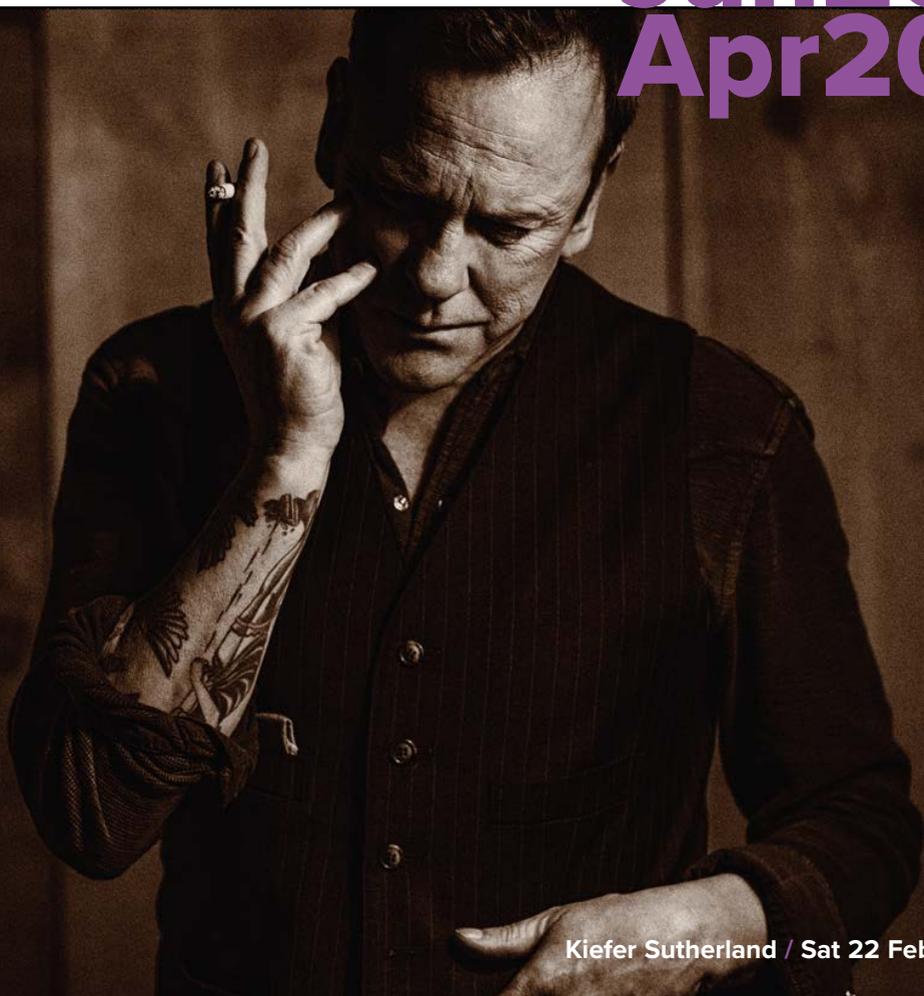




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**Jan 20  
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**What's On**



**Kiefer Sutherland / Sat 22 Feb**



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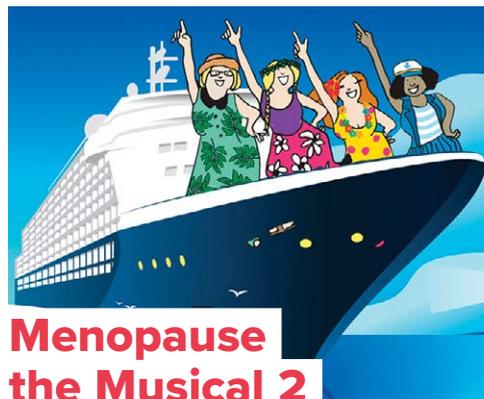
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The time given is the show start time unless otherwise stated.



## Menopause the Musical 2

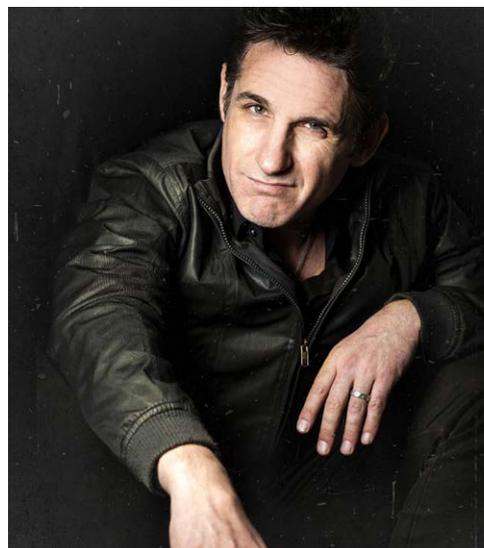
Starring Cheryl Fergison (EastEnders), Nicole Barber-Lane (Hollyoaks), Rebecca Wheatley (Casualty), and Nicki French (Eurovision), it's our brand-new show, *Cruising Through Menopause*. In the hysterical sequel to the smash-hit show *Menopause The Musical*®, we fast forwards five years to catch up with the same four characters for tales of their lives, loves and losses as they set off on the high seas.

Hot flushes, mood swings, memory lapses, weight gain - these are a few of our favourite menopausal things! For these four ladies the menopause was not the beginning of the end, but the beginning of a beautiful friendship where love conquers, and friendships never fail.

**Wed 12 Feb / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £34.50**

**16+**



## David Baddiel

**Trolls Not the Dolls**

Following his five-star Olivier-nominated hit *My Family: Not The Sitcom* and the return to number 1 of his seminal football anthem *Three Lions*, David Baddiel comes back to the stage with a brand new one-man show, *Trolls Not the Dolls*.

David has stories to tell, of the dark, terrible and hysterically absurd cyber-paths that interacting with trolls has led him down. Come with him on this comedy journey into our culture's most dank virtual underground. You will come back safe, more able to deflect your own trolls, and only a little bit soiled.

**Thu 13 Feb / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £28.50**

**14+**

## Tom Stade

**You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet**

Following his last smash-hit UK tour and direct from this year's Edinburgh festival Tom is back on the road with a brand-new show. The kids have moved out and it's the dawn of a new era! Tom's embracing change with his usual spirit and irrepressible sense of mischief; what's coming is way better than what has gone!

30 years on the comedy frontline and this Canadian legend remains as engaging, innovative and hilarious as ever. As seen on Ch4's Comedy Gala, BBC One's Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, The John Bishop Show and Live at the Apollo.

**Thu 20 Feb / 8pm**

**Tickets from: £19.50**

**16+**



## Dave Spikey

### A Funny Thing Happened... I Shot Derek Rigby

Funny things happen all the time. Normal events don't catch the eye but Dave's special radar instinctively draws him to the small out-of-the-ordinary events and conversations that wash over most of us and pass us by. Once identified, he applies his unique style of exaggerating and elaborating them whilst reminding us that we too have not only witnessed them, it's probably happened to us! It's this added dimension, this comedy of association that elevates the event to laugh-out-loud funny.

**Fri 27 Mar / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £21.50 / £19 conc**

**16+**

## Chris Ramsey 20/20

Critically acclaimed comedian Chris Ramsey is hitting the road for his biggest ever stand-up tour in 2020. Having filled venues across the country including The Newcastle Metro Arena, twice, so don't miss your chance to catch him live on stage while you can.

Alongside his wife Rosie he is the co-host of the no.1 hit podcast Shagged. Married. Annoyed. which has been downloaded a phenomenal 4.5 million times. Recently seen hosting two series of his very own TV show The Chris Ramsey Show and Chris Ramsey's Stand up Central (both Comedy Central), he has also been a regular face on many major comedy shows including Celebrity Juice (ITV2), 8 out of 10 Cats (C4), Live at the Comedy Store (Comedy Central) and Virtually Famous (E4) to name a few.

**Sun 29 Mar / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £23.50**

**14+**



**SOLD OUT**

## Friends!

### The Musical Parody

Friends! The Musical Parody celebrates and pokes fun at the wacky misadventures of the group of 20-something pals we love from the hit TV show as they navigate the pitfalls of work, life, and love in 1990's Manhattan.

Ross, Chandler, Monica, Phoebe, Joey and Rachel, haven't gone anywhere and are singing and dancing their way back into our hearts in Friends! The Musical Parody the first UK and Irish tour of the hilarious off-Broadway and Las Vegas hit musical that lovingly lampoons the popular TV sitcom. You'll laugh! You'll cry! You'll Unagi!



THE MUSICAL PARODY

**Sun 5 Apr / 7pm**

**Tickets from: £32**

**16+**

## George's Comedy Club

George's Comedy Club runs on the first Friday of every month and brings you the very best, hand-picked comedians to Lancashire in an intimate cabaret setting.

Make sure you book early to avoid disappointment! This event sells out every single month!



**Fri 3 Jan**

**MC Danny  
McLoughlin  
Josh Jones**

**Simon Lomas**

**Tom Wrigglesworth**

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**



**Fri 7 Feb**

**MC Alex Boardman  
Mark Nelson**

**Matt Bragg  
Nick Doody**

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**



**Fri 6 Mar**

**MC Tez Ilyas  
Elliot Steel**

**Lindsey Davies  
Daliso Chaponda**

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**



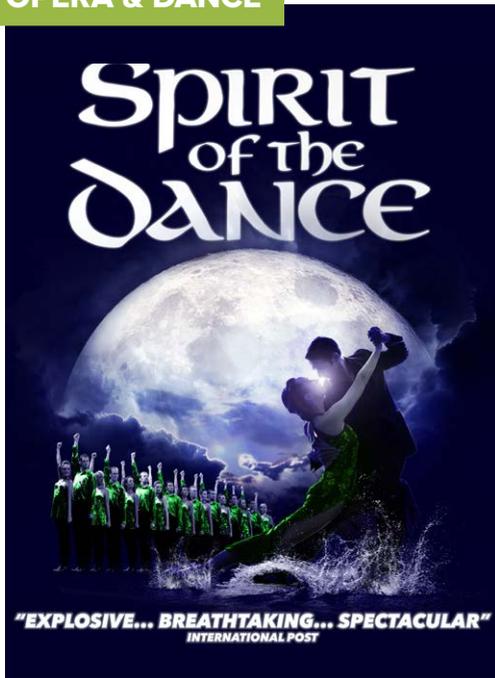
**Fri 3 Apr**

**MC Andy Robinson  
Christian Reilly**

**TBC  
Alistair Barrie**

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**

*Line-ups are subject to change*



## Spirit of the Dance

Seen by more than 20 million people worldwide, the blockbuster hit show is Irish in origin and bursting with raw energy. One of the most exciting dance shows ever, this high octane extravaganza takes dance to the next level, in an explosive fusion of heart pounding Irish Dance combined with dance styles from round the world.

The breathtaking Dancers in Spirit of the Dance sound like a runaway express train and their frenzied skill and military precision sends shivers down your spine. Not one Irish dance shoe steps out of line as their thunderous feet perform as one, with an excitement that leaves audiences screaming for more. This dance spectacular has brilliant lighting, dazzling costumes and breathtaking choreography. With thunderous applause, standing ovations and sold out crowds at every performance "Spirit of the Dance" is one of the greatest dance shows ever.

**Wed 26 Feb / 7pm**

**Tickets from: £28.50**



## BBC Philharmonic

**HUMPERDINCK** Hansel and Gretel: Prelude  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Violin Concerto  
**DVOŘÁK** Symphony No. 8  
**Molly Mathieson** conductor |  
**Aleksey Semenenko** violin

Holly Mathieson has won plaudits in all forms of music direction from opera, ballet to full scale symphonic programmes. She opens this BBC Philharmonic programme with a shimmering fairy-tale, Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*, before being joined by Aleksey Semenenko for Tchaikovsky's perennially popular Violin Concerto. Dvořák's Eighth Symphony 'sings of the joy of green pastures, of summer evenings, of the melancholy of blue forests, of the defiant merry-making of Czech peasants.' It is a magnificent work that simply brims with great melodies.

**Fri 10 Jan / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £18 / Pre-concert talk tickets: £3**

Subscriptions and concessions available



## The Hallé

### Beethoven 250th Celebration

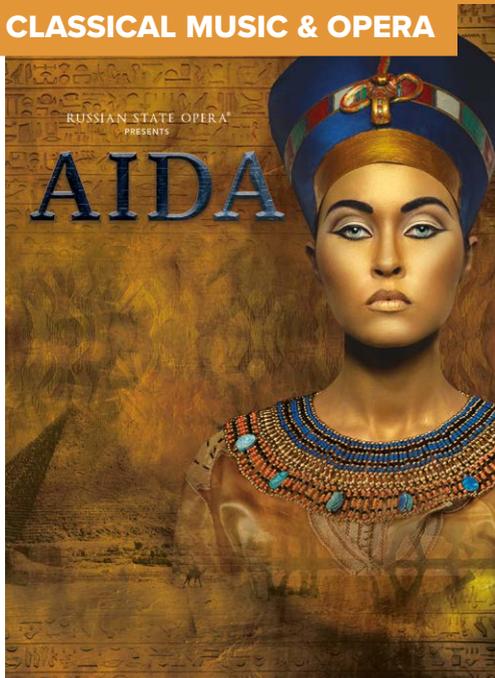
**BEETHOVEN** Piano Concerto No.5 'Emperor'  
**BEETHOVEN** Prometheus: Overture  
**BEETHOVEN** Symphony No.5  
**Gergely Madaras** conductor | **Daniel Lehardt** piano

Beethoven's life is the stuff of Romantic legend – the solitary creator shaking his fist at Fate. His music, revolutionary yet characterised by humanity and dramatic power, remains universally appealing and his 'Prometheus' ballet music was one of his first great successes. Although Beethoven might not have approved of the title 'Emperor', it certainly does justice to the stature of his magnificent Fifth Piano Concerto. Concluding the concert with its famous 'fate knocking at the door' motif, has any symphony so thoroughly entered the popular consciousness as Beethoven's Fifth?

**Fri 13 Mar / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £18 / Pre-concert talk tickets: £3**

Subscriptions and concessions available



## Aida

After its successful season of *Madama Butterfly*, *Carmen* and *La Traviata* last year, Russian State Opera returns to delight you with the premiere of Opera, *Aida*. The brand-new production guarantees to delight you with sumptuous sets and splendid new costumes.

A deeply moving opera overflowing with emotion and containing moments of despair and uncertainty. *Aida* is an unforgettable, inspiring experience.

Featuring an impressive cast and accompanied by a live Orchestra numbering over 30 musicians.

**Fri 21 Feb / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £26.50**

Concessions available



## Manchester Camerata

**MOZART** Divertimento in D major K136  
**MENDELSSOHN** Violin Concerto in D major  
**BARTÓK** arr. Willner Romanian Folk Dances  
**DOBRIKA TABAKOVA** Dawn  
**TCHAIKOVSKY** Serenade for strings  
**Katie Stillman** violin/director

Manchester Camerata's programme highlights the early mastery of two prodigies. Mozart's Divertimento hints at the ingenuity to come, whilst Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in D is full of invention. The first half draws to a close with Bartók's colourful *Romanian Folk Dances*. Grammy-nominated composer, Dobrinka Tabakova's *Dawn* for solo violin and cello with string orchestra is rich with orchestral chords and decorated solos representing sunrise. Tchaikovsky's delightfully sunny *Serenade* consists of an homage to Mozart, a lilting waltz and a burst of Russian folk song.

**Fri 24 Apr / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £18 / Pre-concert talk tickets: £3**

Subscriptions and concessions available



## American Wrestling

The world's greatest family show returns to Britain's best wrestling venue. This Worldwide Championship Rumble is an all action family show. See the Superstars of the Wrestling world live and spend all evening cheering the goodies and booing the baddies.

Free meet and greet included.

**Sat 1 Feb / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £13 / £11 Conc / £40 Family Ticket** U



## Sing Together

Come and hear the fabulous children of Lancashire sing their hearts out at the Sing Together concerts. Hard work and dedication is evident as the children inspire audiences with song.

A treat not to be missed.

**Mon 2 — Thu 12 Mar / Various times**

**Tickets from: £6.50 / £1.50 Under 16s** U

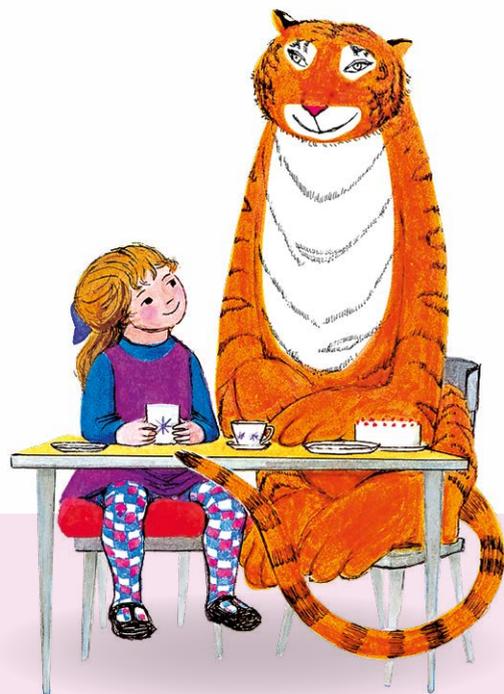


## National Association of Choirs Centenary Concert

Talented musicians and singers of all ages from across East Lancashire join forces in a concert to celebrate the centenary of the National Association of Choirs during its conference weekend. This is a not-to-be-missed event for all fans of brass bands and choral singing, and all profits will go towards supporting the East Lancashire Hospice's invaluable services.

**Sat 28 Mar / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £10 / £1 Children** U



## The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, The Tiger Who Came to Tea returns on tour, celebrating over 10 years on stage!

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger! Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos! A stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

**Tue 7 Apr / 2pm**

**Wed 8 Apr / 11am & 2pm**

**Tickets from: £14 / £50 Family Ticket / £9.50 Groups 10+**

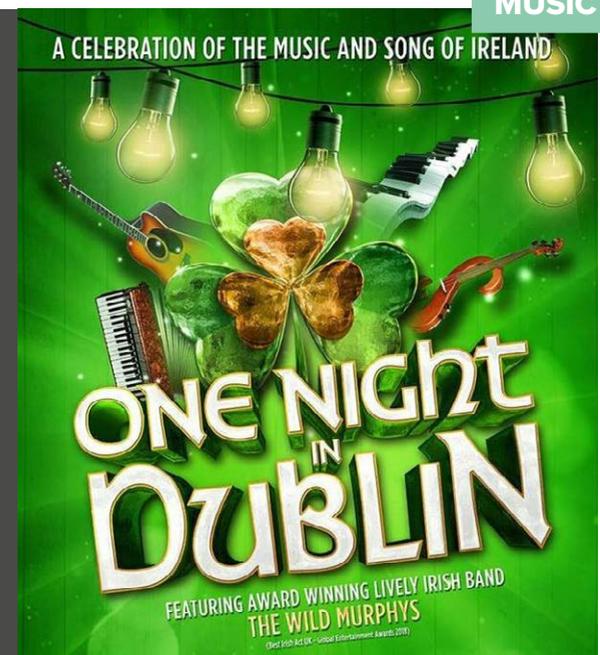
**Age Recommendation: 3+**

## One Night In Dublin

Spend One Night In Dublin and be transported to 'Murphys Pub', where the house band, The Wild Murphys, will entertain you with a selection of great Irish songs from artists such as The Pogues, The Dubliners, The Fureys, and The Saw Doctors to name just a few.

**Sat 8 Feb / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £23.50** PG





## Luther

The Legend Lives On

The World's premier show in celebration of 'The Velvet Voice' experience all the hits from his amazing career, culminating over 40 million album sales and eight Grammy awards including many of the greatest dance anthems and love songs ever written, fronted by international Luther Vandross tribute Harry Cambridge and his 10 piece band.

**Sat 15 Feb / 7.30pm**

Tickets from: £24

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## The Boys Are Back

Celebrating a decade of wild boys of pop, MJR bring you, four acts in one unforgettable night! – Five, 911, A1 and Damage! Original line ups, party classics, their greatest hits, pumping tunes and everyone's favourite dance moves, they may be men now, but the Boys Are Back! On the road, on the mic and working up one hell of a sexy sweat!

**Tue 18 Feb / 7.30pm**

Tickets from: £24

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## Boyzlife

Two of the world's biggest bands Boyzone and Westlife come together, for the very first time, with a full band production show: Featuring Brian Mcfadden and Keith Duffy.

This specially adapted theatre production will include many of their greatest hits, the catalogue includes a record breaking 18 Number 1 singles and 9 number 1 albums, and combined record sales of over 60 Million Units.

**Fri 28 Feb / 7.30pm**

Tickets from: £81.50 VIP /  
£31 Standard

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## Kiefer Sutherland

Kiefer Sutherland follows his critically acclaimed 2016 debut 'Down In A Hole' by releasing the follow-up 'Reckless & Me'. 'Reckless & Me' is the second chapter in a musical journey that has seen Sutherland play hundreds of shows. While country music is the beating heart of 'Reckless & Me', its songs span wider Americana, encompassing folk, rock, blues and a whole lot more. They're all connected by Sutherland's love of sharing stories, whether by recounting snapshot of his own life or relating the experiences of others.

**Sat 22 Feb / 7pm doors**

Tickets from: £32

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*U14s to be accompanied and seated*



## Lipstick On Your Collar The Blockheads

Step back in time to the golden era of music where the jukebox roared and feet didn't touch the floor. 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! From the birth of Rock n Roll through to the Beat Group sounds of the British Invasion and beyond, 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.

**Sat 14 Mar / 7.30pm**

Tickets from: £21.50

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## THE BLOCKHEADS

The Blockheads have continued after Dury's death, contributing to the 2001 tribute album Brand New Boots and Panties, then releasing Where's the Party (2004), Staring Down the Barrel (2009), and the live album 30 Live At the Electric Ballroom (2008) to mark the 30th anniversary of New Boots and Panties!!

**Sat 21 Mar / 7.30pm doors**

Tickets from: £26.50 adv / £29.50 door

14+



## Northern Live

Do I Love You

The world's greatest and most authentic touring live band Northern Soul Show keeps the faith of the original sounds of the underground movement that started on the dance floors in the North and eventually swept the nation. The show includes an 11-piece band with 4 lead vocalists performing over 30 original hits.

Sat 4 Apr / 7.30pm

Tickets from: £24 PG

## Supreme Queen

Now one of the most recognisable tribute bands in the world, Supreme Queen continue to take things to a whole different level, with their homage to the halcyon days of one of the planet's greatest ever rock bands. Scott Maley's incredible vocal and visual resemblance to Freddie Mercury, fronting this remarkable band of musicians has seen Supreme Queen become one of the most respected bands of their genre anywhere on earth.



Sat 11 Apr / 7.30pm

Tickets from: £26.50 PG

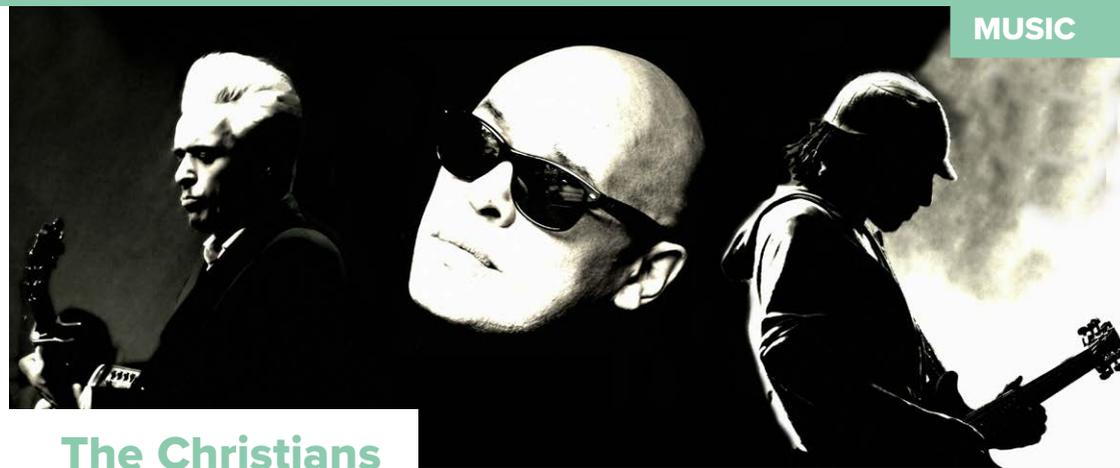
## The Skids

Unplugged

The Skids formed in 1977 in their home town of Dunfermline, Scotland by Richard Jobson, Stuart Adamson, Bill Simpson & Tom Kellichan. After releasing an independent single the band were played by John Peel, supported The Clash in concert and then were signed to Virgin Records in 1978. The Skids featuring Richard Jobson, Bruce Watson and Jamie Watson announce a series of 'Unplugged' dates in support of their recent acoustic album 'Peaceful Times'.

Sat 18 Apr / 7.30pm

Tickets from: £21.50 PG



## The Christians

Renowned for an endless string of soulful yet socially aware hits ...Forgotten Town, Ideal World, Born Again, Harvest for the World, Whats in a Word, Hooverville, Words, Father, The Bottle and many more.

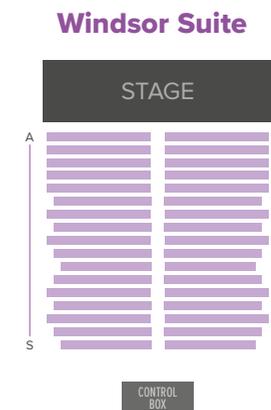
Still headed by enigmatic lead singer Garry Christian (who very much deserves the Daily Mirror's description of him as having 'one of the finest voices

in pop) who has only gained in vocal stature (and wit) over the years! the band are enjoying a revival currently touring successfully in the UK and Europe.

Sat 25 Apr / 7.30pm doors

Tickets from: £24 14+

## King George's Hall Seating Plans



Wheelchair spaces are limited and must be booked in advance with the KGH Box Office.

Contact us

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 dl@blackburn.gov.uk  
 darwenlibrarytheatre.com

Booking Information

**Booking Fees**  
 Booking fees apply, including cash sales: Phone/Counter £1.50 per transaction plus postage charge where applicable. Online bookings fees vary.

Online

www.darwenlibrarytheatre.com

By Phone

01254 706006

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Major debit and credit cards welcome. We accept National Theatre Tokens over the telephone as part or full payment.

In Person

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**King George's Hall** – see opening times on page 16. Darwen Library Theatre Box Office will open 1 hour before the show start time until the end of the first interval.

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Access

If you require specific assistance or advice in advance of your visit, please contact the Box Office on 01254 706006.

Facilities for the deaf and hearing impaired visitor

There is an induction loop in the auditorium. Please switch your hearing aid to the T position.

Registered assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome. Water can be supplied on request.

Wheelchair access

There are two wheelchair spaces at Darwen Library Theatre. Please let us know your requirements at the time of booking. Wheelchair accessible toilets are available.

Parking

There are two designated parking spaces for disabled patrons in the Darwen Library Theatre car park.

Assistance

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Information and Booking

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Parking

The car and coach drop off point at the front of King George's Hall gives access via a short ramp or a few steps.

There is on street car parking around the venue and a multi-storey on Feilden Street (BB2 1HL). Please check if Feilden Street will be open during an event with them direct; their blue-badge parking is chargeable. The route from Feilden Street to KGH is on an incline.

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LOOKING AHEAD >>



**Beach Body Ready**

**Fri 8 May / 8pm**

Tickets from: £10

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**Derek Acorah**

**Fri 15 May / 7.30pm**

Tickets from: £21.50

16+



**Suzi Ruffell**

**Sat 16 May / 8pm**

Tickets from: £15 / £13 conc

14+



**Ivo Graham &**

**Sat 13 Jun / 8pm**

Tickets from: £14

14+



**The Famous Don Banks Afternoon Variety Show**

**Wed 8 Jan / 2pm**

**Morgan Lee James**

**Wed 5 Feb / 2pm**

**James Loynes**

**Wed 4 Mar / 2pm**

**Glen and Friends**

**Wed 1 Apr / 2pm**

**Mike Farrell**

Join us for a nostalgic trip down memory lane back to those good olde days with a Variety show packed with song, music & mirth!

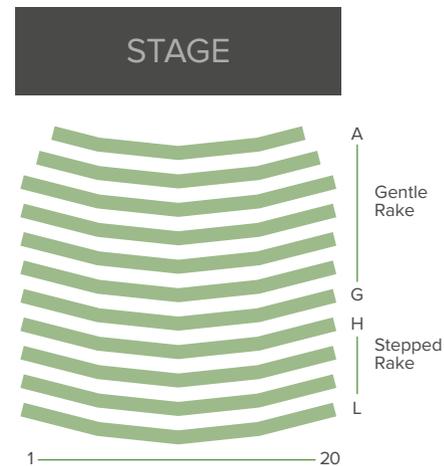
Bar & Cafe open from 1pm

Enjoy a FREE cup of tea (or coffee) and biscuits served in the Interval.

**Tickets from: £4.50 / £3.50 Darwen Residents**

**Seating Plan**

**Darwen Library Theatre**





## Cloudbusting

The Music of Kate Bush

Cloudbusting are 5 musicians from the UK, dedicated to performing this incomparable music with no hint of pastiche or impersonation. There is, and only ever can be, one Kate. We perform the music as faithfully to the original as possible, aiming to bring perhaps the less obvious of Kate's songs to the stage – some of which have never been heard played live before.

**Sat 14 Mar / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £17.50 adv / £20.50 door PG**



## Billy Mitchell & Bob Fox

Two great voices, impeccable musicianship, a set full of memorable songs and infectious good humour, the mix of material is sparkling, full of punch and beautifully executed. Their ability to connect with the audience is immediately evident as they lead you through some of their favourite songs including Lindisfarne classics and trad folk arrangements.

**Fri 3 Apr / 7pm doors**

**Tickets from: £18.50 PG**



## Edwina Hayes

Edwina's beautifully written songs, charming stage presence, and voice of an angel have won her a reputation as a true natural talent of gentle folk-Americana. She has opened numerous shows for Jools Holland and Van Morrison as well as her own gigs, playing stages everywhere from Glastonbury Festival to The Royal Albert Hall.

**Sat 18 Apr / 8pm**

**Tickets from: £13 adv / £15 door PG**

## The Amy Winehouse Experience

Lioness provide the UK's most authentic tribute to the precocious talent of Amy Winehouse, featuring TV's 'Stars in Their Eyes' finalist and 'X Factor' boot-camp contestant Emma Wright plus a full backing band to recreate the authentic sound of this heady mix of jazz, soul and pop. With a full stage show including video playback showcasing the talent of this songstress, The Amy Winehouse Experience will take you on a journey through the emotional roller coaster of her song writing, guaranteed to have you singing and dancing along throughout the performance.

**Fri 24 Apr / 7.30pm doors**

**Tickets from: £16 adv / £19 door PG**



## Ga Ga

A welcome return to Darwen after their amazing previous show. From numerous Queen Conventions to TV appearances, GA GA have consistently proved why they are so highly rated by critics and audiences alike. There are no wigs, no make-up and definitely no false moustaches but instead a host of massive Queen songs played like they were meant to be.

**Sat 25 Apr / 7.30pm doors**

**Tickets from: £17.50 PG**



## Kinky Boots

Kinky Boots The Musical, filmed live at the Adelphi Theatre in the heart of London's West End, is strutting onto the big screen! Charlie (Killian Donnelly) is a factory owner struggling to save his family business, and Lola (Matt Henry) is a fabulous entertainer with a wildly exciting idea. With a little compassion and a lot of understanding, this unexpected pair learn to embrace their differences and create a line of sturdy stilettos unlike any the world has ever seen!

**Sun 9 Feb / 1.30 & 6.30pm**

**Tickets from: £13.50 / £11 conc PG**





## Clinton Baptiste

### The Paranormalist Returns

Clinton Baptiste is the hapless clairvoyant, medium and psychic from Peter Kay's smash hit Channel 4 tv show *Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights*. Now, some eighteen years after the show aired, he returns to conjure up his extraordinary powers for a new generation.

Clinton will give readings to the audience, offering advice from beyond the grave. He will predict your future, tell you about your past and all manner of spooky stuff an' that.

**Fri 20 Mar / 7.30pm**

**Wed 6 May / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £19 14+**



## Arthur Smith

SYD

A show about an ordinary man who lived in extraordinary times - his father.

Syd Smith fought at El Alamein, became a P.O.W., and ended the war in the notorious Colditz Castle in Germany. In the 1950s PC Syd patrolled London's South Bank and met a gallery of characters, whom he tried his best not to arrest. Arthur's full-length show tells this 20th Century story with laughter, amazement and a hilarious photo.

**Fri 27 Mar / 8pm**

**Tickets from: £15 PG**



## Simon Evans

### The Work of the Devil

Simon Evans' last show, *Genius 2.0* provided an hilarious analysis of the departure of any visible sign of intelligence from modern life. But his new show raises the stakes, with his usual excoriating views of a world on fire given a perspective shift from personal revelations that turned his world upside down this year.

**Thu 9 Apr / 8pm**

**Tickets from: £16 / £14 conc 14+**



## Simon & Garfunkel

### Through the Years

Critically acclaimed as one of the greatest tribute shows anywhere in the world. Simon & Garfunkel *Through the Years* has toured the globe extensively receiving standing ovations and selling out theatres night after night. Hear many of the hits such as *The Sound of Silence*, *Mrs Robinson*, *The Boxer* and the smash hit *Bridge Over Troubled Water* – this live concert experience is without doubt, the closest thing to Simon & Garfunkel touring the world today.

**Fri 7 Feb / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £19.50 PG**

## John Bramwell

### I Am Kloot

John Bramwell's new show will include songs from "Leave Alone The Empty Spaces", an album which is a stunning showcase of John's skilful, widely acclaimed song-writing and his unique voice. It's the first completely new collection of songs by John as a solo artist since he started his adventures away from I Am Kloot. You can also expect songs from his follow up album and a few I Am Kloot classics that he has rearranged with other instruments.

**Thu 5 Mar / 7pm doors**

**Tickets from: £17.50 PG**



## The Pete Wylie Show

Seminal Scouse maverick who, along with Ian McCulloch and Julian Cope, pioneered the Eighties art-indie scene. His debut gig was at the legendary Eric's in Liverpool – the night it was raided and closed forever. He bounced back with a series of bands – Wah! Heat, Wah! and The Mighty Wah! – and had a string of hits includes *The Story Of The Blues*, *Come Back, Sinful*, *7 Minutes to Midnight* and *Heart As Big As Liverpool*.

**Fri 6 Mar / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from: £17 PG**



Recorded Encore Screening

## Billy Connolly

The Sex Life of Bandages

Hailed as the UK's most influential comedian of all time, legendary Scot Billy Connolly is coming to cinemas with this brilliant show from his final stand-up tour. Recorded in 2015, during the Australian leg, this whip smart routine is a riotous journey filled with outrageous tales and blistering observations of everyday absurdities. In this special screening, Connolly will also muse upon his career, life and legacy in a deeply personal interview filmed exclusively for cinema audiences.

Sat 25 Jan / 7.30pm

Tickets from: £13

18+



## Just Like That!

The Tommy Cooper Show

The UK's No. 1 Tommy Cooper Show is back on tour! Tommy Cooper was a true comic genius. His impeccable timing, misfiring magic, trademark fez and quick-fire gags made him an international star. "JLT!" continues to wow audiences after sell-out success at London's Museum of Comedy and an extensive UK tour.

This all-encapsulating show stars John Hewer (Tony Hancock, Hancock's Half Hour - The 'Lost' Episodes, Harold Steptoe, Steptoe and Son) giving "a perfect illusion of time travel" and delivering "nuances both obvious and subtle" as the man in the fez. With live musical accompaniment, this acclaimed tribute is the perfect celebration of Britain's favourite comedian.

Sat 8 Feb / 7.30pm

Tickets from: £12 / £10 Conc

PG



## Paul Sinha

Hazy Little Thing Called Love

Thus far, Paul has lived his life content in the understanding that stability and emotional happiness were lovely ideas but not really for him. Nonetheless, several decades of cheerfully bearing boozy witness to the narratives of others can slowly change a man. And so can a prosecco-fuelled Christmas.

Rose d'Or winner for radio comedy and Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, Paul has appeared on Just A Minute, The News Quiz, QI, Would I Lie to You? and Taskmaster. Paul also appears as 'The Sinnerman', on the ITV quiz show, The Chase.

Sat 22 Feb / 8pm

Tickets from: £15

17+

## Mark Thomas

50 Things About Us

In his new show 50 Things About Us Mark Thomas combines his trademark mix of storytelling, standup, mischief and really, really well researched material to examine how we have come to inhabit this divided wasteland that some of us call the United Kingdom.

Sat 29 Feb / 8pm

Tickets from: £19 / £14 conc

16+



## Stephen Bailey

Can't Be Bothered

Stephen Bailey has made a name for himself for being a little gossip – but this year he's grown up and decided to have a conversation with you (but a funny one – he's still Channel 5's darling) - about everything that is going on in the world.

*"An outrageous, hilarious hour of comedy. Stephen Bailey is a superstar in the making".* **British Comedy Guide**

Wed 11 Mar / 7.30pm

Tickets from: £15.50 / £11.50 Conc

16+





## Charmane

Piggin thinks that Charmane is a kitten because that's what he sees on the outside but Charmane doesn't feel like a kitten on the inside. Join two best friends as they learn about themselves and how to truly see each other. Charmane is a story about acceptance, courage and learning how to find your inner ROAR! A subtle exploration in to gender for children and their families.

**Thu 20 Feb / 1.30pm**

**Tickets from: £8.50 / £6.50 Children / £6 Groups 10+**

**Age Recommendation: 5+**

*Running time 40 mins*

## The Bear

Ever wondered what it would be like to sit on a polar bear's lap? Or ride on its back? Have you ever tried to give a polar bear a bath, or clear up its poo? One night when she's fast asleep, Tilly is visited by an enormous bear. It has a big black tongue and a yawn as big as your head. But Tilly's not scared. With dazzling puppetry, delicious music and dozens of laughs, The Bear is an unforgettable experience for the whole family.

So bring a bear, and join Tilly and her great big white friend on a wild and magical adventure.

**Sun 29 Mar / 2pm**

**Mon 30 Mar / 11am**

**Tickets from: £9 / £8 Children / £7.50 Groups 10+**

**Age Recommendation: 3+**

*Running time 50 mins*



## Darwen Comedy Club

Fans of live stand-up comedy in Darwen are in for a treat when we deliver the cream of the UK and international comedy circuit to your doorstep every single month!

The comedians are hand-picked and curated to showcase the best of industry. We promise you'll love them just as much as we do!



**Sat 4 Jan**

**MC Justin Moorhouse** Harriet Dyer  
Carl Hutchinson Markus Birdman

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**



**Sat 1 Feb**

**MC Justin Moorhouse** Michelle de Swartz  
Josh Pugh **Ray Bradshaw**

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**



**Sat 7 Mar**

**MC Alun Cochrane** Simon Lomas  
Tom Wigglesworth Julian Deane

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**



**Sat 4 Apr**

**MC Tez Ilyas** TBC  
Paul McCaffrey Duncan Oakley

**8pm / Tickets from: £12 adv / £14 door 18+**

*Line-ups are subject to change*

## Diary of Events

● January 2020	4	Darwen Comedy Club
●	25	Billy Connolly: Cinema Screening
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●	27	Arthur Smith - Syd
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The time given is the show start time unless otherwise stated.



National Theatre Live:  
Live Broadcast

## Cyrano de Bergerac

James McAvo (*X-Men*, *Atonement*) returns to the stage in an inventive new adaptation of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, broadcast live to cinemas from the West End in London. Fierce with a pen and notorious in combat, Cyrano almost has it all - if only he could win the heart of his true love Roxane. There's just one big problem: he has a nose as huge as his heart. Will a society engulfed by narcissism get the better of Cyrano - or can his mastery of language set Roxane's world alight?

Thu 20 Feb / 7pm

Tickets from: £14 / £13 conc 15

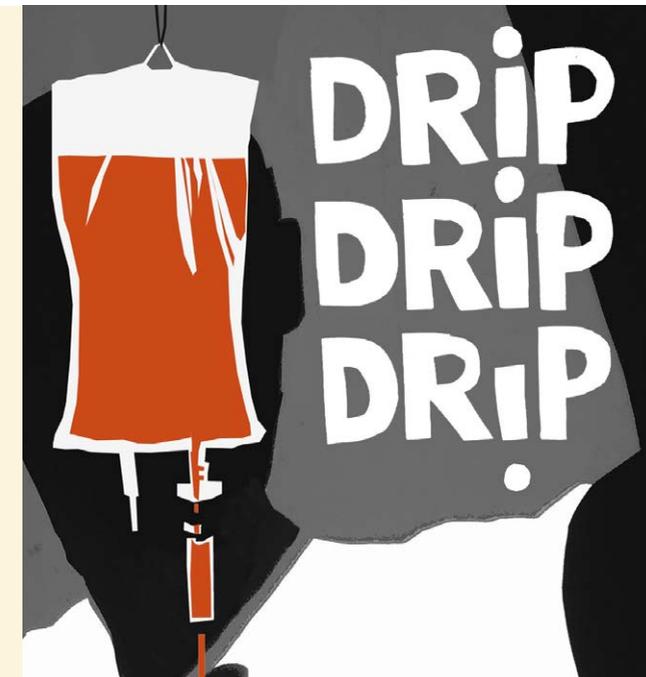
## Drip Drip Drip

Encountered on a ward round: Daniel, a refugee from Eritrea, now a trainee nurse; Rahmiya, a second generation Muslim doctor; and David, elderly white cancer patient and discredited academic, fretting about his cat, Roger. Just another dysfunctional NHS 'family'.

*"There are few companies who have such compelling stories to tell or do so in such a beautifully nuanced and unique way."* Theatre Bath

Fri 28 Feb / 8pm

Tickets from: £14 PG





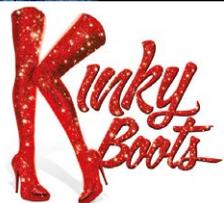
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