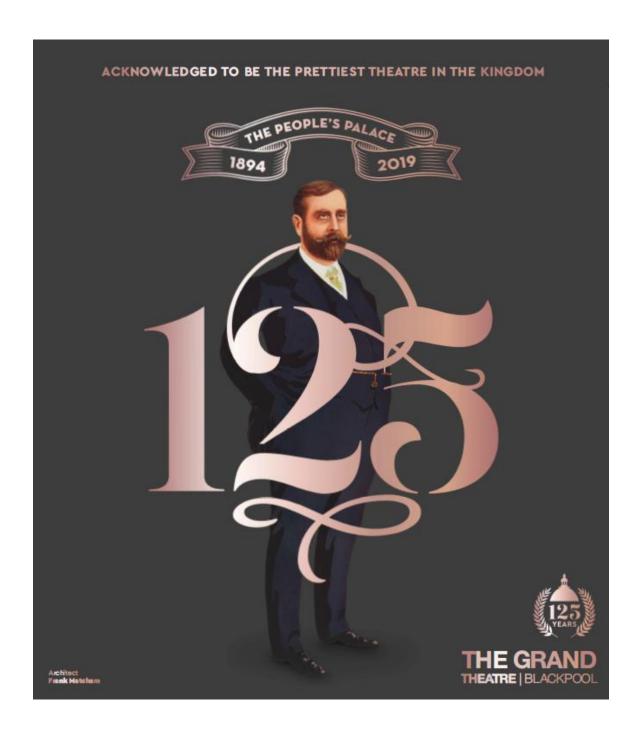
THE FIRST 125 YEARS WERE JUST THE BEGINNING...



Special Events - 125 Years

Over the coming year Blackpool's Grand Theatre will be presenting a selection of special Talks, Exhibitions and Workshops, from incredible dance to national treasures, including the six-time Laurence Oliver Award-winning Sir Ian McKellen CH CBE.

125 Celebration Open Days

[Monthly Dates]

Discover more about the 125-year history of the iconic Blackpool Grand Theatre. Presenting an exhibition of items from our past and guided tours showing you hidden secrets of this Frank Matcham theatre.

TICKETS: Free (Guided Tours £4)

Juliet and Romeo

Wednesday 6 February

With Lost Dog's blend of dance, theatre and comedy we invite you to see the funny side of one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies.

TICKETS: Part of our 125 Accessible 'Pay What You Feel' presentations.

Grand Shakespeare Exhibition

Tuesday 26 to Friday 1 March

During the RSC presentation of Romeo and Juliet, Blackpool's Grand Theatre will be presenting its own Shakespeare Exhibition – 'A Grand 125 years of Shakespeare'.

TICKETS: Free with a Romeo & Juliet show ticket.

National Dance Company Wales presents: Awakening Wednesday 27 March

Three incredible performances to amuse and amaze. A unique theatrical experience where the past and the present collide with a poetic and creative style of dance.

TICKETS: Part of our 125 Accessible 'Pay What You Feel' presentations.

Sir Ian McKellen CH CBE

Monday 20 May

We are delighted to welcome Sir Ian McKellen to Blackpool's Grand for a one-night special. With a limited supply of special £125 tickets with a chance to meet the incredible actor.

TICKETS: £12.50 to £125

Friends & Volunteers, A 125 Birthday Party

Tuesday 23 July

A very special birthday celebration for Friends of The Grand and its Volunteers with Ruth Cockburn and her Love Letters from Blackpool, some special 'thank you's' and, of course tea,

TICKETS: Free to Friends of The Grand and Theatre Volunteers. To book call 01293 290 190

Heritage Open Day 125

Sunday 15 September

Joining in the celebration of the National Heritage Open Days 'People Power'. Something rather special is planned followed by an open day and free theatre tours.

Free Event

A 125 Pantomime Special

A rather special performance of this year's pantomime J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan. More details to be released soon.

Visit: www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/125pantomimespecial

Juliet & Romeo

Wednesday 6 February

Lost dog's new dance show reveals the real story of Romeo and Juliet. It turns out they didn't die in a tragic misunderstanding, they grew up and lived happily ever after. Well they lived at least.

With Lost Dog's blend of dance, theatre and comedy this duet, directed by Oliver Award nominated Ben Duke, takes on our cultural obsession with youth and our inevitable issues of longevity.

TIME: 7.30pm

TICKETS: Pay What You Feel

Book your tickets with our box office or online, maximum 4 tickets. Tickets will be collection only on the night. You then pay what you thought the performance was worth to you, on leaving.

Royal Shakespeare Company presents:

Romeo & Juliet

Tuesday 26 February to Saturday 2 March

What if your first true love was someone you'd been told to hate? Ripped apart by the bitter divisions of their parents, two young people will risk everything to be together.

The most famous story of love at first sight explodes with intense passion and an irresistible desire for change. Will this spark a revolution, or will division continue to tear through generations? Following A Midsummer Night's Dream (2016), the RSC returns to Blackpool with Shakespeare's tragic love story, directed by RSC Deputy Artistic Director Erica Whyman.

'Fresh, fleet, blade-sharp' Daily Telegraph.

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Matinees 1:30pm

TICKETS: Evenings £20 to £25

Matinees £20

Concessions £3 off

18 to 26 Members £12.50

Schools (Tuesday to Friday) £10.50 Groups 10+ (Evenings Only) £4 off Groups 20+ (Evenings Only) £5 off AD CAP Saturday 2 March 1:30pm

A Grand Shakespeare Exhibition

Join us for our Shakespeare Exhibition in celebration of 125 Years. Tickets are free when booking for RSC Romeo & Juliet.

Post-Show Talk: Friday 1 March [signed]

Ambassador Theatre Group presents:

lan Mckellen on stage

Monday 20 May [SOLD OUT]

This event has been kindly supported by Friends of The Grand.

'I'm celebrating my 80th birthday by touring anew solo show to theatres I know well and a few that I don't.

The show starts with Gandalf and will probably end with an invitation to act with me on stage. In-between there will be anecdotes and acting. I open at my local arts centre in January and end up by August in Orkney.

Live theatre has always been thrilling to me, as an actor and in the audience. Growing up in Lancashire, I was grateful to those companies who toured beyond London and I've always enjoyed repaying that debt by touring up and down the country myself, with the RSC, the National Theatre, Prospect Theatre, the Actors' Company, as well as with commercial productions.

Growing up in Wigan and Bolton, I was always intrigued by the glamour of Blackpool, its shows and Illuminations. So, I wanted to present my new solo show at the beautiful Matcham Grand Theatre, raising funds for the spectacular building. See you there, I hope!' Ian McKellen

TIME: 7.30pm

TICKETS: Stalls/Dress £37.50

Upper Circle £25

Gallery £12.50

VIP Packages available

125 Happy Birthday

If you're 18 to 26 years old, why not enter our very special lottery. We're giving away 125 tickets as part of our 125 Birthday celebrations in the Gallery. To join the lottery visit www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/mckellenlottery (ID will be required).

125 Years- A Celebration

Anniversaries provide a natural desire to look back, but I'm far more interested in looking forward; forward to a future with The Grand at the heart of the community it has served for 125 years. It's a future that offers far more than just a theatre.

On any given day there might be a group of local school children exploring the themes of the play on the stage and how it relates to their lives; a rehearsal by our young company made up of a wide range of local young people; a workshop by an emerging professional theatre group developing a ground-breaking new piece of work - and that's all on top of the show that evening.

And what a collection of shows! From top comedians and singers to world class drama (including a visit by the Royal Shakespeare Company and an opening National Tour), musicals, opera, dance and children's shows.

It's going to be a great anniversary year – enjoy the ride!

Anthony Stone (LALAM), Chair

Blackpool Grand Theatre (Arts & Entertainments) Ltd.

Simon Fielder and Belgrade Theatre Coventry presents: Octopus Soup!

Tuesday 19 to Saturday 23 February

The World Premiere of a brand new British farce by Jack Milner and Mark Stevenson. A razor-sharp new comedy with Nick Hancock, star of West End hit An Evening with Gary Lineker and host of iconic TV shows, Room 101and They Think It's All Over.

Meet Seymour, the safest man in Britain. An insurance consultant who wears a belt and braces (and another belt, just to be sure). He' sin last chance saloon, and everything rests on this one important conference call. What could possibly go wrong? Enter Marvin, a bungling burglar with bad knees...

With Seymour's highly neurotic actress wife Gloria awaiting news on a star TV role, the burglar's psychopathic crime boss around the corner, and a share of the £30 billion insurance market at stake, will our heroes and their octopus get out alive?

Octopus Soup! will have you crying with Laughter. Don't miss out!

TIMES: 7:30pm Wednesday and Saturday Matinees 2pm

TICKETS: Evenings £24 to £32

Matinees £24

Concessions (Tuesday to Thursday) £3 off

Friends of The Grand (Opening Night) £5 off

Bill Kenwright presents:

The Lady Vanishes

Monday 4 to Saturday 9 March

Based on the film directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Written by Sidney Gilliat and Frank Launder Adapted by Antony Lampard.

A new adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's much-loved film.

Emmy award-winner Juliet Mills (Wild at Heart) and Maxwell Caulfield (Dynasty) are joined by Lorna Fitzgerald (Abi in EastEnders), Matt Barber (Atticus Aldridge in Downton Abbey),

Robert Duncan (Drop The Dead Donkey), Philip Lowrie (Dennis Tanner in Coronation Street) and Ben Nealon (Soldier Soldier).

When socialite Iris' travelling companion disappears, she's bewildered to find fellow passengers deny ever having seen her. But with the help of musician Max, she turnsdetective, and together they resolve to solve this perplexing mystery.

Building on the phenomenal decade-long success of The Agatha Christie Theatre Company, The Classic Thriller Theatre Company presents a quick-witted, devilishly fun thriller -based on the Hitchcock classic, ranked one of the Best British Films ever.

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm, Wednesday and Saturday Matinees 2:30pm

TICKETS: Evenings £24 to £32

Matinees £24

Concessions (Monday to Thursday) £3 off

Friends of The Grand (Opening Night) £5 off

Abigail's Party

Monday 11 to Saturday 16 March

Starring stage and TV favourite Jodie Prenger, Emmerdale and Coronation Street star Vicky Binns and Midsomer Murders' Daniel Casey.

Jodie Prenger leads the cast in this ground-breaking comedy classic!

Beverly and husband Laurence are throwing a party for their newlywed neighbours, Tony and Angela. Joining them is highly strung Susan who's been banished from the party of her teenage daughter Abigail.

Welcome to 1970's suburbia and its heady mix of free-flowing cocktails, classic disco and cheese and pineapple sticks. As tensions rise and tempers flare the sheen of respectability is torn away by the warring couples with hilarious and potentially disastrous consequences. Mike Leigh's iconic Abigail's Party is one of Britain's most celebrated comedies; beloved by audiences, it thrills and delights in equal measure. It's not to be missed!

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm

Wednesday and Saturday Matinees 2:30pm

Audio Described Performance: Saturday 16 March 2.30pm

TICKETS: Evenings £24 to £32

Matinees £24

Concessions (Monday to Thursday) £3 off

Friends of The Grand (Opening Night) £5 off

Middle Ground Theatre Company Ltd presents:

The Verdict

Tuesday 9 to Saturday 13 April

Adapted by Margaret May Hobbs. Designed and directed by Michael Lunney. Starring Ian Kelsey, Paul Opacic, Christopher Ettridge, Richard Walsh and Karen Drury.

The powerful best-selling courtroom thriller... Following the phenomenal success of its world premiere tour, Middle Ground Theatre Company is delighted to present the gripping and critically acclaimed courtroom sensation The Verdict.

Frank Galvin is a washed up veteran lawyer and an alcoholic. He is presented with one last chance to redeem himself when he is given an open-and-shut medical malpractice case that no one thinks he can win. A stunning courtroom thriller made famous by the five times Oscar-nominated Sidney Lumet film with Paul Newman and James Mason.

Ian Kelsey, best known for his regular roles in Blue Murder, Emmerdale and Casualty, is joined by Paul Opacic (Bad Girls/Emmerdale/Hollyoaks), Christopher Ettridge (Goodnight Sweetheart), Richard Walsh (London's Burning) and Karen Drury (Brookside) in a full cast of fifteen. 'The Verdict is outstanding. The best performance we've seen in a very long time. You'll be crazy to miss it.' Cardiff Times 'Thrilling... A joy to Watch.' Salisbury Journal

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm

Wednesday and Saturday Matinees 2:30pm

TICKETS: Evenings £24 to £32 Matinees £24

Concessions (Tuesday to Thursday) £3 off

Friends of The Grand (Opening Night) £5 off

The Mousetrap

Monday 22 to Saturday 27 July

Discover why Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap has kept people guessing for so long, becoming the longest running show of any kind in the history of theatre.

The scene is set when a group of people gathered in a country house cut off by the snow discover, to their horror, that there is a murderer in their midst. Who can it be? One by one the suspicious characters reveal their sordid pasts until at the last, nerve shredding moment the identity and the motive are finally revealed. Experience shuddering suspense and a brilliantly intricate plot where murder lurks around every corner.

TIME: Monday Evening 8pm, Tuesday to Saturday Evenings 7:30pm,

Thursday and Saturday Matinees 2pm

TICKETS: Monday Evening £24

Tuesday to Saturday Evenings £24 to £32

Thursday and Saturday Matinees £24

Concessions (Monday to Thursday) £3 off

2 FOR 1 - FRIENDS OF THE GRAND: A 125 Birthday Special: Tuesday 23 July

The Woman in Black

Opening it's 2019 Tour in Blackpool!

Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 September

Continuing its record-breaking run in the West End, the smashhit The Woman in Black now embarks on a major UK Tour opening at the Grand in September.

Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story comes dramatically alive in Stephen Mallatratt's ingenious stage adaptation. This gripping production, directed by Robin Herford, is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror.

A lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black, engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It all begins innocently enough, but then, as they reach further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds.

Book now and join the millions of theatregoers worldwide who have experienced 'The most brilliantly effective spine-chiller you will ever encounter.' Daily Telegraph.

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm

Wednesday and Saturday Matinees 2:30pm

TICKETS: Evenings £24 to £32

Matinees £24

Concessions (Wednesday and Thursday) £3 off

Friends of The Grand (Wednesday Evening) £5 off

AD performance: Saturday 14 September 2:30pm

James Wilton Dance presents:

The Storm

Friday 8 February

James Wilton Dance, one of Europe's most in demand dance companies, present The Storm, a whirlwind of lightning fast, athleticism, where acrobatics, break-dancing, martial arts and contact work fuse to form dance that will blow audiences away.

Seven dancers, a soundtrack of thundering electro-rock specially composed by Amarok and thousands of pieces of paper combine to create a work that will astound you with its athleticism and touch you emotionally in a way that words simply can't. In this storm can you find peace? Can you find the calm eye of the storm? Will it all blow over?

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: Starting at £8.50

[You may have noticed that some of our prices have started to say, 'Starting at'. We encourage you to book quickly as these prices won't last forever. As the demand for tickets increases, our prices are subject to change. So, book now for the very best seats at the very best price.]

www.jameswiltondance.org.uk @jwiltondance

The Storm is co-commissioned by Blackpool Grand, Creative Barking and Dagenham, DanceEast, Pavilion Dance South West, Queens Hall Arts, Hexham, Gulbenkian (Art31), The Place, Swindon Dance, Tanz Ist and Warwick Arts Centre, with support from Arts Council England Grants for The Arts.

National Dance Company Wales presents:

Awakening

Wednesday 27 March

Choreography by Fernando Melo, Caroline Finn and Marcos Morau.

Three unique dances to amuse and amaze. Afterimage is a journey of fleeting images; of appearance and disappearance. Mirrors are used on stage to form a unique theatrical experience where the past and the present collide with a poetic and creative style of dance.

Revellers' Mass delves into a sumptuous world of ritual. An unlikely group gathers for a dinner party, where convictions, tradition and social etiquette are put to the test in an unexpected evening of revelry.

The animated choreography and curious characters are inspired by iconic paintings and historical events. Tundra traverses barren landscape where ultramodern creativity blinks into life. This dance tears pages from the history books on Russian folk dance, the USSR and revolution, revitalising old ideas with renewed meaning.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: Pay What You Feel - Book your tickets with our box office or online, maximum 4 tickets. Tickets will be collection only on the night. You then pay what you thought the performance was worth to you on leaving.

www.ndcwales.co.uk @ndcwales

Northern Ballet presents:

Puss in Boots

Saturday 11 May

Puss in Boots is no ordinary cat. Clever and charming, he takes life in his stride and befriends everyone he meets. The only thing is, he always seems to bring his master, Jack, bad luck.

Join Puss and Jack on their adventure as they meet a flurry of lovable characters, and even come face to face with royalty!

Bringing this much-loved children's story to life, Puss in Boots is the perfect opportunity for your little ones to enjoy live ballet, music and theatre.

With sell-out performances and a string of hugely successful CBeebies TV adaptations, Northern Ballet's productions for children are not to be missed.

This child friendly performance lasts approximately 40 minutes.

Book now for this purr-fect family treat!

TIME: 2pm and 4pm

TICKETS: £8

www.northernballet.com @northernballet

Ensemble Theatre presents:

The Sound Of Music

Wednesday 17 to Saturday 20 April

This Easter the hills (and the coast) are alive with a dynamic new production of The Sound of Music.

An 'all time classic' guaranteed to touch everyone's heart. Featuring Climb Ev'ry Mountain, Edelweiss and So Long, Farewell – This all time classic musical will be one of your 'favourite things' to see with all the family.

The children of Captain von Trapp fill their days playing funny tricks on everyone all around them but secretly want a mother to love them... only one person fits the bill, Maria! So, starts the adventure of a lifetime, and one that will change their lives forever. Fresh from their critically acclaimed major production of Oliver, early booking is strongly advised for The Sound of Music. DO - RE - MI ... Get me a Ticket!

Music by Richard Rodgers. Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. Book by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse. Suggested by 'The Trapp Family Singers' by Maria Augusta Trapp. An amateur production by arrangement with R&H Theatricals Europe.

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm

Saturday Matinee 2:30pm

TICKETS: £24

Concessions £1.50 off Under 18s £20

Family of 4 £74

(Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code SOMUSIC4)

www.ensembletheatreblackpool.com @ensemblebpl

Blackpool Operatic Players presents:

Hello Dolly!

Wednesday 24 to Saturday 27 April

Mention Hello Dolly! and everyone thinks of the 1969 film starring Barbra Streisand. This show has become one of the most enduring musical theatre hits, and now it's coming to Blackpool.

Hello Dolly! tells the tale of brassy widow, Dolly Gallagher Levi, who makes her living through matchmaking, amongst other things. She has her sights on one of her clients, local businessman and half-millionaire, Horace Vandergelder, but will she get her man? With songs Put On Your Sunday Clothes, It Takes A Woman and of course, Hello Dolly, this musical masterpiece is a show not to be missed.

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm

Thursday and Saturday Matinees 2pm

TICKETS:

£19.50 to £21.50

Concessions £2 off

Under 18s £2 off

Original production directed and choreographed by Gower Champion produced for the Broadway stage by David Merrick and Champion-Five, Inc by arrangement with Musicscope and Stage Musicals

www.blackpooloperaticplayers.co.uk @bop1953

Blackpool and Fylde Light Opera Company presents: 42nd Street

Wednesday 29 May to Saturday 1 June

Music by Lyrics by Harry Warren Al Dubin. Book by Michael Stewart & Mark Bramble. Based on the Novel by Bradford Ropes. Original Direction and Dances by Gower Champion. Originally Produced on Broadway by David Merrick.

42nd Street tells the story of Peggy Sawyer, a talented young performer with stars in her eyes who gets her big break on Broadway.

Peggy arrives to New York City from her hometown of Allentown, Pennsylvania, armed with her tap shoes and big dreams. Peggy's talent catches the eye of legendary Broadway director Julian Marsh, who gives her a spot in the chorus of Pretty Lady, his newest show.

The show however already has a classic Broadway diva, who of course takes an instant dislike to Peggy. When the star of the show is injured during previews, Pretty Lady looks like closure, unless of course a new girl talented lead can be found – someone maybe like Peggy Sawyer! 42nd Street features the iconic songs 42nd Street, We're In the Money, I Only Have Eyes For You, Lullaby of Broadway, Dames and Shuffle Off To Buffalo.

TIME: Evenings 7:30pm

Thursday and Saturday Matinees 2pm

TICKETS: £18.50 to £23.50

Concessions £2 off

Under 18s £12

Family of 4 £64

(Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code STREET4)

The use of all songs is by arrangement with Warner Bros., the owner of music publishers' rights.

www.bfloc.co.uk @bfloc

Phil McIntyre Entertainments, by arrangement with Lisa Thomas

Management proudly presents:

Jason Manford, Muddle Class

Thursday 28 March

He's back! It's been a busy few years for Jason since his last smash hit stand up show, but fans of his Absolute Radio show will know this nationally acclaimed comedian hasn't changed a bit. 'Muddle Class' promises to feature a wealth of new material about Jason growing up 'working class' then finding, over the years, that part of him has become 'middle class' - causing much confusion!

Delivered with Jason's amiable charm and captivating wit, this is a show not to be missed. 8 out of 10 Cats (Channel 4), The Nightly Show (ITV1), Sunday Night at the Palladium (ITV1), Live at the Apollo (BBC One), Have I Got News For You, (BBC One), QI (BBC Two) and The Royal Variety Performance (ITV1) have all helped establish Jason as a nationally known comic.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £31

www.jasonmanford.com @jasonmanford

Jasper Carrott's Stand Up and Rock

Monday 1 April

Stand Up & Rock is back...

The 2019 tour will see the legendary Jasper Carrott alongside his musical compatriots, the Bev Bevan Band. As well as being Jasper's mate, Bev is founding member of The Move and ELO and has one of the finest band's around. Special guests include 60's star Geoff Turton from the Rockin Berries.

This unique show gives the opportunity to see and hear great artistes belting out a night of classic songs and Jasper back where he belongs... making us laugh!!

'There was something surprisingly quite magical about tonight.'

'The pure undeniable quality of Jasper Carrott's comedy, the thunder god legend that is Bevan.' Gig Junkies

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £31

www.jaspercarrott.com @carrottofficial

Bing! Live

Saturday 2 to Sunday 3 February

Calling all Bingsters! Bing and his friends are coming to Blackpool in the first ever Bing stage show! Join Bing, Sula, Coco and Pando as they find out how to tell stories by pretending, dressing-up and singing songs. Flop and Amma are there to help, but in this magical world of make-believe things don't always go according to plan...

Don't miss the chance to see your little one's face as their favourite characters are brought to life in this brand-new show. Full of fun, laughter and music, Bing Live! is the perfect first theatre trip for pre-schoolers and their families.

Going to the theatre... it's a Bing thing!

TIME: Saturday 1pm and 4pm, Sunday 10am and 1pm

TICKETS: Adults £17.50 to £20

Children £15.50 to £18

Adults Premium Seats* £22.50

Children Premium Seats* £20.50

*First Five Rows in Stalls

www.bingliveshow.com @bingliveshow

The Sooty Show: with Richard Cadell:

Monday 18 February

Izzy Wizzy let's get busy! Join Sooty for his brand-new Laugh OutLoud Magic Show!

Direct from their hit ITV series, Sooty, Sweep, Soo and TV's Richard Cadell will amaze you with impossible tricks and sidesplitting jokes! Be astounded at Sooty's flying car, Soo's singing unicorn and Sweep's levitating sausage!

With special guest's circus star Michael Jordan and the ultraviolet specialties of Fantasie de la Nuit. A spectacular treat for the whole family – including a chance to meet Richard and Sooty after the show! Book now!

TIME: 11am and 2:30pm

TICKETS: Adults £15.50

Under 18s £13.50

Family of 4 £52

(Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code SOOTY4)

www.thesootyshow.co.uk @sootyandco

Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 March

From the makers of Peppa Pig comes this BAFTA awardwinning television animation live on stage!

Holly is a young Fairy Princess, who is still learning how to fly and her magic doesn't always go quite according to plan. Her best friend, Ben the Elf, doesn't have wings and he doesn't do magic, but he runs very fast and flies on the back of Gaston the Ladybird.

They live in the Little Kingdom, a tiny land where flowers and grass rise high above them and every day is an adventure.

Join Ben and Holly, and their friends on this exciting, enchanting and magical musical adventure packed full of games, songs and laughter. This beautiful story of elves, princesses and childhood innocence will delight all the family!

TIME: Saturday 1pm and 4pm, Sunday 10am and 1pm

TICKETS: £17.50 to £19.50

Premium Seats £23.50

(Front 3 Stalls rows)

Under 16s £2 off

(Not available on premium seats)

Family of 4 £70

(Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code KINGDOM4. Top price tickets Only; Not available on premium seats

www.benandhollylive.com @benandhollylive

Metta Theatre and Exeter Northcott Theatre presents:

In The Willows

Tuesday 30 April to Saturday 4 May

The hip-hop musical of The Wind in The Willows, with epic show tunes and killer beats, this classic story is brought popping and locking into the twenty first century in an extraordinary new hip-hop musical. Featuring fast bikes, fierce moves and fabulous vocals. Starring the Olivier award-winning Clive Rowe (Guys & Dolls, Tracy Beaker) as Badger.

Mole's first day in 'The Willows'. The kids look a bit rough. Surely Mr Badger will look out for her, while hip-hop cool girl Rattie, rich kid rapper Toad and street-dancing Otter teach her the ways of the Riverbank. But when Toad gets locked up for joyriding, the Weasel Clan break in and squat his pad, the Pool Hall. Now it's only a matter of time before Chief Weasel reveals Mole's dark secret...

Age guidance 6yrs+

TIME: Evenings 7pm

Wednesday and Saturday Matinees 2pm

TICKETS: Opening Night Offer Two for One (Adult tickets only)

Adults £21.50

Concessions £16.50

18 to 26 Members £12.50

Family of 4 £50 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code WILLOW4)

Schools £12.50 (Additional free teacher place with every 10 tickets purchased)

www.mettatheatre.co.uk @mettatheatre

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 July

The timeless classic has made its way off the page and onto the stage. Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, the critically acclaimed production of The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show features a menagerie of 75 lovable puppets, faithfully adapting four of Eric Carle's stories, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, 10 Little Rubber Ducks, The Very Lonely Firefly and of course, the star of the show celebrating its 50th Birthday in 2019 The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

TIME: Friday 1:30pm

Saturday 1:30pm and 4:30pm

Sunday 10:30am and 1pm

TICKETS: £15

www.hungrycaterpillarshow.com

In the Night Garden Live

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 September

Brand new In the Night Garden Live show coming to Blackpool in 2019!

Join Igglepiggle, Upsy Daisy, Makka Pakka and friends at In the Night Garden Live for a brand-new show on their first ever UK theatre tour in 2019!

You'll see all your favourite characters beautifully brought to life with full-size costumes, magical puppets, and enchanting music. The show lasts just under an hour and it's a completely new production for the very first In the Night Garden Live UK theatre tour.

Now in its 10th year, In the Night Garden Live is one of the UK's favourite family events. Over 1 million people have seen it so far and it gets 4.8 out of 5 stars based on 12,844 parents' reviews.

There are other shows for young children, but as The Independent wrote, 'There's nothing quite like In the Night Garden Live.' Pip-pip, onk-onk!

TIME: Saturday 1pm and 4pm

Sunday 10am and 1pm

TICKETS: Adults Premium Seats* £22.50

Adult £18.50 to £20.50

Children Premium Seats* £20.50

Children £16.50 to £18.50

* First 5 rows in stalls

www.nightgardenlive.com @nightgardenlive

Grand Creative Programme

Every year we help thousands of young people enjoy live performances, share in the magic of making theatre, gain Arts Award qualifications and learn new skills with professional artists. We are proud to work in partnership with schools across Blackpool, Wyre and the Fylde. This year local young people will perform on the main stage in Schools Alive, the Shakespeare Festival, numerous amateur productions and alongside the professionals from the RSC in Romeo and Juliet.

In celebration of this special year, we are excited to cocommission two incredible companies, 20 Stories High and Theatre Rites, who are making a dynamic new work for early years and families called Big Up! They describe it as 'Hip Hop meets the Muppets!' There will be dance, beatboxing, puppets and new music for younger audiences and their parents to enjoy.

Check out Creative Learning at:

www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/creativelearning

Damion Larkin presents:

Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club

1 February, 1 March, 5 April, 3 May, 7 June, 5 July and 2 August

Four top pro comedians make you LOL. We bring you comedians off the telly from all the major panel shows and roadshows, plus the best of the rest.

Previously we've booked Jason Manford, John Bishop and Sarah Millican before they hit the big time. So, come and see more brilliant comedians!

TIME: 8pm

TICKETS: £18

www.lolcomedyclubs.co.uk @lol_blackpool

125 Years- SPECIAL EVENTS

125 Photography Sessions

Basic – 11 June and 12 June, 3 September, 4 November Advanced – 4 September and 5 November

Love photography or want to take up a new skill for 2019?

Why not join internationally renowned photographer Sean Conboy for a unique Photographic Session of The Grand Theatre, Blackpool?

Following sell-out success of Blackpool Grand Theatre's Photographic Sessions over the past 5 years with international photographer Sean Conboy, we have decided to increase the number of sessions per year and in addition, create a brand new more focused Photographic Session Advanced, allowing more seasoned photographers the time and opportunity to talk to a leading photographer in his field as well as have the time to photograph such an incredible building.

Whether you want to learn the basics, dream of building on your existing photography skills, or a budding professional – these Photographic Sessions are the ideal master class for all levels.

These sessions are just under 5 hours and will provide you with a variety of skills needed to photograph beautiful structures and interiors.

BASIC SESSIONS £40 ADVANCED SESSIONS £120

www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/125photosessions

125 Celebration Open Days

Join us in a celebration of our 125 Years with our very special 125 Celebration Open Days. Stand on the raked stage and observe the cantilevered tiers of circles, boxes and pit.

Discover the secrets of the great stage. Learn about the theatre's 125 year history and what make the Grand theatre the iconic Blackpool building it is.

Guided tours are available by booking through the box office or online 01253 290 190

OPEN DAYS

Running each month (dates vary) 11am to 2pm

TICKETS: £4 (30mininmum Tour)

(Tours at 11am, 12pm & 1pm)

THEATRE TALKS

Book one of our theatre talks for your group.

- History of The Grand
- Stars of The Grand 1894 to 1981
- Behind the Scenes
- The Grand's 125 Special Year

DONATION

(Minimum) £25 (£1 per person if more than 25 people)

Talks last approx. 45 minutes to 1 hour.

To book a theatre talk and discuss your requirements call 01253 290 111

www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/125opendays

Sing-a-long-a Productions presents:

Sing-a-Long-a The Greatest Showman

Thursday 7 February

Look out 'cause here it comes....

Experience The Greatest Showman in the greatest way possible - with lyrics on the screen so you can join in as loud as you want.

Our live host will teach you a unique set of dance moves that will truly make you come alive. Then sit back and relax and sing and dance along to the lyrics on screen. YOU the audience will rewrite the stars!

Fancy dress is strongly encouraged. Please note this is a screening of the movie not a live stage show.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £17.50

Under 18s £14.50

Group 10+ Buy 10 get the 11th ticket free

www.singalonga.net

Beyond the Barricade 20th Anniversary Tour Sunday 10 February

The UK's longest running Musical Theatre Concert Tour features past principal performers from Les Miserables. Delivering over two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End, and of course ending with a stunning finale from Les Mis.

The concert features David Fawcett (Valjean) Andy Reiss (Enjolras & Resident Director for the National Tour of Les Miserables) Katie Leeming (Eponine) and Poppy Tierney (Cosette), together with a live band who capture the feel of the original orchestrations of the chosen musicals. 'A must-see show for musical fans.' Portsmouth News.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £27.50

Groups 10+ £4 off

Groups 20+ £5 off

www.beyondthebarricade.com @btbarricade

MRC presents:

The Rolling Stones Story

Sunday 17 February

All these classic hits, The Rolling Stones Story is a high energy concert celebrating the music of the World's Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band. Let's Spend The Night Together in the company of Mick and the boys and experience a truly authentic Rolling Stones spectacle; complete with an awesome production, the finest musicians and the world's No. 1 Mick Jagger lookalike in Paul Ashworth.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £24.50

Group 10+ £3 off

www.rollingstonesstory.com @thestonesstory

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A DONATION WHATEVER SIZE

Donate direct on our web www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/donation

LIMITED EDITION 125 BADGE

Purchase a limited edition 125 lapel badge online blackpoolgrand.co.uk/gshop from the Box Office, or one of our Friends of The Grand.

THE BIG 125 DRAW Purchase a draw ticket online.

Prizes: £1,000, £2,000 and £5,000. blackpoolgrand.co.uk/125draw from the Box Office, or one of our Friends of The Grand OUR 125 SPECIAL EVENTS Attend One of our 125 Special Events. Tours and Talks, to Workshops and Shows. We have lots on offer all year!

THE 125 CLUB

Join our special 125 Members Club. £12.50 monthly payments for a year for the chance to win £125 each month (three winners a month)! Visit www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/125club

THANK YOU

Every donation is incredibly valuable to us. Our aim is to raise £125,000 in this Anniversary year. To follow our events and what's happening visit www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk/125years

MAGIC MEMORIES -FUTURE DREAMS

Carl Schofield & Paul Swift presents:

Sunday Night at The Grand

Sunday 10 March

Sunday Night at The Grand, Blackpool's best love variety show returns with local funny man Carl Schofield and Friends for another evening of unforgettable entertainment in conjunction with the Lyndene Hotel, Blackpool and Tower Top Entertainments.

Headlined by 90's pop group 911 and Tv's comedian Johnny Casson, You'll be taken through a journey of laughter with some of the North West's funniest comedians, be swept off your feet by some astonishing vocalists and be entertained by an array of show stopping dancers!

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £15.50 to £23.50

Concessions £1.50 off

Flying Entertainment presents:

The Solid Silver 60s Show

Thursday 21 March

For over 30 years, The Solid Silver 60s Show has entertained the nation and celebrated the world's most loved music. This year 60s favourites Peter Noone, Brian Poole and Dave Berry with Vanity Fare unite for what could be the last ever Solid Silver 60s Show.

Don't miss your chance to see this slice of sixties history as The Solid Silver Sixties Show tours the UK, bringing together the decades' biggest artists singing their greatest hits and relive some of your fondest memories.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £32 to £36

Concessions £2 off

Groups 20+ £3 off

Groups 50+ £4 off

www.flyingmusic.com @solidsilver60s

Handshake Ltd. Presents:

Showaddywaddy in Concert

Friday 22 March

Living up to their title of 'The Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band In The World' Showaddywaddy have sold over 20 million records and toured internationally.

A dynamic and uplifting show featuring hits including Under The Moon Of Love, Three Steps To Heaven, Pretty Little Angel Eyes, and Hey Rock And Roll.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £26.50

Concessions £3 off

Handshake Ltd. Presents:

Reach Out to Motown

Saturday 23 March

Original Drifters member Roy G Hemmings' Reach Out To Motown is a celebration of 50 years of Motown, with hits by The Supremes, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, The Four Tops, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and Lionel Ritchie to name but a few.

This electrifying show features such classic hits as Baby Love, Dancing In The Street, My Girl, I Can't Help Myself, I Heard It Through The Grapevine, Reach Out and more.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £28.50m Concessions £5 off

www.handshakegroup.com @teamhandshake

Seven Drunken Nights, The Story of The Dubliners Sunday 7 April

This celebration of Ireland's favorite sons brings to life the music of The Dubliners. A guaranteed evening of humor and 'craic' that will have audiences singing along to classics including The Wild Rover, The Black Velvet Band, Molly Malone, Finnegan's Wake, McAlpines Fusileers, Raglan Road and The Seven Drunken Nights.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £26

www.sevendrunkennights.com @7drunkennights

The Illegal Eagles

Sunday 14 April

The World's Official No.1 Eagles tribute returns in 2019 for another outstanding show promising more of their trademark musical prowess, acute attention to detail, and incredible showmanship.

This phenomenal group of musicians have been touring for over two decades and remain true Eagles fanatics! Their longevity and continued international acclaim are due in no small part to their extraordinary mastery of the Eagles' distinctive sound.

Featuring the very best from the Eagles' repertoire including Hotel California, Take it to the Limit, Life in the Fast Lane, Take It Easy, Lyin' Eyes, Desperado and plenty more! 'Amazing musicianship and vocals.' NME

'The band were flawless in their delivery both musically and vocally.' The Express

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £27.50

Concessions £2 off

Friends of The Grand £2 off

www.illegaleagles.com @illegal_eagles

The Simon and Garfunkel Story 50th Anniversary Tour Sunday 12 May

Direct from a weeklong run in London's West End at the Vaudeville Theatre, a sold out worldwide tour and standing ovations at every performance, The Simon & Garfunkel Story is back! Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this 50th Anniversary Celebration also features a full live band performing all the hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water,

Homeward Bound and many more. Get your tickets fast as this is an evening not to be missed!

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £22.50

Concessions £2 off

www.thesimonandgarfunkelstory.com

Derek Nicol and Paul Walden for Flying Entertainment presents:

The Solid Gold Rock 'n' Roll Show

Sunday 19 May

Join us in celebrating Marty Wilde's 80th birthday with Eden Kane, Mike Berry, The Wildcats and Little Miss Sixties in The Solid Gold Rock 'n' Roll Show.

Teen idols of their day, Marty, Eden and Mike show us how rock 'n' roll with its fusion of sound and rhythm shaped the style of music that we listened to then and still do today.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £31 to £35

Concessions £2 off

Groups 20+ £3 off

Groups 50+ £4 off

www.flyingmusic.com

Steve Steinman presents:

Anything For Love The Meat Loaf Story

Sunday 26 May

From Stars In Their Eyes to the London Palladium, Steve Steinman returns with Anything For Love – The Meat Loaf Story featuring special guest Lorraine Crosby, known for her amazing duet with Meat Loaf on the Grammy award-winning song and No. 1 hit I Would Do Anything For Love. Featuring Bat Out Of Hell – Paradise By The Dashboard Light – Took The Words – Two Out Of Three – Dead Ringer and many more.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £30.50 to £31.50

www.themeatloafstory.com @stevesteinman

The Summer of Love: The Soundtrack of a Generation Sunday 2 June

Summer Of Love is an eclectic explosion of flowers, psychedelia, freedom, peace and love and, of course, timeless music that inspired a generation.

Join us for the greatest 60's party in town - all the hits from one of music's most influential eras, including California Dreaming, San Francisco, Turn Turn, Turn, Somebody To Love, Happy Together, Brown Eyed Girl, All Along The Watch and more than 40 classic songs from the summer that changed the world.

With original 1960s film footage, incredible vocalists and a world class live band, this ultimate 60s party will have you dancing in the aisles!

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £22.50

Concessions £2 off

www.thesummeroflove.show @summerloveshow

Spymonkey Presents:

Cooped

Tuesday 11 June to 14 June

To celebrate their 20th anniversary, Spymonkey are offering Blackpool audiences an unmissable opportunity to catch this deliciously demented take on the pulp gothic romance - think Hitchcock's *Rebecca* meets *The Pink Panther*. Overflowing with brilliant characters, rip-roaring farce and virtuoso physical comedy, this is the show which made them an international comedy sensation, from Just For Laughs Montreal to Sydney Opera House.

A spooky mansion, a plucky young heroine and a handsome English aristocrat. Add a German butler and a Spanish soap star and you're... COOPED with Spymonkey!

Directed by Cal McCrystal, the comedy genius behind One Man Two Guvnors, A Scouse Nativity and Paddington.

'One of the funniest pieces of theatre you will ever see, performed by four of the greatest clowns working in Britain today' (Time Out).

TIME: Tuesday to Friday 7.30pm

Thursday Matinee 2pm

TICKETS: £12.50

Walk Right Back: The Everly Brothers Story

Friday 21 June

From their rise to fame, decade-long feud and glorious reunion, follow the sad yet glorious story of The Everly Brothers.

Featuring all the hits including Bye Bye Love, All I Have To Do Is Dream and Cathy's Clown, plus many more classics immortalised by those trademark 'harmonies from heaven'.

TIME: 7:30pm

TICKETS: £26

www.walkrightback.com @walkrightback

Community Events

A small selection of our community events

Schools Alive

11 to 14 February

TIME: 7pm

TICKETS: £7

Big Up

March

TICKETS: £7

Shakespeare Schools Fest

19 March

TIMES: 1pm and 6pm

TICKETS: £7

Martin Dodd for UK Productions in association with Blackpool Grand Theatre presents:

Peter Pan

Friday 6 December 2019 to Sunday 5 January 2020

An unmissable family pantomime guaranteed to have you hooked!

Flying into Blackpool for Christmas 2019 is the swashbuckling adventure, Peter Pan.

Meet Peter and the lost boys, Tiger Lily and Tinker Bell and get ready for a family show full of fun, fairy dust and pirates galore. Set sail for Neverland and take on Captain Hook and prepare for out-of-this-world flying effects, galleons of laughter and the hungriest of crocodiles.

With an all-star cast including panto favourite Steve Royle (BBC Radio Lancashire) who will be making his 17th annual appearance. Joining the superb cast will be the incredible dancing stars of Barbara Jackson Theatre Arts Centre, choreographed by Katie Hill.

Blackpool audiences are guaranteed yet another year of spectacular sets, dazzling costumes and side-splitting comedy, produced by Martin Dodd for UK Productions by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Samuel French Ltd, in association with Blackpool Grand Theatre.

TIME: Please visit our website or call the box office www.blackpoolgrand.co.uk 01253 290 190

TICKETS: Adults (Band A & B) £24.99

Adults (Band C) £19.99

Children (Band A) £24.99

Children (Band B) £22.99

Children (Band C) £17.99

Concessions (Band C) £2 off

Friends of The Grand (Band C) £15.99

Family of 4 £81 (Selected Performances) – Saving nearly £15

Senior Pass for 4 £71 (Selected Performances) – Saving nearly £21

Group & School Discounts available (10+)

Call 01253 743 232

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Join us in our Anniversary Celebration of 125 years.

Magic Memories, Future Dreams.

Ticket Terms

- 1. Booking fees: In line with legislation our per ticket booking fee is now INCLUDED in all stated prices. The exchange of tickets to a different performance of the same show is subject to a charge per ticket. If you are unable to attend a performance for which you have booked, the box office will attempt to resell your tickets, although the selling of any unsold seats must take priority. There is a service charge for each ticket resold. Exchanges are free of charge to Friends of The Grand (24hrs prior). Refunds cannot be made on tickets. Fees can be changed at any time.
- 2. The Management reserves the right: to make alterations to the advertised cast and programme; not to admit latecomers until a suitable time; to refuse admission; to refuse admittance to unaccompanied minors.
- 3. Tickets are purchased for personal use only and are not purchased as any form of business or commercial activity. Tickets may not be resold or offered for re-sale by anyone at a premium or otherwise. Resale or attempted resale is grounds for cancellation without refund or notice.
- 4. Use of photographic, sound recording, and mobile communications equipment is forbidden and you will be asked to leave the premises. No refund will be offered.
- 5. Discounted Seats: Patrons must state discounts they are entitled to at the time of booking, as they cannot be applied retrospectively and are subject to availability. Discounts only

apply to selected shows where discounts are shown:
Babies/children under 2 are welcome free if they share a seat with you (a ticket is still required for them), Family Tickets (Min 1, max 2 adults), some exceptions may occur on babies/children/family tickets. Concessions: full-time students, Under 18s, Friends of The Grand, disabled, jobseekers and the over 60s. Only one concession applies per ticket. Photo and DOB ID is required when requesting. Occasionally the producer of a show, with the agreement of the Theatre, will offer discounts and special offers through mailings, e-flyers, e-newsletters and texting services. These offers and discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount and have no cash value. The Theatre will not offer refunds retrospectively.

- 6. The ticket holder is entitled to a seat of the value corresponding to that shown on the ticket and the Theatre reserves the right to provide alternative seating to those specified on the ticket. Where seating of a lesser value only is available, the ticket holder will be compensated to a maximum of the difference in value between the cost of the seats. The ticket holder may be re-seated in higher priced seating at no additional cost at the discretion of the Theatre Management. In the event of a cancellation of a performance or event, the Theatre shall have no further liability other than the face value of the ticket.
- 7. Productions do not always feature live music and may contain loud noises, smoke or strobe lighting. Some productions may be performed by amateur companies.

- 8. Data Protection: When processing your booking the box office will ask your name, address, email address and telephone number. The Grand Theatre, Blackpool operates a box office service on behalf of venues and events in Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde as well as its own operation. We would like to add or retain your details for speed of booking and for our marketing department, so we can keep you aware of events and other developments. To be removed from our database contact the box office in the first instance.
- 9. All information correct at time of going to print. Being your data STAR (GDPR) Keeping your data safe and increasing transparency are important to us, and we're committed to these changes. We are dedicated to the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) law and we believe it will ensure our customer's will benefit from the added privacy protections this law affords.

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