk.org](http://www.echo-uk.org)



# APRIL

‘The show is quite simply incredible’



## Children’s Easter Fun

Wednesday 15-Friday 17 April  
9am-3.30pm (5pm on the last day)  
£70 for 3 days Age 6-11yrs

## Easter Stage School

Your child will enjoy being part of a team for three fun-filled days of acting, singing, dancing and making a piece of costume to take home and keep.

Through themed drama games, improvisation and rehearsal, our musical theatre teacher will guide the children towards a mini showcase in the Corn Hall auditorium for friends and family at the end of the last day when all those taking part will receive a certificate of participation.

Delivered by Jen Alexander, a trained, DBS checked performing arts practitioner and teacher. He teaches Acting and Musical Theatre at Greasepaint Performance Academy and, as a performer and/or director, he has worked with Stage Two/Norwich Theatre Royal in association with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Feedback from our previous Stage Schools:

‘Have recommended to all of our friends with children.’

‘Jack was so nervous the night before but after the first day could not wait to come back. He said it was ‘the most fantastic four days of his holiday.’



## Saturday Club

Saturday 18 April 2-3pm  
£9 / Child £7 / Family £30 Ages 2+

## Nick Cope’s Family Show

Nick Cope’s family performances are legendary! He has a fanatical army of little and not-so-little fans from all over the world. In this special live music gig for children, expect songs about head lice, dogs eating soap and dragons called Keith.

This Spring, Nick will be popping onto your TV screens in his own series for BBCs CBeebies channel. It’ll be a magical, mixed media, musical adventure called Nick Cope’s Popcast and Nick will be joined by Norman his whippet, and his gorgeous Grandson.

‘Our family’s favourite singer/songwriter’ *Lucy Porter*

‘Nick Cope is the indie-surrealist kids’ entertainer Robyn Hitchcock and Syd Barrett, foolishly distracted by cult status, never were.’ *Stewart Lee*

Approx 60mins.





## Screen Arts

Saturday 18 April 7.30pm £13.50 / Under 18 £10

### Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show

Filed live at the 3Arena Dublin in February 2020, the new 25th Anniversary show catapults *Riverdance* into the 21st century immersing you in the extraordinary and elemental power of its music and dance.

Completely reimagined with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, stage and costume designs, this powerful and stirring reinvention of the beloved family favourite – celebrated the world over for its Grammy Award-winning music and the thrilling energy of its Irish and international dance – will bring *Riverdance* to the big screen for the very first time!



'A family evening unlike anything else!' *The Times*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.

## Screen Arts

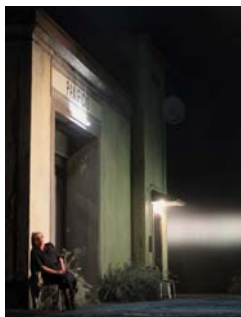
Tuesday 21 April 7pm £13.50 / Under 18 £10



Live

### Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci

Sung in Italian with English subtitles



Two opera classics are drawn together in this wonderfully observed re-creation of life in a south Italian village as a travelling theatre visits and emotions erupt. The award-winning production by Damiano Michieletto presents vividly the fast-moving, shocking events brought about by secret love and uncontrollable jealousy.

With thrilling singing and intense drama, 'Cav and Pag' distils into one wonderful night out, the enduring appeal of Italian opera in its most familiar form.

Approx 3hrs incl interval.

## Music

Thu 23 April 7.30pm £13

Diss Jazz Club presents

### Sue Richardson – Bird: The Unsung Heroes of Jazz with the Chris Ingham Trio

Following her acclaimed shows on Chet Baker and Clifford Brown (sold out at Ronnie Scott's), fabulous singer/trumpeter Sue Richardson presents swinging tunes and sings the stories of the unsung in *Bird: The Unsung Heroes of Jazz* – The Women Behind The Sounds, The Songs & The Men!

As always, the fabulous Chris Ingham Trio – Chris (piano) Owen Morgan (bass) and George Double (drums) – will support.

'The star turn came from Richardson...her solo on Billie's Blues was soaring perfection' *The Scotsman*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





**APR-MAY**

‘...galvanising  
and beautiful’

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**Theatre**

**Friday 24 April 7.30pm**  
**£12 / Concessions £9.50**

**Open Space Theatre  
Company presents**

**A View From  
the Bridge**

*By Arthur Miller*

Eddie Carbone struggles to allow Catherine, the orphaned niece he has nurtured and who is now on the cusp of womanhood, to go out into the wider world. His inner turmoil increases as she falls in love with one of the two illegal immigrants he and his wife are sheltering. Can Eddie accept the inevitable or will his stubborn obsession turn to tragedy? Set in the 1950s in the shadow of one of New York’s landmark buildings, the Brooklyn Bridge, this is one of Arthur Miller’s greatest plays.

Approx 2hrs 15mins incl interval.



**Music**

**Saturday 25 April 7.30pm £20**

**The Pure Floyd Show - 2020**

After almost two decades on the live music scene, The Pure Floyd Show has earned a reputation as one of the most energetic, visually stunning and theatrical tributes to the legendary Pink Floyd.

The 13-piece production takes the audience on an immersive musical journey featuring a spectacular set list of classic anthems and



[www.thepurefloydshow.com](http://www.thepurefloydshow.com)

remarkable rarities. With a superb line-up of musicians and a breathtaking light, laser and sound production, The Pure Floyd Show is an experience not to be missed.

Approx 2hrs 30mins incl interval.

**Word**

**Friday 1 May 8pm £10 / Students £6**

**Hollie McNish - with Luke Wright support**

With Emma Watson holding her up as one of the poets whose books she ‘devoured in single sittings’, Kate Tempest describing her poetry as ‘welcoming, galvanising and beautiful’ and with over ten million YouTube views for her online poetry readings, Hollie McNish is a poet whose readings are not to be missed.

Her collection, *Nobody Told Me*, for which she won the Ted Hughes award and for which *The Scotsman* claimed ‘The world needs this book’, has been translated into French, Spanish and German.

Expect strong language.

Approx 1hr 40mins incl interval.





# Dickens



## Word

Sat 2 May 7.30pm £19

### Only Fools and Boycie – An intimate evening with Only Fools and Horses actor John Challis

Enjoy an intimate evening with one of the nation's greatest comedy actors, best known as Boycie in BBC1s *Only Fools and Horses*.

Having worked with some of the biggest names in show business, he'll be spilling the beans about *Only Fools and Horses* co-stars like Sir David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst and friends and fellow performers like The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. He'll also recall tales from his time in *Dr Who* and *Coronation Street*.

After the show there'll be a chance to get autographs, pictures and purchase copies of his autobiography, *Being Boycie*.

Approx 1hr incl interval.



## Theatre

Thursday 7 May 7.30pm £15 / Under 18 £12 (age 10+)

Cyphers Theatre Company presents

### Great Expectations

By Charles Dickens

When Pip discovers he has an unnamed benefactor his life is turned upside down. Thrust into the cut-throat world of Victorian London, Pip finds himself at the heart of an epic thriller of love, loss and friendship.

Cyphers (*Northanger Abbey*) return with their gripping adaptation of Dickens' timeless novel, brought to life through their characteristic style of multi-roling casts and fast-paced action.

'a must see' ★★★★★ *The Good Review*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



## Community

Tuesday 12 May 2-4pm £6 All ages

Off the Twig presents

### Mortal Yarns

This participatory performance combines storytelling, shadow theatre, poetry and informal conversation on the theme of death and dying.

Ending with a question which acts as a prompt for the audience to talk in groups, the use of folk tales and true stories offers a way into the subject, encouraging conversation and helping to create an informal atmosphere where all contributions are of equal value – the personal, the professional and the philosophical.

Thinking about dying enables us to realise the importance of life and living.

Sponsored by Rosedale Funeral Home.



# ART EXHIBITIONS

'...see the artwork come to life!'



## Art

Art exhibitions continuing  
Box Office Hours Free  
14 March-25 April Upper Gallery

### Sally Freer – A Stroll Through the Countryside

Sally Freer's intricate monoprints range from vibrant summer scenes, to neutral winter views, taking you on a journey through the beautiful East Anglian countryside that we all know and love.



21 March-2 May Lower Gallery

### Phil Greenwood – Etching the Landscape

A professional printmaker since 1971, Phil Greenwood depicts landscapes in atmospheric detail but with considerable economy. He has exhibited nationally and internationally including the Royal Academy and the Victoria and Albert Museum.



## Art

9 May-13 June Box office hours  
Free All ages  
An exhibition in the  
Upper & Lower Galleries

### An Arkful of Animals

This extensive show will fill both gallery spaces with an eclectic range of animal inspired artwork. The show will feature artists such as Henry Moore, Paula Rego and Elisabeth Frink, as well as



many local artists. There will be a vast collection of prints, paintings, sculptures, photographs and even marionettes on display for all to enjoy!

Exhibition viewing  
Saturday 9 May 11am-1pm

Come and explore the arkful of animals we have on display, take part in various family-friendly demonstrations and see the artwork come to life!

Start with Art with IMPS!  
Thursday 28 May  
Ages 1+ years 3 sessions

Using our Arkful of Animals exhibition as the starting point, these popular sessions – devised by IMPS Creativity – introduce children to the joy of getting creative.

See P.17 for more information.





## Art

**16 June-4 July** Box office hours Free  
An exhibition in the Lower Gallery

## Masters at the Corn Hall: David Hockney – Adventures in Print

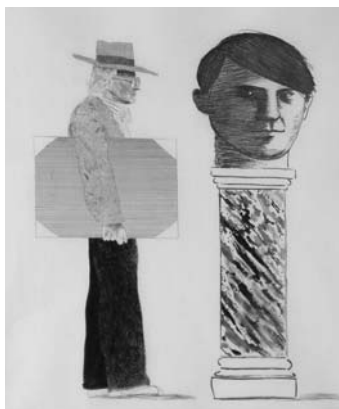
David Hockney, perhaps the country's favourite living artist, found fame as much for his prints as his paintings; a naturally gifted draughtsman, Hockney immediately felt in his element when he tried his hand at etching as a student. Our brief survey, which coincides with the National Portrait Gallery's 'David Hockney: Drawing from Life', follows his career from his days as a 'blonde bombshell' in the early '60s to his current exploration of iPad drawings.

**Exhibition viewing Saturday 20 June 11am-1pm**

Join curator, David Case, as he discusses Hockney's work and career.

**Hockney (15) film screening Weds 17 June 7.30pm**

Hockney takes the director Randall Wright on an exclusive tour of his archives and into his studio, and looks back at his formative years in the British Pop Art scene. *See P. 13*



## Art

**27 June-29 August** Box office hours Free All ages  
An exhibition in the Upper Gallery

## A Celebration of Weave

In collaboration with designermakers21, this exhibition will feature a selection of artists that practice and celebrate the art of weave. The exhibitors will include designermakers21 resident weavers as well as showcasing the work of textile artists who have recently graduated from Norwich University of the Arts.

**Textiles in Action Day  
Saturday 11 July 11am-3pm**

Explore the four textile exhibitions on display in both The Corn Hall and designermakers21. Listen, watch and join in with our weavers as they demonstrate and discuss their work and their inspirations!





# WEDNESDAY FILMS

£5 / Under 18 £2.50

Our morning screenings are Dementia friendly and kindly funded by Diss Cyclathon.



Weds 8 Apr 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Mrs Lowry & Son (PG)

Director Adrian Noble, UK, 2019, 1hr 31mins

Timothy Spall, Vanessa Redgrave

A portrait of the artist L S Lowry and the relationship with his overbearing mother – with whom he lived all his life – and who tried to dissuade him from pursuing his passion. Within a few exchanges Redgrave establishes Mrs Lowry as ‘one of the great maternal monsters of cinema’ *The Times*



Weds 22 Apr 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Monos (15)

Director Alejandro Landes, Columbia/Argentina, 2019, 1hr 42mins, subtitles

Sofia Buenaventura, Julián Giraldo

On a remote mountain in Latin America a group of teenage soldiers keep watch over a hostage while they themselves are watched by a shadowy force known as The Organization. They perform military training exercises by day and indulge in youthful hedonism by night. Definite nods to *Lord of the Flies*.

‘...utterly mesmerising.’ *Observer*



Weds 6 May 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Ford v Ferrari (Le Mans 66) (12A)

Director James Mangold, USA/France, 2019, 2hrs 32mins

Matt Damon, Christian Bale

Visionary car designer Carroll Shelby (Damon) and British-born driver Ken Miles (Bale) battle corporate interference and the laws of physics to build a revolutionary racing car for Ford that can take on Ferrari at Le Mans in 1966. This gripping true life story was nominated for three Oscars including Best Picture.



Weds 15 Apr 10.30am & 7.30pm

## The Good Liar (15)

Director Bill Condon, UK/USA, 2019, 1hr 49mins

Helen Mirren, Ian McKellan

Consummate con man Roy Courtney (McKellan) has set his sights on his latest mark: the recently widowed Betty McLeish (Mirren), worth millions. But this time, what should have been a simple swindle escalates into a cat-and-mouse game with the ultimate stakes.



Weds 29 Apr 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Knives Out (12A)

Director Rian Johnson, USA, 2019, 2hrs 10mins

Daniel Craig, Jamie Lee Curtis, Christopher Plummer

An Agatha Christie-style whodunit with red herrings and twists galore and an all-star cast on top form. When a renowned novelist is found dead at his estate, Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) is enlisted to investigate.

‘A pitch-perfect whodunnit’ ★★★★★ *The Times*



Weds 13 May 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Little Women (U)

Director Greta Gerwig, USA, 2019, 2hrs 15mins

Saoirse Ronan, Florence Pugh, Laura Dern

With a stellar cast and a smart, sensitive retelling of its classic source material, Greta Gerwig’s *Little Women* proves some stories truly are timeless.

‘...a terrific all-star cast in a wonderfully warm, funny and heartfelt version of Louisa May Alcott’s coming-of-age classic’ ★★★★★ *The Guardian*

More information and trailers about these films may be found on our website [www.thecornhall.co.uk](http://www.thecornhall.co.uk)



Weds 20 May 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Honeyland (12A)

Director Tamara Kotevska, Macedonia, 2019, 1hr 25mins, subtitles  
Hatidze & Nazife Muratova

Oscar-nominated for Best Documentary Feature, this stunningly beautiful and quietly powerful film about one of Europe's last wild-beekeepers manages to present an inspiring story, a parable of rural life in Macedonia, and a positive environmental message captured through the observational lens. What better film to screen on World Bee Day?



Weds 3 June 10.30am & 7.30pm

## 1917 (15)

Director Sam Mendes, UK/USA, 2019, 1hr 59mins  
Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Colin Firth

At the height of the First World War, two young British soldiers are given a seemingly impossible mission. They must cross enemy territory and deliver a message that will stop a deadly attack on hundreds of soldiers. Hard-hitting, immersive and an impressive technical achievement which won the film three Oscars.



Weds 17 June 7.30pm

## Hockney (15)

Director Randall Wright, UK, 2014, 1hr 52mins  
David Hockney, Arthur Lambert

The charismatic artist takes the director on an exclusive tour of his archives and into his studio, and looks back at his formative years in the British Pop Art scene.

Enrich your understanding of Hockney and his work and then view our David Hockney – Adventures in Print exhibition – see P11.



Weds 27 May 10.30am & 7.30pm

## The Gentlemen (18)

Director Guy Ritchie, UK, 2019, 1hr 53mins  
Matthew McConaughey, Michelle Dockery, Colin Farrell, Hugh Grant

Hugely entertaining and with a razor-sharp script, this classic gangster comedy features a brilliant ensemble cast on dazzling form. Word gets out that London drugs baron is looking to cash out of his business triggering an explosion of schemes and blackmail amid the rest of the underworld.



Weds 10 June 10.30am & 7.30pm

## Parasite (15)

Director Bong Joon Ho, South Korean, 2hrs 12mins, subtitles  
Kang-ho Song, Yejo-jeong Jo, Sun-kyun Lee

Loved equally by audiences and critics, this darkly hilarious and heart-wrenching film won four top Oscars (including Best Film and Best Director). A poor family con their way into becoming the servants of a rich family, but their easy life gets complicated when their deception is threatened with exposure.



Weds 24 June 10.30am & 7.30pm

## The Personal History of David Copperfield (PG)

Director Amanda Iannucci, UK/USA, 2019, 1hr 59mins  
Dev Patel, Hugh Laurie, Tilda Swinton

A wonderfully entertaining adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic ode to grit and perseverance which is full of bursting with fantastic comic performances.

'...joyous and crowd-pleasing tonic... its charms, like David's, remain impossible to resist.' *The Guardian*

# MAY

‘Simply magical’



## Circus Theatre

Friday 15 May 8pm £12  
all ages

## POWER

After almost 20 years as a circus strong lady, performing feats-of-strength, Charmaine Childs has created this optimistic, uplifting, funny, physical and at times moving circus-theatre show.

With circus physicality and verbal storytelling she celebrates the ways in which we are all powerful. How, even in an uncertain world, we can find strength beyond just lifting heavy things. Autobiography intersects with stories from real people around the UK about their experiences of power, revealing moments of strength and resilience.

‘Spectacular and very special, people are going to be talking about this non-stop’  
*Jo Whaley, BBC*

Approx 1hr 10mins no interval. (Possible post show Q&A)



## Saturday Club

Saturday 16th May 2-3pm £10 / Child £8 / Family £34 Age 3+

## Michael Rosen – Speaking of Books family event

We’re thrilled to welcome Michael Rosen to the Corn Hall. He is one of Britain’s best loved writers and performance poets for children and adults and was Children’s Laureate 2007–2009.

He has written some 200 books for children and adults, including *The Sad Book* with Quentin Blake, *We’re Going on a Bear Hunt* with Helen Oxenbury and *A Great Big Cuddle* with Chris Riddell. His work for adults includes *Don’t Mention the Children* and *Good Ideas: How to Be Your Child’s (and Your Own) Best Teacher*.

*There will be an opportunity to buy books and have them signed by Michael after the session.*



Photo: Laurence Gendrowicz

## Music

Saturday 16 May 7.30pm £15

## Yesterday Once More – a tribute to the Carpenters

Delighting audiences with her beautiful warm voice (so reminiscent of the great Karen Carpenter), Emily K is touring with a new show for 2020.

Taking you back to the 1970s, Emily and her band of top class musicians – Musical Director, Brian Parker (Keyboards), and, Simon Howe (Lead guitarist), Dan Lacey (Bass guitarist), and Dan Ball (Drums) – produce a nostalgic and moving tribute show.

Featuring many of the Carpenters classic hits, this is a must for all Carpenters fans!

‘Beautiful voice, great musicians!’  
*Maddermarket Theatre*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





# The Red Shoes

## Town Event

Sunday 17 May 10am-5pm Free  
Throughout Diss and the Corn Hall

## Diss Organ Festival 2020

A FREE day of pure fun! Explore the lovely highways and byways of Diss in an 'Organ Trail' featuring over 50 magnificent Concert Organs, Fairground Organs, Dutch Street Organs and bijou Busker Organs. It's the biggest celebration of mechanical music in the UK plus there'll be a display of vintage vehicles, stalls, BBQ and refreshments.

In the Corn Hall All day Fine Musical Boxes & Mechanical Music

Working displays and demonstrations of fascinating Victorian musical boxes and rare mechanical musical instruments.

Presented by the Musical Box Society.

4.30pm Silent Movie Screening Free

Relive the experience of the silent movie era of the 1920s at this screening accompanied by a traditional dramatic theatre organ played by concert organist David Ivory.

Sponsored by the Theatre Organ Club.

Diss Organ Festival is presented by the Mechanical Organ Owners Society & Diss Community Team.



## Screen Arts

Tuesday 19 May 8pm &  
Saturday 23rd May 2.30pm  
£13 / Under 18 £10

## Matthew Bourne's The Red Shoes

Filed Live at Sadler's Wells Theatre, Matthew Bourne's 'gorgeous take on the film classic' (★★★★ *The Times*) comes to cinemas for the first time. Winner of two Olivier Awards, *The Red Shoes* is an 'utterly enthralling' (★★★★★ *Daily Express*) tale of obsession, possession and one girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world.

'A cinematic masterpiece re-Bourne on stage'  
★★★★ *Evening Standard*

Approx 1hr 37mins, no interval.



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## Community

Thursday 21 May  
10-11am All ages Free

### Health Walk for the Mind and Body

As part of Creativity and Wellbeing week why not join local artist Becky Whatley on a brisk health walk, taking in the natural surroundings through an artist's perspective. Not only excellent for mental and physical health, walking within a group is a great social activity and Becky will answer questions and discuss observations at the end of the walk (bring your camera to take pictures if you want).

Starts and finishes at the Corn Hall foyer. Book your free place at the Box Office, or just turn up!



## Music

Thursday 21 May 8pm £18

### Limehouse Lizzy

Limehouse Lizzy continue to keep the spirit of Celtic rock icon Philip Lynott and his band Thin Lizzy alive, well and dominating stages worldwide. Now the band has added to their show a tribute to ex-Thin Lizzy guitarist (and world renowned solo artist) Gary Moore.

Despite international tours, corporate clients and their own anniversary year tour schedule, Limehouse Lizzy also shoehorned a co-headline tour with tribute giants Livewire into 2019.

Don't miss their most explosive show and critically-acclaimed line-up yet. The boys are back!

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



## Word

Saturday 23 May 7.30pm £15

### David Harper - Unexpected Tales!

As seen on TV (in brightly coloured trousers...), David Harper is the popular BBC TV presenter known for his appearances on *Bargain Hunt*, *The Antiques Road Trip*, *Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is*, *Flog It* and *For What It's Worth*.

Join him for an evening of funny stories from behind the scenes, anecdotes from TV, live auctions, exciting antique finds, huge profits, even bigger losses, celebrity TV appearances and disasters!

‘...very funny, you had the room buzzing!’  
Tessa Sanderson OBE

‘Harbinger of great tales... and boy, you'll find them hilarious!’  
Steve Coleman, *Smooth Radio*

Approx 1hr 30mins incl interval.





## Family Workshop

Thursday 28 May 1hr sessions 9.30am, 10.45am & 12.45pm  
 Child £5 / Accompanying adult and babe in arms Free  
 Ages 1+ years

## Comedy

Friday 29 May 8pm  
 Advance £11 / Door £13  
 (Min age 18)

## Start with Art with IMPS! – An Arkful of Animals



Who knows what might happen on your adventure with these exciting animal art activities?! Using our Arkful of Animals exhibition as the starting point, anything from Aardvarks to Zebras might pop up! Textures, camouflage, colours and sounds could all be a part of this exuberant exhibition workshop led by IMPS Creativity.



Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

## Corn Hall Comedy Club

Four top notch comics, two intervals, one great night out! Grab a bunch of your mates, book 6 or more tickets, and (providing others haven't booked them all already), we'll reserve you a table.

Keep checking our website [www.thecornhall.co.uk](http://www.thecornhall.co.uk), or Facebook [diss.cornhall](https://www.facebook.com/diss.cornhall) for updates on who our acts for the night will be!

Approx 2hrs including intervals / Food and bar from 6.30pm.



**Chill in our Vinyl Bar afterwards where an eclectic selection of discs will be curated by our resident DJ Sgt Sid. Free entry when you buy your comedy ticket.**

**Vinyl Bar only (9.30pm-11pm) pay what you like. Bring a vinyl 45 and add to Sid's playlist!**



## Family Flick

Friday 29 May 11am £5 / Under 18 £2.50

## Farmageddon – A Shaun the Sheep Movie (U)



Directors: Will Becher, Richard Phelan, UK, 2019, 1hr 26mins

When an alien with amazing powers crash-lands near Mossy Bottom Farm, Shaun the Sheep goes on a mission to shepherd the intergalactic visitor home before a sinister organisation can capture her.

'a sheepquel for all ages' ★★★★★  
*The Guardian*

'Dizzily inventive and playfully visual...' *The Observer*



# MAY-JUN

'...a genuine treat from start to finish'



## Theatre

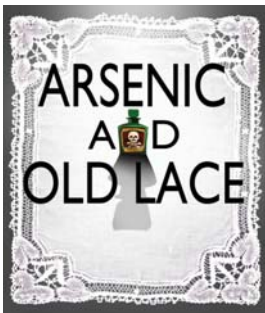
**Saturday 30 May 7.30pm**  
**£10 / £6 students**

**RoughCast Theatre**  
**presents**

## Arsenic and Old Lace

Following last year's successful tour of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, RoughCast return to classic comedy with their production of Joseph Kesselring's hilarious black comedy. In this famous and much-loved farce, a young drama critic's life is turned upside down when he discovers that his two adorable, and well-meaning spinster aunts, have taken to poisoning their gentlemen house guests and burying the bodies in the cellar of their old Victorian home.

Approx 2hrs 20mins incl interval.



## Outdoor Theatre

**Friday 5 June 6.30pm Diss Park, IP22 4AU**  
**Adults £16 / On the day £18 / Under 18 £10 / Under 10 Free**

**HandleBards present**

## The Comedy of Errors

Pedalling from venue to venue with all of their set, props and costumes on the back of their bikes, the HandleBards are a four-strong troupe of actors bringing (environmentally sustainable) Shakespeare like you've never seen it before!

With music and manic costume changes a plenty, join the all-male troupe for a bicycle-powered classic comedy of mistaken identity. Come early and enjoy a picnic.

'Explodes with energy and is a genuine treat from start to finish.' ★★★★★ *The Stage*

*Please bring blankets or low backed chairs to sit on.*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



## Music

**Saturday 6 June 8pm £20 / Concessions £18**

## Coldplace - A Head Full of Dreams Tour 2020

As the world's leading tribute to Coldplay they have played over 650 shows in 24 different countries. Priding themselves on attention to detail musically and visually, their aim is to capture the energy and the atmosphere of a live Coldplay performance.

No strangers to main stages worldwide, the band has played at major festivals alongside Bob Geldof, KT Tunstall, Ringo Starr and The Kaiser Chiefs. This will be a live experience you won't forget!

'Close your eyes and you could have been at a Coldplay gig... the lasers and screen projection were worthy of a Glastonbury performance.' *Dorset Echo*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





## Screen Arts

Tuesday 9 June 7.15pm £13 / Under 18 £10

### National Theatre Live **As live The Welkin**

Rural Suffolk in England, 1759. As the country waits for Halley's comet, a young woman is sentenced to hang for a heinous murder.

When she claims to be pregnant, a jury of 12 matrons are taken from their housework to decide whether she's telling the truth. With only midwife Lizzy Luke (Maxine Peake) prepared to defend the girl, the matrons wrestle with their new authority, and the



devil in their midst. A bold and gripping thriller by Tony Award-nominated writer Lucy Kirkwood.

'A mighty new play. Magnificent' ★★★★★ *The Financial Times*

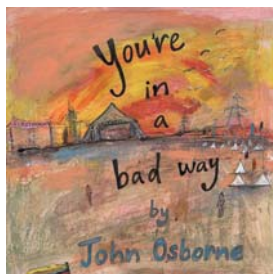
Approx 3hrs incl interval.

## Word/Theatre

Thursday 11 June 7.30 pm £10 / Time with Friends members £6

### **You're in a Bad Way**

When two sisters learn their dad has been diagnosed with dementia, they deal with the news in very different ways.



Funny, sad, optimistic, cosy and beautiful, this new show by John Osborne deals with dementia, family and the role music plays in our lives.

John's shows, *John Peel's Shed / Circled in the Radio Times* have both been adapted for BBC Radio 4.

'Beautifully written, funny and poignant' ★★★★★ *The Scotsman*

Approx 70mins, no interval.

## Screen Arts

Friday 12 June 6.30pm  
£13.50 / Under 18 £10

### **Berliner Philharmoniker Live** – **Gustav Mahler Symphony No. 2 C-minor**

The 2019/20 Season closes with Mahler's powerful 'Resurrection Symphony'.

conducted by Gustavo Dudamel, described by the New York Times as '*the hottest conductor on the planet*'.

Broadcast LIVE from the Berlin Philharmonie and featuring exclusive behind-the-scenes interviews and insights into the programme.

Approx 2hrs 18 mins incl interval tbc.



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# JUNE

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## Toddler Screening

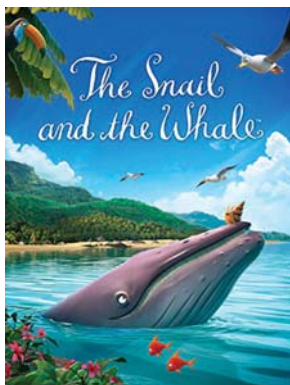
Wednesday 17 June  
10.30-11am £2.50

## The Snail and the Whale (U)

"This is a tale of a tiny snail and a great big, grey-blue humpback whale."

A snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on a whale's tail. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the snail feels very small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes the snail proves that everyone, no matter how small, can make a difference in their own special way.

Based on the bestselling book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler and featuring the voices of Rob Brydon, Sally Hawkins and Diana Rigg.



## Screen Arts

Thursday 18 June 7.45pm £13.50 / Under 18 £10



## Live Elektra

Richard Strauss

Strauss's thrilling and audacious adaptation of Greek tragedy receives a new staging by the award-winning director Christof Loy. An uncompromising opera about a daughter intent on bloody



revenge and a mother driven to madness, it features music that combines violence and moments of exquisite tenderness.

The outstanding cast includes Nina Stemme (Brünnhilde in last Season's *Der Ring des Nibelungen*) in the title role, and Karita Mattila in her role debut as the haunted queen Klytämnestra.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.

## Saturday Club

Saturday 20 June 2-3pm  
£7 / Concessions £5 / Friends & Family £22 Ages 8+

Hot Coals Theatre presents

## Knock Knock

A fairytale of love and longing. Expect to laugh and cry in this poignant and moving piece using physical theatre, clown and mask to capture the heart.

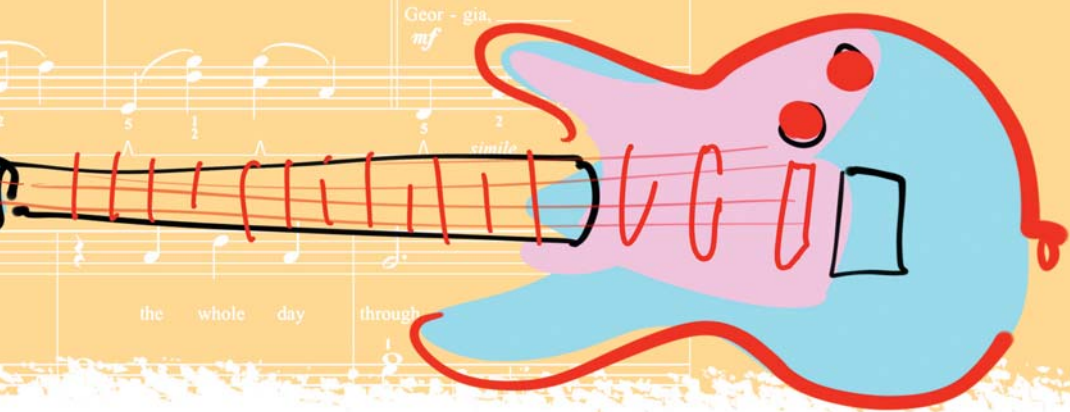
Once upon a time, tucked away in a small rickety cottage, deep in the heart of the forest, a woodcutter goes about his life in a world of woodland magic. Then one day a stranger knocks at his door bringing with her the most unexpected of spells...

'Laugh out loud funny and sad... physical theatre at its best, for audiences of all ages.'

*The Fringe Review*







## Music

Thursday 25 June 7.30pm £13

Diss Jazz Club presents

### Hoagy! The Chris Ingham Quartet

A joyful salute to the wry, wise and beautiful music of songwriter-singer-pianist Hoagy Carmichael (*Stardust, Georgia On My Mind, Skylark, Ole Buttermilk Sky, Lazy Bones*, et al) with anecdote, insight and delightful curiosities from a uniquely rich and varied songbook.

Featuring Chris Ingham (piano/vocal), Paul Higgs (trumpet), Owen Morgan (bass) and George Double (drums).

'This is just lovely...' *Sunday Times*

'One of UK's best singer-pianists – sophisticated, charming work'  
*Evening Standard*

'Catches Hoagy's spirit exactly...'  
*Observer*

'Outstanding quartet, inspired solos, nifty arrangements'  
*London Jazz News*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



## Music

Saturday 27 June 7.30pm £15

### The Searchers and Hollies Experience

Bringing to the stage the magical hits of two of the biggest bands of the 60s and 70s era and featuring an incredible back catalogue of over 30 hit songs, this show is performed by the amazing FOD band.

The FOD Band's qualities were recognised by *Tony Jackson*, of *The Searchers*. He selected them to be his band on his *Tony Jackson sings The Searchers Shows*.

Packed with hits including *Sweets for My Sweet, Sugar & Spice, Needles & Pins, Goodbye My Love, He Ain't Heavy He's My Brother, Air That I Breathe* and many more, let the haunting melodies transport you to that exciting era in pop music history.

'What a great night ... sold out!'  
*The Pavilion Theatre, Gorleston*

Approx 2hrs 30mins incl interval.



## Music

Saturday 4 July 8pm £15

### The Robbie Williams Tribute Band – Angels Instead Tour

Be captivated by one of the UK's top tributes to the pop star, Robbie Williams in this breath-taking stage production featuring the talented Kieran Waite (complete with cheeky banter), backed by his excellent three piece band.

Celebrating the music of the UK's Brit Icon winner, this spectacular show is sure to mesmerise and excite audiences whether they are Robbie Williams fans or not.

Approx 2hrs 15mins incl interval.



# JOIN US FOR A DRINK at the GRAIN BAR...



Showcasing an ever-changing range of award-winning Grain beers, alongside a hand-picked selection of the best drinks around.

The new Corn Hall bar will be operated by Grain Brewery who are based just down the road in Alburgh. They bring their range of traditional cask beers, alongside cask and keg beers inspired from across the world. The same quality is applied to their selection of wine, spirits, mixed and soft drinks, drawn from their experience from their three owned pubs. Their claim to serve up 'The best G&T in Diss' is not an exaggeration!

**The Grain Bar at the Corn Hall is open from 6.15pm before events.**

Pre-order your interval drinks to avoid the queue.

## **CORN THE HALL**

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## HOW TO BOOK

**In person:** during Box Office opening hours.

**Telephone: 01379 652241** – if you reach our answering machine please leave your details and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

**Online:** register on our new website [www.thecornhall.co.uk](http://www.thecornhall.co.uk) to book for any event.


**By Post:** Please include your name, address, contact number, email address and full details of your booking along with your cheque made payable to 'Diss Corn Hall Trust'. Add £1 to your booking total if you wish your tickets to be posted. You can also email the Box Office using [boxoffice@thecornhall.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@thecornhall.co.uk).


**Charges:** A booking fee of £1.50 applies per transaction for online and telephone bookings. The booking fee will not be added to bookings made in person.

A £1 fee will be added should you wish your tickets to be posted.

## ACCESSIBILITY

The Corn Hall Trust is committed to making the venue as accessible as possible. The Box Office, Hall, Waveney Room, gallery, bar and café are all on the ground floor and we have lift access to the first floor studio, exhibition and heritage research space. Both floors have fully accessible toilets.

 We can only accommodate a limited number of wheelchairs at events. Please inform the Box Office when you book so we can reserve your space. If your mobility requirements require someone to assist you with your visit we can arrange a complimentary ticket for your companion. Please enquire at the Box Office.

 The Hall and the Waveney Room are both equipped with induction loops. These work for amplified events.

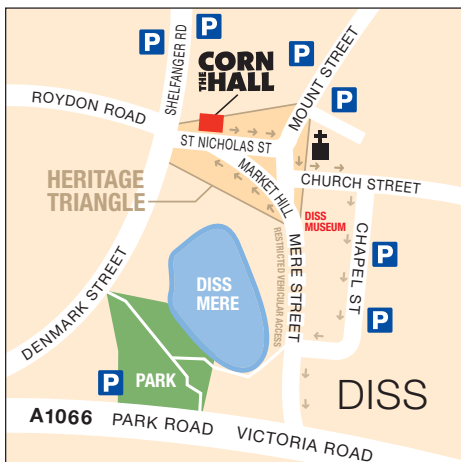
## CAFE and BAR

The cafe will open between 10am-4pm Monday to Saturday, from 6.30pm before evening events, and an hour before Sunday daytime events. The Bar opens from 6.30pm before events.

## THANKS

### Special thanks to our Good Friends

Keith & Sue Best, Eve Boyd, Ray Bryant, Anita Burnard, Lorraine Burr, David Case, Jenny Chamberlin, Lynn Clark, Paul Curson, Peter Dudley, Margaret Evans, Brian & Gunilla Falk, David Gillett, Anita & Nicholas Hales, Charles Handy, Jo & Gary Hincks, Paul Howling, Anne Hyde, Martha Kearney, Dr Anders Linder & Shelia Linder, Kate Lloyd, Glynne Lloyd-Davis, Elizabeth Mooney, Jeffrey Parker, Pru Parker, Jacqui Petrie, Glyn Pugh, Chris Shaw, Sue Shrager, Linda & Andy Simpson, Sue Smith, Terry & Katherine Smith, Ann & David Steele, John Taylor, Linda Whyte and Corporate Friends: Dayburst Couriers and Grain Brewery.







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