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| FRI 5 - SAT 6 | THE SLEEPING BEAUTY ENGLISH YOUTH BALLET | 8 | WED 24 | THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL A TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY HOUSTON | K |
| -RI 5 | LIPSTICK ON YOUR COLLAR | B | FRI 26 | THAT'LL BE THE DAY 40TH ANNIVERSARY SHOW | K |
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| WED 17 | THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY | R | SUN 28 | OPEN DAY THE KINGS THEATRE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION | K |
| THU 18 | THE TAKE THAT EXPERIENCE | R | SUN 28 | ARDAL O'HANLON NOT HIMSELF | R |
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| THU 2 | LUTHER LIVE THE MUSIC THE VOICE THE LEGEND | R | SAT 18 | 80S LIVE! THE ULTIMATE RETRO CONCERT | R |
| FRI 3 | FORVER JACKSON LEGACY OF A LEGEND | K | WED 22 | OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR | K |
| FRI 3 | THE ROCKET MAN A TRIBUTE TO SIR ELTON JOHN | R | WED 22 | KEVIN BLOODY WILSON THE DILLIGAF GUY, LIVE! | R |
| SAT 4 | BOOTLEG BEATLES IN CONCERT | (| THU 23 | SKY FULL OF STARS A TRIBUTE TO COLDPLAY | R |
| SAT 4 | WHITNEY THE CANDLELIGHT CONCERT | ® | THU 23 | A TRIBUTE TO THE CARPENTERS | R |
| MON 6 | EDDIE IZZARD HAMLET | R | FRI 24 | UPTOWN GIRL THE BILLY JOEL COLLECTION | K |
| TUE 7 - SAT 11 | BUDDY THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY | 8 | SAT 25 - SUN 26 | JOSH WIDDICOMBE NOT MY CUP OF TEA | R |
| TUE 7 | WANKERNOMICS JUST TOUCHING BASE | R | SUN 26 | HORRIBLE HISTORIES GORGEOUS GEORGIANS AND VILE VICTORIANS | R |
| WED 8 | ANTIQUES AND A LITTLE BIT OF NONSENSE | R | SUN 26 | CHUCKL. PORTSMOUTH XL COMEDY CLUB | R |
| THU 9 | STUART MICHAEL THE PSYCHIC MEDIUM | R | MON 27 | SHOCK HORROR A GHOST STORY | R |
| FRI 10 | JIMEOIN PANDEMONIUM | B | WED 29 | LA VOIX THE SHOW ISN'T OVER TOUR | R |
| SUN 12 | NORTHERN LIVE DO I LOVE YOU | (| WED 29 | BEN HART THE REMARKABLE | R |
| THU 16 | SARA PASCOE I AM A STRANGE GLOOP | ® | THU 30 | JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR | (X |
| FRI 17 | GIVE ME THE NIGHT THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO GEORGE BENSON | | THU 30 | WOMEN IN ROCK HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR! | R |
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| TUE 4 - SUN 9 | THE LIGHTNING THIEF THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL | K | SAT 15 | THE NUTCRACKER PRESENTED BY THE IMPERIAL BALLET | R |
| THU 6 | MONEY FOR NOTHING DIRE STRAITS TRIBUTE | R | SUN 16 | MYRA DUBOIS COSMIC EMPATH | - R |
| FRI 7 | WORLD FAMOUS ELVIS SHOW STARRING CHRIS CONNOR | R | TUE 18 | MOTIONHOUSE HIDDEN | R |
| SUN 9 | THE MAGIC OF THE BEE GEES | R | FRI 21 | BABATUNDE ALÉSHÉ HIGH EXPECTATIONS | R |
| TUE 11 | ODDSOCKS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THE LADY WITH THE HAMMER | R | SAT 22 - SUN 23 | ROSS NOBLE CRANIUM OF CURIOSITIES | R |
| THU 13 | NASHVILLE AT HEART THE MODERN COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW | R | SAT 29 | KERRY GODLIMAN BANDWIDTH | R |
| DECEMBER | | | | | |
| FRI 5 - WED 31 | ALADDIN THE KINGS THEATRE PANTO | ® | MON 15 | CHRISTMAS WITH ANTON DU BEKE | R |
| SAT 6 | THE RAT PACK CHRISTMAS SHOW | R | MON 22 | FAIRYTALE FOR CHRISTMAS STARRING CHRIS CONNOR | R |
| MON 8 | THAT'LL BE CHRISTMAS PRESENTED BY THAT'LL BE THE DAY | R | SUN 28 | CHRISTMAS COMEDY AT THE KINGS | R |
| FRI 12 - SUN 4 | SNOW WHITE | <u> </u> | MON 29 | ALADDIN: THE ADULT PANTO | 1TA |

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO RICHARD PEARCE

THE THEATRE ROYAL PANTO

Welcome to a very special edition of our What's On guide - the first of its kind to showcase the combined programmes of both The Kings Theatre and Theatre Royal.

This exciting chapter renews the partnership between our two historic venues, uniting our strengths to bring you even more outstanding live entertainment across Portsmouth. From dazzling musicals and timeless drama to family favourites, comedy, and community performances - this joint guide celebrates the incredible breadth of what our city has to offer.

ONE RUB TOO MANY

We're also delighted to launch our brand-new joint membership scheme, designed to offer greater benefits across both theatres. It's never been easier, or more rewarding, to support local arts and enjoy unforgettable experiences all year-round. Details of the memberships and other ways that you can become part of sustaining and evolving our beautiful Portsmouth Theatres are contained in our supplement which is an accompaniment to this guide and can be found online.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to preserve, grow, and celebrate these two cultural landmarks. Whether you're visiting The Kings or Theatre Royal, you're helping keep live theatre thriving in Portsmouth.

We can't wait to welcome you through our doors. Enjoy the season!



Richard Pearce, CEO

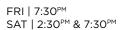
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FRI 5 - SAT 6 SEP

English Youth Ballet

Tickets from £25







The award-winning **English Youth Ballet** brings its enchanting production of **Sleeping Beauty** to The Kings' stage. The production will star 8 international principal dancers and showcase the talents of 100 young dancers from the local area.

English Youth Ballet's spectacular production tells the timeless tale of good triumphing over evil. At Princess Aurora's christening, celebrations are ruined by the wicked Aunt Carabosse, who curses the baby.

Luckily, Aunt Lilac casts a protective spell, sending everyone into a cryogenic sleep for 100 years. Guarded by Cryonite Fairies, Aurora lies frozen in time—until a brave Prince awakens her with a kiss, breaking the curse and defeating Carabosse for good.

"Talented young dancers supported by some of the world's finest principal dancers"

Sunday Express



LIPSTICK ON YOUR COLLAR



FRI 5 SEP | 7:30PM

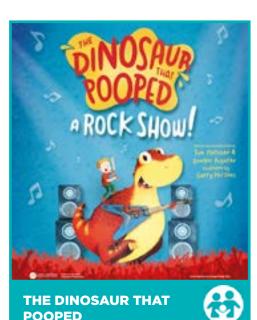
Tickets from £29



Step back in time to the golden era of music where the jukebox roared and feet didn't touch the floor. From the birth of Rock n Roll to 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 and many more.

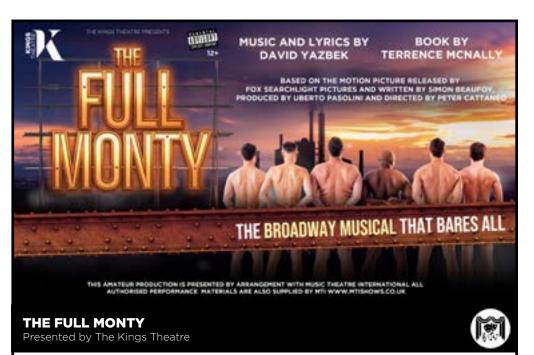
Performed by a full live band featuring some of the country's top musicians, this incredible show features excellent vocals, tight harmonies and an infectious sense of fun, so bring your dancing shoes and let the good times roll!





SAT 20 SEP | 12:30PM & 3:30PM

Tickets from £19.50



SAT 13 - SAT 20 SEP

Tickets from £15

SAT 13 - FRI 19 | 7:30^{PM} SAT 20 | 2:30^{PM} & 7:30^{PM}



Get ready, Portsmouth! **The Full Monty** is hitting The Kings Theatre stage—and this isn't just any production. We're bringing the laughs, the energy, and an unforgettable cast, including the return of the ever-popular Ben Ofoedu, last seen charming panto audiences as Dandini in Cinderella. This time, he's back in a whole new role... and local fans are in for a real treat.

Based on the hit 1997 film, this Americanised stage adaptation follows six unemployed steelworkers from Buffalo who are down on their luck and desperate to make ends meet. With nothing left to lose, they hatch a wildly unexpected plan: perform a one-night-only strip show to earn some quick cash.

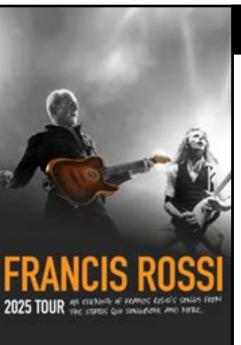
"The Kings Theatre means the world to me. The people of Portsmouth have always made me feel welcome—especially during panto season—and I'm proud to give something back. This isn't just a show, it's something bigger. It's a celebration of local talent, and I'm honoured to be part of it."

Ben Ofoedu - Actor, Singer/Songwriter

In a heartwarming show of support, Ben is donating his time and talent completely free of charge—a testament to the spirit of community that makes The Kings Theatre so special.

"We're always pushing to make our productions extraordinary. Ben brings star power and inspiration to the cast, but this is still very much a show rooted in local talent. His generosity makes this production even more meaningful."

Jack Edwards - Artistic Director & Deputy CEO, Kings Theatre



FRANCIS ROSSI

From the Status Quo Songbook



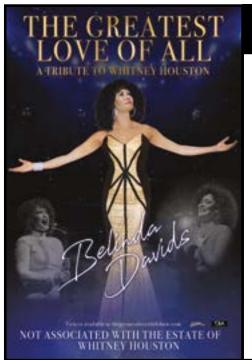
TUE 23 SEP | 7:30PM

Tickets from £44

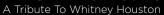


Francis will perform many of his signature hits that made the Quo name, plus some personal favourites and deeper cuts, and he'll be telling more stories about his incredible life in music. Think you know Francis? Not yet you don't... The story starts with 'Pictures of Matchstick Men' but continues right up to the present day.

These new 2025 shows promise lots more music, but plenty of talk too. The shows will lift the curtain on what life is really like in one of Britain's biggest bands, and also provide some context for all the crazy stuff that has happened along the way.



THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL





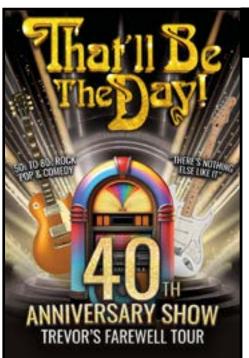
WED 24 SEP | 7:30^{PM}

Tickets from £34



Whitney Houston's musical legacy is brought to life in this critically acclaimed tribute concert described as "mind-blowingly spot on." Be stunned by the breathtaking vocals of Belinda Davids – as seen on Britain's Got Talent, Showtime at the Apollo and winner of the BBC's Even Better Than the Real Thing.

The two-hour international production will fill you with joy, nostalgia and wonderment as it takes you on a heartfelt journey through all of Whitney Houston's greatest hits including I Wanna Dance With Somebody, I Will Always Love You, Greatest Love of All, How Will I Know, One Moment in Time, I Have Nothing, Run to You, I'm Every Woman and more.



THAT'LL BE THE DAY

40th Anniversary Show



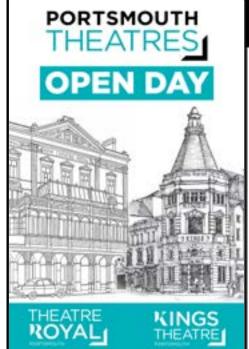
FRI 26 SEP | 7:30PM

Tickets from £29



Don't miss this unforgettable performance celebrating the 40th Anniversary of That'll Be The Day and Trevor's farewell tour. Experience a unique blend of rock 'n' roll, pop, and comedy, featuring timeless hits from the 50s through to the 80s.

Join us to celebrate this milestone and say goodbye to Trevor as we enjoy four decades of entertainment, showcasing the energy, passion, and talent that has made this the UK's longest-running touring theatre show.



Portsmouth Theatre's **OPEN DAY 2025**



SUN 28 SEP 10^{AM -} 3:30^{PM}



This is a Free Event but a ticket must be booked.

Portsmouth Theatres are celebrating a shared heritage and an exciting future together with a FREE open day spanning across The Kings Theatre and Theatre Royal. Enjoy history, tech and ghost tours, musical theatre workshops, live performances, creative craft activities, exhibitions and more! Meet our expert archivists and discover fascinating stories from over a century of performance history. You'll also get an exclusive look at the exciting regeneration projects and membership opportunities shaping the next chapter for Portsmouth Theatres. A special bus service will run between venues so you can experience the magic of both theatres in one easy trip!







NINA CONTI

Whose Face Is It Anyway?



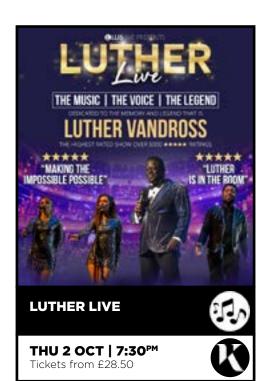
WED 1 OCT | 7:30^{PM}

Tickets from £19



The virtuoso ventriloquist, BAFTA nominee and British Comedy Award winner is back on tour! Nina presents an unparalleled, unscripted show that delves deep into who we are, hijacking faces to spark a bold, hysterical reality warp.

Nina Conti (and Monkey) has regularly sold out shows all over the world with her widely acclaimed performances: in London's West End, off-Broadway in New York, at Sydney's Opera House, across the UK on tour and more – all without moving her lips!







FOREVER JACKSON

Legacy of a Legend



FRI 3 OCT | 7:30PM

Tickets from £29.50



All the hits are here from 'Thriller', 'Billie Jean' and 'Smooth Criminal', to 'Bad', 'Beat It' and 'Black or White'. With world-class musicians. choreography and an electrifying stage production, strap yourself in for the ultimate celebration of the 'King of Pop'.



BUDDY

The Buddy Holly Story



TUE 7 - SAT 11 OCT

Tickets from £21

TUE. WED & FRI | 7:30PM THU & SAT | 2:30^{PM} & 7:30^{PM}



End show first opened in 1989 and has been thrilling audiences around the world ever since. Now it triumphantly returns to The Kings Theatre as part of its 2025/26 UK Tour.

This sensational multi award-winning West



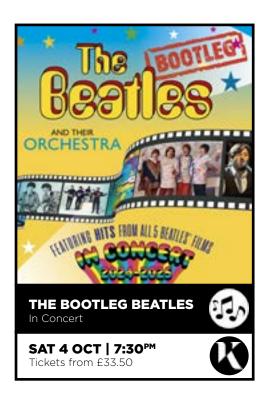
Forget feel good, Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story is FEEL GREAT!

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



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

Book now for Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story. the most successful Rock & Roll Musical of all time.

















THU 16 OCT | 7:30^{PM}

Tickets from £30



Have you ever been awake in the middle of the night and thought something so smart and astute that you couldn't wait for the world to wake up so you could tell them?

THIS SHOW IS THAT THOUGHT. In that it doesn't make much sense and is a bit weird on reflection.

Sara Pascoe is a comedian and her children don't sleep and her kitchen won't clean itself and her husband "doesn't want to be in it".

As seen and heard on Taskmaster, Live at the Apollo, The Great British Sewing Bee, Last One Laughing UK, QI, 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown, Mock the Week and co-host of Sara & Cariad's Weirdos Book Club podcast.



ELVIS 2 ELTON



FRI 17 OCT | 7:30PM Tickets from £15



Elvis 2 Elton is the creation of performer, composer, and entertainer Neil Ogley, inspired by his lifelong love of the golden era of Rock 'n' Roll. Backed by a dynamic 10-piece band, this high-energy tribute celebrates the legends who shaped a generation.

Journey through the decades from Elvis Presley to Elton John, with classic hits from Buddy Holly, Fats Domino, The Rolling Stones, The Kinks, The Beatles, Tina Turner, Queen. and more

Supported by Miltoncross Academy's Frontline Band, the show raises funds for Performing Arts while delivering an unforgettable night of music, nostalgia, and the magic of Rock 'n' Roll.













SAT 18 OCT | 7:30^{PM}

Tickets from £18



Join the legendary **Rustie Lee** for an unforgettable evening of laughter, music, and memories in her brand-new one-woman show

- An Audience with Rustie Lee - Laughing Matters. Rustie shares her incredible journey from TV fame and culinary success to her roots in music, theatre, and entertainment. With her unmistakable laugh and powerhouse vocals, she brings the stage to life like no one else.

Accompanied by her dear friend and pianist Dr. Simon Fricker, Rustie performs songs from gospel and soul to show tunes and ballads. Adding extra sparkle, the legendary Jack Edwards hosts the evening, sharing warm, lighthearted moments that bring you closer to the woman behind the laugh.







THU 23 OCT | 7:30^{PM}

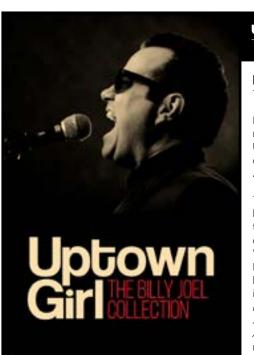


Tickets from £29

Get ready for an electrifying night of music and magic with Sky Full of Stars—the most authentic tribute to Coldplay! This spectacular live experience doesn't just capture the sound and spirit of one of the world's biggest bands - it makes you part of the show

Whether you're a lifelong Coldplay fan or just looking for an unforgettable night out, **Sky** Full of Stars delivers dazzling performances, stunning visuals, and an atmosphere that truly brings Coldplay's greatest hits to life. From the anthemic Viva La Vida to the uplifting A Sky Full of Stars, plus all the songs you love, including Clocks, Yellow, Paradise, and Hymn for the Weekend.





UPTOWN GIRL

The Billy Joel Collection



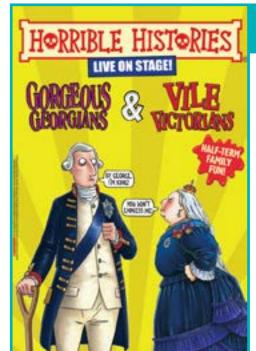
FRI 24 OCT | 7:30PM

Tickets from £27.50



Drawing from six decades of smash-hits and more than 160 million records sold worldwide, Uptown Girl – **The Billy Joel Collection** celebrates the legacy of one of the greatest American musicians of all time.

This new stage production features a full-band recreating iconic performances from the archives including Billy's appearance on The Old Grey Whistle Test in 1978, his iconic Wembley Concert in 1984 and the seminal Live In Long Island. This roof-raising two hour staged concert features non-stop hits including: My Life, Just The Way You Are, The Longest Time, An Innocent Man, New York State of Mind, She's Always A Woman, Tell Her About It, Piano Man, Uptown Girl and many more.



HORRIBLE HISTORIES

Gorgeous Georgians & Vile Victorians



SUN 26 OCT | 1:30^{PM} & 4^{PM}

Tickets from £18



We all want to meet people from history! The trouble is everyone is dead!

So it's time to prepare for **Horrible Histories** live on stage with the acclaimed production of Gorgeous Georgians and Vile Victorians!

Are you ready to swing with a Georgian king? Does the Duke of Wellington get the boot? Would you stand and deliver to dastardly Dick Turpin? Can you help detectives find the headless man? Dare you dance the Tyburn jig? Will you be saved by Florence Nightingale? Find out what a baby farmer did and move to the groove with party Queen Victoria!

It's deliciously horrible fun for all the family!



JOSH WIDDICOMBE

Not My Cup of Tea



SAT 25 - SUN 26 OCT

Tickets from £34



Josh Widdicombe is back on tour, not again! By now he has almost certainly mastered the art of stand-up, either that or he has wasted the last 15 years of his life. Come along and decide for yourself. Expect it to be shorter and with lower production values than Taylor Swift's *Eras Tour*, but funnier and with more references to tea.

Josh co-hosts the popular podcast *Parenting Hell* with Rob Beckett, which has somehow become so popular that they undertook a tour in 2023 and released a book which topped the Sunday Times Bestseller Charts. He's co-hosted the multi-award-winning Channel 4 series *The Last Leg*, is a team captain on Sky Max's *Rob Beckett's Smart TV* and co-hosts Sky's *Hold The Front Page*.



SHOCK HORROR

A Ghost Story



MON 27 OCT | 7:30PM

Tickets £29

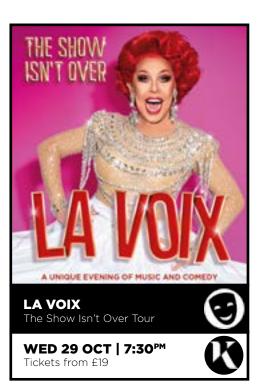


A nightmare is about to break free...

Herbert grew up in the Metropol. The eerie old cinema was his playground and prison – a place where endless late-night horror films were his only window to the world.

But what lurked in the Metropol's darkness? Now Herbert's back at the abandoned cinema, and the real horror has only just begun...

Inspired by classic theatre ghost stories and cinema's greatest frights, **Shock Horror** is a chilling journey into a haunted past. Combining live performance and bigscreen action, it's full of shivers, shrieks and shocking revelations.







An Evening With SIR GEOFF HURST



FRI 31 OCT | 7:30PM

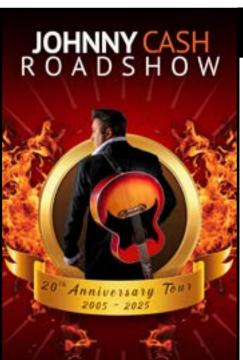
Tickets from £29.50



Join us for an unforgettable evening with a true legend of English football – **Sir Geoff Hurst**, the only man to score a hat-trick in a World Cup Final and win the match. Back by overwhelming popular demand after a string of successful shows between 2018 and 2023, Sir Geoff returns to the stage for one final farewell tour

In this special event, Sir Geoff will share entertaining and inspiring stories from his illustrious career with West Ham United and the England national team.

Hosted by his long-time friend and agent Terry Baker of A1 Sporting Speakers, this relaxed and revealing evening promises insight, humour, and nostalgia.



JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW

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THU 30 OCT | 7:30^{PM} Tickets from £29

The Johnny Cash Roadshow is heading into its 20th year on the road and stronger than ever! A fast-paced, energetic, constantly evolving show that's now the longest-running and most critically acclaimed show across the UK and Europe.

Set on a Grand 'Ole Opry style stage, this show brings you the gift of the best of Johnny Cash in one fabulous night's entertainment.

With standing ovations every night, **The Johnny Cash Roadshow** is the longest
running, most recognised and still the
biggest and best celebration of Johnny Cash
in the world today, guaranteed to leave you
wanting more.



FASTLOVE

A Tribute To George Michael



SUN 2 NOV | 7:30PM

Tickets from £36



Direct from London's West End, this is the world's favourite George Michael celebration.

Few shows have reached the dizzy heights of **Fastlove**, now touring in 18 countries, selling over 250,000 tickets worldwide. Join us for one very special night as we celebrate the late great George Michael.

Playing all the hits, from Wham! right through his glittering career, including, Wake Me Up, Too Funky, Father Figure, Freedom, Faith, Knew You Were Waiting, Careless Whisper and many more.

Fastlove: for the fans.



The Percy Jackson Musical

Tickets from £20.50

TUE 4 - SUN 9 NOV TUE - FRI | 7:30PM





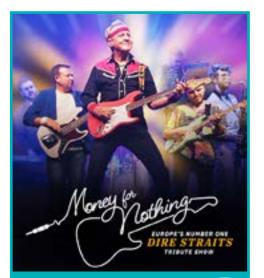


When 16 year old Percy Jackson discovers that he is the half-blood son of the Greek God, Poseidon, his life takes a dramatic turn as he is plunged into a world much bigger than he could possibly have imagined.

With newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a whole mythology textbook's worth of mythical monsters on his tail, Percy must learn what it means to be a hero.

The future of the world hangs in the balance as Percy and his friends embark on an epic adventure that will have you on the edge of your seat.

Following a record-breaking run in London, The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson **Musical** is coming to Portsmouth. Adapted from Rick Riordan's best-selling novel by Joe Tracz, writer of Be More Chill, and with an electrifying rock score by Rob Rokicki, it's the perfect adventure for gods, halfbloods and mortals!

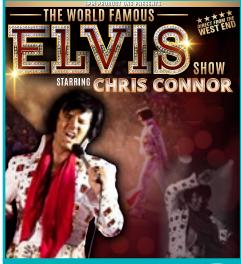


MONEY FOR NOTHING



THU 6 NOV | 7:30PM Tickets from £33





THE WORLD FAMOUS **ELVIS SHOW**

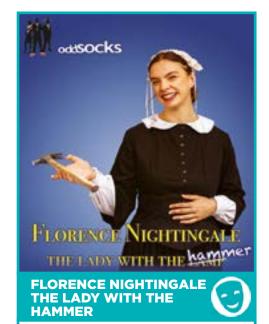


FRI 7 NOV | 7:30PM Tickets from £30









TUE 11 NOV | 7:30PM

Tickets from £23.50



THE OVERTONES

The Christmas Party



THU 13 NOV | 7:30^{PM}

Tickets from £32



The Overtones are back – and they're bringing the ultimate Christmas celebration with them! Get ready for the festive event of the season as the UK's no.1 vocal harmony group takes to the stage with their signature blend of smooth vocals, infectious energy and synchronised dance moves.

Expect a perfect mix of classic Christmas hits with the best feel-good hits from Soul, Motown, Doo-wop, Disco & Pop, all with The Overtones' unique twist and delivered with the charm and charisma that has made them a household name.

So, gather your friends, dress to impress, and get ready to sing, dance, and soak up the festive fun!



MYRA DUBOIS

Cosmic Empath



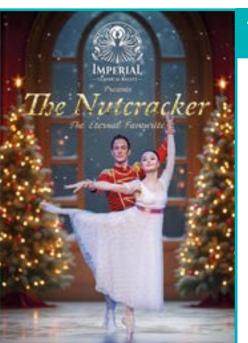
SUN 16 NOV | 7:30^{PM}

Tickets from £29



The Empath strikes BACK!
Registered empath, legendary Drag Queen and Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist **Myra Dubois** returns to the stage with her brandnew show **Cosmic Empath**, hot on the 'high heels' of her barnstorming and critically acclaimed 2024 sell-out *Be Well* UK & Ireland Tour.

Boldly caring where compassion has never cared before. An adventure giving you time (and space) to heal. Cosmic Empath sees Myra questioning where her great gift for compassion comes from. Her up bringing? Her ancestors? The Cosmos? Who can say! All we know is that with Myra's trademark killer wit and a singing voice that's truly like no-one else's, it's going to be out of this world!



THE NUTCRACKER

Imperial Classical Ballet®



SAT 15 NOV | 7:30PM

Tickets from £41



Following last year's phenomenal success, Imperial Classical Ballet® is delighted to return to the UK with their breathtaking production of The Nutcracker.

Christmas simply wouldn't be complete without a trip to the theatre to experience the magic of the world's most beloved ballet – **The Nutcracker**. With snow flurries, sweets, princes, magic, and love, this enchanting production captures the essence of the holiday season.

Immerse yourself in the magic of **The Nutcracker**, a seasonal favourite that has delighted audiences across the globe. Don't miss this spellbinding production brought to life by the artistry of **Imperial Classical Ballet*** and the rich sounds of a live orchestra.







THAT'LL BE CHRISTMAS

Christmas Hits and Festive Fun



MON 8 DEC | 7^{PM}

Tickets from £29



Nothing says Christmas quite like **That'll Be Christmas!** The best festive show for all ages. This year is extra special as the cast of **That'll Be The Day** celebrates their incredible 40-Year Anniversary. Packed with your all-time favourite Christmas classics, laugh-out-loud comedy sketches, dazzling costumes, and plenty of sparkle, it's a night of pure festive magic. Gather your loved ones and experience the joy, nostalgia, and fun that makes this the perfect family night out.



Christmas with ANTON DU BEKE





Tickets from £25



Embark on a dazzling journey into a festive wonderland as Strictly's one and only **Anton Du Beke** brightens up your Christmas with his beautiful show – **Christmas with Anton Du Beke!**

The Ballroom King and Strictly Come Dancing judge joins forces with his dynamic live band, the incomparable vocalist Lance Ellington, and a troupe of extraordinary dancers, to bring you a magical evening of music, dance and laughter.

Prepare to be enchanted by the charismatic Anton who will deliver a spellbinding performance of his most cherished Christmas songs and captivating dances.



A FAIRYTALE FOR CHRISTMAS



MON 22 DEC | 7:30PM

Tickets from £19.50



From the producers of Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of The Dubliners, immerse yourself in the spirit of Christmas as talented singers, musicians and dancers perform dashing renditions of Yuletide favourites including Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town, Step into Christmas, O Holy Night and The Fairytale of New York.

...and just when you think the party couldn't get any better, this world class concert is also a nod to the rich tapestry of Irish culture with the greatest sing-along songs of all time including *The Galway Girl, The Irish Rover, Dirty Old Town* and *The Black Velvet Band.* Think a St Patrick's Day party – on Christmas Day!



CHRISTMAS COMEDY AT THE KINGS



SUN 28 DEC | 8PM

Tickets from £20



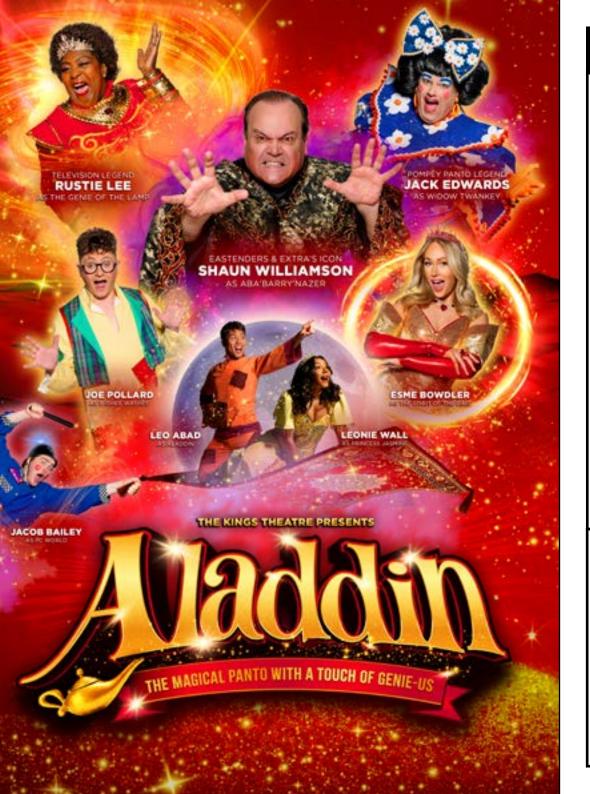
Join local award-winning comedian **James Alderson** as he introduces three household comedy names to The Kings Theatre stage.

Opening the show is **Jake Lambert**, star of *Live At The Apollo* and *World's Worst Roads*.

Next up is recent *Live At The Apollo* star **Harriet Dyer**, known for her appearances on *Comedy Central* and *The Russell Howard Hour*.

Headlining is **Simon Brodkin**, the bold and brilliant comic best known for his sharp-witted stand-up and outrageous pranks.

What a way to celebrate the festive season with laughs all night, in the glorious Kings Theatre setting!



The Kings Theatre Presents

ALADDIN



Tickets from £10





Take a magical carpet ride with our enchanting #PompeyPanto for 2025 - Aladdin! Featuring dazzling costumes, jaw-dropping sets, and all the festive fun you could wish for - it's the perfect treat for the whole family.

We're thrilled to welcome back the one and only Shaun Williamson, (EastEnders' Barry), to our stage! After delighting audiences as the dastardly Captain Hook two years ago, Shaun returns to cause mayhem with our one and only Jack Edwards who returns for his 11th panto! The multi-talented Rustie Lee (Good Morning Britain, This Morning, The Real Marigold Hotel & Celebrity Super Spa) will also take on the role of the Genie of the Lamp!

Join our heroes as they battle the wicked sorcerer Aba'Barry'Nazer and discover that true magic lies in love, laughter, and a lamp full of surprises. Packed with sidesplitting comedy, sensational songs, and plenty of toilet rolls (!), make magic wishes come true this Christmas with the Pompey Panto!

TICKET PRICES AND PACKAGES

*Peak Performances | Fri 19 - Sun 28 Dec

BSL - Sat 6 Dec | 10:30am Relaxed - Thu 11 Dec | 6:30pm

| | Adult OFF PEAK | Child OFF PEAK | Groups 20+ OFF PEAK | Adult PEAK* | Child PEAK* | Groups 20+ |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Band A | £32 | £30 | £27 | £34 | £32 | £29 |
| Band B | £30 | £28 | £27 | £32 | £30 | £27 |
| Band C | £20 | £18 | | £22 | £20 | |
| Band D | £15 | £15 | | £17 | £15 | |
| Band E | £10 | £10 | | £10 | £10 | |

| | OFF PEAK | PEAK* |
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| Family Ticket (max 2 adults) | £118 | £126 |
| Box (max 4) | £118 | £126 |



Theatre Royal Present:

SNOW WHITE



Tickets from £10



FRI 12 DEC **2**PM 6^{PM} SAT 13 DEC **SUN 14 DEC** 11AM BSL 3^{PM} 6PM PRESS 10^{AM} **MON 15 DEC TUE 16 DEC** 10^{AM} **2**PM WED 17 DEC FRI 19 DEC 10^{AM} **6**PM **6**PM 10^{AM} **2**PM SAT 20 DEC SUN 21 DEC 6^{PM} MON 22 DEC **2**PM **6**PM **TUE 23 DEC 2**PM **6**PM 11^{AM} WED 24 DEC FRI 26 DEC 1:30PM 5:30PM SAT 27 DEC 1:30PM 5:30PM SUN 28 DEC 1:30PM 5:30PM MON 29 DEC 5:30PM 1:30PM **11**^{AM} 3^{PM} **TUE 30 DEC** WED 31 DEC 11AM FRI 2 JAN 1:30PM RELAXED 5:30PM **SAT 3 JAN** 1:30^{PM} 5:30^{PM} 1:30^{PM} **SUN 4 JAN**

Mirror, mirror on the wall... who's ready for a Christmas packed with magic, music and mayhem?

Join us at the Theatre Royal for a dazzling new production of Snow White and the Magnificent Seven! This magical pantomime is bursting with sparkle, songs, laughter, and festive fun for all ages.

With a thrilling mix of adventure, comedy, and panto tradition, it's the perfect way to celebrate the season with family and friends.

Book now for the fairest panto of them all – coming to Portsmouth this Christmas!

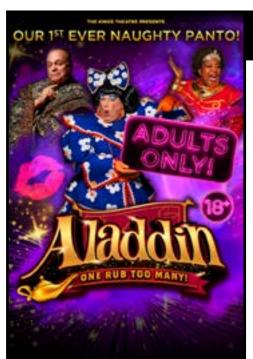
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*Peak Performances | Fri 12 - Sat 27 Dec

BSL - Sun 14 Dec | 11am Relaxed - Fri 2 Jan | 1:30pm

| | Adult OFF PEAK | Child OFF PEAK | Groups 20+ OFF PEAK | Adult PEAK* | Child PEAK* | Groups 20+ |
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| Band D | £10 | £10 | | £10 | £10 | |
| Band F | | | | | | |

| | OFF PEAK | PEAK* |
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| Family Ticket (max 2 adults) | £114 | £122 |



ALADDIN: THE ADULT PANTO One Rub Too Many



MON 29 DEC | 8:30^{PM}

Tickets from £10



This Christmas, things are about to get cheekv... Aladdin will be rubbing more than just the Genie's ring. The Kings Theatre is granting your wish with our first-ever Adult Panto, and it's dirtier than a magic carpet after a trip to Southsea beach!

Join the 2025 Pompey Panto Aladdin cast for a one-night-only romp packed with hilarious gags, cheeky innuendo, and enough surprises to have you gasping louder than when Aladdin first entered the Cave of Wonders.

Normally Widow Twankey's got to keep her dirty laundry off the line - but this time, Jack Edwards will be hanging it all out for everyone to see! So come and let the Pompey Panto cast rub you up the right way!

Is it time for a Family Photoshoot Experience?



Blitz Photography 8 Portland Buildings Stoke Road Gosport PO12 IJH 02392 501291



GHOST TOURS



MON 22 SEP | 8PM & 9:30PM MON 20 OCT | 8PM & 9:30PM MON 10 NOV | 8PM & 9:30PM



Tickets from £15

This tour isn't just a retelling of ghostly tales —it's a evening spent in the heart of a local legend, where the walls themselves hold secrets, and the silence plays tricks on the mind. History, mystery, and pure theatrical fright combine in an unforgettable evening.



BEHIND THE CURTAIN TOURS



TUE 2 SEP | 11^{AM} WED 1 OCT | 2^{PM} MON 3 NOV | 11^{AM}



Tickets £7.50

Discover the history of Theatre Royal and see the secrets of a Phipps/Matcham Theatre in action. Our tours will take you to parts of the theatre usually closed to the public. We use lifts instead of stairs, making them accessible for wheelchair users.





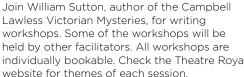
FRI 12 SEP, FRI 26 SEP FRI 10 OCT, FRI 24 OCT & FRI 14 NOV | 2PM - 4PM



Lawless Victorian Mysteries, for writing workshops. Some of the workshops will be held by other facilitators. All workshops are individually bookable. Check the Theatre Royal



Tickets £20



















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Check out the latest up-to-date information at **The Kings Theatre** by scanning the QR code or visiting: **kingsportsmouth.co.uk/whats-on**



BOOKING YOUR TICKETS

ONLINE | kingsportsmouth.co.uk BY PHONE | 023 9282 8282 IN PERSON | 24-28 Kings Theatre, Albert Road, Portsmouth, PO5 2QJ

BOX OFFICE OPENING HOURS | Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm

For shows that fall outside the usual hours, the Box Office opens 90 minutes prior to the show and closes 30 minutes after curtain up.

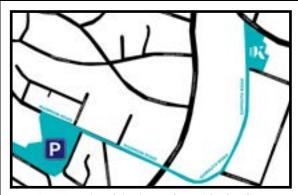
GROUP BOOKINGS | To make a group booking of 10+, or to discuss reservations and group rates, please call 023 9285 2202 or email groupbookings@kingsportsmouth.co.uk

TICKET PRICING | Tickets advertised are standard adult prices and do not include concessions and discounts. Restricted view tickets are available for some performances at a reduced rate.

All tickets are sold subject to our ticketing Terms and Conditions which are on our website: kingsportsmouth.co.uk/your-visit/booking-information/ticketing-terms-conditions/

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PLANNING YOUR VISIT



Public parking is available at Waitrose in Marmion Road (Outer Ground Level only) which is an 8 minute walk from the theatre. Waitrose, Marmion Road, Southsea, PO5 2EJ.

Parking is available on the residential streets around the theatre but this is not guaranteed. Please note there are parking permit restrictions between 4:30pm and 6:30pm daily.

BY TAXI: A taxi rank is situated outside the theatre on Albert Road during the evening. **BY TRAIN:** The nearest train stations are Fratton and Portsmouth & Southsea.

BY BUS: The theatre is served by First Bus No.2 service.

BY WATER: Services to and from Gosport and the Isle of Wight are operated by the Gosport Ferry, Hovertravel and Wightlink.



Check out the latest up-to-date information at The **Theatre Royal** by scanning the QR code here or visiting: **newtheatreroyal.com**



BOOKING YOUR TICKETS

ONLINE | newtheatreroyal.com BY PHONE | 023 9264 9000 IN-PERSON | Theatre Royal, 20-24 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth, POI 2DD

BOX OFFICE OPENING HOURS | Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm

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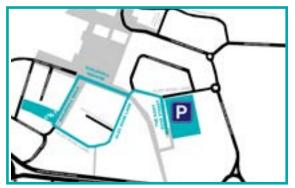
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Public parking is available at the Isambard Brunel Multi-Storey car park which is a short 5-minute walk from the theatre. Alec Rose Lane, Portsmouth. POI 2BX.

For this car park we offer a limited number of discounted parking tickets. They can be purchased online along with your tickets or at the Box Office or bars when you arrive at the venue. Please ask Box Office for more details.

BY TAXI: A taxi rank is situated outside the theatre on Guildhall Walk during the evening. **BY TRAIN:** Portsmouth & Southsea Station is located nearby and is a 2-minute walk away. **BY BUS:** The theatre is near multiple bus stops served by First and Stagecoach buses. **BY WATER:** Services to and from Gosport and the Isle of Wight are operated by the Gosport Ferry, Hover Travel and Wightlink.

THANK YOU!

The Kings Theatre and Theatre Royal are very grateful to the following companies:



















The Kings Theatre and Theatre Royal grateful to Portsmouth City Council for its support.

MEMBERSHIP

Matcham Member - £25 per annum + donation of your choice

- Priority Advanced Booking ahead of the general public on most shows
- 10% discount on drinks at the theatre bars
- Ticket price savings on selected shows, up to 2 per member per event
- Exclusive membership offers and events
- Regular e-newsletter
- Discounts from associated partners
- Move your tickets across performances of the same show for free, wherever possible.

Matcham Patron - Minimum Donation of £1.000

- Your name displayed throughout your membership within the fabric of the theatre, specifically created to recognise and thank Patrons
- 10 year subscription to our Matcham Membership, to include all of these benefits.
- 1st Priority Advanced Booking on selected shows
- Move your tickets across shows for free, wherever possible
- Exchangeable tickets up to a week prior to the performance
- Personal invitation to join us at panto press nights during the tenure of your membership;
- Backstage heritage, technical or ghost tour.

Matcham Corporate - Corporate packages and memberships are also available across our theatres. To discuss this in more detail, please contact Megan Sanger on megan.sanger@kingsportsmouth.co.uk.



One of the most important considerations, when looking at the restoration of a magnificent building such as the Grade II* listed Kings Theatre, is how to modernise the space available whilst preserving its heritage.

After over 10 years of considering how we could achieve this at the Kings, many of you will be aware of our 1907 Elevation project that will see the three shops along Albert Road transformed to become part of our 118-year-old building, whilst keeping the historic streetscape to preserve Frank Matcham's original vision.

We will be connecting the theatre to the street with a bright new entrance foyer; creating a flexible rehearsal and community space and providing modern facilities which meet the expectations of our audiences – all of which will improve accessibility for all patrons. We will also be restoring our iconic portico at the front of the building.

We are thrilled to announce that we have recently received listed building approval from Historic England and full planning approval from Portsmouth City Council, which paves the way to beginning works, which we hope to start early in 2026.

The overall project will cost £4.5m and we have already raised over 50% of this through your amazing support, especially since the pandemic. You can continue to make a significant contribution by attending our shows and potentially joining our Membership and Patrons schemes, that are explained in the accompanying supplement.

With sincere appreciation of your continued support.



Richard Pearce, CEO



"It's so exciting that after a lot of preparation and a lot of plans, The Kings Theatre is finally ready to take forward it's regeneration project: 1907 Elevation. Portsmouth City Council is incredibly excited by this project and we want the whole community to get behind it. We love our Kings!"

Cllr Steve Pitt Leader of Portsmouth City Council

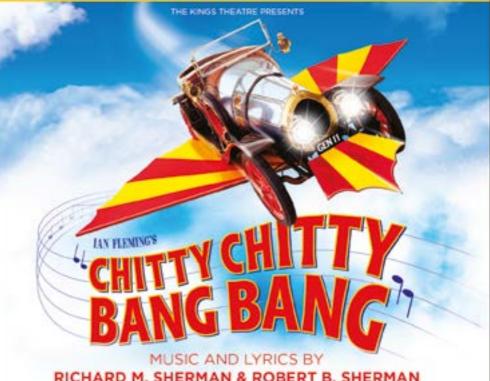


"The Theatre's regeneration goal is to elevate and enhance, by improving accessibility, community engagement, stakeholder facilities and experience, sustainability, and restoring the beauty of this iconic Matcham building."

Richard Pearce - CEO



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