

WHAT'S ON

**AWARD-WINNING LINE-UP AT
BLACKPOOL GRAND THEATRE**



SPRING | SUMMER 2023

**PRIDE & PREJUDICE* ('SORT OF) | JULIUS CAESAR | QUALITY STREET
THE MOUSETRAP | CIRQUE THE GREATEST SHOW**

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At Seat Orders

You can now order drinks for arrival or at the interval via your **Tickets by Text** link.

A convenient way to have drinks delivered. Soon you'll be able to order other items too including snacks and merchandise. - Just click on your **Tickets by Text** link.



NEW EXPERIENCES

Ask about our **Prosecco, Flower bouquet & Afternoon Tea** upgrades when making your booking!



A message from our Chief Executive

A **Dazzling** Kaleidoscope of Entertainment!

Our latest world-class line-up shines bright with a whole host of theatrical gems including Olivier Award-winning comedy, captivating children's shows, magical family musicals, the very best in international hip-hop, sensational stand-up stars and 'CIRQUE' - where musical theatre meets jaw-dropping circus! And not forgetting the multi award-winning West End big hitters, **Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story** and Agatha Christie's **The Mousetrap**, which have thrilled audiences around the world and will triumphantly return to Blackpool's Grand this season.

Looking for classic theatre with a marvellously modern twist? Period drama goes pop in the smash-hit comedy **Pride & Prejudice** ('sort of), Dickens goes digital for **Unexpected Twist**, Northern Broadsides bring a delicious revival of JM Barrie's **Quality Street** and the Royal Shakespeare Company's powerful new production of **Julius Caesar** explores exciting and timely questions of leadership and power.

You'll be 'buzzing' with the hilarious new play **The Birds and the Bees** starring comic genius, writer and actress Helen Lederer (Absolutely Fabulous, French & Saunders) and Michael Starke (Brookside, The Royal, Benidorm).



This "razor sharp and steamy new comedy" it's the bee's knees!

Why not upgrade your experience with flowers, truffles, perfectly chilled Prosecco or Afternoon Tea and for peace of mind, add TicketPlan protection to your booking to help with the unexpected.

We all look forward to seeing you soon!

Adam Knight
Chief Executive



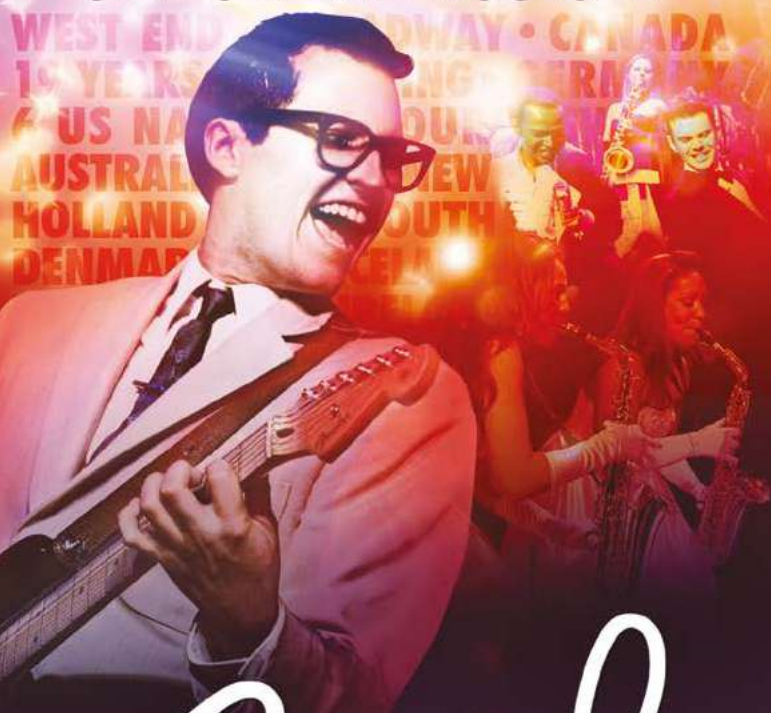
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THE WEST END AND BROADWAY SMASH-HIT MUSICAL



**'IT'S STILL
BUDDY
BRILLIANT'**

THE SUN

**'JOYOUS!
I LOVE
THIS SHOW'**

SUNDAY EXPRESS

Buddy

THE
BUDDY
HOLLY
STORY

**DON'T MISS
'THE SHOW YOU'LL
NEVER FORGET'**

DAILY MAIL

**Forget feel good, Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story is
FEEL GREAT!**

This sensational multi award-winning West End and Broadway show first opened in 1989 and has been thrilling audiences around the world ever since. Now it triumphantly returns to Blackpool Grand as part of its 2023 UK Tour.

Experience the drama, passion and excitement as a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians tell Buddy Holly's story, from his Texas rockabilly beginnings to international stardom and his legendary final performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, before his tragic death at the age of just 22.

Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story features two terrific hours of the greatest songs ever written, including That'll Be The Day, Oh Boy, Rave On, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace, Johnny B. Goode, Raining In My Heart, Everyday, Shout and many many more, this show is just Peggy Sue-perb!

Date	Tickets
Tue 25 to Sat 29 Apr	From £18.50
	65+ £3 off
Time	18 to 26s £12.50
Evenings 7:30pm	1894 Club £3 off
Wed and Sat Matinees 2:30pm	Group discounts available
	Discounts unavailable on Band A seats.

Accessible Performance

Sat 29 Apr, 2:30pm



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Please be seated 15mins before the performance begins as there will be an introduction describing characters, costumes & locations.

[buddythemusical.com](https://www.buddythemusical.com) @buddythemusical

THE FIVE STAR COMEDY SENSATION

DIRECT FROM LONDON'S WEST END



Pride & Prejudice*

by Isobel McArthur after Jane Austen
(*sort of)

Direct from its triumph in the West End where it won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Comedy and the prestigious Evening Standard Theatre Award, *Pride & Prejudice* (*sort of) is a unique and audacious retelling of Jane Austen's most iconic love story.

Men, money and microphones will be fought over in this irreverent but affectionate adaptation where the stakes couldn't be higher when it comes to romance. This "smart, laugh out loud funny" (Daily Telegraph) show features a string of pop classics including Young Hearts Run Free, Will You Love Me Tomorrow and You're So Vain. It's the 1800s. It's party time. Let the ruthless matchmaking begin.

📅 Date

Tue 02 to Sat 06 May

🎫 Tickets

From £18.50
18 to 26s £15.50
1894 Club £3 off
Groups (8+) £15.50
Discounts unavailable on Band A seats.

🕒 Time

Evenings 7:30pm
Thu and Sat Matinees 2:30pm

Accessible Performance

♿ Sat 06 May, 2:30pm

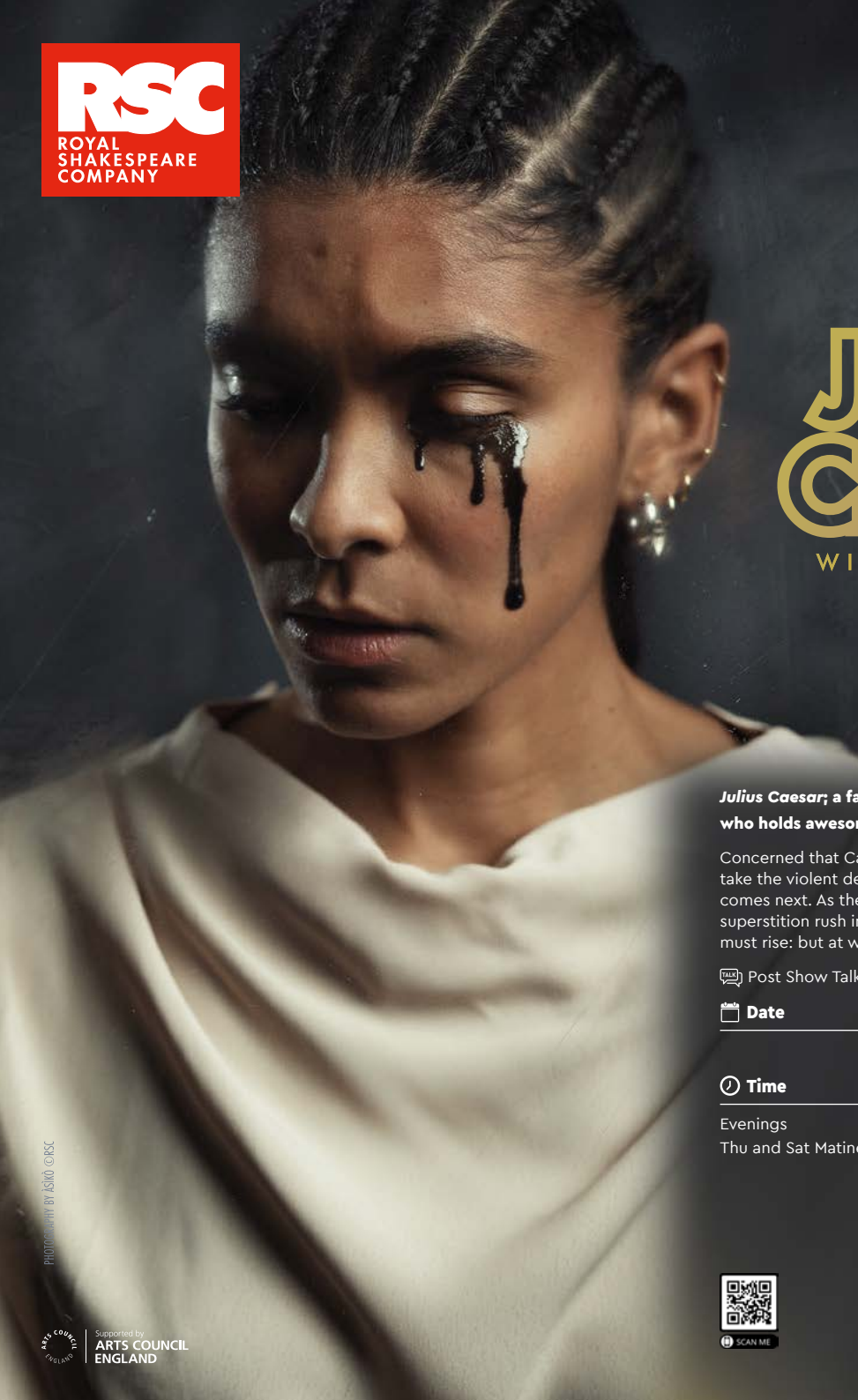


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📱 @pandpsortof

“Riotously funny...gloriously entertaining...frankly sensational”

Variety



JULIUS CAESAR

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Julius Caesar; a fast-paced political thriller about a divisive leader who holds awesome power.

Concerned that Caesar poses a threat to democracy, revolutionaries take the violent decision to murder him. They have no plan for what comes next. As the world spins out of control; chaos, horror and superstition rush in to fill the void. Civil war erupts and a new leader must rise: but at what cost?

Post Show Talk Fri 19 May

Date

Tue 16 to Sat 20 May

Time

Evenings 7:30pm
Thu and Sat Matinees 2pm

Tickets

From £15.50
18 to 26s £13.50

1894 Club and schools discounts available.
Discounts unavailable on Band A seats.

Accessible Performances

Thu 18 May, 7:30pm Fri 19 May, 7:30pm
 Sat 20 May, 2pm*

*Please be seated 15mins before the performance begins as there will be an introduction describing characters, costumes & locations.



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The Children's Theatre Partnership and Royal & Derngate, Northampton Present



'MUSICAL MASH-UP OF DICKENS AND BEATBOX IS THE PERFECT COMBO'



Unexpected Twist is the re-telling of the Charles Dickens classic, Oliver Twist, by one of the best-loved figures in the children's book world, Michael Rosen. Combining two stories in one; Rosen's story and the Dickens classic that inspired it. Two stories that twist together, unexpectedly!

Shona and her class are studying the book, Oliver Twist. She's the new girl in school and is finding it hard to stay out of trouble – much like Oliver himself! When she's given a new phone by a stranger, she begins to suspect there's something unusual about the new boys she's met.

This thrilling production is brought to vivid life by The Children's Theatre Partnership, whose shows have included Animal Farm, Holes and The Jungle Book. Directed by James Dacre, Rosen's novel is adapted for the stage by BAFTA award-winning playwright Roy Williams with original music by rising R&B star Yaya Bey and BAC Beatbox Academy's Conrad Murray.

MICHAEL ROSEN'S UNEXPECTED TWIST

AN OLIVER TWISTED TALE

BY ROY WILLIAMS

MUSIC BY YAYA BEY CONRAD MURRAY
DIRECTED BY JAMES DACRE
DESIGNED BY FRANKIE BRADSHAW



Date

Tue 23 to Sat 27 May

Time

Tue 7pm
Wed and Thu 10:30am
Fri 7pm
Sat 2:30pm and 7pm

Tickets

From £15.50
Under 26s £15.50
Schools £15.50
Groups (8+) £15.50

Discounts unavailable on Band A seats.

Accessible Performance

 Sat 27 May, 2:30pm



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AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP is the world's longest-running play. This thrilling West End production is THE genre-defining murder mystery from the best-selling novelist of all time... case closed!

As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. When a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover – to their horror – that a killer is in their midst! Which one is the murderer? Who will be their next victim? Can you solve this world-famous mystery for yourself?

Now celebrating 70 years, AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP has kept millions of people from every corner of the globe on the edge of their seats. COULD YOU BE NEXT?

Casting announcement coming soon!

Starring Todd Carty (Grange Hill, EastEnders, The Bill).

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AGATHA CHRISTIE'S

The Mousetrap

70TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR



Date	Mon 19 to Sat 24 Jun	Tickets	From £24
Time	Mon 8pm Tue to Sat Evenings 7:30pm Thu and Sat Matinees 2pm		£13.50 £3 off £5 off
			Friends (Mon only) 1894 Club and Group discounts available. <small>Discounts unavailable on Band A seats.</small>

Accessible Performance

Sat 24 Jun, 2pm



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Please be seated 15mins before the performance begins as there will be an introduction describing characters, costumes & locations.

uk.the-mousetrap.co.uk @MousetrapLondon

HAVE YOU DUNNIT?

A NORTHERN BROADSIDES AND NEW VIC THEATRE CO-PRODUCTION



MAIL ON SUNDAY

THE REGENCY COMEDY BY J.M. BARRIE



From the writer of Peter Pan, this delicious regency rom-com was such a sensation in its day that it gave its name to the UK's most loved chocolates.

Starring Paula Lane (Coronation Street, Kinky Boots) as Phoebe Throssel.

Phoebe Throssel runs a school for unruly children on Quality Street.

Ten years since a tearful goodbye, an old flame returns from fighting Napoleon. But the look of disappointment on Captain Valentine's face when he greets an older, less glamorous Phoebe, spurs our determined heroine to action.

She becomes the wild and sparkling Miss Livvy, a younger alter-ego who soon beguiles the clueless Captain. As their romance is rekindled, can she juggle both personas? Or will the deception scandalise the town and wreck any future with the man she loves?

Northern Broadsides revive their hit regency comedy, stirring in a good helping of Yorkshire wit from the retired workers of the Halifax factory where Quality Street have been proudly made since 1936. Think Bridgerton meets Inside the Factory.

Date

Tue 27 Jun to Sat 01 Jul

Time


Evenings 7:30pm
Wed and Sat Matinees 2:30pm

Tickets

From £15.50
Schools (Tue to Fri) £15.50
Discounts unavailable on Band A seats.

QUALITY STREET


Accessible Performance

 Sat 01 July, 2:30pm



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Please be seated 15mins before the performance begins as there will be an introduction describing characters, costumes & locations.

 @NBroadsides

John Stalker for BIRDS&BEES Limited presents a New Welsley Theatre Ipswich, Norwich Theatre and Theatre Royal Bury St Edmunds co-production of



“A razor sharp and steamy new comedy”

Whatsonstage

“A laugh out loud comedy”

Ipswich 24

“Sweet as honey”

The Times



The Birds and the Bees

By Mark Crawford
with additional material by James McDermott
Directed by Peter Rowe

Starring

Helen Lederer

Michael Starke

This hilarious comedy romp has a heart as big as the laughs it brings. Starring comic genius, writer and actress Helen Lederer (Absolutely Fabulous, Bottom and French & Saunders) and Michael Starke, known and loved from his role as Sinbad in Brookside to TV's The Royal and Benidorm and countless major leads on stage including Hairspray and Waitress.

On Gail's East Anglian farm, the honeybees are dropping like flies – just like her love life. She hasn't slept with anyone since her husband bolted years ago. Her daughter's marriage is going bust just like her turkey farm. Neighbour Earl is fighting a losing battle with his sugar beet yield and his 'no strings' relationships. Can bio-student Ben perk up the pollinators and give the turkeys a helping hand? Perhaps all they need is some local mead and the annual Turkey Day's Dance to help them discover that the best way out of a crisis is to commit to those closest to you. Just don't get stung!

Book now for The Birds and the Bees – it's the bee's knees!

Advisories: The show contains strong language, adult themes and partial nudity.



Date

Tue 18 to Sat 22 Jul

Tickets

From

£18.50

Time

Evenings

7:30pm

Thu & Sat Matinees

2:30pm



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BLACKPOOL & FYLDE LIGHT OPERA COMPANY presents

The WIZARD of OZ

BY L. FRANK BAUM



Blackpool & Fylde Light Opera Company Presents

The Wizard of Oz

This faithful adaptation by the Royal Shakespeare Company features all the most beloved songs and moments from the 1939 classic film brought to life onstage.

Young Dorothy Gale is swept away by a tornado from her Kansas farm to the magical land of Oz. There she encounters a host of whimsical characters; good witches, bad witches, animals that talk, scarecrows that walk and all things magical to behold. To find her way home, she must journey along the Yellow Brick Road to see the mysterious and all powerful Wizard in Emerald City. Along the way, she makes new friends but must also brave many dangers, including the Wicked Witch of the West, who will stop at nothing to get her hands on Dorothy's magical, ruby slippers.

Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Date	Tickets
Wed 31 May to Sat 03 Jun	From £18.50
	Under 18s £15.50
	Family Ticket (of 4) £64 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code WIZARD4)
	Groups (10+) £5 off (Top price band tickets only) (Wed to Fri)
Time	
Wed to Sat Evenings 7:30pm	
Fri and Sat Matinees 2pm	
@bfbfc	

This amateur production of THE WIZARD OF OZ is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. concordtheatricals.co.uk



ENSEMBLE Theatre Presents

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Following their major hit shows... The Addams Family, The Sound of Music and Oliver! critically acclaimed Blackpool-based ENSEMBLE Theatre return to the Grand with an all-new production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Can the Potts family escape the evil Childcatcher? Will Truly Scrumptious run away from the magical sweet factory? One thing is certain, only CHITTY, the fantabulous flying car, can save the day!

Based on the MGM motion picture and Ian Fleming's (yes, James Bond!) novel and with the all-time classic songs by the Sherman Brothers (Jungle Book, Mary Poppins)... hold on tight for the ride of your life.

"A SKY HIGH HIT!"

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV Publishing

Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture.

Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick.

Date	Tickets
Thu 31 Aug to Sun 3 Sep	From £19.50
	Family Ticket (of 4) £100 (Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code CHITTY4 (Bands A-C only))
Time	
Thu to Sat Evenings 7:30pm	
Sat Matinee 2:30pm	
Sun Matinees 1pm and 5pm	
@ensemblebpl	

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTL. mtishows.co.uk



Access for Everyone

Blackpool Grand Access Register

We want to make visiting Blackpool Grand as easy and comfortable as we can for our customers with access needs. Joining Blackpool Grand's Access Register will help us as a theatre and our staff deliver the best possible experience for you.

To join, complete (on our website) the Access Register Form and supply the required supporting documents.

AD **Buddy The Musical**
Sat 29 Apr | 2:30pm

AD **Pride & Prejudice* ('sort of)**
Sat 06 May | 2:30pm

CAP **Julius Caesar**
Thu 18 May | 7:30pm

AD **Julius Caesar**
Fri 19 May 03 | 7:30pm

AD **Julius Caesar**
Sat 20 May | 2pm
(Touch Tour 12-12:30pm)

Audio Described Performances

A live verbal commentary providing information on the visual elements of a production. Describing action essential to the understanding of the story, its style and design, sets, costumes, facial expressions and visual jokes. Many shows also run touch tours before the performance to allow audiences to explore the set. Please be seated 15mins before the performance begins as there will be an introduction describing characters, costumes & locations.

Captioned Performances

Words are displayed on a screen(s), placed near the stage or in the set and can be seen at the same time as they are spoken or sung. Also includes language translation (e.g. Opera).

BSL Interpreted

An interpreter will stand in a visible position and interpret the spoken and heard elements of a performance.

Relaxed 'Chilled' Performances

These are adapted in several ways to reduce anxiety and create a supportive atmosphere, including adjusting light and sound levels, providing 'chill-out' areas and demonstrating an embracing attitude towards audience noise and movement in the auditorium. Relaxed performances could provide an opportunity for people with autism spectrum conditions, learning disabilities or other sensory and communication needs to access theatre in a relaxed environment. It's also a great 'first trip' experience for children.

Benefits of joining

- Direct online booking*
- Free Headset (Advanced audio listening)
- Faster bookings process
- Free Personal Assistant Tickets**
- Free drinks to seat service***

* Including companions and wheelchair spaces.

** Subject to application approval.

*** Advise on arrival.

AD **Unexpected Twist**
Sat 27 May | 2:30pm

AD **The Mousetrap**
Sat 24 Jun | 2pm

AD **Quality Street**
Sat 01 Jul | 2:30pm

AD **Aladdin**
Sat 09 and Sat 16 Dec | 2pm
Thu 28 Dec | 1pm

RP **Aladdin**
Thu 28 Dec | 5pm

Theatre Tours & Talks



Theatre Tours

See the secrets of the great stage and take in Blackpool's hidden gem, learn about flamboyant architect Frank Matcham and explore the warren of staircases that lead to the stars, dressing rooms and beyond.



Dates

40min tour £15
100min tour £20

- 19 Apr 10:30am (40min tour)
- 19 Apr 11:30am (40min tour)
- 26 May 10:30am (100min tour)

A full list of **Theatre Tours** and **Theatre Talks** are available on our website, visit blackpoolgrand.co.uk or call **01253 290 190**.

Photographic Sessions with Sean Conboy

Love photography or want to take up a new skill?

Keep your eyes peeled for brand-new photographic session dates, for a chance to learn skills from internationally renowned photographer Sean Conboy for a unique Photographic Session of The Grand Theatre, Blackpool.

Whether you want to learn the basics, dream of building on your existing photography skills, or a budding professional – all levels welcome.

Basic

10 Jul and 12 Sep 10am

Advanced

06 Nov 10am



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For more information visit blackpoolgrand.co.uk or call **01253 290 190**.

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AT THE GRAND



LISA RICHARDS PRESENTS

FRANKIE BOYLE: LAP OF SHAME

Frankie Boyle's on tour. Buy a ticket, because by the time he arrives, the currency will be worthless and you and your neighbours part of a struggling militia, that could probably use a few laughs.

Time 7pm | Tickets £28.50

LAST FEW SEATS



16+

TUE 09 MAY

OFF THE KERB PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

DARA Ó BRIAIN: SO, WHERE WERE WE?

In his new show 'So, Where Were We?' Dara will hardly mention the last few years, because, Jesus, who wants to hear about that? Instead, Dara will fire out the usual mix of stories, one-liners, audience messing and tripping over his words by talking too quickly because he's so giddy to be back in front of a crowd.

Time 8pm | Tickets £26.50

14+

WED 10 MAY



CERI DUPREE: BACK TO THE RHINESTONE

Ceri Dupree is undoubtedly the finest female impersonator treading the boards today. A brilliant drag act that changes so quickly into more than 15 outrageous outfits - it is extraordinary!

Time 7:30pm | Tickets £23.50

14+

SUN 21 MAY



PURE JAW-DROPPING DANCE

K2Co Presents Rosie Kay's

5 Soldiers

In 2008, choreographer Rosie Kay joined The 4th Battalion The Rifles, to watch and participate in full battle exercises, and visited the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre for our Armed Forces.

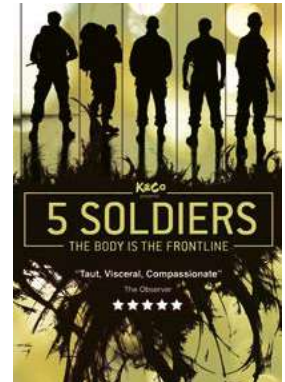
What came of these observations is this award-winning, five-star work.

Deeply realistic, stark and thrilling, 5 SOLDIERS offers no moral stance on war but instead questions what it is that we ask of our soldiers and explores how the human body remains essential to war, even in the 21st Century, with Kay's trademark intense physical and athletic dance theatre

Advisories: The show contains some scenes of violence.

12+

k2co.com



Date & Time

Fri 12 May 7:30pm

Tickets

From £15.50

1894 Club, Friends of the Grand and Group discounts available.

Breakin' Convention Presents

Breakin' Convention

Breakin' Convention, the world's ground-breaking festival of hip hop dance theatre, is back in 2023!

Touring with an all-new international line-up including, South Korea's breakin' crew MOVER, Netherland's influential forces of funk Ghetto Funk Collective, and Dutch international hip hop pole champion Yvonne Smink. Hosted and curated by UK hip hop theatre legend and Breakin' Convention Artistic Director Jonzi D, the festival also features DJs, graffiti artists and freestyle sessions taking place all over the building.

Run out of Sadler's Wells in London, this has been leading the hip hop theatre revolution since 2004.

Advisories: May contain smoke/strobe lighting effects.



Date & Time

Sat 10 Jun 7pm

Tickets

From £12.50

65+ £2 off

Under 26s £10.50*

Family Ticket (of 4) £40

(Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code BREAKIN4)

Groups (10+) £10.50*

*Conditions Apply

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Guidance: Shows can contain adult themes.



MAKE IT AN OCCASION

Why not add a special something on your next visit?



Beautiful Flower Bouquet

Add a bouquet of flowers to your visit, delivered direct to your seat. Our talented florist carefully creates white radiance hand-tied bouquets using seasonal stems in shades of white. Beautiful and modern.

£55 or £75



Flower Bouquet and Truffles

Why not add something extra like a stunning bouquet of flowers with a box of chocolate Truffles, both delivered direct to your seat. Perfect to enjoy during the show or at the interval.

£65 or £85



Bottle of Prosecco

Enjoy a bottle of Prosecco on your visit, waiting chilled for you at the bar. 75cl bottle.

£19.50 (Online price) **£24.50** (at the bar)

Subject to availability.
(For consumption in the bar only)



Afternoon Tea

Selected performances offer Afternoon Tea prior to the show, Prosecco upgrade available.

Call Box Office for availability

Subject to availability.
(For consumption in the Dress Circle bar only)

CALL THE BOX OFFICE 01253 290 190

Please note: 20 steps to our Dress Circle bar (no level access)

Know your limits: UK Chief Medical Officers recommend adults do not regularly drink more than 14 units a week. Drink responsibly drinkaware.co.uk. Glass bottle widely recycled. Bottles cannot be taken into the auditorium, consumption in the bar areas only. Images for display purposes only. *Outside supplier prices subject to change at any time.

THE STUDIO



Bill Elms Productions and Frame This Presents

Twice Nightly

A brand-new musical comedy, featuring original songs and celebrating theatre's golden years. This homemade comedy will leave you wanting second helpings! Written by and starring Maria Lovelady and Michael Alan-Bailey, also featuring Roy Carruthers as The Great Wally and the voice of Joe Pasquale as The Beak.

It's 1931 and variety is the spice of life. Liverpool's theatres are sizzling with the hottest star turns of the day and there's something for every taste! Don and Madge, a song and dance double act, are living the sweet life... until things turn sour. A night they can't remember finds them in hot water and if they want to be back on stage for their second show, they must act fast! Tales of a bolshy parrot, a Strong Man and The Great Wally all add to the flavour, but the imposing pandemic of cinema makes the duo stew over what life in the theatre means to them.

★★★★★ "The biggest crime would have been not to bring it back for another showing." Good News Liverpool

Date	Tickets
Sat 27 May	Tickets £21.80
	65+ £2 off
	Under 18s £2 off
Time	
	2:30pm and 7:30pm

TICKETS BY TEXT

We're now sending your tickets by TEXT message 3-days prior to the performance.

It's a convenient way to access your tickets without having to dig around in your email inbox – just click on the link and show it to a team member on entry!





Northern Ballet Presents

Ugly Duckling



Retelling the famous Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, Ugly Duckling is the perfect opportunity for your little ones to enjoy live ballet, music and theatre for the first time. Ugly tries to make friends with others but realises she is not like any other animal, and is left sad and alone. Follow Ugly on her journey as she overcomes her troubles and learns to love herself and those around her.

Date & Time Fri 21 Apr (2pm and 4pm)

Tickets from £10



Mark Thompson Productions Presents

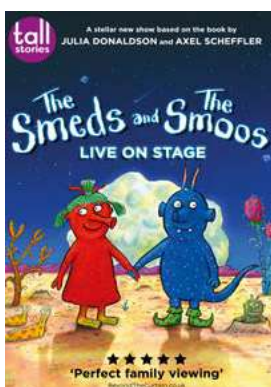
Ministry of Science LIVE

This year saw Science lead the way in getting our lives back to normal. Now, the UK's favourite science team Ministry of Science is back and more explosive than ever in 2023!

Expect 20ft LIQUID NITROGEN clouds, exploding OXYGEN & HYDROGEN balloons, FIRE TORNADOES, HYDROGEN bottle rockets, ignited METHANE and even a self-built Hovercraft!

Date & Time Sun 18 Jun (1:30pm)

Tickets from £18



Tall Stories Presents

The Smeds & The Smoos



Soar into space with this exciting adaptation of the award-winning book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

On a far-off planet, Smeds and Smoos can't be friends. So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love and zoom off into space together, how will their families get them back? Music, laughs and interplanetary adventures for everyone aged 3 and up.

Date & Time Tue 11 (4:30pm),

Tickets £16.50

Wed 12 (1pm and 4:30pm), Thu 13 Jul (10:30am and 1pm)

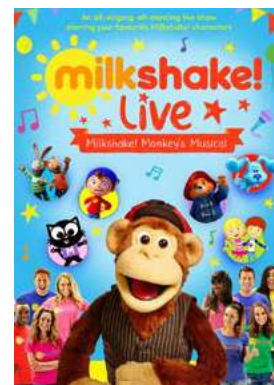
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Mark Thompson Productions Presents

Milkshake! Live - Milkshake! Monkey's Musical



Milkshake! Monkey is back and can't wait to put on a spectacular NEW show for you all, Milkshake! Live brings to you some of his favourite Milkshake! friends plus two Milkshake! presenters creating the most dazzling show you have ever seen!



Date & Time Sat 05 Aug (12noon and 3:30pm)

Tickets £20

BLACKPOOL'S BIG SUMMER HIT!



Disney

Winnie The Pooh



Date & Time

Mon 14 to Wed 16 Aug

Mon	5pm
Tue	1pm and 4pm
Wed	11am and 2pm

Tickets

From	£13.50
Family ticket (of 4)	£80
<small>(Select 4 adult tickets and enter promo code WINNIE4 (Bands A-B only))</small>	
Groups (10+)	£15.50
1894 Club	£3 off
<small>1894 Club offer available on bands A-B only.</small>	

Disney's iconic Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Robin and their best friends Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo, Rabbit, and Owl (oh... and don't forget Tigger too!) have come to life in a beautifully crafted musical stage adaptation.

Disney's Winnie The Pooh is created by renowned family entertainment creator Jonathan Rockefeller, and made by Rockefeller Productions alongside Disney Theatrical Productions.

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Entertainers Presents

Islands In The Stream

We've got tonight, who needs tomorrow. Join us for Islands In The Stream a very special evening, celebrating country superstar royalty.

Leave your 9 to 5 worries at the door and get ready as for one night only, we celebrate the Queen and King of country music – Dolly Parton and the late, great Kenny Rogers.

So, sail away with us and book your tickets now!

 **Date & Time** Sat 01 Apr (7:30pm)

 **Tickets** £30




MSO Productions Presents

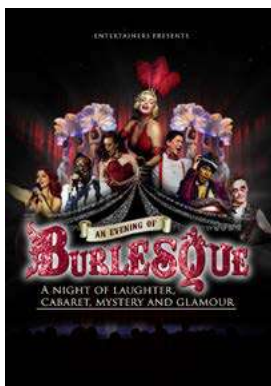
Absolute Reggae

The music that has filled the airwaves since the 1970s is brought to life on stage with the Absolute Reggae show. This high energy show with a 10-piece band, includes a 3-piece horn section and 4 vocalists.

The Absolute Reggae show will have you singing along to great Reggae songs from Bob Marley, Aswad, John Holt, Pato Banton and UB40 to name a few.

 **Date & Time** Thu 20 Apr (7:30pm)

 **Tickets** £27



Entertainers Presents

An Evening of Burlesque

A night of laughter, cabaret, mystery, and glamour!

With world-class entertainers and stars of the stage and screen – prepare for an extravaganza of glitz and glamour! Expect fun, feathers and fabulous costumes as we pick from the finest selection of speciality artistes, cabaret and circus stars, comedians and champagne showgirls! It's the perfect night for everyone.

 **Date & Time** Sat 22 Apr (7:30pm)

 **Tickets** £30

Sun Records The Concert

Revisit the blessed recording studio and the legendary record label that brought you Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Rufus Thomas and scores more rockin' pioneers, as they once again come to life live on stage.

Featuring musical instruments of the era, starring a multi-talented cast of singers and a supporting cast of amazing musicians.

 **Date & Time** Sun 23 Apr (7:30pm)

 **Tickets** £28.50




Entertainers Presents

Big Girls Don't Cry

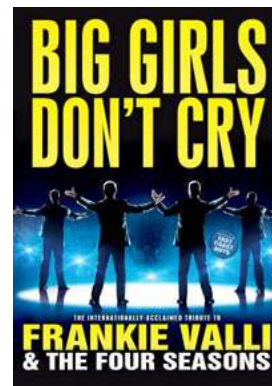
Come out tonight as we take you to a place where the moon shines bright and we dance the night away, taking you back in time with Big Girls Don't Cry.

It's time to hang on to what we got and celebrate the iconic sounds of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.

Oh what a night it will be! It's the time, it's the place, it's the motion.

 **Date & Time** Sun 30 Apr (7:30pm)

 **Tickets** £30



MSO Productions Presents

The Legends of American Country Show

The Legends of American Country features 4 fantastic singers who are all accompanied by a superb live band of musicians with that authentic Tennessee sound coupled with authentic stage set and state-of-the-art production that will transport you all the way hand clapping and toe tapping to Nashville and back in one night.

 **Date & Time** Sun 07 May (7:30pm)

 **Tickets** from £18.50





Maple Tree Entrainment Ltd Presents
The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Direct from a week-long run in London's West End, a SOLD-OUT Worldwide tour and standing ovations at every performance, The Simon & Garfunkel Story continues to stun audiences across the globe! Using huge projection photos, original film footage and full live-band performing such hits as Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Homeward Bound and more.

"Authentic and exciting." The Stage

Date & Time Thu 11 May (7:30pm)

Tickets £29.50



Entertainers Presents
**Lost in Music
- One Night at the Disco**

Join us as we recreate the magical 70s and let us take you on a musical journey straight to the heart of disco! Relive some of the greatest songs of all time from artists such as Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge and Chic.

It's the feel-good show of the year! Lose yourself with us and leave your troubles at home.

Date & Time Sat 13 May (7:30pm)

Tickets £29



Prestige Productions Ltd Present
**Seven Drunken Nights
- The Story of The Dubliners**

Direct from the West End, in partnership with Tourism Ireland and in association with legendary Irish pub O'Donoghue's, Seven Drunken Nights tells the story of a career spanning 50 years. This hugely talented cast of musicians and singers brings the music of this iconic group back to life and will have you singing and dancing in the aisles.

Date & Time Sun 04 Jun (7:30pm)

Tickets from £25

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MRC Presents
Psychic Sally

The nation's favourite psychic is back on tour! Sally has been wowing theatre audiences young and old around the world for over 12 years.

With Sally's love, laughter and warmth, this show is a unique evening not to be missed. Book your tickets now to see this phenomenal psychic in action.

The show is investigational and for the purpose of entertainment.

Date & Time Thu 08 Jun (7:30pm)

Tickets £28



Lipstick On Your Collar Ltd Presents
Lipstick On Your Collar

Get your dancing shoes at the ready, grab yourself a milkshake and relax – you are in for an evening of back to back hits from the 1950s and 60s!

The show is packed with over forty hits from the likes of Connie Francis, Brenda Lee, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, The Ronettes, Cliff Richard, Cilla Black and many more. Performed by a full live band, featuring some of the country's top musicians.

Date & Time Sun 11 Jun (7:30pm)

Tickets £27.50



Ben Portsmouth Presents
This Is Elvis

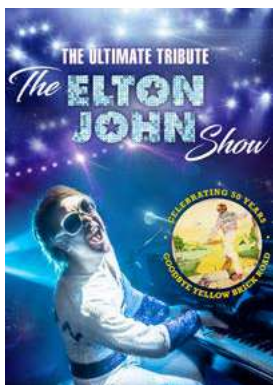
Celebrating the life of an iconic showman and telling the story of The King through the show. Ben Portsmouth and his 9-piece band will take you on a trip down memory lane, leaving you speechless with a barnstorming set of many of Elvis's most loved songs from all eras.

Ben, is a singer, songwriter, musician, actor and most notably an internationally renowned Elvis Tribute Artist.

Date & Time Sun 25 Jun (7:30pm)

Tickets £34.50





Soul Street Productions Presents

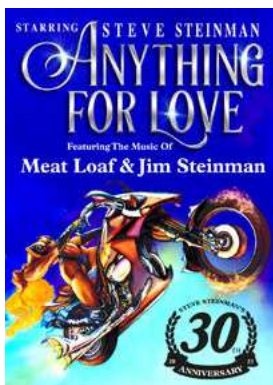
The Elton John Show

The UK's newest and most exciting Elton John tribute show to hit the stage. With over 300 million records sold, Sir Elton John is the most successful singer-songwriter of his generation.

A flamboyant mega-star, with a never ending back catalogue of incredible songs! From Rocket Man to Tiny Dancer, this show brings "Young Elton" back to the stage at his energetic best.

Date & Time Sun 02 Jul (7:30pm)

Tickets £26.50



Steve Steinman Productions Presents

Steve Steinman's Anything For Love - The Meat Loaf Story

Following his 2022 sell-out tour, the highly acclaimed and No.1 recording artist, Steve Steinman, brings you his brand-new production featuring over 25 of Meat Loaf and Jim Steinman's greatest hits. For over 30 years, Steve has toured the world with his musical tribute to Jim Steinman and Meat Loaf.

Date & Time Fri 07 Jul (7:30pm)

Tickets £36



GS Concert Promotions Ltd Presents

The Lancashire Hotpots - The Good Times Tour

Bernard and the boys are here to give you a fun-filled evening packed with silly songs and the humour that's made the Hotpots famous throughout the land. Expect to be singing all your Hotpot favourites: I Fear Ikea, Egg, Sausage, Chips & Beans and of course Chippy Tea.

An unbeatable night of music and laughs. The 'Good Times' are back!

Date & Time Sat 08 Jul (7:30pm)

Tickets £21.50

Daniel Taylor Productions Ltd Presents

The Very Best of Tommy Cooper

The Very Best of Tommy Cooper includes many of Cooper's beloved one-liners, dazzling wordplay and celebrated tricks, including Glass/Bottle, Dappy Duck, Spot the Dog and Jar/Spoon.

Produced and performed by Daniel Taylor.

The Production has the blessing of the Tommy Cooper Estate.

Date & Time Sun 23 Jul (7:30pm)

Tickets £23.50



One Entertainment Presents

Rock For Heroes

Rock For Heroes transports you back to the memories of hearing these iconic bands for the first time, celebrating the legendary members of The Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame!

Brought to you by a 7-piece live band this show is full of incredible singers and musicians who will have you laughing out loud whilst rocking out in the aisles.



Date & Time Mon 31 Jul and Wed 02 Aug (7:30pm) **Tickets** from £19

One Entertainment Presents

The Time Of Our Lives

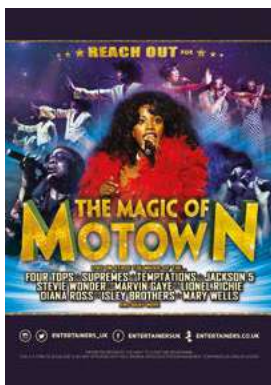
The Time Of Our Lives presents the movies of the 80s, a never-ending whirlwind of classic movies and timeless soundtracks! And to add to this, all done in the way only Rock for Heroes can do it.

From Dirty Dancing to Top Gun, Ghostbusters to The Breakfast Club, all the hits are here from your favourite 80s blockbuster movies.



Date & Time Tue 01 and Thu 03 Aug (7:30pm)

Tickets from £19



Entertainers Presents

The Magic of Motown

Celebrate the sound of a generation with one very special night of The Magic of Motown!

Seen by over a million people, now in its 18th year.

You will be 'going loco down in Acapulco' as we take you back down memory lane in this breath-taking live concert spectacular.

Date & Time Fri 04 Aug (7:30pm)

Tickets £35



Entertainers Present

The Magic of The Bee Gees - Greatest Hits Concert Show

It's time to put on your dancing shoes, for the night out of the year you have been waiting for, as we celebrate the songs of music royalty, The Bee Gees. This fabulously authentic production ensures the Gibb Brothers' incredible legacy of classic hit songs is well and truly stayin' alive!

This is a tribute show and is no way affiliated with any original artists/estates/management companies or similar shows.

Date & Time Fri 11 Aug (7:30pm)

Tickets £32



One Night in Dublin Ltd Presents

One Night In Dublin

One Night in Dublin returns to Blackpool guaranteeing one glorious night of high-energy Irish music and more than a little bit of Irish Craic.

The multi award-winning Irish band The Wild Murphys features the very best traditional Irish musicians playing a mix of traditional and contemporary tunes.

Date & Time Thu 27 Jul, Thu 10 Aug and Thu 17 Aug (7:30pm)

Tickets £26

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John Wilson Productions Presents

The Upbeat Beatles

The Upbeat Beatles are second to none – powerhouse vocals, precision harmonies and tight musicianship.

The show takes you through the Fab Four's long and winding road from the early Cavern days through Beatlemania, America, Sergeant Pepper to Abbey Road, with narrative and full multi-media presentation.



Date & Time Fri 18 Aug (7:30pm)

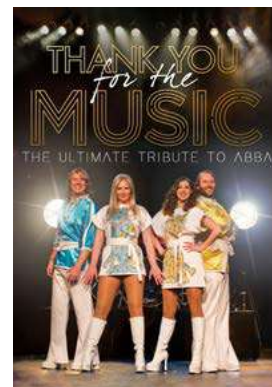
Tickets £30

Entertainers Presents

Thank You For The Music

The Ultimate Tribute to ABBA! Calling all Dancing Queens, this is your night to say, Thank you for the Music!

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all of ABBA's number-one hits to the stage in a production like no other. The hugely popular show, now in its 20th year, with a brand-new show for 2023, combines unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes, and dazzling performances by our all-star cast.



Date & Time Sat 19 Aug (7:30pm)

Tickets £32

Sweeney Entertainments Present

Pop Princesses

A children's pop concert with a big difference! A musical spectacular starring four fabulous Fairytale Princesses who just love to sing! It's the perfect mix.

Featuring a soundtrack of top pop hits from artists such as Little Mix, Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor and Miley Cyrus, plus songs from all your favourite films and musicals. Come and join the fun!



Date & Time Mon 24 Jul and Sun 20 Aug (6pm)

Tickets from £19.50

STEP INTO THE LIGHT

WHERE MUSICAL THEATRE MEETS CIRCUS

Entertainers Present

CIRQUE

THE GREATEST SHOW

Musical theatre meets jaw-dropping circus spectacular as showstoppers from everyone's favourite West End hits combine with breath-taking, amazing aerialists, incredible contortionists, and thrilling feats of agility and flair... A monochrome life bursts into kaleidoscopic colour in this smash-hit circus musical that's 'fun for all the family!' West End stars combine with the incredible circus performers.



Date

Sat 29 to Sun 30 Jul
Sat 12 to Sun 13 Aug



Tickets

From £32
Family ticket (of 4) £116
(Select 2 adult tickets and 2 under 12 tickets.
(Excludes Bands A and B))



Time

Sat 3pm and 7pm
Sun 1pm and 5pm



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MORE STORIES FOR MORE PEOPLE

Proudly Making a Difference in Blackpool and Beyond.

Blackpool's Grand Theatre is a local and national resource. We're committed to finding new ways to support our community through the work of our Creative Engagement team. By exploring the diverse stories on our stage, we proudly help build creative confidence, enhance life skills, strengthen well-being and support children, young people and families to deal with life's ups and downs.

Our unique, internationally recognised Story-Led Resilience™ programme helps deliver transformational change throughout the UK. We've welcomed over 2,000 participants since 2019 and trained over 75 facilitators in schools, theatres, and social justice settings, contributing to the success of Blackpool's Resilience Revolution.

Through projects including our Junior Artists, Story Squad, Tales Retold and Illuminate – a young people's project creating visually stunning light installations with the world-famous Blackpool Illuminations – we're currently working with 18 local schools, 2 colleges, 1 university, 3 youth groups and social services to deliver fantastic, free to access, story-based workshops and collaborative learning experiences for over 1,000 local children.

The impact of our work extends well beyond Blackpool: through long term relationships with the Royal Shakespeare Company, National Literacy Trust, Children's Touring Partnership, Royal Opera House, the benefits of our Story-Led Resilience™ practice and evaluation methods are being felt nationwide.



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Take a look at our past work with many organisations and partners.



WHAT'S ON

APRIL

Islands In The Stream	Sat 01 Apr
Shrek The Musical	Wed 05 to Sat 08 Apr
Rock Icons	Mon 10 Apr
Tin Man	Tue 11 Apr
Menopause the Musical 2	Wed 12 Apr
Dreamboys	Thu 13 Apr
ELO Again	Fri 14 Apr
Fireman Sam	Sat 15 Apr
National Theatre Connections	Tue 18 Apr
Absolute Reggae	Thu 20 Apr
Ugly Duckling	Fri 21 Apr
An Evening of Burlesque	Sat 22 Apr
Sun Records The Concert	Sun 23 Apr
Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story	Tue 25 to Sat 29 Apr
Big Girls Don't Cry	Sun 30 Apr

MAY

Pride & Prejudice* (*sort of)	Tue 02 to Sat 06 May
The Legends of American Country Show	Sun 07 May
Frankie Boyle	Tue 09 May
Dara Ó Briain	Wed 10 May
Simon & Garfunkel Story	Thu 11 May
5 Soldiers	Fri 12 May
Lost in Music	Sat 13 May
RSC Julius Caesar	Tue 16 to Sat 20 May
Ceri Dupree	Sun 21 May
Unexpected Twist	Tue 23 to Sat 27 May
Twice Nightly (Studio)	Sat 27 May

JUNE

The Wizard of Oz	Wed 31 May to Sat 03 Jun
Seven Drunken Nights	Sun 04 Jun
Psychic Sally	Thu 08 Jun
Breakin Convention	Sat 10 Jun
Lipstick on Your Collar	Sun 11 Jun
Ministry of Science	Sun 18 Jun
The Mousetrap	Mon 19 to Sat 24 Jun
This is Elvis	Sun 25 Jun
Quality Street	Tue 27 Jun Sat 01 Jul

JULY

The Elton John Show	Sun 02 Jul
Steve Steinman's Anything For Love	Fri 07 Jul
Lancashire Hotpots	Sat 08 Jul
The Smeds and The Smoos	Tue 11 to Thu 13 Jul

The Birds and the Bees	Tue 18 to Sat 22 Jul
The Very Best of Tommy Cooper	Sun 23 Jul
Pop Princesses	Mon 24 Jul
One Night in Dublin	Thu 27 Jul
Cirque The Greatest Show	Sat 29 and Sun 30 Jul
Rock For Heroes	Mon 31 Jul and Wed 02 Aug

AUGUST

Time Of Our Lives	Tue 01 and Thu 03 Aug
Magic of Motown	Fri 04 Aug
Milkshake! Live	Sat 05 Aug
One Night in Dublin	Thu 10 Aug
Magic of The Bee Gees	Fri 11 Aug
Cirque The Greatest Show	Sat 12 and Sun 13 Aug
Disney's Winnie The Pooh	Mon 14 to Wed 16 Aug
One Night in Dublin	Thu 17 Aug
The Upbeat Beatles	Fri 18 Aug
Thank You For The Music	Sat 19 Aug
Pop Princesses	Sun 20 Aug
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang	Thu 31 Aug to Sun 03 Sep

SEPTEMBER

Some Guys Have All The Luck	Sun 10 Sep
Do You Believe in Ghosts?	Thu 14 Sep
Tom Allen: Completely	Fri 15 Sep
80s Live!	Sun 17 Sep
Forbidden Nights	Sun 24 Sep

OCTOBER

The Story of Guitar Heroes	Mon 09 Oct
Emerald Storm	Tue 10 Oct
The Greatest Love	Wed 11 Oct
Emma Kenny's Killer Cults	Sun 29 Oct

NOVEMBER ONWARDS

Maximum R'n'B with The Manfreds	Wed 08 Nov
Fairytale of New York	Fri 10 Nov
Think Floyd	Sat 11 Nov
The Bon Jovi Experience	Tue 14 Nov
The Sensational Sixties Experience	Fri 17 Nov
Aladdin Pantomime	Fri 01 Dec to Mon 01 Jan '24
Grand Christmas Concert	Mon 11 Dec
Bowie Experience	Thu 01 Feb '24
Back Into Hell	Fri 02 Feb '24
Believe - The Cher Songbook	Sat 03 Feb '24
Steve Steinman's Vampires Rock	Sat 10 Feb '24
Giovanni: Let Me Entertain You	Sun 07 Apr '24

New shows are added to our programme regularly please visit our website for a full list of shows.

Access Information, Advisories and Age Guidance are listed where possible.

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