

# PORTSMOUTH THEATRES



# WHAT'S ON

WINTER / SPRING 2026

# AT A GLANCE

**K** EVENT AT THE KINGS THEATRE

**R** EVENT AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

## JANUARY

<b>FRI 16</b>	<b>UPTOWN JOEL</b> A CELEBRATION OF BILLY JOEL	<b>R</b>	<b>FRI 30</b>	<b>LIVE FOREVER</b> THE RISE OF BRITAIN'S GREATEST ROCK 'N' ROLL BAND	<b>K</b>
<b>FRI 23</b>	<b>JUST MY IMAGINATION</b> THE MUSIC OF THE TEMPTATIONS	<b>K</b>	<b>FRI 30</b>	<b>A NIGHT TO REMEMBER</b> MOTOWN SHOW	<b>R</b>
<b>SUN 25</b>	<b>BRIDGET CHRISTIE</b> JACKET POTATO PIZZA	<b>R</b>	<b>SAT 31</b>	<b>PUNK OFF</b> THE SOUNDS OF PUNK & NEW WAVE	<b>K</b>
<b>THU 29</b>	<b>HELLO AGAIN</b> THE NEIL DIAMOND SONGBOOK	<b>K</b>	<b>SAT 31</b>	<b>THE MUMFORD AND SONS STORY</b> AWAKE MY SOUL	<b>R</b>

## FEBRUARY

<b>FRI 6</b>	<b>DREAMS OF FM</b> FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE SHOW	<b>K</b>	<b>TUE 17</b>	<b>MEGASLAM WRESTLING</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>FRI 6 - SAT 7</b>	<b>JACK OFF THE BEANSTALK</b> ADULT PANTO	<b>R</b>	<b>WED 18</b>	<b>SABRINA VS. OLIVIA</b> BITTER SWEET	<b>R</b>
<b>SAT 7</b>	<b>KPOP DEMON HUNTA'Z</b> LIVE	<b>K</b>	<b>THU 19</b>	<b>MURDER, SHE DIDN'T WRITE</b> THE IMPROVISED MURDER MYSTERY	<b>R</b>
<b>SUN 8</b>	<b>HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD</b> PULMAN & STILGOE	<b>R</b>	<b>FRI 20 - SAT 21</b>	<b>OKLAHOMA!</b> STAGE ONE YOUTH THEATRE	<b>K</b>
<b>MON 9 - WED 11</b>	<b>MACBETH</b> REVISION ON TOUR	<b>K</b>	<b>TUE 24</b>	<b>AUDREY PRING</b> CELEBRATION CONCERT	<b>K</b>
<b>TUE 10 - WED 11</b>	<b>DR JEKYLL &amp; MR HYDE</b> REVISION ON TOUR	<b>K</b>	<b>WED 25</b>	<b>CELTIC ILLUSION</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>THU 12</b>	<b>MADAMA BUTTERFLY</b> UKRAINIAN NATIONAL OPERA	<b>R</b>	<b>WED 25</b>	<b>AN EVENING OF</b> <b>BURLESQUE CABARET</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>FRI 13</b>	<b>CARMEN</b> UKRAINIAN NATIONAL OPERA	<b>R</b>	<b>THU 26</b>	<b>ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING</b> KING OF CRUMBS	<b>R</b>
<b>FRI 13</b>	<b>BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM</b> FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR	<b>K</b>	<b>FRI 27</b>	<b>CABARET EXTREME</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>SAT 14</b>	<b>THE GLAM ROCK SHOW</b> GET IT ON!	<b>K</b>	<b>SAT 28</b>	<b>JAMES BOND CONCERT</b> SPECTACULAR	<b>K</b>
<b>SUN 15</b>	<b>SWAN LAKE</b> VARNA INTERNATIONAL BALLET & ORCHESTRA	<b>K</b>	<b>SAT 28</b>	<b>JUDI LOVE</b> ALL ABOUT THE LOVE	<b>R</b>
<b>SUN 15</b>	<b>GYLES BRANDRETH</b> CAN'T STOP TALKING	<b>R</b>			

## MARCH

<b>MON 2 - SAT 7</b>	<b>2:22</b> A GHOST STORY	<b>K</b>	<b>SAT 14</b>	<b>TOO MUCH TOO YOUNG</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>SUN 8</b>	<b>THE LORNA AND LAISTER SHOW</b> CELEBRATING THE LEGENDS OF VARIETY	<b>R</b>	<b>SUN 15</b>	<b>ULTIMATE GIRL BAND SHOW</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>SUN 8</b>	<b>TAP FACTORY</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>WED 18</b>	<b>PETER ANDRE</b> FRANKIE VALLI AND THE FOUR SEASONS	<b>K</b>
<b>TUE 10 - SAT 14</b>	<b>BARNUM</b> THE CIRCUS MUSICAL	<b>K</b>	<b>THU 19</b>	<b>CARMEN</b> OPERA INTERNATIONAL KYIV	<b>K</b>
<b>TUE 10</b>	<b>ROMEO &amp; JULIET</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>THU 19</b>	<b>MACBETH</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>WED 11</b>	<b>THE MAKINGS OF A MURDER</b> THE UNDERCOVER DETECTIVE	<b>R</b>	<b>FRI 20</b>	<b>UK PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>THU 12</b>	<b>THE ULTIMATE EAGLES</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>SUN 22</b>	<b>AN EVENING WITH</b> <b>DENISE VAN OUTEN</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>FRI 13</b>	<b>THE HISTORY OF ROCK</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>SUN 22</b>	<b>STARS IN NEVERLAND</b> LUCY KATE DANCE ACADEMY	<b>R</b>

<b>THU 26</b>	<b>THAT'LL BE THE DAY</b> 40TH ANNIVERSARY	<b>K</b>	<b>SUN 29</b>	<b>COPACABANA MAGIC</b> THE BARRY MANILOW TRIBUTE SHOW	<b>K</b>
<b>FRI 27</b>	<b>SEVEN DRUNKEN NIGHTS</b> THE STORY OF THE DUBLINERS	<b>K</b>	<b>TUE 31</b>	<b>TALES FROM ACORN WOOD</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>SAT 28</b>	<b>THE ETERNAL SHAME OF</b> <b>SUE PERKINS</b>	<b>K</b>			

## APRIL

<b>WED 1</b>	<b>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</b> EASTER PANTOMIME	<b>R</b>	<b>WED 22</b>	<b>DAMIEN LEWIS</b> SAS WHO DARES WINS	<b>R</b>
<b>THU 9 - SUN 19</b>	<b>PORTSMOUTH THEATRES PRESENTS</b> <b>CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>FRI 24</b>	<b>BEAUTIFUL CRAZY</b> THE LUKE COMBS COLLECTION	<b>K</b>
<b>THU 9</b>	<b>THE ERAS EXPERIENCE</b> TAYLOR SWIFT TRIBUTE BY XENNA	<b>R</b>	<b>SAT 25</b>	<b>THE SHOOP SHOOP SHOW</b> THE CHER COLLECTION	<b>K</b>
<b>SAT 11 - SUN 12</b>	<b>PETER PAN JR</b> PERFORMERS THEATRE COMPANY	<b>R</b>			

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO RICHARD PEARCE



Welcome to our latest What's On Guide and what an exciting time it is for Portsmouth Theatres! With both theatres thriving under our combined organisation, we're entering a new era of creativity, collaboration, and community pride.

This season sparkles with two spectacular in-house pantomimes, Aladdin and Snow White, each filled with the magic, laughter and festive cheer that make these shows such treasured traditions. Alongside them, we're proud to welcome a fantastic programme of touring productions including *2:22 A Ghost Story*, *Barnum*, *Fawlty Towers*, *The Last Laugh* and *Tom Davis: Spudgun*, keeping Portsmouth firmly on the national touring map.

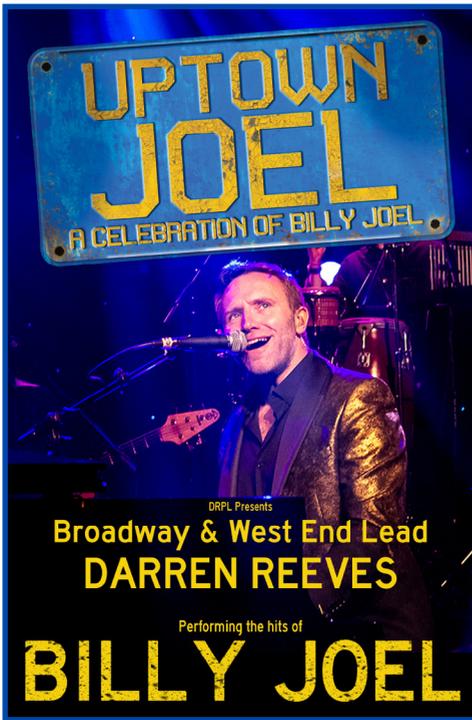
We're growing our in-house productions too, building on our impressive successes with upcoming shows such as *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, *Frozen* and *We Will Rock You*, giving aspiring artists invaluable opportunities to learn, perform and shine.

Our merger continues to bring exciting benefits, including revitalising our Arts Academy (Portsmouth Theatres Arts Academy) now based at Theatre Royal and sharing the studios of the University of Portsmouth, to whom we extend our sincere thanks. This partnership with University of Portsmouth is enabling us to engage with more than 130 young people every Saturday, which is a 100% increase from 2 years ago.

It would be remiss of me not to mention our beautiful historic buildings and the exciting period we are entering. The £5m, 1907 Elevation project at the Kings is scheduled to start in February 2026, turning years of vision and support into reality; and we have our fingers crossed that our £500k matched funding grant bid will be successful and enable us to undertake a £1m project to repair the roof and ceiling at Theatre Royal, which is vital for its long term sustainability.

Most importantly, thank you, our loyal audiences, for your passion, enthusiasm, and love of live theatre. We can't wait to welcome you through our doors and share the magic of live theatre with you.

Richard Pearce, CEO



**UPTOWN JOEL**  
A Celebration of Billy Joel



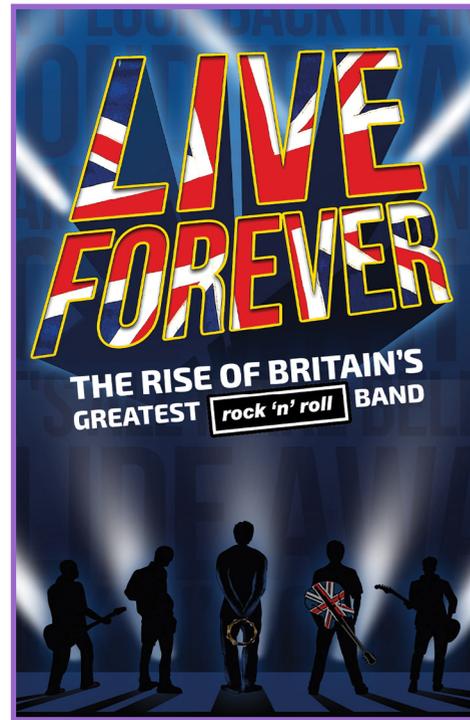
**FRI 16 JAN | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £29



**Uptown Joel** comes to Portsmouth - a sensational live concert celebrating the music of **Billy Joel**.

Backed by a dynamic five-piece band, the outstanding **Darren Reeves** delivers an unforgettable performance of Billy's greatest hits, including *Piano Man*, *Uptown Girl*, *It's Still Rock and Roll to Me*, *Movin' Out*, *New York State of Mind*, and more.

Hand-picked by Billy Joel himself, Darren starred as *The Piano Man* in the hit musical *Movin' Out* on Broadway and in the West End. Get ready to sing, dance, and relive the magic of this legendary artist's timeless songs.



**LIVE FOREVER**  
The Rise of Britain's Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band



**FRI 30 JAN | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £27.50

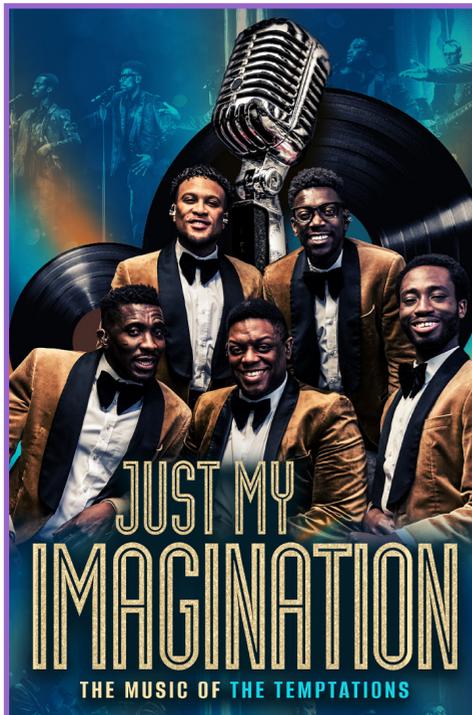


Introducing **Live Forever** - a celebration of music from, and a tribute to, the greatest rock 'n' roll band Britain has ever seen ... **Oasis!**

With over 30 hits including *Wonderwall*, *Don't Look Back In Anger* and *Some Might Say*, **Live Forever** is an electric must see for all Oasis fans and children of the 90s.

Following their reunion in 2025 and 30 years on from Knebworth, come and witness this biblical show in what can only be described as a supersonic night of music by one of the greatest bands in musical history.

Not endorsed by, or affiliated with Oasis or Liam and Noel Gallagher.



**JUST MY IMAGINATION**  
The Music of The Temptations



**FRI 23 JAN | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £25



Get ready to be transported back to the golden age of soul with **Just My Imagination** - the UK's No.1 tribute to the legendary supergroup that defined a generation: **The Temptations**.

Hailed by Billboard Magazine as "*The Number 1 Group in the History of Rhythm and Blues*," The Temptations' journey began in the heart of Detroit at Motown Records, where they helped shape the sound of American music.

From the sweet harmonies of *My Girl* and the raw energy of *Ain't Too Proud To Beg*, to the psychedelic soul of *Papa Was a Rolling Stone* and the heartfelt longing of *Just My Imagination*, this production brings all the hits to the stage in one unforgettable night.



**PUNK OFF**  
The Sounds of Punk & New Wave



**SAT 31 JAN | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £25.50

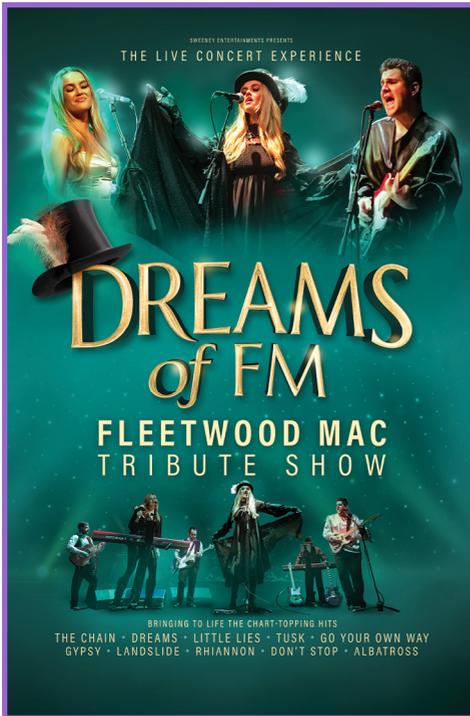


**THE MUMFORD AND SONS STORY**



**SAT 31 JAN | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £32





**DREAMS OF FM**  
Fleetwood Mac Tribute Show

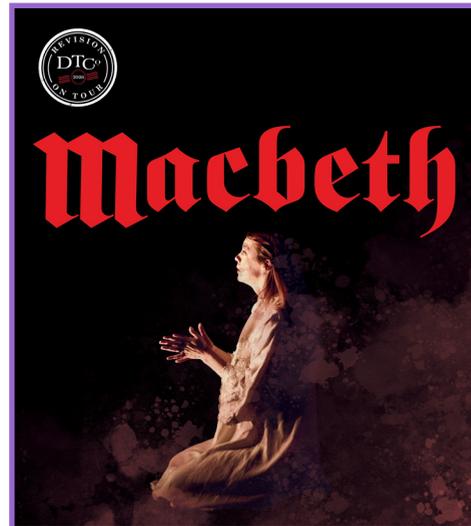


**FRI 6 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £32.50

**Dreams of FM** is one of the UK's premier **Fleetwood Mac** tribute shows, performed by the outstanding seven-piece band **Run in the Shadow**.

These accomplished musicians capture the unmistakable sound, style and spirit of the legendary group with stunning accuracy. Every note is played live and unfiltered, recreating the magic of Fleetwood Mac's greatest hits with passion and authenticity.

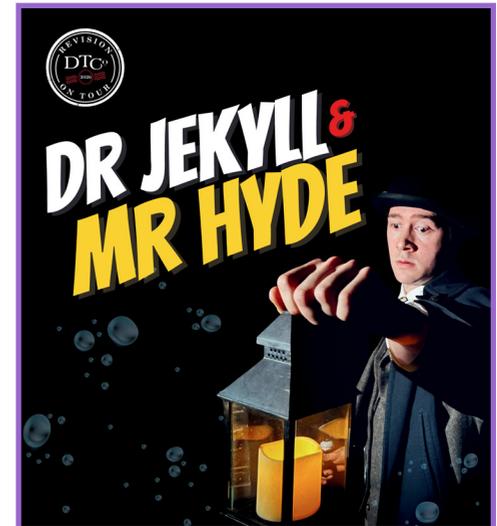
From powerful vocals to intricate harmonies and timeless melodies, **Dreams of FM** delivers an unforgettable experience that honours the legacy of one of rock's most iconic bands. A must-see celebration for Fleetwood Mac fans old and new.



**MACBETH**  
Revision On Tour



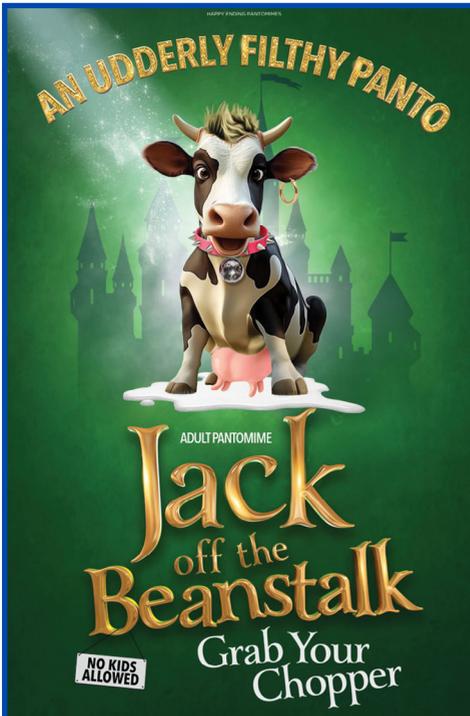
**MON 9 - WED 11 FEB**  
Tickets from £16



**DR JEKYLL & MR HYDE**  
Revision On Tour



**TUE 10 - WED 11 FEB**  
Tickets from £16



**JACK OFF THE BEANSTALK**  
Adult Panto



**FRI 6 - SAT 7 FEB**  
Tickets from £26

Brought to you by the award-winning Happy Ending Pantomimes, this **Adult Panto** is udderly hilarious! The cheekiest version of Jack and the Beanstalk that's ever past-eur-ize!

This ride up the beanstalk will leave you wanting more in a Dairytale you never knew you needed.

Warning: this is not your childhood dairy tale—unless your bedtime stories came with a parental advisory!



**MADAMA BUTTERFLY**  
Ukrainian National Opera



**THU 12 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £41



**CARMEN**  
Ukrainian National Opera



**FRI 13 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £41





**BANFF** CENTRE  
MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

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**FRI 13 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £19



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**SWAN LAKE**  
Varna International Ballet & Orchestra

**SUN 15 FEB | 2PM & 5:30PM**  
Tickets from £22

The greatest romantic ballet of all time, **Swan Lake** is brought to life by Tchaikovsky's hauntingly beautiful score. From the splendour of the Palace ballroom to the moonlit lake where graceful swans glide in perfect harmony, this timeless tale of love, betrayal and tragedy never fail to enchant.

Featuring the technically demanding dual role of Odette and Odile, it showcases both purity and seduction in breathtaking contrast. Performed by the critically acclaimed **Varna International Ballet**, renowned for their award-winning soloists and magnificent corps de ballet, this production promises an evening of passion, elegance, and unforgettable classical beauty.



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**THE GLAM ROCK SHOW**

Featuring the biggest hits from  
**BOWIE, MUD, SLADE, SWEET, SUZI QUATRO, WIZZARD, T.REX**  
and many more

**THE GLAM ROCK SHOW**  
Get It On

**SAT 14 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £31

Get ready to go wild, wild, wild!

Step into the ultimate **Glam Rock** experience as we transport you back to the golden age of glitter, guitars, and anthems that defined a generation!

With a sensational live band and powerhouse vocals, we're bringing you the biggest hits from *T. Rex, Slade, Bowie, The Bay City Rollers, Sweet, Suzi Quatro, Wizzard, Mud*, and more.

Dig out your platforms, turn up the volume, and *Get It On* for a night of non-stop glam rock nostalgia!



**GYLES BRANDRETH**  
Can't Stop Talking

**SUN 15 FEB | 3PM**  
Tickets from £33

He's back - and he's unstoppable! The jumper-loving national treasure from *This Morning, Pointless, QI* and *Would I Lie To You?* returns with his hilarious one-man show.

A master storyteller, former MP, novelist, actor and wordsmith, **Gyles Brandreth** takes you on a roller-coaster ride through his extraordinary life in showbusiness and politics. Expect laughter, surprises, and audience participation as he explores why he just can't stop talking.

With countless five-star reviews, sold-out shows, and a hit podcast *Rosebud*, **Gyles Brandreth** guarantees a night of wit, warmth and wonderfully unpredictable fun.



## MEGASLAM WRESTLING

2026 Live Tour



**TUE 17 FEB | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £17

The UK's number one family wrestling experience is coming to Portsmouth! Get ready for an action-packed, two-hour live show featuring larger-than-life stars, epic battles, and non-stop fun for all ages.

Cheer for the heroes of **Team Megaslam** (yay!) as they take on the villains of **Team Nasty** (boo!) in thrilling bouts including the *1 vs 1 Challenge*, *Tag Team Spectacular*, and the *Megaslam Rumble*. With dazzling lights, powerful moves, and a championship finale, this is live entertainment at its best.

Grab your foam finger and join the excitement - it's time to experience the magic of **Megaslam Wrestling!**



## SABRINA VS OLIVIA

Bitter Sweet



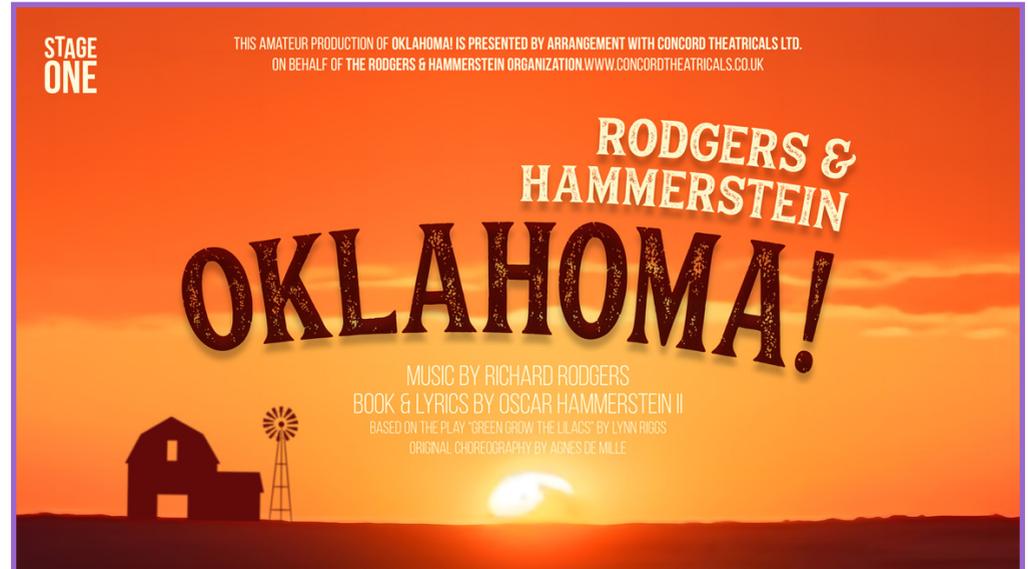
**WED 18 FEB | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £23

From the creators of the smash-hit *Taylor Fever* comes **Bitter Sweet**, the ultimate pop showdown celebrating two of today's biggest stars!

Packed with chart-topping hits, dazzling visuals and infectious energy, this all-ages concert brings together the worlds of **Sabrina Carpenter** and **Olivia Rodrigo** in one spectacular night.

Sing along to *Drivers License*, *Vampire*, *Espresso*, *Nonsense* and more as fans of both artists unite for an unforgettable experience. With stunning lighting, powerhouse vocals and pure pop magic, **Bitter Sweet** is the must-see tribute event for 2026!



Stage One Youth Theatre Presents

## OKLAHOMA!



**FRI 20 - SAT 21 FEB**

Tickets from £17



FRI | 7PM

SAT | 2PM & 7PM

The wind comes sweepin' down the plain and onto the grand stage of the Kings Theatre as **Stage One Youth Theatre**, Southsea's acclaimed and multi-award-winning youth company, proudly presents **Rodgers & Hammerstein's** legendary musical **Oklahoma!**

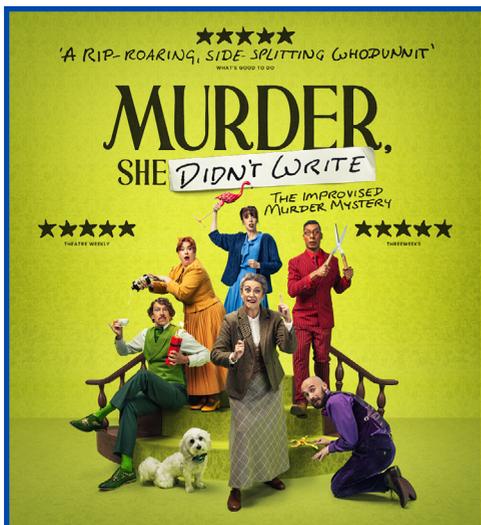


Set in the rugged heart of the American frontier, **Oklahoma!** is a sweeping tale of passion, pride, and the pursuit of a new beginning. With its soaring melodies, electrifying dance numbers, and timeless themes of love and community, this production promises to be a theatrical event of epic proportions.



**Stage One Youth Theatre**, established in 1980 and renowned for its bold, high-quality performances, brings fresh energy and youthful brilliance to this iconic show. Audiences will be captivated by the powerful storytelling and unforgettable score, including classics like *People Will Say We're in Love* and *The Farmer and the Cowman*.

Don't miss this exhilarating revival of a musical masterpiece.



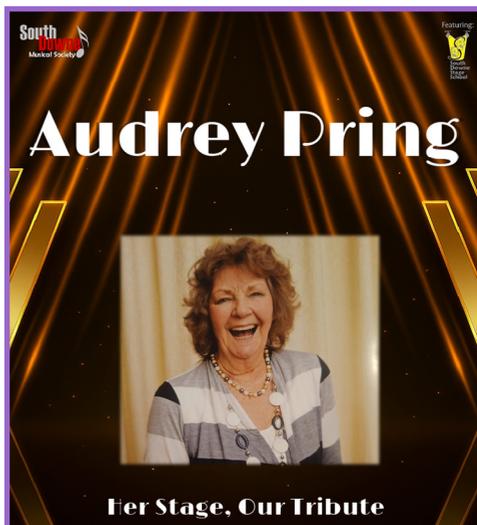
★★★★★  
'A RIP-ROARING, SIDE-SPLITTING WHODUNNIT'  
WALLY WOOD TO GO

# MURDER, SHE DIDN'T WRITE

★★★★★ THE IMPROVISED MURDER MYSTERY

**MURDER, SHE DIDN'T WRITE**

**THU 19 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £29.50



South of the Solent  
Market Society

# Audrey Pring

**Her Stage, Our Tribute**

**AUDREY PRING  
CELEBRATION CONCERT**

**TUE 24 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £25



# ALASDAIR BECKETT-KING

King of Crumbs

**THU 26 FEB | 8PM**  
Tickets from £24

## WORKSHOPS, TOURS & OPEN DAYS

Alongside our fantastic lineup of shows, we also offer a vibrant programme of extra events designed to help you get more involved with Portsmouth Theatres.

Throughout the year we have a wide variety of special workshops and behind the scenes tours, giving you the chance to discover what happens behind the curtain.

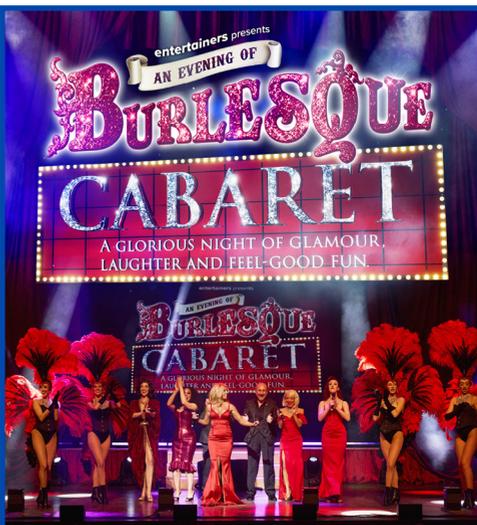
Our Open Days are a wonderful way to explore both venues. These events feature exclusive talks, taster sessions, performances and opportunity to dive into the history that shapes our theatres.

To stay up to date with all of our upcoming activities and announcements follow us on social media.  
**@kingstheatre @theatreroyalportsmouth**



# CELTIC ILLUSION

**WED 25 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £35



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# AN EVENING OF BURLESQUE CABARET

A GLORIOUS NIGHT OF GLAMOUR,  
LAUGHTER AND FEEL-GOOD FUN

**AN EVENING OF  
BURLESQUE  
CABARET**

**WED 25 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £32



# CABARET EXTREME

**FRI 27 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £19.50

**Cabaret Extreme** is a beautifully bizarre blend of burlesque, daring drag, extreme stunts, and contemporary circus.

This one-of-a-kind production reimagines entertainment, blending the sensual allure of burlesque, the boldness of drag, the thrill of extreme stunts, and the elegance of contemporary circus. It's an immersive experience that will make you laugh, gasp, and marvel in wonder.

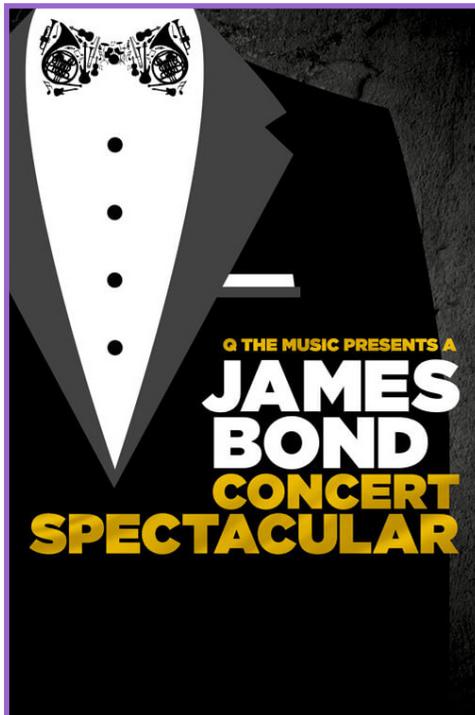
**Cabaret Extreme** redefines the boundaries of entertainment, bringing the extreme into the mainstream. It's a revolutionary showcase of some of the world's most talented artists, designed to amaze, shock and inspire.

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**JAMES BOND CONCERT SPECTACULAR**



**SAT 28 FEB | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £30



**Q The Music presents A James Bond Concert Spectacular**, the critically acclaimed concert dedicated to the music of James Bond.

Widely considered to be the finest performance of James Bond music since the originals, they bring the globally renowned franchise to life on stage in the most passionate, energetic and polished performance imaginable, featuring all the hit songs and some special cues from the scores.

The evening will be hosted by Miss Money Penny herself: Caroline Bliss, who will guide you through the concert as compere, sharing the odd anecdote about her time in this legendary series.



**JAMES BYE**  
STARS AS 'SAM'

**GARY LUCY**  
STARS AS 'BEN'

**2:22**

A GHOST STORY

The Hit Play by  
**DANNY ROBINS**

Directed by  
MATTHEW DUNSTER  
& GABRIEL VEGA WEISSMAN

**2:22**

A Ghost Story



**MON 2 - SAT 7 MAR**

Tickets from £24



MON, TUE, WED & FRI | 7:30PM  
THU & SAT | 2:30PM & 7:30PM



Following seven West End seasons, a record-breaking UK and Ireland tour and thirty productions across the globe, the stage phenomenon **2:22 A Ghost Story** now comes to Portsmouth.

Winner of BEST NEW PLAY at the WhatsOnStage Awards, this supernatural thriller stars James Bye (*Eastenders*), Natalie Casey (*2 Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps*), Gary Lucy (*Hollyoaks*) and Shvorne Marks (*Three Little Birds*).

Written by Danny Robins, creator of the hit BBC podcasts *Uncanny* and *The Battersea Poltergeist*, **2:22 A Ghost Story** comes fresh from record-breaking seasons at five West End theatres with a host of acclaimed star performances. It's a brilliantly funny and adrenaline-filled night where secrets emerge and ghosts may or may not appear... What do you believe? And do you dare discover the truth?

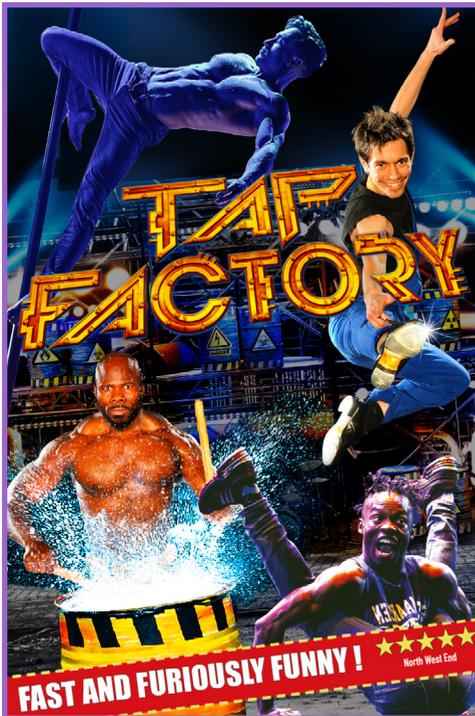
★★★★★  
"A modern classic"

**Sunday Times**

★★★★★  
"A supernatural spine-chiller"

**Daily Mail**

"THERE'S SOMETHING  
IN OUR HOUSE.  
I HEAR IT EVERY NIGHT,  
AT THE SAME TIME"



## TAP FACTORY



**SUN 8 MAR | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £29

After mesmerising audiences across five continents with over 800 shows, **Tap Factory** is thrilled to be back in the UK! Prepare to be captivated as eight extraordinary male performers deliver a sensational blend of dance, acrobatics, music, and comedy—creating a show that delights audiences of all ages.

Brace yourself for an electrifying display of high-energy dance, explosive percussion, and jaw-dropping acrobatics, seamlessly interwoven with live music and dazzling choreography. This mind-blowing experience will ignite your senses and get your toes tapping. Fast-paced, furiously funny, and perfect for the whole family!



## THE LORNA & LAISTER SHOW

Celebrating the Legends of Variety



**SUN 8 MAR | 2PM**

Tickets from £25.50

Get ready for an afternoon of unforgettable entertainment as **The Lorna & Laister Show** comes to Portsmouth!

At the heart of this production is the electric chemistry of **Lorna & Laister** themselves. Their dynamic collaboration is a masterclass in entertainment, blending show-stopping song choices and side-splitting comedy.

This year's show also welcomes back some of the most exciting talents in the industry: Vicky Marie – A female vocal sensation who will leave you breathless and Travis George – The incredible musical theatre voice guaranteed to bring goosebumps.

Charming, daring and unforgettable.



## BARNUM

The Circus Musical



**TUE 10 - SAT 14 MAR**

Tickets from £12.50

TUE & FRI | 7:30PM

WED, THU & SAT | 2:30PM & 7:30PM



Step right up and enter the dazzling world of P.T. Barnum, where imagination and ambition knows no bounds. Hand in hand with wife Charity, Barnum's life and career twists and turns as he schemes and dreams his way to headier heights.



West End favourite and TV star **Lee Mead** will take centre stage as the legendary 19th century showman P.T. Barnum. Lee shot to stardom with his breakout win on *Any Dream Will Do* and acclaimed performances in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Wicked*, and *Legally Blonde*.

This spectacular production directed by **Jonathan O'Boyle** and choreographed by **Oti Mabuse** will feature an extraordinary ensemble cast of over 20 actor-musicians, acrobats and amazing circus acts. Audiences are certain to delight at every sight, wonder and miracle that the name Barnum stands for!

Come follow the band with the glorious music of multi-award-winner Cy Coleman, Michael Stewart's lyrics and Mark Bramble's book. **Barnum** features a whole host of classic show tunes including *Join the Circus*, *Colours of My Life*, *Come Follow the Band* and *Love Makes Such Fools of Us All*.

BRAND NEW SHOW FOR 2026



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# THE MAKINGS OF A MURDERER

THE UNDERCOVER DETECTIVE

STARRING PETER BLEKSLEY

THE MAKINGS OF A MURDERER

WED 11 MAR | 7:30PM

Tickets from £30




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THE ULTIMATE EAGLES

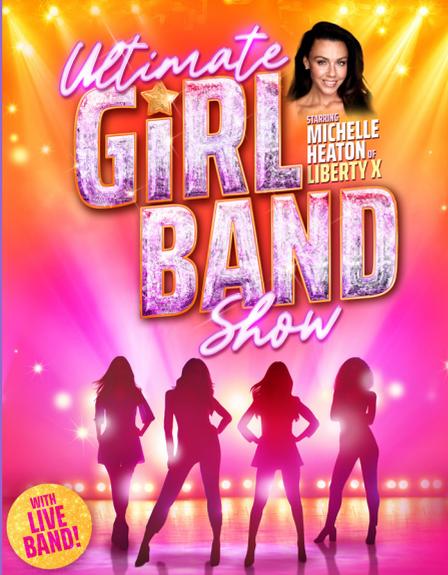
THU 12 MAR | 7:30PM

Tickets from £34.50




# Ultimate GIRL BAND Show

STARRING MICHELLE HEATON from LIBERTY X



WITH LIVE BAND!

LIBERTY X • TAYLOR SWIFT • BEYONCÉ • DESTINY'S CHILD  
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## ULTIMATE GIRL BAND SHOW

Starring Michelle Heaton from Liberty X

SUN 15 MAR | 7:30PM

Tickets from £34.50

Stop Right Now... This Is the **Ultimate Girl Band Show!** Starring Michelle Heaton from Liberty X. We're turning up the girl power with a celebration of the biggest female anthems of all time, featuring a full live band, sensational West End Singers, and spectacular production. Expect fierce vocals, iconic choreography, and all the hits you know and love – live on stage.

From the sass of the Spice Girls to the soul of Destiny's Child, the attitude of TLC, and the pop perfection of Girls Aloud, this is the soundtrack of your life reimagined for the stage.

Grab your glitter, round up your squad, and get ready to sing, dance, and relive the magic!




# THE HISTORY OF ROCK

RELIVE THE GREATEST YEARS OF ROCK LIVE ON STAGE



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THE HISTORY OF ROCK

FRI 13 MAR | 7:30PM

Tickets from £28




THE SMASH HIT SKA SPECTACULAR SWEEPING THE NATION!

★★★★★ THE ULTIMATE FEEL-GOOD SHOW - NORTHERN ECHO

★★★★★ SO MANY MEMORIES LOVE LOVE LOVE! - LIVING GIRLING THE SPECTATOR

★★★★★ THE BAND WERE ELECTRIFYING! - THE GRACIE

2012 THEATRE TOUR

# TOO MUCH TOO YOUNG

THE MUSIC OF 2 AND BEYOND

FEATURING ICONIC SKA HITS

ONE STEP BEYOND - MIRROR IN THE BATHROOM - MISSING WORDS - ENJOY YOURSELF - LIP UP PATTY - GANGSTERS - NIGHT BOAT TO CAIRO AND MANY MORE!

TOO MUCH TOO YOUNG

SAT 14 MAR | 7:30PM

Tickets from £28




'SLICK AND STYLISH WITH INCREDIBLE VOCALS'

Bradley Walsh

# PETER ANDRE

IN

# FRANKIE VALLI

and the FOUR SEASONS



FEATURING A WEST END CAST OF LEADING MEN PERFORMING THE ICONIC HITS

TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU • SHERRY • WALK LIKE A MAN • BEGGIN' • BIG GIRLS DON'T CRY • DECEMBER, 1963 (OH, WHAT A NIGHT) • BYE BYE BABY • RAGDOLL & MANY MORE...

## PETER ANDRE

Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

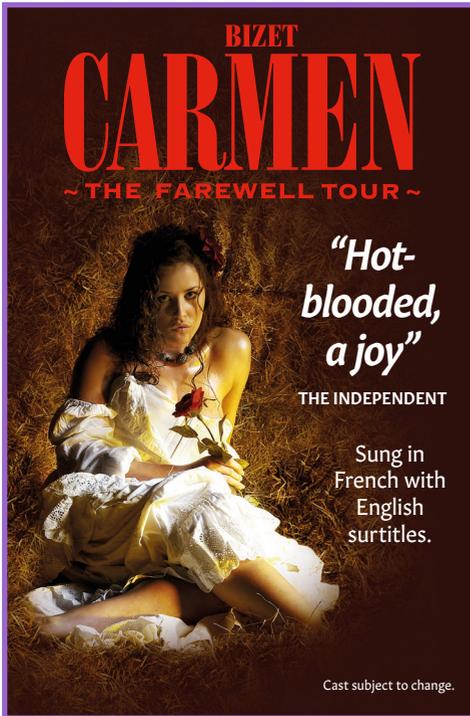
WED 18 MAR | 7:30PM

Tickets from £49

Starring **Peter Andre - The Very Best of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons** is a high-pitched celebration of timeless music from one of the biggest selling groups of all time. This nostalgic musical journey pays tribute to the life and career of those four boys from Jersey, who started singing under a streetlamp but soon went on to become one of the most recognised groups in history.

From the streets of New Jersey to the dizzying heights of the West End and Broadway, this incredible music has delighted audiences for over five decades, **The Very Best of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons** features your favourite songs including *Sherry*, *My Eyes Adored You*, *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You* and many more.



**BIZET**  
**CARMEN**  
~ THE FAREWELL TOUR ~

*“Hot-blooded, a joy”*  
THE INDEPENDENT

Sung in French with English surtitles.

Cast subject to change.

**CARMEN**  
Opera International Kyiv



**THU 19 MAR | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £36

The last chance to see Ellen Kent's production of **Carmen** in Portsmouth!

This dazzling production with orchestra features Bizet's unforgettable melodies including *The Toreador's Song*, Carmen's enticing *Habanera*, and Don José's lyrical *Flower Song* in a setting evoking the stunning architecture of Seville and its main square with Roman and Moorish influences.

Featuring **Opera International Kyiv, Ukraine**, with highly-praised soloists and full orchestra.

*“Impassioned and sultry”*

**The Observer**



AN EVENING WITH  
**DENISE VAN OUTEN**  
SONGS, STORIES & ALL THAT JAZZ

An Evening With  
**DENISE VAN OUTEN**



**SUN 22 MAR | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £36.50

Join **Denise Van Outen** for an unforgettable night of music, laughter, and stories from her dazzling career.

With timeless songs and behind-the-scenes tales, this is Denise as you've never seen her before — up close, unfiltered, and utterly unforgettable.



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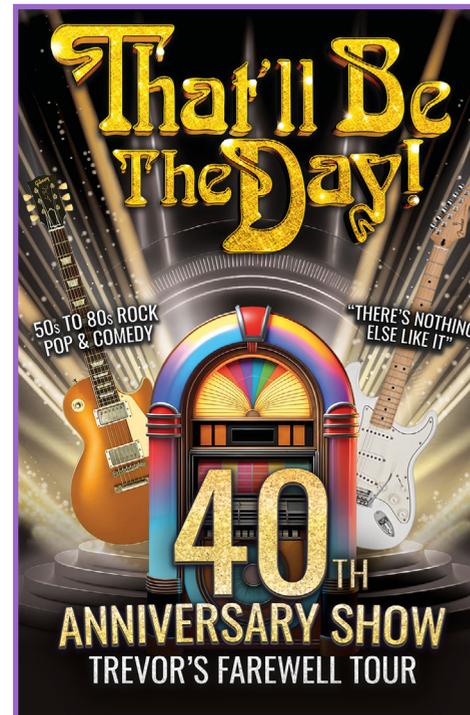
**FRI 20 MAR | 7:30PM**  
Tickets from £25.50

Lose yourself in *The Songs from every Album Tour* in 2026! Featuring songs from every one of Pink Floyd's 15 studio album legacy.

With extraordinary accuracy and a stunning light show – you'll hear the songs you love, no matter which era of Pink Floyd you prefer.

Performed by top-flight musicians the **UK Pink Floyd Experience** is a faithful celebration of the UK's most visionary rock band. All the usual suspects will be there: *Money*, *Time*, *The Great Gig in the Sky*, *Another Brick in the Wall* and of course *Comfortably Numb*.

Join us as we bring the authentic feel of a Pink Floyd show to life in a spectacular concert you won't want to miss.



**That'll Be The Day!**  
40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SHOW  
TREVOR'S FAREWELL TOUR

50s TO 80s ROCK POP & COMEDY

"THERE'S NOTHING ELSE LIKE IT"

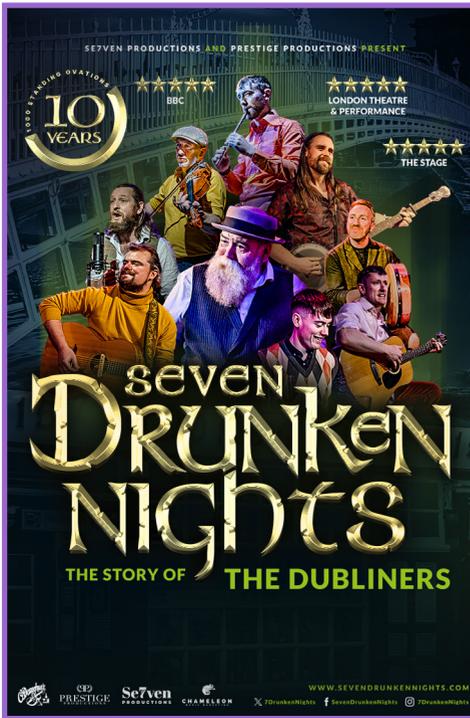
**THAT'LL BE THE DAY**  
40th Anniversary



**THU 26 MAR | 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.



## SEVEN DRUNKEN NIGHTS

The Story of the Dubliners



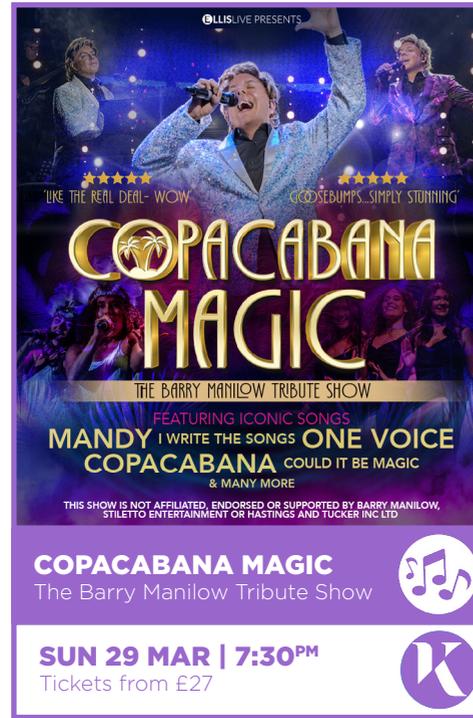
**FRI 27 MAR | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £20.50

Proudly celebrating its incredible 10th Anniversary **Seven Drunken Nights - The Story of The Dubliners** is back for 2026!

Performed by a phenomenal cast of Irish musicians, the show is packed full of classics like *Whiskey in the Jar*, *The Irish Rover* and *Rocky Road to Dublin* - guaranteed to get your toes tapping as they bring the joy of this much-loved Irish folk band back to the stage.

Don't miss your chance to see the world-class production that's brought a decade of unforgettable nights to packed-out theatres. **Seven Drunken Nights** is the ultimate Irish show that has audiences across the globe returning year after year.



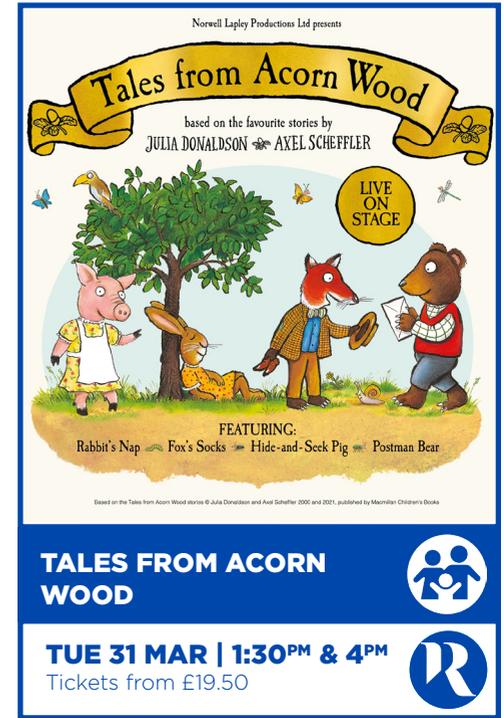
## COPACABANA MAGIC

The Barry Manilow Tribute Show



**SUN 29 MAR | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £27



## TALES FROM ACORN WOOD



**TUE 31 MAR | 1:30PM & 4PM**

Tickets from £19.50



## The Eternal Shame of SUE PERKINS



**SAT 28 MAR | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £28

You may know her as Bake-Off Sue, Taskmaster Sue, Just A Minute Sue, or the Sue that gives you travel envy - but stand-up Sue is full of surprises. In this brand-new show, she shares the unlikely happenings from a career in the spotlight.

What's the fallout when your pituitary gland goes haywire on live TV? How do you convince the public you didn't really fall onto that Hoover attachment? And when intimate photos get splashed all over the internet, how do you switch the shame to dignity and joy?

In her first live show in over a decade, Sue delivers a hilarious treatise on stigma, humiliation, and misunderstanding.



## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Easter Pantomime



**WED 1 APR | 2PM**

Tickets from £18

Panto time? Oh Yes It Is! Hot Rock Productions is excited to be bringing to stage their fun-filled family pantomime **Alice in Wonderland**.

Join Alice as she finds herself in the most peculiar place she's ever seen! She'll need to have her wits about her as the Queen of Hearts is after the secret recipe to create the best Jam Tarts for her tea party! Alice will need all the help she can get from her Wonderland friends including the Mad Hatter, and the White Rabbit to stop the evil Queen of Hearts from stealing the Jam Tart recipe! Their adventures will take them on a journey through Wonderland as they fight against evil and discover the power of true friendship. But will they make it to the tea party in time? You've got an invitation too - come along to find out!

FLYING BACK TO PORTSMOUTH DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND!

PORTSMOUTH THEATRES PRESENTS  
IAN FLEMING'S  
**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**

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

Music by Special Arrangement  
with Sony/ATV Publishing  
Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the  
MGM Motion Picture

Licensed Script Adapted  
by Ray Roderick

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International  
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**KINGS**  
**THEATRE**  
PORTSMOUTH

**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG**

Presented by Portsmouth Theatres



**THU 9 - SUN 19 APR**

Tickets from £15



Please visit our website for show times.



Get ready to be whisked away on a magical, musical adventure as we proudly present the return of **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!**

Following the enormous success of our 2023 production, where audiences were enchanted by the captivating story and thrilling special effects, we are excited to bring this beloved classic back to The Kings Theatre stage. Due to overwhelming audience demand and rave reviews, we invite you to experience the tale of eccentric inventor Caractacus Potts, his two adventurous children, and their fantastical journey to defeat the villainous Baron Bomburst.

The show features iconic musical numbers, including *Toot Sweets*, *Hushabye Mountain*, *Me Ol' Bam-Boo*, and the audience-favourite title track *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, all brought to life by an incredible community cast and professional production team.

Whether you're reliving the magic or seeing it for the first time, join us for a night filled with laughter and excitement! **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** is back and it's better than ever!

Photos from the 2023 Kings Theatre Production



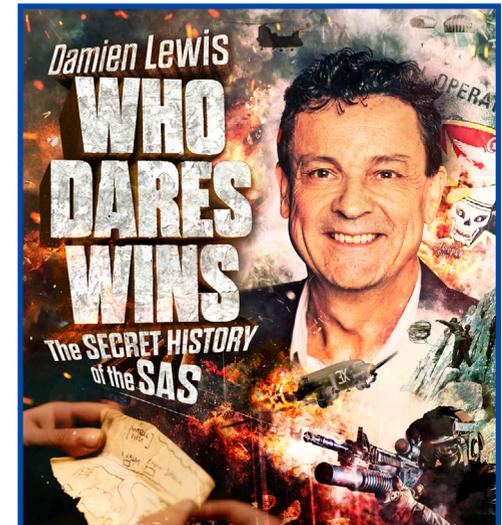
**THE ERAS EXPERIENCE**

Taylor Swift Tribute by Xenna



**THU 9 APR | 7PM**

Tickets from £26



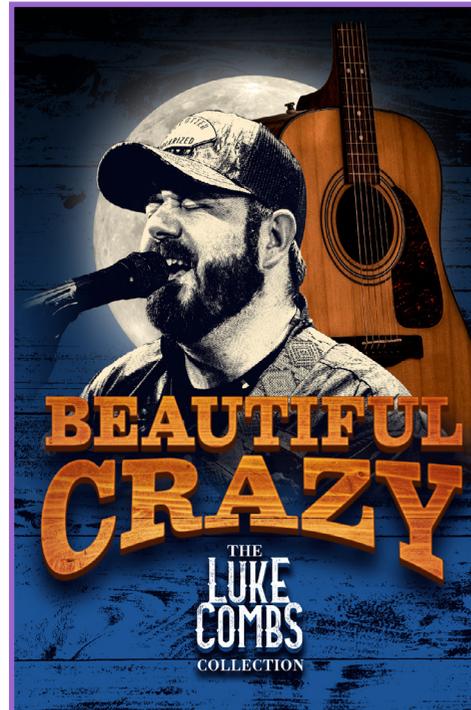
**DAMIEN LEWIS**

Who Dares Wins



**WED 22 APR | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £28.50



**BEAUTIFUL CRAZY**

The Luke Combs Collection



**FRI 24 APR | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £19



**Beautiful Crazy** is an exciting and authentic theatrical celebration of one of the biggest country stars on the planet ... **Luke Combs**.

Featuring award-winning country singer Noel Boland and a band led by Sarah Jory, the world's number one female pedal steel guitar player and BCMA Hall of Fame inductee, **Beautiful Crazy** features fan favourites including: *Ain't No Love in Oklahoma*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Fast Car*, *When It Rains It Pours*, *Hurricane* and *Beautiful Crazy*.

With a perfect blend of country and Southern rock, prepare to be lifted by heartfelt lyrics and authentic storytelling through Luke's songs about all things love, heartbreak and family.



## THE SHOOP SHOOP SHOW

The Cher Collection



**SAT 25 APR | 7:30PM**

Tickets from £19

Get ready to experience a Cher show like no other - heading to Portsmouth in 2026!

Turn Back Time with **The Shoop Shoop Show - The Cher Collection**, an exhilarating music-led production with a party atmosphere. It is led by international powerhouse vocalist Rachael Hawnt, the winner of ITV's *Starstruck*.

The show spans every decade of Cher's career from disco hits and pop rock chart-toppers. As the show unfolds Rachael's spot-on impersonation will make you *believe*.

**The Shoop Shoop Show** will have you singing and dancing the night away. So, glam up and experience the magic of one of the greatest Divas of all time!

THE *Shoop Shoop* SHOW  
THE CHER COLLECTION



Coming Soon

## THE LAST LAUGH



**TUE 19 - SAT 23 MAY 2026**

Tickets from £20.50

**Eric MORECAMBE** STEVE ROYLE  
**Tommy COOPER** DAMIAN WILLIAMS  
**Bob MONKHOUSE** SIMON CARTWRIGHT

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**THE LAST LAUGH**  
A NEW PLAY BY PAUL HENDY

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## FAWLTY TOWERS



**TUE 16 - SAT 20 JUN 2026**

Tickets from £28

## THE SOLD OUT WEST END SMASH HIT COMEDY

JOHN CLEESE'S

**FAWLTY TOWERS**

THE PLAY

DIRECTED BY CAROLINE JAY RANGER

BASED ON THE TV SERIES FAWLTY TOWERS © JOHN CLEESE & CONNIE BOOTH



Pompey Panto Legend  
**JACK EDWARDS**  
Returns!

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# JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

THE GIANT PANTOMIME ADVENTURE!

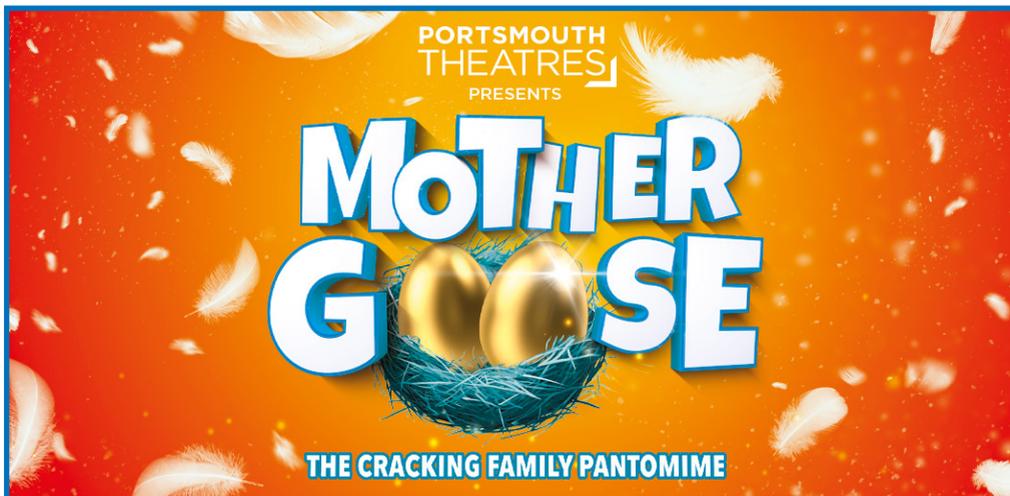
New On Sale

## JACK AND THE BEANSTALK



**CHRISTMAS 2026**

Tickets from £10



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# MOTHER GOOSE

THE CRACKING FAMILY PANTOMIME

New On Sale

## MOTHER GOOSE



**CHRISTMAS 2026**

Tickets from £10

PORTSMOUTH THEATRES' PRODUCTION OF



Disney

# FROZEN

THE WEST END MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics by  
**Kristen Anderson-Lopez  
& Robert Lopez**

Book by  
**Jennifer Lee**

Originally directed on Broadway by  
**Michael Grandage**

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee  
and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical Productions

**THEATRE  
ROYAL**  
PORTSMOUTH

**SAT 19 - SUN 27 SEP  
2026**

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This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)  
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# PORTSMOUTH THEATRES

## ARTS ACADEMY

FORMERLY KINGS SCHOOL  
OF PERFORMING ARTS



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SONGS, NEWS AND STAGEY CHAT  
FROM THE WORLD OF THEATRE

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## THE SPOTLIGHT AWARDS



Celebrating the world of amateur dramatics in Hampshire. The Spotlight Awards is a brand-new event shining a light on the incredible talent within the local theatre scene.

The awards ceremony is on Monday 8th June 2026, featuring live performances and awards across a variety of categories. If your amateur dramatic company is based within the PO postcode area, and you're staging a production between 1st May 2025 and 30th April 2026, you are eligible to enter.

Visit [expressfm.com/spotlightawards](https://expressfm.com/spotlightawards) to submit a production for consideration



## BOOKING YOUR TICKETS

ONLINE | [kingsportsmouth.co.uk](http://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  
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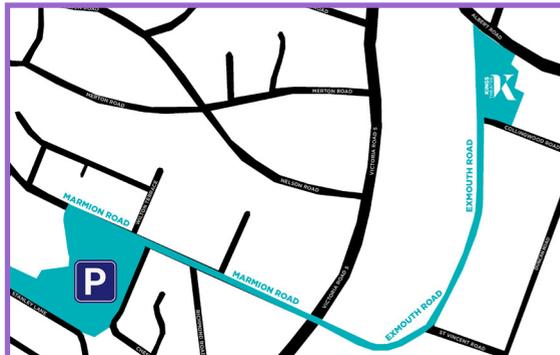
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## PLANNING YOUR VISIT



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.



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ONLINE | [newtheatreroyal.com](http://newtheatreroyal.com)  
 BY PHONE | 023 9282 8282  
 IN-PERSON | Theatre Royal, 20-24 Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth, PO1 2DD

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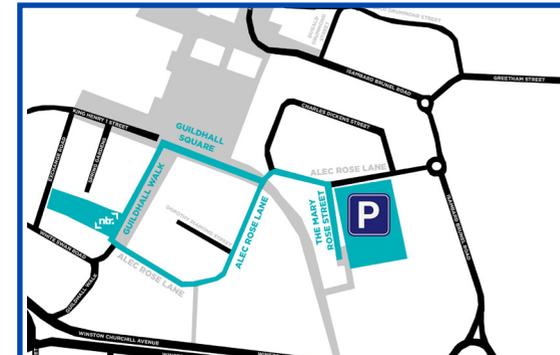
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For this car park we offer a limited number of discounted parking tickets. They can be purchased online along with your tickets or at the Box Office or bars when you arrive at the venue. Please ask Box Office for more details.

**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.  
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- Discounts from associated partners
- Move your tickets across performances of the same show for free, wherever possible.

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- 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
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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 architect 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.

Having secured the required approvals from Portsmouth City Council and Historic England, we are on schedule to begin the works in February 2026 and anticipate a 12-month build. There will be very limited disruption to our program as most works are outside the current theatre footprint, however we do thank our audiences and our local residents for their patience and support during this transformational period.

The overall project cost is now estimated to be £5m, the funding of which is all down to your amazing support. You can continue to make a significant contribution by attending our shows and potentially joining our Membership and Patron schemes.

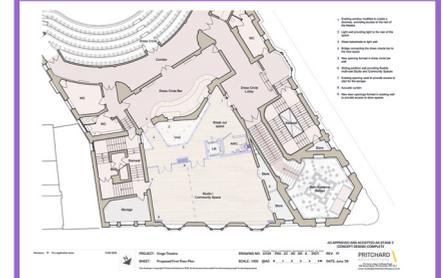
With sincere appreciation for your continued support.

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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