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WELCOME TO ARTS ALIVE'S SPRING SEASON OF SHOWS

**JANUARY TO
MAY 2022**

It feels great to be creating a brochure of Live shows for your delight once again and we have a huge range of events for you as we look forward to Spring!

Music lovers are spoiled for choice – take a tour through the History of Music, follow the musical journey of Stephane Grappelli, chill out in the Golden Year of Jazz, feel the energy of the Roving Crows or enjoy your favourites in Songwriters, amongst others on offer.

For theatre fans we have great names such as Tom Stoppard, Philip Pullman and John Osborne of Radio 4 fame to choose from, plus a musical Marie Curie and comedy in the style of Enid Blyton. And the storytelling keeps coming – why not listen to the Suki Silvertongue re-tell our bedtime stories as riotous romps for grown-ups or laugh and cry along with a clever and compassionate murder mystery - The Alzheimer's Whodunnit.

But if that isn't enough, we have Frogs – boxes of 'em! Come along! We hope to see you at one of our events.

The Arts Alive Team.

For details of performances, venues and to purchase tickets go to our website at www.artsalive.co.uk

Sign up for our regular What's On email online to keep up to date with everything including our **Flicks in the Sticks** project.

All film screenings are listed online.

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STATEMENT ABOUT COVID PRECAUTIONS.

We are so delighted to have you back as audiences in our promoters' venues, but want to take the greatest of care of you, our promoters, volunteers, and the performers.

As of 10th December, the Government regulations state that masks must be worn in theatres and public indoor spaces. Unless you are exempt, please wear a mask at our events.

We advise our promoters to continue to take the additional, following precautions:



Provide sanitizers for your use.



Display QR codes for you to scan as part of the Government's continuing Track and Trace policies.



Unless you are exempt, please wear a mask at our events.



Ventilate all areas whenever possible.



Encourage you to keep a safe distance from each other, where practical.

Please do not attend our events if you have symptoms or test positive for Covid.

Date	Time	Show	Age	Venue
Jan 21	7.30pm	Box of Frogs Improv Comedy	16+	Goodrich Village Hall
Jan 27	7.00pm	Leopoldstadt (NT Live)	12A	SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle
Jan 27	7.00pm	Leopoldstadt (NT Live)	12A	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Jan 30	8.00pm	Bedtime Stories for Grown-Ups	18+	The Stiperstones Inn
Feb 4	7.00pm	Leopoldstadt (NT Live)	12A	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Feb 5	7.30pm	A Brief History of Music	8+	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Feb 11	7.30pm	1959: The Golden Year of Jazz	All	Conquest Theatre
Feb 12	3.00pm	The Element in the Room: A Radioactive Musical Comedy about the Death & Life of Marie Curie	7+	Wem Town Hall
Feb 12	7.30pm	A Brief History of Music	8+	Brilley Village Hall
Feb 12	7.30pm	1959: The Golden Year of Jazz	All	Cawley Hall, Eye
Feb 17	7.00pm	The Book of Dust - Belle Sauvage (NT Live)	12A	SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle
Feb 17	7.00pm	The Book of Dust - Belle Sauvage (NT Live)	12A	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Feb 18	8.00pm	Songwriters	18+	Wem Town Hall
Feb 19	8.00pm	Box of Frogs Improv Comedy	16+	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Feb 20	2.00pm	Romeo & Juliet (Royal Ballet)	12A	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Feb 26	7.30pm	Songwriters	18+	Conquest Theatre
Feb 27	4.00pm	A Supermarket Love Story	14+	Dodington Lodge, Whitchurch
Mar 4	7.30pm	1959: The Golden Year of Jazz	All	Linton Village Hall
Mar 4	7.30pm	Oysland Klezmer Band	All	SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle
Mar 4	7.30pm	A Brief History of Music	8+	Bitterley Village Hall
Mar 5	7.30pm	A Brief History of Music	8+	Harley Village Hall
Mar 5	7.30pm	Fret & Fiddle	6+	Chelmarsh Parish Hall
Mar 5	7.30pm	Oysland Klezmer Band	All	Habberley Village Hall
Mar 5	7.30pm	1959: The Golden Year of Jazz	All	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Mar 11	7.30pm	Forget Me Not	14+	Wem Town Hall
Mar 11	7.30pm	JABS – Behind the Scenes	15+	Talbot Theatre, Whitchurch
Mar 12	8.00pm	Bumper Blyton	13+	Chapel Lawn Village Hall
Mar 13	2.00pm	Rigoletto (ROH)	12A	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Mar 18	7.30pm	Ganga: Indian Tales of the River	14+	Clungunford Village Hall
Mar 18	7.30pm	Fret & Fiddle	6+	Silvester Horne Institute
Mar 19	7.30pm	Fret & Fiddle	6+	Eardisley Curzon Herrick Hall
Mar 19	7.30pm	Ganga: Indian Tales of the River	14+	All Stretton Village Hall
Mar 19	7.30pm	Roving Crows	All	The Venue, Ross on Wye
Mar 24	7.30pm	Songwriters	18+	Conquest Theatre
Apr 9	7.30pm	A Journey into French Music from Offenbach to Gainsbourg	All	Cawley Hall, Eye
Apr 13	6.45pm	La Traviata (ROH)	12A	Market Theatre, Ledbury
Apr 28	7.00pm	Henry V (NT Live)	12A	SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle
May 5	7.30pm	Cupid's Revenge	12+	SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle
May 7	7.30pm	Bumper Blyton	14+	Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall
May 13	7.30pm	The Victorians: Songs, Stories & More	5+	Harley Village Hall
May 21	7.30pm	A Brief History of Music	8+	Alveley Parish Memorial Hall
May 22	2.00pm	Swan Lake (Royal Ballet)	12A	Market Theatre, Ledbury



BOX OF FROGS

Box of Frogs Improv Comedy

Box of Frogs, Birmingham's premier Improv Group, brings you a night of high-octane improvised comedy, based entirely on your suggestions. Expect the unexpected as quick-witted players conjure up hilarious spontaneous songs, sketches and scenes on the spur of the moment. Performing entirely without a script, half-a-dozen players and a musician will create a night of "Whose Line Is It Anyway" type comedy, with improvised songs, stories and silliness.

www.boxoffrogsimpro.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fru 21 January, 7.30pm
Goodrich Village Hall, HR9 6HX
Tickets: 01600 891421
www.goodrichvillagehall.co.uk
£12 / £6

Sat 19 February, 8.00pm
Market Theatre, Ledbury, HR8 2AQ
Tickets: 07967 517125
www.themarkettheatre.com
£14 / Students £8

Ages 16+

COMEDY



SUKI SILVERTONGUE

Bedtime Stories for Grown-ups

Lusciously lyrical and sublimely subversive, Suki Silvertongue straddles the worlds of poetry and storytelling, serving up deliciously decadent versions of classic tales as you've never heard them before. Journey with Suki into a fantasy realm filled with kick-ass heroines, wondrous creatures, poetic justice and unexpected twists that is as timeless as it is bang up to date. Where traditional tales meet contemporary themes to dance the tango with a rose between gritted teeth. With an a la carte menu featuring such tantalising treats as 'Rapunzel's Lady Garden of Love', 'Titania's Bottom' and 'Lady Victoria Frankenstein', you'll be spoilt for choice and hungry for more!

www.inncrowd.co.uk

www.sukisilvertongue.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sun 30 January, 8pm
The Stiperstones Inn, SY5 0LZ
Tickets: 01743 791327
£12.50

Tickets include a hearty bowl of cawl at the interval (vegan / gluten free / dairy free options available) please ring the above number to book.

Ages 18+

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GREENMATTHEWS

A Brief History of Music

Beginning in the Middle Ages, ending up in the 20th century (and incorporating everything in between!) this fun and fast-moving show is a whistle-stop tour of Western musical history. Featuring long forgotten songs and tunes (not to mention jokes!) GreenMatthews paint a vibrant and vivid picture of our musical DNA, mixing the familiar and the obscure, the raucous and the reflective and the courtly and the commonplace. The show combines the vigour of the medieval period, the musical intricacy of the Renaissance, the grandeur of the Baroque and the pomp and bombast of Victoriana. Add to that the wit of Blackadder and 1066 And All That and the stage is set for a veritable musical feast!

www.greenmatthews.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sat 5 February, 7.30pm
Market Theatre, Ledbury, HR8 2AQ
Tickets: 07967 517125
www.themarkettheatre.com
£12 / Students £8

Sat 12 February, 7.30pm
Brilley Village Hall, HR3 6JG
Tickets: 07985 571236 or 01544 327227
£12

Fri 4 March, 7.30pm
Bitterley Village Hall, SY8 3HQ
Tickets: 01584 318047
£12 / £6

Sat 5 March, 7.30pm
Harley Village Hall, SY5 6LP
Tickets: 01952 510422
£12

Sat 21 May, 7.30pm
Alveley Parish Memorial Hall, WV15 6JT
Tickets: 01746 780478
£12 / £6 / £30

Ages 8+

MUSIC



NEIL MAYA QUARTET

1959: The Golden Year of Jazz

After the success of its Brubeck Project for Arts Alive back in 2019 the quartet is proud to present its new show. 1959 is often considered an extremely influential year for jazz with new sub genres beginning plus the release of some of the finest jazz albums ever including Miles Davis' Kind of Blue and Dave Brubeck's Time Out. The band has played many gigs for rural touring schemes delivering high quality accessible music for all ages to enjoy but with a light-hearted approach.

www.neilmayaquartet.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 11 February, 7.30pm
Conquest Theatre, Bromyard, HR7 4LL
Tickets: 01885 488575
www.conquest-theatre.co.uk
£10

Sat 12 February, 7.30pm
Cawley Hall, Eye, HR6 0DS
Tickets: 01568 615836
£12 / £6

Fri 4 March, 7.30pm
Linton Village Hall, HR9 7RX
Tickets: LVH@lintonvillage.com
£12 / £8 Doors open at 6.30pm. Bar available.
Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult.

Sat 5 March, 7.30pm
Market Theatre, Ledbury, HR8 2AQ
Tickets: 07967 517125
www.themarkettheatre.com
£14 / Students £10

All ages



THE MAKE EM UPS

Bumper Blyton: The Improvised Adventure

A riotous improvised spoof chock full of innuendo and lashings of puns, all in the style of the Nation's favourite author, Enid Blyton. Come and delight in lashings of ginger beer, grab a cheeky tongue sandwich or wrap your lips round a nice spotted dick! Cast yourself back to your childhood in a show that's utterly unique and spontaneous whilst taking a sideways glance at childhood favourite books like *The Famous Five* and *Mallory Towers*. 'The Make Em Ups' (as seen in *Austentatious*, *Showstoppers!* And TV's *Doctor Who*) invent a hilarious improvised adventure live on the hoof. Performed in vintage costume with music and songs, the show is an hilarious tongue-in-cheek homage.

www.bumperblyton.com

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sat 12 March, 8.00pm
Chapel Lawn Village Hall, SY7 0BW
Tickets: 07964 710983
£12 / £6

Sat 7 May, 7.30pm
Meole Brace Peace Memorial Hall
SY3 9JP
Tickets: 01743 235384
and Meole Village Stores
£12 / £8

Ages 14+

COMEDY



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TANGRAM THEATRE COMPANY

The Element in the Room: A Radioactive Musical Comedy about the Death and Life

The Element in the Room: A Radioactive Musical Comedy about the Death and Life of Marie Curie. Marie Curie lived an extraordinary life, making incredible scientific discoveries in the face of unbelievable odds. This is her story, replete with breathtaking breakthroughs and seriously silly songs. Winner: ThreeWeeks Editors' Award, Edinburgh Fringe Winner: two Critics' Circle Awards, Adelaide Fringe.

"Utterly accessible and engaging ... I was tickled and unexpectedly touched"; 4 STARS Times

"It's made me the most excited I've been about science in years." 5 STARS Broadway Baby

www.tangramtheatre.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sat 12 February, 3.00pm
Wem Town Hall, SY4 5DG
Tickets: 01939 232299
www.wemtownhall.co.uk
£12 / £5 / Friends £10

Ages 7+



DAN HAYNES MUSIC

Songwriters by Dan Haynes

Whether it's in a cosy folk club still lost in the sixties, or a modern-day arena pulsing with energy, a great song never fails to capture and transport an audience. Yet whilst some artists merely manage the magic a handful of times, there are others who strike gold time and time again. In this debut show, Dan Haynes, along with good friend Jonny Knight, pay tribute to a host of songwriter legends. From the epic George Harrison, Paul Simon and Don Mclean to the contemporary icons Ben Howard, Laura Marling and Bon Iver, this stunning concert is a must-see for all lovers of acoustic music. Interwoven with Haynes' original music, this "acoustic guitar masterclass" (Media Luchs, Germany) received five-star reviews at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2019.

www.seventhavenuearts.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 18 February, 8.00pm
Wem Town Hall, SY4 5DG
Tickets: 01939 232299
www.wemtownhall.co.uk
£13 / £11 / Friends £11

Thu 24 March, 7.30pm
Conquest Theatre, Bromyard, HR7 4LL
Tickets: 01885 488575
www.conquest-theatre.co.uk
£10

Ages 18+

LEOPOLDSTADT

Age
12+

A new play by Tom Stoppard, directed by Patrick Marber

Tom Stoppard's Olivier Award-winning play is a passionate drama of love, family and endurance. At the beginning of the 20th century, Leopoldstadt was the old, crowded Jewish quarter of Vienna, Austria. But Hermann Merz, a factory owner and baptised Jew now married to Catholic Gretl, has moved up in the world. We follow his family's story across half a century, passing through the convulsions of war, revolution, impoverishment, annexation by Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. Filmed live on stage in London's West End.

Thu 27 January, 7.00pm
SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY
£12 / £8
Tickets: 01588 630321/ 638038
www.sparctheatre.co.uk

Thu 27 January, 7.00pm
Aston on Clun Village Hall, SY7 8EH
Tickets: £10 / £6
Tickets: 01588 660493
Bar available. Interval tea & coffee.

Fri 4 February, 7.00pm
Market Theatre, Ledbury, HR8 2AQ
£14.50 / Students & Over 60s £12.50
Tickets: 07967 517125
www.themarkettheatre.com

THE BOOK OF DUST - LA BELLE SAUVAGE

Age
12A

Broadcast live from London's Bridge Theatre.

The Book of Dust – La Belle Sauvage by Philip Pullman, adapted by Bryony Lavery and directed by Nicholas Hytner, is set twelve years before the epic His Dark Materials trilogy. Two young people and their dæmons, with everything at stake, find themselves at the centre of a terrifying manhunt. In their care is a tiny child called Lyra Belacqua, and in that child lies the fate of the future. And as the waters rise around them, powerful adversaries conspire for mastery of Dust: salvation to some, the source of infinite corruption to others.

Thu 17 February, 7.00pm
SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY
£12 / £8
Tickets: 01588 630321/ 638038
www.sparctheatre.co.uk

Thu 17 February, 7.00pm
Market Theatre, Ledbury, HR8 2AQ
£15 / Students & Over 60s £13
Tickets: 07967 517125
www.themarkettheatre.com

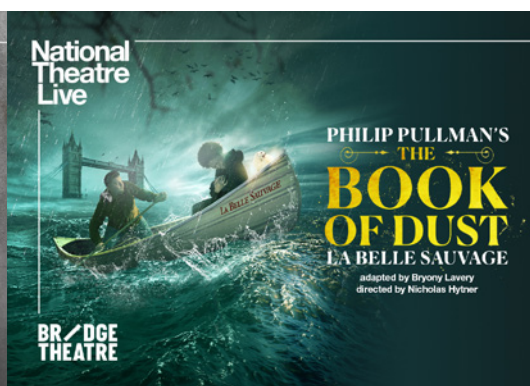
HENRY V

Age
12A

Kit Harington (Game of Thrones) plays the title role in Shakespeare's thrilling study of nationalism, war and the psychology of power. Fresh to the throne, King Henry V launches England into a bloody war with France. When his campaign encounters resistance, this inexperienced new ruler must prove he is fit to guide a country into war. Captured live from the Donmar Warehouse in London, this exciting modern production explores what it means to be English and our relationship to Europe, asking: do we ever get the leaders we deserve?

Thu 28 April, 7.00pm
SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY
£12 / £8
Tickets: 01588 630321/ 638038
www.sparctheatre.co.uk

National Theatre Live



THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE AT THE MARKET THEATRE, LEDBURY

For more information visit
www.artsalive.co.uk and
www.roh.org.uk

ROMEO AND JULIET (THE ROYAL BALLET)

Age
12A

Kenneth MacMillan's modern ballet classic, with evocative designs by Nicholas Georgiadis, brings the colour and action of Renaissance Verona, where sword fighting and a family feud leads to tragedy for the Montagues and the Capulets. Prokofiev's ravishing score sweeps this dramatic ballet towards its emotional end.

Sun 20 February, 2.00pm

Tickets: £14.50 / Students & Over 60s £12.50

RIGOLETTO

Age
12A

Directed by Oliver Mears, this new production sees Verdi's masterpiece as a modern morality play that pits power against innocence, beauty against ugliness, in a pitiless world of luxurious decadence, corruption and social decay. Listen out for 'La donna è mobile', in the final act, as we find out who gets the last laugh.

Sun 13 March, 2.00pm

Tickets: £14.50 / Students & Over 60s £12.50

LA TRAVIATA

Age
12A

Richard Eyre's time-honoured production of Verdi's beautiful and popular opera. The superficial glamour of 19th-century Paris contrasts with scenes of great intimacy, culminating in the heart-breaking final act. Lavish period sets and costumes enhance the reality of a moving story based on true life. Live broadcast via satellite

Wed 13 April, 6.45pm

Tickets: £15 / Students & Over 60s £13



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For tickets please contact
The Market Theatre
on 07967 517125 or
www.themarkettheatre.com

SWAN LAKE (THE ROYAL BALLET)

Age
12A

This sumptuous production by Liam Scarlett, with its sublime score by Tchaikovsky and glittering designs by John Macfarlane, is an irresistible mix of spectacle, mystery and passion.

Sun 22 May, 2.00pm

Tickets: £14.50 / Students & Over 60s £12.50



THEATRE



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JOHN OSBORNE

A Supermarket Love Story

A story about supermarkets and the people who use them. Love will bloom, lives will continue as they always have, and you'll meet two paramedics by the crisps. As staff untuck their shirts and sit on kick stools stacking shelves we join them all for a storytelling feast, and find that every aisle really does tell a different story.

Join John Osborne – Radio 4 regular and creator of cult show John Peel's Shed – for an evening of poignant, enchanting and heart-warming poetic tales. John weaves words to create wonderful worlds out of the most ordinary of situations.

'An absolute joy' – Greg James, Radio 1

John Osborne writes poetry, books, scripts and stories for Radio 4. He co-created the Sky One sitcom After Hours.

www.inncrowd.org.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sun 27 February, 4.00pm
Dodington Lodge Hotel, SY13 1EN
Tickets: 01948 662539
£5

Age 14+

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OYSLAND BAND

Oysland Klezmer Band

With “compelling depth and authenticity” (DJ Ritu, Resonance FM) award-winning group Oysland re-imagine music from times past, exploring the connections between Klezmer and other folk traditions in Eastern Europe and beyond. Drawing on the Polish and Slovakian roots of its band members they delve into century-old lullabies, exuberant wedding dances and peculiar hay-making stories. Winners of the World Music Network Battle of the Bands 2017, they are a firm feature on the London world music scene, having played at the South Bank Centre, JW3, and The Green Note and received airplay on radio stations including BBC Radio 3.

www.oysland.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 4 March, 7.30pm
SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY
Tickets: 01588 630321 / 638038
www.sparctheatre.co.uk
£12 / £6 / £35

Sat 5 March, 7.30pm
Habberley Village Hall, SY5 0TP
Tickets: 01743 790179
£12

Age 8+



FRET AND FIDDLE

Fret and Fiddle

Award-winning musicians Fret and Fiddle present a musical journey of the legendary violinist Stephane Grappelli's life. The quartet take you to the early Hot Club days from the swinging Parisian night clubs of the 1920's, through the war years when Grappelli played at the luxurious London hotels such as Claridges, to Stephane's golden years touring into his Eighties. Delight in their renditions of favourites like Jalousie, the famous Tango that Grappelli duetted to Yehudi Menuhin with on the Michael Parkinson Show back in 1971, and relax to the beautiful ballads of Stardust and My Funny Valentine. Tap your toes to Cole Porter's Anything Goes and be transported to those Charleston days and the razzle-dazzle of that swinging fiddle!

www.fretandfiddle.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sat 5 March, 7.30pm
Chelmarsh Parish Hall, WV16 6BA
Tickets: 01746 862850
£12 / £8
Ticket price includes refreshment

Fri 18 March, 7.30pm
Silvester Horne Institute,
Church Stretton, SY6 6BY
Tickets: 01694 720132
£15

Sat 19 March, 7.30pm
Eardisley Curzon Herrick Hall, HR3 6NH
Tickets: 01544 327844
£12

Age 6+

MUSIC



LOVE LEE PRODUCTIONS

JABS - Behind the scenes

If ever a play was guaranteed to connect with everyone ... its JABS.

When "Three Men in A Bowtie" performer Sally Tonge retrained as an NHS vaccinator, she soon realised her Covid-19 vaccination pod was the smallest theatre in the world ... and the people stepping into it were pure comedy gold.

JABS is a three-actor show full of affectionate laughs, a few gentle moments of poignancy, a smattering of songs and a touch of audience participation.

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 11th March, 7.30pm
The Talbot Theatre,
Whitchurch, SY13 2BY
Tickets: 01948 660660 / 07506 724572
£10 / £6 / £30

Age 15+



ROB GEE

Forget Me Not - The Alzheimer's Whodunnit

Jim's wife, a patient on a dementia ward, has died from what appears to be natural causes. Jim is a retired police detective and he smells a rat. He's determined to solve one last murder. The problem is he also has dementia. It's a case worthy of the greatest detective mind. But his will have to do. Created by ex-psych nurse Rob Gee ("A witty, skilful storyteller" Chortle), fresh from award-winning North American tour.

"Hilarious and heartbreaking" 5 STARS Victoria Times

"A remarkable piece of writing... with his shrewd mix of humor and heart, Gee strikes storytelling gold." Orlando Sentinel

www.robgee.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 11 March, 7.30pm
Wem Town Hall, SY4 5DG
Tickets: 01939 232299
www.wemtownhall.co.uk
£12 / £7 / Friends £10.50

Age 14 +



EMILY HENNESSEY & SHEEMA MUKHERJEE

Ganga: Indian Tales of the River

When the River Goddess leaps from the skies, only Shiva's hair can catch her wild torrents. But still she roars, surging from mountains to sea, leaving no stone - or ego - unturned as she washes illusion from the truth. Storyteller Emily Hennessey and sitar player Sheema Mukherjee conjure fast-flowing worlds of cosmic creatures, celestial curses, wise women and gods behaving badly in these Indian stories of liberation, love, life, truth and illusion.

'extraordinary tales for a transfixed audience' 4
STARS British Theatre Guide

www.emilyhennessey.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 18 March, 7.30pm
Clungunford Village Hall, SY7 0PP
Tickets: 01588 660152
£12 / £6 / £30

Sat 19 Mar, 7.30pm
All Stretton Village Hall, SY6 6JR
Tickets: 07812 583113
catelatchford@hotmail.co.uk
£10 / £6 / £25

Age 14+



ROVING CROWS

Roving Crows with genuine passion, energy and soul. Vital and vibrant, a must see live act who showcase a mix of fiery, Celtic-inspired fiddle, conscious, intelligent lyrics, backed by solid, thumping rhythms and driving, innovative bass. Roving Crows tour extensively across the UK and France taking on injustice and societal imbalance with their lyrics and always creating a vibrant atmosphere with their lively show. Roving Crows comprises; strong lead vocals and 4 part harmonies, guitar, fiddle, percussion and bass.

www.rovingcrows.com

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sat 19 March, 7.30pm
The Venue, Ross on Wye, HR9 7AB
Tickets: 01989 566644
£10

All ages



FIFI LA MER

**A Journey into French Music
from Offenbach to Gainsbourg**

An exhilarating musical show that takes you straight to that little café by the seine at different times in history from 1880 to 1970. From Offenbach to Gainsbourg not forgetting Michel Legrand and Edith Piaf. Fifi sings in English and French and plays the accordion while Olly plays the clarinet and tenor saxophone. They are both some of the most respected musicians in the country. Between the tunes Fifi and Olly will chat about the history of the time that made the music what it is and other interesting facts. There are fun audience interaction moments. The safest and most exciting way to travel to France!

www.ohlalamusic.co.uk

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Sat 9 April, 7.30pm
Cawley Hall, Eye, HR6 ODS
Tickets: 01568 615836
£15 / £8
Ticket price includes
a French buffet supper

All ages



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NEW ART CLUB

Cupid's Revenge

In today's disposable world where love is used to sell us everything from plug-in cars to yoghurt... where did real love go? Mythical love that drives the creation of the universe and everything in it. Romantic love. Love between friends. Love between you and the people you love. The latest dance theatre comedy show by ground breaking performance company, New Art Club, is a joyful, physical and verbal outburst against the forces that masquerade as love. It is funny, sad, reflective. It has a huge glowing red heart that has crash landed onto the stage.

www.newartclub.org

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 5 May, 7.30pm
SpArC Theatre, Bishops Castle, SY9 5AY
Tickets: 01588 630321 / 638038
www.sparctheatre.co.uk
£12 / £8 / £40

12+ (mild swearing)



HARP AND A MONKEY

The Victorians: Songs, Stories and More

Award-winning modern folk music and storytelling outfit Harp and a Monkey return after two sell-out shows with Arts Alive. The trio have revived songs of the Victorian era (popular, music hall, folk, work and street songs) and reworked them for contemporary ears. The songs have been chosen to shed light on lesser-known aspects of Victorian life - from the poignant to the humorous. The stories behind the tunes are delivered by the band's singer and raconteur Martin Purdy, an acclaimed historian, author and broadcaster. Talented multi-instrumentalists and long-standing friends, the trio guarantee a heart-warming performance of foot-tapping tunes, great conversation and laughter suitable for all ages.

www.harpandamonkey.com

DATES, LOCATIONS & TICKETS

Fri 13 May, 7.30pm
Harley Village Hall, SY5 6LP
Tickets: 01952 510422
£12 / £7

All ages

WOW!

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