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Welcome to another packed Corn Hall brochure. Please have a good look through — there really is something for everyone and the Corn Hall only survives if people buy tickets and come on down!

There's plenty inside for music fans with the return of **Fleetwood Mac**, the emerging talent of **Daoirí Farrell** and similarly folk music fans will not want to miss the visit of **Jackie Oates** in September. And make sure to come along and support fantastic local band **The Butcher's Dog**.

Theatre goers will keep a close eye on National Theatre shows that we may be screening but do also come along to some live theatre. Highlights in this brochure are **The Mistake** in October and the Common Ground production of the **Helgate Club**.

The Corn Hall punches above its weight in terms of comedy names and it's great to welcome back both **Jo Caulfield** and **Mark Watson** as well as ventriloquist **Paul Zerdin**. Also very funny but in the realm of poetry we're delighted to have **Luke Wright's** new show 'Silver Jubilee'.

In December we have 18 performances of our **Pantomime, Cinderella**. The Corn Hall panto has grown and grown over the years and is now firmly established as part of the Diss Christmas celebrations. Please tell your friends and bring em along! As an innovation this year we have 2 performances of our **Adult Panto – Snow White and the Seven Inches**, so do check that out but be careful when you're booking your tickets!

The art exhibitions this season are excellent with a joint exhibition by **Jo and Gary Hincks** in the autumn followed by Norwich based artist **Will Teather** in December. These are preceded by our annual **designermakers21** exhibition. They are currently fundraising to purchase their building across the road from us in Diss. It's a great creative collective and worthy of support.

On a day-to-day basis the Corn Hall acts as a valuable community hub hosting a regular Time With Friends Dementia Café, a drop in mental health service with MIND, our Chatty Café on Wednesday which gives isolated, lonely people of all ages a chance to get together with others, and on a Tuesday morning it's Mums & Tots. We also host a bunch of educational workshops and arts activities, so keep a lookout for these. All of this activity only happens if we get wider funding support so, please do contribute a donation to The Corn Hall if you are able to. Like a lot of public facilities we are being hit by higher costs and any donations are greatly welcome to ensure we can continue to be an excellent Community Arts Centre for the people of Diss and surrounds.

Many thanks,

Stuart Hobday

Chief Exec, Diss Corn Hall

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Box Office hours Free

2 September-14 October
An Exhibition in the Upper
& Lower Galleries

A Celebration **of Textiles** **– Surface**

In collaboration with designermakers21, this year's exhibition will feature a selection of textile artists who utilise the surface of textiles to showcase their practice, encompassing a myriad of processes including: batik, natural dye, agri-textiles, fabric manipulation, embroidery and collage. The exhibitors will include designermakers21 residents, as well as eminent textile artists.

Saturday 7 Oct 11am-4pm

Textiles in Action Day

Explore the textiles on display in both the Corn Hall and designermakers21. Come and join us to try your hand at a range of surface processes and watch the artists at work.



21 October-2 December
Art Exhibition in the Upper & Lower Galleries & Cafe

Jo Hincks and Gary Hincks **– Art Rooms**

Artworks that splice together art-historical styles, contemporary references and domestic imagery. An eclectic exhibition that incorporates large hanging canvases, invented tableaux, assemblages, small printed editions and even painted sentences. Everyday interiors and artifacts, often the source of inspiration, are transformed and reconfigured. The duo's diverse body of work has recurring motifs and subjects that will intrigue and quite often simply amuse.

Sat 28 Oct 2pm Meet the Artists



8 Dec-6 Jan Art Exhibition in the Lower Gallery & Cafe

Will Teather – Magic Realism

This exhibition brings together a cross section of the artist's diverse output including playful compositions based upon pantomime performers at the Corn Hall.

Teather's paintings often depict curious characters caught up in uncanny situations. They are influenced by magical-realism and lifting motifs from diverse sources such as Flemish still life, baroque art and Weimar painters. His work has been exhibited internationally to acclaim and is widely collected.

'Very clever... and beautiful'
BBC News



WEDNESDAY FILMS

£6 / Under 18 £3



Wed 13 Sept 10.30am & 7.30pm

The Nettle Dress

Dir: Dylan Howitt, 1hr 8mins, UK
With Allan Brown

Textile artist Allan Brown spends seven years making a dress by hand just from the fibre of locally foraged stinging nettles. 'Exquisite and inspiring'
Mark Ryland



Wed 4 Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm

Eric Ravilious: Drawn to War (PG)

Dir: Margy Kinmonth, 1hr 27mins, UK
With Paris Agar, Alan Bennett, Anne Desmet

The first full length documentary on the life of enigmatic British artist Eric Ravilious – whose artwork often drew inspiration from his wartime surroundings – unfolds in his own words using previously unseen private correspondence and rare archive film. 'A well-crafted study of a neglected artist who died when the plane he was flying disappeared during the second world war' ★★★ The Guardian



Wed 25 Oct 10.30am

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)

Dir: Kemp Powers, 2hr 20mins
With Shameik Moore, Hailee Steinfeld

In the next chapter of the Oscar-winning Spider-Verse saga Miles must re-define what it means to be a hero.



Wed 27 Sept 10.30am & 7.30pm

Empire of Light (15)

Dir: Sam Mendes, 1hr 55mins, UK/USA
With Olivia Colman, Michael Ward, Colin Firth

'The 'love letter to the movies' genre is revived in this poignant, wonderfully acted drama about love, life and films' ★★★★★ The Guardian



Wed 25 Oct 7.30pm

Are You There God? It's Me Margaret (PG)

Dir: Kelly Fremon Craig, 1hr 46mins, USA
With Abby Ryder Forston, Rachel McAdams, Kathy Bates

Based on Judy Blume's children's novel. A comic, tender exploration of adolescence.



Wed 18 Oct 10.30am & 7.30pm

Babyteeth (15)

Dir: Shannon Murphy, 1hr 58mins, Australia
With Eliza Scanlan, Michelle Lotters, Toby Wallace

Powerfully acted and sensitively directed, Babyteeth offers audiences a coming-of-age story that's messier – and more rewarding – than most. ★★★★★ The Guardian

FILMS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Wednesdays
8, 15, 22 & 29 Nov
17, & 31 January

Check our website, or ask the
Box Office for the latest updates.



Wed 1 Nov 10.30am & 7.30pm

Decision to Leave (15)

Dir: Park Chan-wook, 2hr 19mins, South Korea
With Park hae-Il, Tang Wei, Lee Jung-hyun

'A married detective contemplates infidelity in the South Korean director's seductive, multilayered crime drama' ★★★★★ The Guardian

SEP-OCT

'What a voice...
the real deal'

September events still to come...

Friday 15 September 8pm
£15 / Students £8 (Age 14yrs+)

Luke Wright's Silver Jubilee



Wright does what a poet does best, and takes a deep dive into himself. What follows is his most confessional show to date.

'Luke is on fire! A poetic interrogation of himself, who he is and where he is from that leaves you tenderised and bruised and with a little something in your eye.' *Mark Thomas*

Saturday 16 September 2pm £13

Olaf Falafel's Super Stupid Show



Comedian and children's author Olaf Falafel unleashes a barrage of family-friendly comedy, drawing and nonsense.

'One of the best family shows I've seen...'

Mark Watson

Saturday 16 September 8pm
£5 standing / seated

The Butcher's Dog

This popular Norfolk-based band bring a good time and a party wherever they play. They're loud, they play a mixture of down and dirty rock 'n roll mixed with some punky, soulful goodness.

Wednesday 20 Sept 7.15pm £14.50 / Under 18 £11

Das Rheingold - ROH Live

Wagner's Ring cycle boasts some of the greatest music ever written for the opera stage.

This bold new imagining boasts an outstanding cast.

Friday 22 September 7.30pm £16

The Jackie Oates Trio



Contemporary folk treasure and award-winning singer and fiddler, Jackie Oates with multi-instrumentalist Mike Cosgrave and renowned double bass player John Parker.

'There's a sweetness and melancholy to her voice that is like no other...' *Songlines*

Saturday 23 September 7.30pm £17.50

The Jonathan Wyatt Big Band present

Ella & Basie

The JWBB celebrate the musical legacy of the legendary Ella Fitzgerald and William 'Count' Basie. With classics like *A Tisket, A Tasket* and *Every Time We Say Goodbye*.

Thursday 28 Sept 7.30pm £12 / Under 25 £10 Ages 13yrs+

The Last Motel

Abalone's desperate, he's taken holiday to commit armed robbery and now he has a woman stuffed into the boot of his classic car.

'A kind of homespun Fargo with more theatrical flair'
Edfringe Review

Saturday 30 September 7.30pm £18.50

We Three Kings - of Rock 'n Roll

Three West End artists celebrate the music of Rock 'n Roll icons Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley.



Theatre

Thursday 5 Oct 7.30pm
£13.50 / Under 18s £9.50
(Age 9yrs+)

The Pantaloons present

The Comedy of Errors

Cartoonish capers in Shakespeare's funniest farce! Two sets of shipwrecked twins – who lost their doubles years ago – unknowingly end up in the same place at the same time. Chaos ensues; but will the searching siblings find each other in the end?

Expect silly slapstick, abundant anachronisms and memorable music nestled amongst Shakespeare's poignant poetry as the critically-acclaimed **Pantaloons** put their own inimitable spin on this classic comedy.

"Wholly charming." *The Times*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Music

Friday 6 October 7.30pm £17

Daoirí Farrell

Dublin-born singer and bouzouki player Daoirí (pronounced Derry) Farrell is one of the most important singers to come out of Ireland in recent years. Winner of two BBC Folk Awards, Daoirí quickly found many admirers worldwide including legends Donal Luny and Christy Moore.

'What a voice... Effortless, instinctive, natural... the real deal' *Mark Ratcliffe, BBC Radio 2 Folk Show*

Approx 1hr 50mins incl interval.

5-6pm **FREE singing workshop**

As well as the evening gig, we're thrilled that Daoirí has agreed to give a FREE one hours singing workshop as well!



Photo: Anthony Mulcahy

Word

Saturday 7 October 7.30pm £12.50

Mark Cocker

Author and naturalist Mark Cocker is one of our greatest nature writers. His books include works of biography, history, literary criticism and memoir.

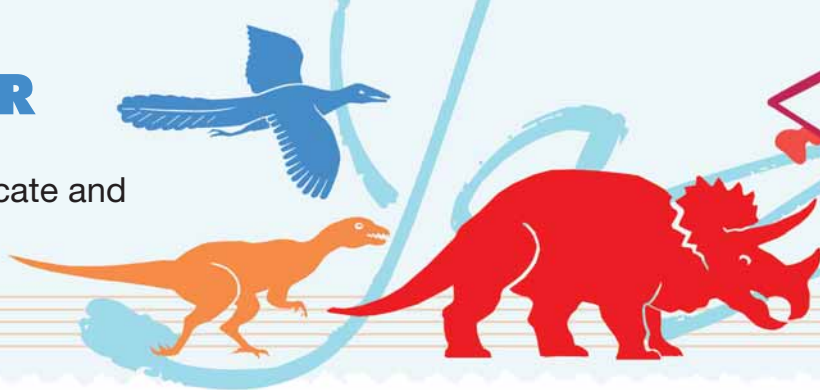
His new book, *One Midsummer's Day – Swifts and the Story of Life on Earth* draws deeply on science, history, literature and a lifetime of close observation. It is a dazzling and wide-ranging celebration of all life on Earth. He will be talking about his book – one he says he's been planning to write all his life – with Terence Blacker.

Approx 1hr incl Q&A. Meet Mark and have books signed afterward.



OCTOBER

‘stunning, intricate and exquisite...’



Family

Sunday 8 October 2pm
£15 / Child £11 (Age 5-12yrs+)

Ultimate Dinosaurs – Dr Ben Garrod

Get ready to go on an exciting pre-historic adventure as Ben talks you through the deadliest predators that ever roamed the planet. Yes dinosaurs such as Tyrannosaurus rex, Allosaurus



and Spinosaurus would have walked or swam right where you are now!

Pitting the knowledge of unwitting parents against their all-knowing kids, Dr Ben presents an interactive, educational and highly entertaining show.

Approx 60mins.

Screen Arts

Wednesday 11 October 7.15pm
£14.50 / Under 18 £11

A Little Life

James Norton (*Happy Valley*) stars with Luke Thompson (*Bridgerton*) and Elliot Cowan (*The Crown*) in the ‘utterly compelling’ (★★★★★ *Daily Express*) theatrical event of 2023.



Filmed live at the Savoy Theatre, London, this critically acclaimed adaptation of the million-copy bestseller by Hanya Yanagihara, comes to the big screen for a limited time only.

Approx 3hrs 40mins.

Music

Thursday 12 October 7.30pm £16

Jazz at the Corn Hall presents

Jo Harrop

Jo Harrop is one of the busiest and admired singers on London's music scene and has received rave reviews for her live appearances and recordings.

Tonight, her powerful, evocative songs and rich, sultry voice are accompanied by Chris Ingham (piano) and Harry Greene (sax/guitar).

“A rare mix of delicacy and boldness” *Guardian*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Comedy

Friday 13 October 7.30pm £20 Age 14yrs+

So Comedy & Broken Robot present

Paul Zerdin – Puppetman

Join the *America's Got Talent* winner and an array of ‘funny and sharp-tongued’ (*The Observer*) creations in Paul Zerdin's brand-new comedy show including Sam, Albert, Baby, Roger the bodyguard and an urban fox.

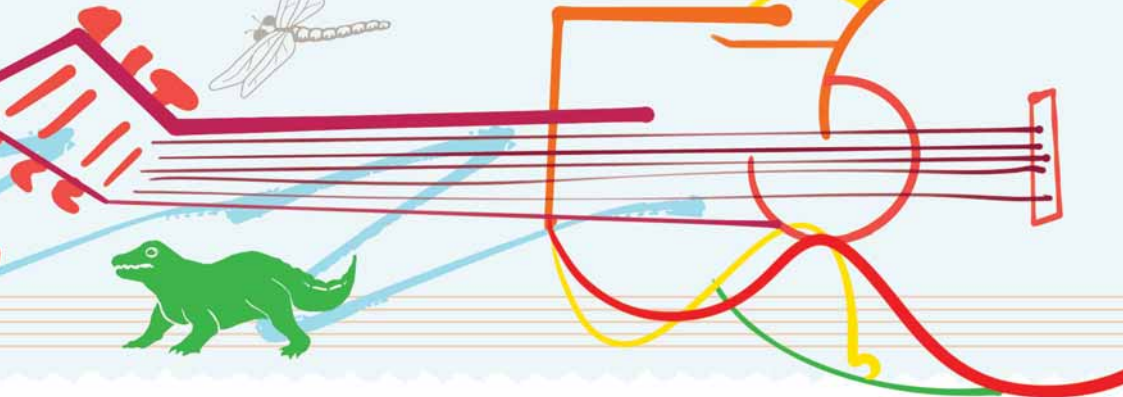
As seen on *Lost Voice Guy's Christmas Comedy Club* ITV and *Michael McIntyre's Big Show* BBC1.

‘A ventriloquist at the top of his game, Zerdin is in a league of his own’

★★★★★ *The Scotsman*

Approx 1hr 50mins incl interval.





Music

Saturday 14 October 8pm Seated £20 / Standing £18

Fleetwood Bac

Endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself, Fleetwood Bac are the world's first and best Fleetwood Mac tribute band authentically replicating the classic 'Rumours' line-up.

They have received rave reviews from the leading Fleetwood Mac fansites, the official Stevie Nicks website and from ecstatic audiences wherever they play. Full of passion and energy, their



theatrical show focuses on the 'Rumours' era, but includes several songs from the Peter Green days, as well as some of Stevie's biggest solo hits.

'Spot on. Fans of the real thing will certainly not be disappointed.' *The Stage*

Approx 2hrs plus interval.

Theatre

Thursday 19 October 7.30pm £15 / Under 25s £8

Essential Theatre presents

The Mistake

By Michael Mears

1942. Chicago. A dazzling scientific experiment takes place, which three years later will destroy a city and change the world – forever...



Two actors, one British, one Japanese, enact the compelling stories of a brilliant Hungarian scientist, a daring American pilot and a devoted Japanese daughter, in this powerful and thought-provoking drama about the dangers we face when humans dare to unlock the power of nature.

★★★★ 'The past comes alive – a gripping piece of storytelling.' *The Times*

Approx 80mins, no interval plus Q&A.

Music

Friday 20 Oct 7.30pm £18

Martin Simpson – A Master of His Art

Widely acknowledged as one of the finest acoustic and slide guitar players in the world, Martin Simpson's interpretations of traditional songs are masterpieces of storytelling.

His solo shows are intense, eclectic, spellbinding and deeply moving. His own song writing has produced some real gems, from the truck-stop epic *Love Never Dies*, to the profoundly moving *Never Any Good*. His career includes collaborations on stage and record with June Tabor, Kelly Joe Phelps, Jackson Browne, Danú, Martin Carthy, Cara Dillon and many more.

'Simpson's playing is technically stunning, intricate and exquisite...' *The Guardian*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Photo: Geoff Trinder

OCT-NOV

‘razor-sharp
observations...’



Music

Saturday 21 Oct 7.30pm £20

Adele Tribute Hometown Glory

– performed by
Natalie Black

Natalie Black is the ultimate tribute to Adele. With an unrivalled likeness in her outstanding vocal quality and her appearance backed by a full band of top musicians, this will be a night to remember.

Natalie delivers a pitch perfect show performing all of your most loved Adele hits including *Set Fire to the Rain*, *Make You Feel My Love*, *Someone Like You*, and *I Drink Wine* and many more, all in the rich and soulful voice of Adele.

Featuring stunning replica costumes and moving heartfelt storytelling, this is a true celebration of the music of Adele!

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Family

Tuesday 24 October 10.30am - 12.30pm
Child £6.50 Ages 0-12 (U18 months go free)

Start With Art! – Art Rooms

This Start With Art we are exploring the work of Jo and Gary Hincks, looking at everyday interiors and influences in new creative ways. Let your imagination run wild to transform the things in your everyday life into brand new art works. Dress for mess! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Babies under 18 months are free but it is important to ‘book’ a free ticket.



Theatre

Thursday 26 October 7.30pm £14 / Under 21 £10 (Age 12yrs+)

Common Ground Theatre Company presents

The Hellgate Club

by Pat Whymark

Enter At Your Peril!

Paris, 1905. A series of strange happenings have the authorities baffled. Several men have disappeared under mysterious circumstances in the vicinity of the notorious Pigalle district. With no leads, the police ask retired detective, Jean Tellier to take one last case...

Join Common Ground for a gothic murder mystery based on a real-life case of the time, with live music in the style of the period.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.





Cabaret

Friday 27 October 7.45pm Advance £12.50 / Day £14

NOW! That's What I Call... DRAG! Halloween Spooktacular!

Do you love all things drag?! Well shantay this way because NTWIC DRAG! is back with a **Halloween Spooktacular!** Serving up a deliciously twisted slice of British drag cabaret, expect electrifying lip synching, scarily good live vocals, camp comedy, audience games and CHAOS!



Hosted by Knuckle Sandwich and Will Power alongside East Anglia's finest drag stars, get ready for the night of your lives, and even strut your stuff in our Halloween catwalk competition!

Ends at approx 11pm. 2 intervals.

Comedy

Friday 3 November 8pm £18 (Age 16yrs+)

Tin Cat Entertainment presents

Jo Caulfield – Here Comes Trouble!

Voted Comedians' Comedian of The Year 2021/2022, Jo Caulfield is quite simply one of the most consistently funny and creative comics in the country.



Packed with brilliant routines and fantastically embarrassing stories, audiences can expect razor-sharp observations and scandalous one-liners. Jo doesn't mean to cause trouble; she just has the nerve to say out loud what everyone else is thinking!

This is Jo Caulfield doing what she does best: pure Stand-Up. Just Jo, a microphone, and a bad attitude.

Approx 1hr 45mins incl interval.

Comedy

Saturday 4 Nov 7.30pm
Tickets £12

Do You Think That's Wise? – The Life & Times of John Le Mesurier

In this affectionate tribute to one of Britain's best-loved comedy stars, leading impressionist Julian Dutton (*BBC1's The Big Impression*, co-creator and co-star of *BBC2's Pompidou* with Matt Lucas) brings to life the actor that charmed millions and turned John Le Mesurier into a household name in *Dad's Army*.

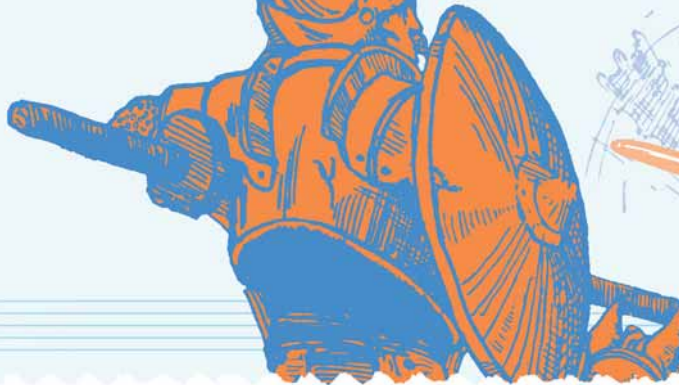
'You'd think that John Le Mesurier was actually stood before you. An amazing biographical tale – look out for it on tour.' *British Comedy Guide*

Approx 1hr 35mins incl interval.



NOVEMBER

‘Brilliantly, wittily,
inventively told’



Screen Arts

Tuesday 7 Nov 7.15pm
£14.50 / U18 £11



Live

Don Quixote

Based on Miguel de Cervantes' epic novel, the ballet follows the adventures of the eccentric nobleman Don Quixote and his faithful squire Sancho Panza, as they help to bring a vivacious young couple, Kitri and Basilio, together.

Teeming with comedy, wit and an abundance of bravura choreography, Carlos Acosta's production brings the Spanish heat and romance of Cervantes' classic novel to life.

Approx 3hrs 30mins incl two intervals.



Theatre

Thursday 9 Nov 7.30pm £12 / Students £6 (Age 10yrs+)

RoughCast present

Journey's End

One of the greatest of all English war plays and ground-breaking in its day, R C Sherriff's *Journey's End* remains one of the most powerful pieces of modern drama dealing with the tragedy and horror of conflict.

Set over four days leading up to a massive German attack on the British trenches in 1918, it charts the tension and claustrophobia as the new recruit to the company, Lieutenant Raleigh, discovers that Captain Stanhope, his former childhood friend and hero, has changed almost beyond recognition.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Dance

Saturday 11 November Doors 7.15pm Dancing from 8pm
£15 (first 50) / £16.50 (next 200) / £17.50 (final 100)
Plus £1 per ticket booking fee

Discos For Grown Ups – Pop-Up Disco Party

The legendary Discos for Grown Ups is coming to the Corn Hall! Get glittered up for a fun, fab and feel-good night of dancing with people your own age to the best ever 70s disco, 80s pop and 90s dance floor classics.

Boogie the night away to classics from Donna Summer, Earth Wind and Fire, Chic, Sister Sledge, Odyssey, Chaka Khan, ABBA, Madonna, Robin S, Erasure, Bee Gees, Candi Staton, Faithless and many more.

Dress Code – Disco Glamour.
Ends 11.30pm. Last entry 9pm.





Theatre

Friday 17 Nov 7.30pm
£14 / Under 25 £8 (Age 8yrs+)

A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings

In a kitchen, in a theatre, two storytellers and their audience find something remarkable – a very old man with enormous wings...

Using a combination of music, puppetry and live video projection this magic-realist gem – inspired by Gabriel García Márquez's darkly comic tale – is brought to the stage with beautiful, emotional richness. It taps into the best and worst of mankind, examining the human response to those who are weak, dependent, and different.

"Brilliantly, wittily, inventively told" *The Wee Review* ★★★★★

Children 8yrs+ and adults of all ages.
Approx 45 minutes.



Music

Saturday 18 November 7.30pm £22.50

The Opera Boys – A Night at The Musicals

Whether you're a fan of smash hit musicals like *Mamma Mia*, *Hairspray* and *Jersey Boys*, prefer the classics from the likes of Gershwin and Rodgers & Hammerstein, or adore the definitive masterpieces like *Les Misérables*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *West Side Story*, this show is perfect for musical theatre lovers young and old.

With beautiful vocal arrangements and spectacular close part harmonies, **The Opera Boys** have been delighting audiences all over the world with their unique show combining beautiful, powerful and emotional music with engaging and light-hearted entertainment.

★★★★★ 'Spine tingling'
The Public Reviews

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Fair

Sunday 19 November 10am-4pm

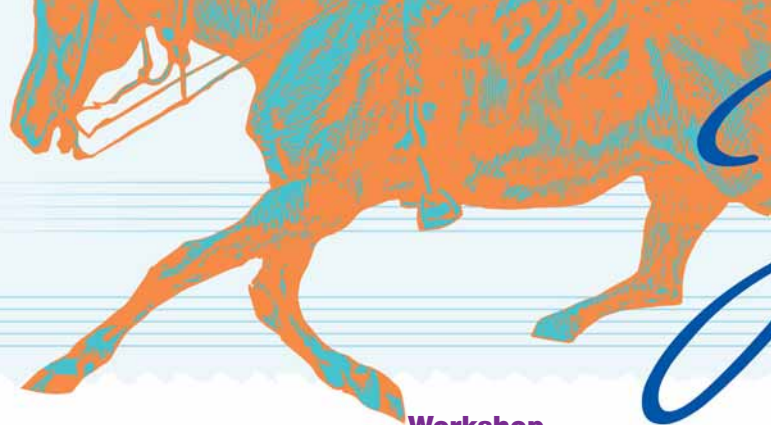
Christmas Craft Fayre

Accompanied by mince pies and mulled wine, this will be a chance to get some handmade Xmas gifts.



NOV-DEC

‘One of the best nights we’ve had in a long time!’



Theatre

Thursday 23 November 7.30pm £14 / Under 25 £10 (12yrs+)

The Whiting's on The Wall presents

Horse Play

The true story of Sprowston Boy, a horse owned by Norwich lads, that ran against the horses of Lords, Ladies, Royals and Sir Henry Cecil's odds-on favourite to win at Royal Ascot in 1987. Not only that, but he was also ridden by the first female to win at Ascot!



A heart-warming adventure with unlikely heroes that celebrates the underdog and is a reminder to everyone that we can achieve our dreams against all odds.

‘Mixing nostalgia with playfulness, humour and poignancy’ *Eastern Daily Press*

Approx 70mins, no interval.

Music

Saturday 25 November, 7.30pm £16.50

The ELO Encounter – Blue Sky Tour

Roll over Beethoven, because the greatest tribute to Jeff Lynne's Electric Light Orchestra is here! An all live show of soaring strings and striking vocal harmonies featuring all the much loved songs from ELO's hit-filled library including *Evil Woman*, *Telephone Line* and *Don't Bring Me Down*.

Reeling off classic hit after hit, this spectacular live show with stunning



lights and special effects creates an immersive atmosphere flawlessly recreating the wonderful music of ELO.

★★★★★ ‘A brilliant night out’ *BBC Radio*

Approx 2hrs 15mins incl interval.

Workshop

Saturday 2 December
10.15am-4.15pm
£65 incl tea, coffee & biscuits 10 places only

Stained Glass Workshop

Stained glass is a magical medium: it is colour transformed by light! Join local stained glass artist Teri Lockton to create your choice of a stained glass lantern, or two beautiful hanging panels, suitable for indoor and outdoor use and a lovely Christmas gift.

You will use the mosaic technique, so no glass cutting is involved and no prior experience is needed. All materials supplied.

When booking please advise whether you want to make a lantern or panel.



STAINED Jazz CLASS

Music

Saturday 2 December 7.30pm £19

Jazz at the Corn Hall

A Swinging Christmas – with Jazz at The Movies

Rated as “sublime seasonal jazz” by *BBC Radio*, this show is the perfect way to begin the festivities.

Featuring pianist and MC Chris Ingham, acclaimed chanteuse Joanna Eden, saxophonist/clarinetist Mark Crooks, bassist Joe Pettitt and drummer George Double, the show is an annual sell-out at Ronnie Scott’s and festive concerts all over the UK.

With an ever-evolving song selection every show delivers a delightful, stocking-full of 20th century holiday classics and curiosities, a unique blend of irreverence, poignancy and joy.

“One of the finest combos in the country and a seriously talented vocalist” *Jazz Journal*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.

Adult Panto

Friday 15 & Wednesday 20 December 8pm
£16 (Age 18yrs+)

Snow White and the Seven Inches – an Adult Panto

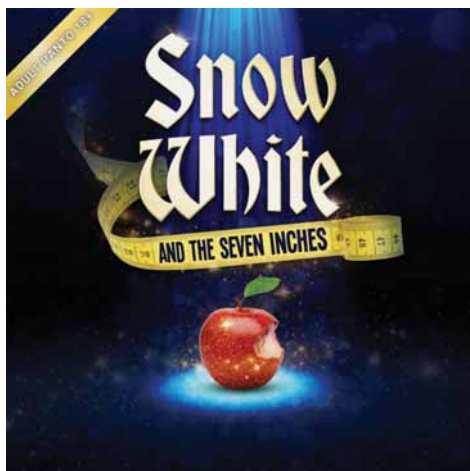
Mirror, Mirror on the wall... adult pantomime comes to the Diss Corn Hall!

Feeling grumpy? (Or the other six blokes we can’t mention due to copyright...) well don’t, because who says panto isn’t for adults!

Join Snow White and a hilarious cast for a night of filthy fairy tale fun! Expect camp chaos, saucy songs and the whole seven inches, with “Now That’s Panto!”’s latest production, *Snow White And The Seven Inches* – coming sooner than your ex!

“One of the best night’s we’ve had in a long time!”
Audience Review 2023

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



DEC-JAN

'...half man, half
wolf, half frozen
dessert'



Pantomime

Cinderella

The Classic Fairytale Pantomime

16th - 31st December

Polish off your pumpkin, dust off your gowns, and join Prince Charming as he hosts the biggest Christmas party of the year in search of his one true love...

Don't miss the greatest fairy tale of all brought to life with fabulous costumes, songs and dancers, laugh out loud comedy and plenty of audience interaction. It'll be a sparkling Christmas treat all the family can enjoy! Will Prince Charming succeed before the clock strikes twelve? Will the hilarious Ugly Sisters, Diss and Dat steal his heart? Will Cinderella's wicked Mother Lady Mere lock her away? Or will her Aunty Godmother and Buttonz ensure we all live happily ever after?

There's only one way to find out. Be sure to book early, and don't forget your glass slipper!

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| Sat 16th Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Sun 17th Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Thurs 21st Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Fri 22nd Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Sat 23rd Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Sun 24th Dec | 10.30am & 2pm |
| Tues 26th Dec | 2pm & 6pm |
| Wed 27th Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Thurs 28th Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Fri 29th Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Sat 30th Dec | 1pm & 5pm |
| Sun 31st Dec | 1pm |

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Screen Arts

Friday 5 January 7.15pm
£14.50 / Under 18 £11



Live

The Nutcracker

Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky

Discover the enchantment of ballet with this delicious seasonal treat for all the family.

A delightful Christmas Eve party becomes a magical adventure for Clara once everyone else is tucked up in bed as she and her enchanted Nutcracker fight the Mouse King and visit the Sugar Plum Fairy in the glittering Kingdom of Sweets. Marvel at the brilliance of Tchaikovsky's score and the gorgeous period designs in this festive ballet classic, combining the thrill of the fairy tale with spectacular dancing.

Approx 2hrs 50mins incl interval.



Theatre

Saturday 6 January 4pm & 7.30pm
£14 / Under 21 £10

Common Ground Theatre Company present

Miss Mimple Meets The Ice Wolf

by Pat Whymark

Renowned amateur sleuth Miss Jean Mimple is on a hiking tour of the Italian alps, sightseeing. In a remote hostelry, she meets Dr Bridges, assistant to the mysterious Professor Ramekin, who lives in nearby Castle Pandoro.

The body of one of the servants at the Castle has been found torn to shreds, and Dr Bridges invites Miss Mimple to help with the investigation. The locals at the inn warn her of The Ice Wolf, or "Bestia Gelato" – half man, half wolf, half frozen dessert – which has terrorised the region for several months? Undeterred, the plucky Miss Mimple sets off to investigate.

Could the terrifying Ice Wolf be linked to Professor Ramekin's experiments? (Spoiler: Of course it is!).

A festive comedy with songs.

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



JANUARY

‘...unique, joyous,
evocative music’

Comedy

Saturday 13 January
8pm £20

Mark Watson – Search

Mark Watson's 12-year-old son has just got a phone. His 70-year-old dad has been through the most frightening experience of his life. Both a dad and a kid himself, around the midpoint of his life, the Taskmaster star and multiple award-winner returns to consider the search for meaning that we're all on, with or without Google. There'll be a lot of jokes, and a show that's different every night.

★★★★★ 'A genius-level comic doing what he does best... it's magical to watch and just so funny' *Time Out*



Music

Saturday 20 January 7.30pm £10

Cawston Band

One of Norfolk's oldest and high-profile brass bands, The Cawston and District Silver Prize Band was formed in 1886. Now the band is the East Anglian Brass Band Association's reigning 'Champion Band' and consists of over 25 musicians from across the county.

The band performs regularly at venues across Norfolk and East Anglia, including Norwich Cathedral, Wymondham Abbey and Eaton Park performing everything from show tunes to pop songs, classical music, film scores and original brass band music.

Approx 1hr 50mins incl interval.



Screen Arts

Wednesday 24 January 6.45pm £14.50 / Under 18 £11

Rusalka

Music Antonín Dvořák

Rusalka, a water spirit, lives with her family in the pure waters of the forest lake. When she falls in love with a Prince, she sacrifices her voice and leaves her home in the hope of finding true love in a new world – a world that does not love her back.

Semyon Bychkov conducts an all-star cast featuring Asmik Grigorian (Jenůfa) in the title role in this poetic, contemporary new staging of Dvořák's lyric fairy tale.

Approx 3hrs 45mins incl one interval.





Music

Thursday 25 January 7.30pm £17

Jazz at the Corn Hall presents

London Django Collective

A scintillating evening of hot club swing influenced by the musical legacy and spirit of the legendary gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt.

Steered by Matt Holborn (violin) with Kourosh Kanani (guitar), Harry Diplock (guitar) and Pete Thomas (bass), the London Jazz Collective pushes the genre forward with vision of true progression for the style whilst nodding to the great musicians of the past.

"Highly unique, joyous, evocative music" *Skiddle*

Approx 2hrs incl interval.



Magic & Comedy

Saturday 27 January 7pm
£15 / Under 18 £12

West End Magic

London's longest-running theatre magic show, direct from the Leicester Square Theatre, presents some of the most exciting names in magic and variety in the UK. An exciting, family-friendly show offering an amazing mixture of magic, comedy and variety acts featuring British Champion of Magic Oliver Tabor, magical compere Wayne Trice plus special guest acts.

The perfect treat for all the family, suitable for ages 5 to 105.

"Oliver was so good it made me realise the true value of going to see a live magic show." *The Sun*

Running time tbc.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Comedy

Saturday 10 February 7.30pm £20

You're Bard!

Shakespeare like you've never seen. A hilarious, family-friendly new show in which you – the audience – decide everything, from the play to the performance style. Even which actor plays



which part. Four actors. Four Shakespeare shows. Endless possibilities! "Delightfully Daft" *The Stage*

Music

Friday 23 February 7.30pm £18

The Magic Flute

The incomparable and ever-inventive Merry Opera returns with the perfect opera to showcase their exuberant style, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.



Music

Saturday 24 February 7.30pm £19.50

Creedence Clearwater Review – Green River Tour

Established as the UK's #1 CCR tribute among



die-hard fans, Creedence Clearwater Review's Green River tour brings all the greatest hits in a sensational two hour show of American Rock & Roll nostalgia.

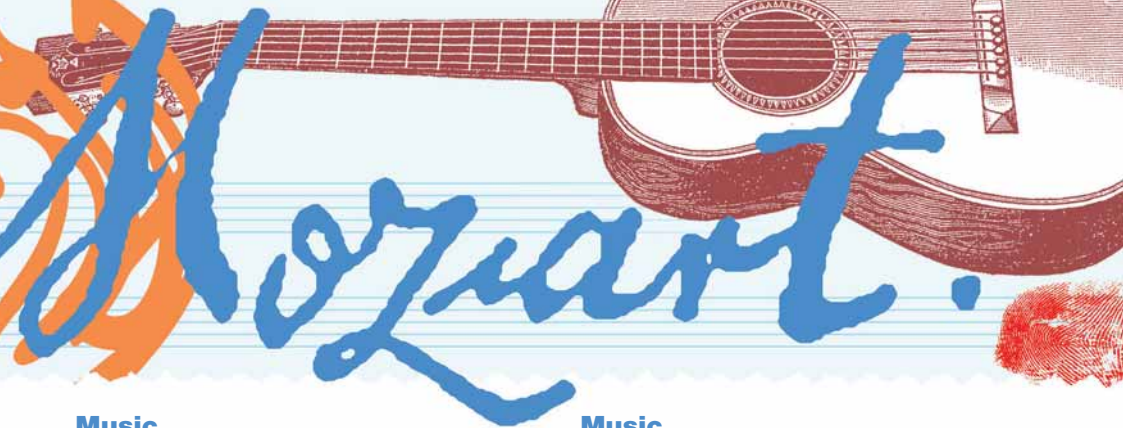
Music

Saturday 2 March 7.30pm £25

The Signatures – Northern Soul Live

The UK's premier Northern Soul show that's sweeping the nation! Featuring an electrifying and talented 10-piece band performing in their own signature style, along with special guest vocalists Stefan Taylor and Lorraine Silver.





Music

Saturday 9 March 7.30pm £18

The Budapest Cafe Orchestra - In concert

'...the fiery vivacity and awe-inspiring musicianship of the finest purveyors of Eastern European gypsy music... will leave you with a grin on your face and rhythm in your feet...' *The Times*

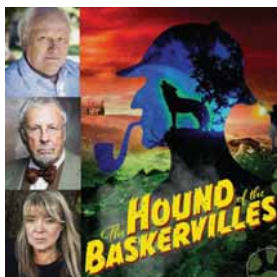


Theatre

Saturday 16 March 7.30pm £20

The Hound of the Baskervilles

Colin Baker (*Doctor Who*) and Terry Molloy (*The Archers*) join forces to play Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson, in this tale of murder, mystery and horror that's surely the greatest detective story ever told! This 5 star production is presented as a radio play live on stage.



Music

Thursday 9 May 7.30pm £30 standard / £45 VIP (best seats and goody bag) £80 (pre-show meet & greet, front rows & goody bag)

Paul Young - Behind The Lens

On the 40th anniversary of '*No Parlez*', Paul is releasing a new record and publishing his extraordinary memoir; both called '*Behind The Lens*'. He comes to The Corn Hall as part of his



UK tour where he'll meet fans, sing hits and tell stories about his incredible career.

Cabaret

Friday 31 May 7.30pm £22 Ages 18yrs+

Solve-Along-a-Murder-She-Wrote - Sing a Song of Murder

This cult hit event comes to Diss! Jessica Fletcher heads to London but soon gets caught up in a murder mystery only she (or you!) can solve... A unique and hilarious night featuring games, prizes and audience participation. See the show that



Time Out rated one of the 50 Great Nights Out in London and has played to sell-out audiences across the UK.

An exciting new programme...

We are a friendly and welcoming society that meets at the Corn Hall, Diss at 2 pm on the third Tuesday of the month (except 5 December) to enjoy a wide range of talks about the arts, given by highly acclaimed speakers.

Membership costs £45 a year and guests are always welcome (suggested donation: £8). Our forthcoming talks:

- 19th September** Cedric Morris, painter and plantsman: irises and beyond
- 17th October** Music in Art
- 21st November** The Royal School of Needlework: How an organisation for distressed gentlewomen kept reinventing itself so it is still here today
- 5th December** The life and work of Alfred Munnings
- 16th January** Aubrey Beardsley
- 20th February** The architectural madness of William Thomas Beckford

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The Orange Chair, Cedric Morris
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Email: boxoffice@thecornhall.co.uk with your phone number and we'll call you back.

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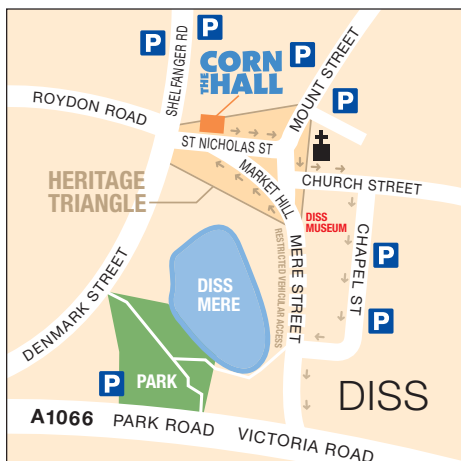
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