



TAUNTON BREWHOUSE
PROGRAMME
JANUARY – APRIL 2023

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A WARM WELCOME AT TAUNTON BREWHOUSE

Welcome to our spring 2023 season at Taunton Brewhouse. There's a lot to look forward to and this brochure has plenty of events that will tempt and delight.

Our music programme always promises exciting performances. From the much-acclaimed Talon: The Best of Eagles 25th Anniversary Tour and King for a Day: The Nat King Cole Story to Totally Tina, there is something for everyone.

We are thrilled to continue our BrewHaha comedy nights which feature the best in UK comedy showcasing their talents. Alongside this, we have performances from Edinburgh Fringe favourites Lucy Porter and Zoe Lyons.

Not forgetting our younger guests, we have Morgan and West and The Amazing Bubble Man returning, as well as a whole host of fun events coming in the Easter holidays.

In March, we welcome Strictly Come Dancing star Vincent Simone with Tango Passions. Also, for the first time at Taunton Brewhouse, we have Strictly's lead singer Tommy Blaize on our stage – a performance not to be missed.

Our weekly classes, special events, and workshops return this season with something for everyone including singing, dancing, and art tuition.

Our Royal Opera House series continues into the spring with *The Barber of Seville*, *Turandot*, *Cinderella* and, my personal favourite, *The Marriage of Figaro*.

With National Theatre Live and our hugely popular Movie Mondays, there are lots of cinema screenings being added regularly so I'd recommend keeping an eye on our website and signing up to our mailing list. The whole Brewhouse team look forward to welcoming you and sharing some amazing performances with you this spring.

Victoria Hobbs
Executive Director

JANUARY

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA NEW YEAR VIENNESE GALA

5 JANUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS FROM £26 | SUITABLE FOR 8+

Celebrate the New Year with an uplifting concert of marvellous music by the King of Waltz, Johann Strauss and his contemporaries!

The full symphonic forces of the BSO will bring you an evening of swirling melodies to carry you away into the glamour and sparkle of Viennese Dance Halls.

This year's sparkling concert music by the King of Waltz is spiced up with a sprinkling of Hungarian flavour as the waltzes, marches, and polkas of Johann Strauss and family are cleverly juxtaposed with the Hungarian dances and rhapsodies of Brahms and Liszt.

Rising young maestro Gergely Madaras studied composition in Budapest and conducting in Vienna. So, who better as conductor and informative guide for this musical tour of both capital cities.

AN EVENING WITH BRIAN BLESSED

18 JANUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | TALK

TICKETS £32.50 | SUITABLE FOR 16+

An Evening with Brian Blessed will combine anecdotes from his illustrious acting career with tales of his adventuring and time in Nepal. Everything about Brian is larger than life, so expect a brilliant evening witnessing first-hand Brian's booming operatic voice, learning of his achievements, his dreams, and his ability to inspire.

Known for his roles in *Blackadder*, *Flash Gordon*, and *I, Claudius* among others, Brian Blessed holds an established place at the forefront of British entertainment.

TALON – THE BEST OF EAGLES - 25TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR

19 JANUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS £28.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Talon have risen from humble beginnings to become one of the most successful theatre touring shows in the UK, and the 25th anniversary tour will once again feature the Eagles timeless back catalogue including *Hotel California*, *Take It Easy*, *One Of These Nights*,

Take It To The Limit, Desperado, Lyin' Eyes, Life In The Fast Lane, and many more.

AN AUDIENCE WITH ARTHUR SMITH

20 JANUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | TALK

TICKETS £25.50 | SUITABLE FOR 16+

Often described as the compère beyond compare, Arthur Smith is a playwright, panellist, performer, and stalwart of the Edinburgh Festival.

A regular on radio and TV, his appearances include fronting the funny section on *Loose Ends*, and being a regular Grumpy Old Man and *Countdown* wordsmith.

He has also presented Radio 4's *Excess Baggage* and Radio 2's The Smith Lectures.

THINK FLOYD

21 JANUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS FROM £24.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Think Floyd pride themselves in faithfully recreating Pink Floyd's timeless music, backed by their dedicated team of sound and lighting engineers and an impressive laser light show.

Enjoy the masterpiece album *The Dark Side of the Moon* and other classics including *Wish You Were Here*, *The Wall*, *The Division Bell*, *Animals*, and more.

KING FOR A DAY: THE NAT KING COLE STORY

27 JANUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £22 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Featuring world-class live music, alongside narration and projected archive images and footage, this concert celebrates one of the greatest vocalists and entertainers of the twentieth century.

Following sell out shows at London's Hippodrome and Ronnie Scott's, the show features many of Nat King Cole's most celebrated songs and stylish reworkings of his lesser-known gems.

WAYFARERS PRESENT SLEEPING BEAUTY

8-14 JANUARY | TIMES VARY | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY
TICKETS FROM £13 | SUITABLE FOR 3+

The award-winning Wayfarers are back at Taunton Brewhouse this January with the classic pantomime *Sleeping Beauty*.

Follow the story of Princess Aurora's coming of age at parties hosted by her forgetful father, Old King Cole, and bossy mother, Queen Catherine.

The wicked Carabosse gets back at her sister, Queen Catherine, through Aurora, while the fairies, Starlight, Moonbeam and Dust, try to protect the Princess.

Meantime there is fun and laughter with Nanny Nightnurse and Muddles, the court jester.

Will Prince Albert and Princess Aurora stay best of friends, or more? You'll have to come and find out for yourselves...

FEBURARY

MAISIE ADAM: BUZZED

2 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY
TICKETS £16 | SUITABLE FOR 15+

Fresh from *Live at the Apollo*, *A League of Their Own*, *Mock the Week*, and *The Last Leg*, Best Newcomer nominee Maisie Adam is back with her new show *Buzzed*.

Rammed with witty observations, high-octane energy and some right good jokes, this high-energy show promises to be better than whatever else you had planned (unless you had plans to go dancing with Cher).

MERCURY

3 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS FROM £22 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Mercury have firmly established themselves as one of the world's most authentic tributes to Freddie Mercury and the legendary Queen and they are back on the road in 2023 – exactly 50 years after Queen signed their first recording contract!

Including performances of the most popular Queen hits, such as *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Radio Ga Ga*, *We Are The Champions*, *We Will Rock You* and many more, this award-winning, dynamic stage show has been wowing audiences across the world with its spectacular costumes and world class production for over two decades.

ALFIE MOORE: FAIR COP UNLEASHED

4 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY
TICKETS £17 | SUITABLE FOR 14+

Join BBC Radio 4's cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore for his latest stand-up tour show.

Fair Cop Unleashed is based on a dramatic real-life incident from Alfie's police casebook. Relive with him the thrilling ups and downs of the night a mysterious clown came to town and more than one life ended up in the balance. It was no laughing matter – but this show certainly is!

Enjoy Alfie's unique brand of humour hilariously woven together with his personal insights into his life on the front-line of the police force.

It'd be a crime to miss it!

SETH LAKEMAN

6 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS £21.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Westcountry folk singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Seth Lakeman comes to Taunton as part of a run of UK and European solo shows in spring 2023. This follows on from a busy 2022 including tour dates, festivals, and a run of harbourside performances travelling by ship!

Seth Lakeman was nominated for the Mercury Music Prize in 2005 for *Kitty Jay*. It catapulted Lakeman into the forefront of the new British folk movement and his follow up was the gold-selling *Freedom Fields* which was released twice in 2006. Produced by his brother Sean Lakeman it came out on iScream and was then re-released by Relentless (EMI) where it went on to become Seth's first of 6 UK Top 40 albums.

LIVING SPIT'S PUSS IN BOOTS: 'MORE THAN A FELINE'

8 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | DRAMA

TICKETS £16 | SUITABLE FOR 10+

Told entirely through song and rhyming couplets, Living Spit's new version of *Puss in Boots* promises all the usual frolics, festivities and foolishness.

So, there's this bloke. He's stony broke.

His name is Tristan Sprout,

He can't afford to pay the rent; the landlord wants him out.

He has a cat called Roger who has several attributes

Of note: He talks and wears a pair of fetching kneehigh boots!

But then they hear a rumour of an Ogre on the prowl?

Can Tristan be a hero? Or will he throw in the towel...?

Meanwhile...

Stu Mcloughlin, actor and one half of Living Spit (the tall one with the big ears and the legs that just won't quit),

Reckons that a brand-new rhyming show could be the chance

For him to demonstrate his new-found skills in

Irish dance!

Howard (he's the bald one) needs the new show to succeed,

But against his better judgement he's reluctantly agreed.

THE CIRCUS OF HORRORS: HAUNTED FAIRGROUND

9 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | CIRCUS

TICKETS FROM £24 | SUITABLE FOR 16+

Haunted by creatures of the unknown, this FANGtastic new show is set to blow your mind with an amazing set, stellar lights, special effects, and beautifully bizarre circus acts. *Haunted Fairground* is a sinister story with the darkest of magic – all performed to an original rock score.

THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY

10 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS £26 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Using huge projection photos and original film footage, this 50th anniversary celebration features a full live band performing all the hits including *Mrs Robinson*, *Cecilia*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, *Homeward Bound* and many more.

‘Fantastic’ Elaine Paige, BBC Radio 2

‘Authentic and Exciting’ The Stage

AN AUDIENCE WITH JOHN SERGEANT

11 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | TALK

TICKETS £28.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Join John Sergeant for an evening of humorous and thought-provoking conversations filled with anecdotes and recollections about his career.

John was the Chief Political Correspondent for the BBC from 1992 to 2000, and ITN's Political Editor from 2000 to 2002. Many people will remember him as one of Britain's most popular and respected broadcasters and authors. His award-winning career as a political journalist has been as lengthy as it has been successful and has seen him interview big political hitters like Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher, John Major, and Tony Blair.

In recent years, John has returned to his first love – entertainment – and can be seen regularly on programmes such as *The One Show*, *Have I Got News for You*, *QI*, *Room 101*, and of course, *Strictly Come Dancing*.

MORGAN & WEST: UNBELIEVABLE SCIENCE

14 FEBRUARY | 14:00 | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY

TICKETS FROM £11 | SUITABLE FOR 7+

Morgan & West present captivating chemistry, phenomenal physics, and bonkers biology in this fun for all the family science extravaganza!

Magicians, time travellers and all-round spiffing chaps Morgan & West have a secret past – they are genuine, bona fide, legitimately qualified scientists, and are bringing their love of enlightenment to the stage!

AN EVENING WITH RAY MEARS

15 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | TALK
TICKETS £32.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

TV presenter, instructor and bestselling author Ray Mears has become recognised throughout the world as an authority on the subject of bushcraft and survival. TV series including *Ray Mears' Bushcraft*, *Ray Mears' World of Survival*, *Extreme Survival* and *Ray Mears Goes Walkabout* have made him a household name over the past two decades.

THE AMAZING BUBBLE MAN

16 FEBRUARY | 14:00 | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY
TICKETS FROM £12 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Louis Pearl has been thrilling audiences around the world for over 30 years with the art, magic, science and fun of bubbles. He is a favourite at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where he has enjoyed twelve years of sell-out success.

Louis explores the breath-taking dynamics of bubbles, combining comedy and artistry with audience participation and enough spellbinding bubble tricks to keep everyone mesmerised.

JOE STILGOE - 100 YEARS OF THEATRE

17 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £19 - £23.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Joe and his incredible band bring to life his new hit album *THEATRE*, which celebrates the great music of theatre from Kurt Weill to Cole Porter, Rodgers & Hammerstein to *Hamilton*, Lerner & Lowe to Pasek & Paul, and everything in between.

Featuring stunning rearrangements of classics, with all the drama, tension, heartache and heartbreak of the greatest music from theatre over the last century alongside Joe's original songs.

BREWHAHA COMEDY NIGHTS

18 FEBRUARY, 17 MARCH, 28 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY | TICKETS £14.50 | SUITABLE FOR 14+

An evening of laughter and live entertainment courtesy of the UK's greatest comedy acts. From much loved favourites to exciting new talent, our monthly BrewHaha Comedy Nights offer something for everyone!

Each evening will feature three different top stand-ups delivering side-splitting sets, all compèred by an engaging MC. Keep an eye out for line up announcements for our February, March and April events coming soon.

Be sure to complete your night with a trip to our theatre bar, where you'll find a range of premium snacks and refreshments, including many local brands.

AN EVENING WITH EDDIE "THE EAGLE" EDWARDS

22 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | TALK
TICKETS £21.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Join us for an inspirational and humorous journey down memory lane with one of the UK's most legendary Olympians.

Michael Edwards, better known as Eddie “The Eagle” Edwards, was the first competitor to represent Great Britain in Olympic Ski jumping. Despite not winning in his sport, Eddie’s heroic failures won the hearts and minds of the public.

BYRON WALLEN

23 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £15.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Byron Wallen and his band will play music from his album *Portrait: Reflections on Belonging*.

Landmarks of blues, mode and groove are explored and reinvented. Inspiration for the compositions on this album was drawn from early Renaissance music, Central and East African rhythm and polyphony, and the music of Miles Davis, Wayne Shorter, and Thelonius Monk.

SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK

25 FEBRUARY | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £26.50 | SUITABLE FOR 12+

Endorsed by Rod's own family, *Some Guys Have All The Luck – The Rod Stewart Story* is back in theatres in 2023 with its hotly anticipated new production.

Direct from the West End, the show brings to the stage an incredible live concert celebrating one of rock music's most influential icons, Rod Stewart, and takes you on a musical journey that spans six decades from humble beginnings in the R'n'B clubs of the 1960s to world-famous rock sensation.

COMING OUT OF MY CAGE (AND I'VE BEEN DOING JUST FINE)

25 FEBRUARY | 19:45 | STUDIO | DRAMA

TICKETS £12.50 | SUITABLE FOR 12+

Mr Brightside hasn't left the UK charts in 19 years. How did it end up like this? An interactive investigation with karaoke, lipsyncing, and absolute bangers. The award winning, sold out Fringe sensation, a 'must see' (*The Independent*) show recommended by *The Guardian* and *Time Out*.

MARCH

THE NOISE NEXT DOOR – HOMETOWN HEROES

1 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY | TICKETS
£16.50 | SUITABLE FOR 16+

The quickest wits in comedy are coming to town with a side-splitting evening of hilarious off-the-cuff songs, scenes and characters. The stars of *Tonight at the Palladium* (ITV 1) will spin comedy gold out of all the things that YOU, the live audience, think are the best, worst and downright weirdest things about your hometown.

The Noise Next Door are thirteen-time sell-out veterans of The Edinburgh Fringe and have appeared on *The One Show* (BBC One), *Britain's Got Talent* (ITV1), and *Roast Battle* (Comedy Central).

“Hilarious... A superior kind of chaos” - *Telegraph*

“Comedy gold... Staggeringly well executed” -
Guardian

TOMMY BLAIZE & NYJO PRESENT: RAY CHARLES

3 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £28.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Ray Charles, the father of soul, changed the course of music history with his pioneering combination of gospel, jazz, and R&B. Nicknamed 'the Genius', he would become one of the most recognisable artists of the 20th century, his hoarse voice and passionate performances made him an icon, celebrated across the globe.

In 2023, NYJO is touring a programme in celebration of the history and immeasurable talent of Ray Charles, to whom all jazz musicians and fans alike owe so much, featuring the brilliant singer, Tommy Baize, lead singer of the *BBC Strictly Come Dancing* band. A fantastic opportunity to see a 19-piece band of some of the most talented young jazz musicians in the UK take the stage with one of the country's finest vocalists.

MY MOUNTAIN LIFE PRESENTED BY TOUCHING THE
VOID'S SIMON YATES

4 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | TALK
TICKETS FROM £16 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

On the remote Siula Grande in Peru in June 1985, mountaineer Simon Yates found himself in a desperately unenviable position. He was slowly being pulled off the mountain face by his injured partner, Joe

Simpson, dangling on the rope 50 metres below. His decision to cut the rope saved both their lives in the epic survival that followed and with the publication of the book *Touching the Void*, which later became a film and stage play, both climbers became household names.

Come along and witness Simon's tireless journey from that mountain in Peru to some of the remotest on the planet, and share with him the drama, excitement, and beauty of modern, lightweight alpinism.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE VALLEY OF FEAR

7 - 8 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | DRAMA

TICKETS £14 - £22 | SUITABLE FOR 11+

Crammed full of adventure, mystery, and of course one or two rather brilliant deductions, *The Valley Of Fear* is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's thrilling final Sherlock Holmes novel brought to life in this spectacular new stage adaptation.

A mysterious, coded message is received, a warning of imminent danger, drawing Sherlock Holmes and the faithful Dr Watson into a tale of intrigue and murder.

Don't miss Blackeyed Theatre's stunning world premiere of *Sherlock Holmes: The Valley Of Fear*.

Original music, stylish theatricality and magical storytelling combine for an unforgettable theatrical experience. The game's afoot!

BRITANICK

9 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY
TICKETS £15.50 | SUITABLE FOR 16+

Following sold out runs at the Edinburgh Fringe and Soho Theatre, Emmy-nominated writers, BriTANick return to the UK! Together they have written for *Saturday Night Live* and *It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia* and were named in Variety's Top 10 Comics To Watch.

CHRIS CLEVERLEY

10 MARCH | 19:45 | STUDIO | MUSIC
TICKETS £12 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Chris Cleverley's *Broadcast the Secret Verse* album tour embraces a bold new paradigm as he moves away from the British folk scene that inspired his earlier sound, toward the American indie music which has characterised his more recent influences.

Owing much to the music of Sufjan Stevens, Elliott Smith, Anais Mitchell and Bright Eyes, Cleverley has seen his musical and artistic identity grow and mature.

THE ELVIS YEARS

11 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £25.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

The Elvis Years is an outstanding musical production which brings to the stage the incredible and compelling story of the 'king of rock and roll' – Elvis Presley.

Join Mario Kombou (*Jailhouse Rock*, West End), an all-star band and award-winning singers for an unforgettable journey through over 50 golden greats spanning over three decades.

A PERFECT LIKENESS

16 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | DRAMA
TICKETS £16 | SUITABLE FOR 12+

Reclusive writer and photographer Charles Dodgson (also known as Lewis Carroll) invites celebrity author Charles Dickens to his Oxford home to pose for a portrait. Dickens is so intrigued by the whimsical *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* that he accepts.

What ensues is a baring of two creative souls, the one private and fastidious, the other boisterous and irreverent.

POP PRINCESSES

18 MARCH | 13:00 & 18:00 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS FROM £20 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

A magical show where beautiful princesses become pop stars! Featuring a soundtrack of top pop hits from artists such as Little Mix, Ariana Grande, Taylor Swift, Meghan Trainor, and Miley Cyrus, plus all the best songs from your favourite films and musicals.

VINCENT SIMONE: TANGO PASSIONS

21 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | DANCE
TICKETS FROM £38 | SUITABLE FOR 14+

Argentine Tango King and *Strictly Come Dancing* legend, Vincent Simone, returns to the stage with his brand new show *Tango Passions*. Also starring Argentine Tango specialist Paula Duarte as his leading lady. Accompanied by world-class Argentine Tango specialists, let the original Italian stallion take you on a journey to Buenos Aires and enjoy his dancing, tales, and poetry about the history of the Argentine Tango.

TOTALLY TINA

22 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS £26 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Come shake a tail feather with the UK's supreme Tina – Justine Riddoch – and her talented cast.

This breathtaking recreation of a live Tina Turner concert celebrates the golden anniversary of the queen of rock & roll's signature tune *Proud Mary*. Tina's no-holds-barred take of the song established a reputation for fearsome live performances!

THE HISTORY OF SOUL

24 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS FROM £21.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

The History of Soul is a celebration of soul music through the decades. A night transporting you through the greatest eras of soul featuring such artists as Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, Sam Cooke, Ray Charles, The Temptations and many more.

Rediscover the songs that shaped the music industry as we know it, with these Motown and Stax hits never sounding better.

ROSE

24 MARCH | 19:45 | STUDIO | DRAMA

TICKETS FROM £11.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Everything seems normal for Rose when she first starts school until her sight begins to fail and she struggles with physical disability. A special school seems the answer. She is talented and creative, but she remains isolated in her teens.

Then she meets the unconventional Matt. Does he lead her astray or will he put her on the path to success?

THE DRIFTERS

25 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS £31 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

The Drifters are back on tour in the UK performing all their classic hits including *Saturday Night at the Movies*, *You're More Than A Number*, *Come on Over to My Place*, *Under the Boardwalk*, *Kissin' In The Back Row* and many more!

The legendary group have been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, performed for the President of the

United States and listed among the greatest artists of all time by *Rolling Stone* magazine.

ZOE LYONS - BALD AMBITION TOUR

28 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY

TICKETS £17 | SUITABLE FOR 14+

Zoe Lyons has kept herself busy in the last couple of years by having what can best be described as a monumental midlife crisis. It involved buying a sports car, having a brief marital separation and running a 100k ultra marathon which really didn't end well.

Along the way her hair decided the best thing to do was abandon ship. It ain't easy being a middle aged woman: try doing it with a combover. Thankfully Zoe has been able to explore the funny side of all these twists and turns. It's time to sell the silly car and try and put the wheels back on her life.

Zoe is the host of BBC2's *Lightning*. She's known as a star of *Live at the Apollo* and a regular on *Have I Got News for You* (BBC1), *QI* (BBC2), and *Mock the Week* (BBC2). Other credits include *Celebrity Antiques Road Trip* (BBC2), *Stand Up and Deliver* (C4), and *House of Games* (BBC2). Zoe is an immediately recognisable voice on Radio 4 as a regular on *The News Quiz*, *Just a*

Minute, The Unbelievable Truth, and The Now Show, and also co-hosts Frank Skinner's show on Absolute Radio.

APOLLO SAXOPHONE QUARTET: NEW COMMISSIONS & JOURNEY ACROSS THE IMPOSSIBLE

29 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £18 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

The groundbreaking Apollo Saxophone Quartet has been at the forefront of the British contemporary music scene for over 35 years. The ensemble has made the largest single contribution to the saxophone quartet repertoire in the UK, commissioning, premiering and recording over 100 significant new works, ranging from quartets to concerti and film scores, as well as numerous creative collaborations with poets, dancers, multimedia and strings.

All of the scores are performed live by the quartet without click tracks or any electronic synchronisation, recreating exactly the original ethos of performing music to accompany silent film – reacting and responding to the images on the screen in the absence of any dialogue.

Films included in the performance will be *The Blank Imp*, *The Dancing Pig*, *The Collapse of the Bridge over the Tacoma Narrows*, and many more.

SHAPE OF YOU - THE MUSIC OF ED SHEERAN

30 MARCH | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS FROM £16 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Do you find yourself singing along to Ed Sheeran's biggest hits? Then look no further! *Shape Of You – The Music of Ed Sheeran* brings the UK's favourite singer-songwriter to the stage in an outstanding new show that is on tour across the UK throughout 2023.

Featuring an insanely talented band, awesome visuals and a stunning light show, *Shape of You* has it all – from signature loops to soulful singalongs, via beatbox raps and aching acoustic arrangements.

APRIL

LUCY PORTER: WAKE-UP CALL

1 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY

TICKETS £19 | SUITABLE FOR 16+

A brand new stand-up show from TV and radio favourite, Lucy Porter. As heard on Radio 4's *The News Quiz* and *The Now Show* and seen on *Would I Lie to You*, *QI* and *Live at the Apollo*.

Wake-Up Call is a show about revelations, realisations and epiphanies – both large and small. Subjects covered include: bin collection schedules, the novels of Jean Rhys, cats, school fair booze tombolas, the Scottish Enlightenment, pressure washers and Huel. It's an exuberant, silly show with some wisdom sprinkled on top.

“Impeccably punch-lined anecdotes... genuinely delightful” - *The Telegraph*

“A treat from start to finish” - *The Herald*

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE

2 APRIL | 14:30 | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY

TICKETS FROM £15.50 | SUITABLE FOR 6+

This year saw science lead the way in getting our lives back to normal. Now, the UK's favourite science team are back and more explosive than ever!

Join our presenters as they dive deep into the world of science and look at how science shapes the modern world we live in – with a few loud bangs along the way. They'll take an anarchic approach to science communication whilst looking at the scientists, engineers and inventors who have shaped the modern world that we live in whilst proving that each and every one of you have the ability to change our world for the better.

Expect 20ft LIQUID NITROGEN clouds, exploding OXYGEN & HYDROGEN balloons, FIRE TORNADOS, HYDROGEN bottle rockets, ignited METHANE and even a self-built hovercraft!

100% educational. 200% entertaining. 300% explosive. 400% fun.

DINOSAURS AND ALL THAT RUBBISH

2 APRIL | 11:00 & 14:00 | STUDIO | FAMILY

TICKETS £12.50 | SUITABLE FOR 3+

One man's dream to reach the stars leaves the world in ruins! Can the sleeping dinosaurs wake and save planet

Earth? A riotously fun environmental tale fuelled by rock'n'roll.

“A really fun and engaging family show. I would highly recommend it!” - *Edinburgh Fringe for Kids*

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MARTI PELLOW – PELLOW TALK

5 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS FROM £31 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

‘Pellow Talk is a chance to learn all about me, not just as a singer and songwriter with Wet Wet Wet, but as a boy and a man. It’s a chance to understand the DNA of the hits that we’ve listened to and loved over the years. The evening will be wrapped in music, from songs you know to ones you’ll get to know. There’ll be laughter as we travel from the banks of the River Clyde to the top of the charts, then onto Broadway and beyond.’ – Marti Pellow

GEORGE MCGAVIN: IT'S A WILD LIFE – TALES FROM TELEVISION

14 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | TALK

TICKETS £16 - £21 | SUITABLE FOR 10+

In this engaging and intriguing show, much-loved zoologist, entomologist and broadcaster Dr George McGavin shares his personal journey to discover the world of wildlife - big and especially small.

Drawing from his wonderful collection of wildlife images and film footage, he will share sights, sounds, and behind the scenes secrets – from when it went right and when it went wrong!

BEYOND THE BARRICADE

15 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC

TICKETS £26 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Beyond the Barricade, the UK's longest running Musical Theatre Concert Tour, features past principal performers from *Les Miserables* and delivers over two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End, ending of course with a stunning finale from *Les Miserables*.

This brand new show will include many of the best numbers that have made *Beyond the Barricade* the most popular musical theatre concert in the country.

AXEL BLAKE – IN STYLE

18 APRIL | 20:00 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY
TICKETS £21 | SUITABLE FOR 16+

Britain's Got Talent 2022 winner Axel Blake is heading out on the road with his new show *In Style*.

From the wilds of Dunstable, Axel Blake arrived on the country's living room screens in style as Simon Cowell's golden buzzer on *Britain's Got Talent*. His observational comedy paired with his witty charm captivated the audience, propelling him to be crowned 2022 champion of the hit show.

DANNY BAKER: AT LAST... THE SAUSAGE SANDWICH TOUR

21 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | COMEDY
TICKETS £28.50 | SUITABLE FOR 14+

Buckle up at curtain up because here we go again! The third (and final) part of the trilogy that began with the sell-out *Cradle To Stage* nights, charged on through the

Good Time Charley shows now reaches its peak with *(at last) The Sausage Sandwich Tour!* Danny Baker's concluding chapter of high kicking euphoria comes to Taunton.

MOTOWN IN MOTION

22 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £26 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Featuring over two hours of Motown classics, this show is one of the most authentic tributes to the music that shook the world from the 60s to 70s.

From The Temptations to the Four Tops, The Shirelles to the Supremes, and the smooth voice of Marvin Gaye to the funky genius of Stevie Wonder – this production will have you singing along and celebrating all night long.

THE ZOMBIES: THE INVADERS RETURN TOUR

29 APRIL | 19:30 | MAIN HOUSE | MUSIC
TICKETS £27.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Iconic 'British Invasion' pop legends The Zombies are returning home to the UK to celebrate their long-awaited induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

The band's live performances, described by *Rolling Stone* as "absolutely triumphant", includes their hit singles *She's Not There* and *Tell Her No*, and their 1968 masterpiece *Odessey & Oracle*.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA

7 - 8 APRIL | 11:30 & 14:30 | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY
TICKETS £14.50 | SUITABLE FOR 3+

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* returns on tour.

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

VINLAND

6 APRIL | 12:30 & 15:30 | STUDIO | FAMILY
TICKETS £10 | SUITABLE FOR 8+

Vinland retells the incredible true(ish) tale of the Vikings last journey to North America, taking

inspiration from the Viking sagas of Erik the Red and his family.

Using lyrical storytelling, animation and live music, the show brings the audience into a world where myth and history collide.

NICK SHARRATT'S ALL NEW PICTURE BOOK DRAW ALONG

6 APRIL | 14:30 | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY
TICKETS £17.50 | SUITABLE FOR 4+

Join this much-loved children's writer and illustrator in a family-friendly, fun filled draw along for all ages. He'll be sketching fab characters from his very latest stories and you'll get to draw along with him. Whether it's spectacular space aliens, funny fairy-tale folk or extraordinary elephants, you'll have a whale of a time! Nick has illustrated close to 300 books including Nick's much-loved *You Choose*, *Shark in the Park* and *Pants* series.

THE OAK, THE ASH AND THE STANDING STONES

12 APRIL | 10:00 & 14:00 | STUDIO | FAMILY
TICKETS £9.50 | SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Come and explore magical countryside. Forest and fen. Wild places and wild stories. In this fun, modern, folk filled family show, Tidal Tales Collective use loop station, theremin, vocal harmonies and beatbox to share the legends and music attached to different UK sites.

THE MUNCH MISSION

13 APRIL | 14:00 | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY
TICKETS £12 | SUITABLE FOR 6+

Oh help, our Munch is missing! Do you possess the wit, nerve and skill to become the next CIA agent?

Full of mystery, nods to film noir and a broad streak of quirky comedy, *The Munch Mission* is a playable family theatre show from award-winning theatre company Brave Bold Drama.

EVENT CINEMA

NT LIVE: THE CRUCIBLE

26 JANUARY | 19:00 | TICKETS £15

LYNDSEY TURNER | 12A | 180 MINUTES | 2023

A witch hunt is beginning in Arthur Miller's captivating parable of power with Erin Doherty (*The Crown*) and Brendan Cowell (*Yerma*).

Raised to be seen but not heard, a group of young women in Salem suddenly find their words have an almighty power. As a climate of fear, vendetta and accusation spreads through the community, no one is safe from trial.

ANDRÉ RIEU IN DUBLIN

28 – 29 JANUARY | TIMES VARY | TICKETS FROM £16

MICHAEL FIZZANO | U | 120 MINUTES | 2023

Start 2023 in style with *André Rieu in Dublin*. Exclusive to cinemas, this celebratory concert is the best way to welcome in the new year!

André and his Johann Strauss Orchestra will delight you with romantic melodies, popular classics, party tunes and beloved waltzes.

NT LIVE: OTHELLO

24 FEBRUARY | 19:00 | TICKETS £15

CLINT DYER | 12A | 180 MINUTES | 2023

An extraordinary new production of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy, directed by Clint Dyer with a cast that includes Giles Terera (*Hamilton*), Rosy McEwen (*The Alienist*) and Paul Hilton (*The Inheritance*).

NT LIVE: GOOD

20 APRIL | 19:00 | TICKETS £15.50

DOMINIC COOKE | 15 | 160 MINS | 2023

David Tennant (*Doctor Who*) makes a much-anticipated return to the West End in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most powerful, political plays.

As the world faces its Second World War, John Halder, a good, intelligent German professor, finds himself pulled into a movement with unthinkable consequences.

ROH SEASON: THE BARBER OF SEVILLE

19 FEBRUARY | 14:00 | TICKETS £15

MOSHE LEISER AND PATRICE CAURIER | 12A

225 MINUTES | 2023

When Rosina falls in love with a mysterious young suitor who calls himself Lindoro, she must use all her cunning – and a little help from her local barber – to outwit her calculating guardian Dr Bartolo.

Expect heart-melting serenades, ridiculous disguises and a fairytale ending waiting just out of reach. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

ROH SEASON: TURANDOT

26 MARCH | 14:00 | TICKETS £15

ANDREI SERBAN | 12A | 200 MINUTES | 2023

In the court of Princess Turandot, suitors who fail to solve her riddles are brutally killed. But when a mysterious Prince answers one correctly, suddenly he holds all the power – and a glorious secret. When life hangs in the balance, can love conquer all? Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

ROH SEASON: CINDERELLA

12 APRIL | 19:15 | TICKETS £15

FREDERICK ASHTON | 12A | 150 MINUTES | 2023

Royal Ballet Founder Choreographer Frederick Ashton's Cinderella celebrates its 75th anniversary this season. A creative team steeped in the magic of theatre, film, dance and opera brings new atmosphere to Cinderella's ethereal world of fairy godmothers and pumpkin carriages, handsome princes and finding true love.

ROH SEASON: THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

27 APRIL | 18:45 | TICKETS £15

DAVID MCVICAR | 12A | 240 MINUTES | 2023

Servants Figaro and Susanna are filled with excitement on their wedding day, but there's a hitch: their employer, the Count Almaviva, has dishonourable intentions of his own towards the bride-to-be. With more twists than a page boy's stockings, the story of Mozart's comic opera will surprise and delight you at every turn. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

FILM HIGHLIGHTS

MATILDA THE MUSICAL

2 – 3 JANUARY | TIMES VARY | TICKETS FROM £5
MATTHEW WARCHUS | PG | 117 MINUTES | 2022

A brand new take on the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical. Roald Dahl's *Matilda the Musical* tells the story of an extraordinary girl, with a vivid imagination, who dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results.

Starring Emma Thompson as Miss Trunchbull, Stephen Graham and Andrea Riseborough as Mr & Mrs Wormwood, Lashana Lynch as Miss Honey and introducing Alisha Weir as Matilda.

THE SILENT TWINS

16 – 17 JANUARY | TIMES VARY | TICKETS FROM £5
AGNIESZKA SMOCZYNSKA | 18 | 113 MINUTES | 2022

The Silent Twins is the astounding true story of twin sisters who only communicated with one another. As a result, they created a rich, fascinating world to escape the reality of their own lives. Based on the bestselling book *The Silent Twins*, the film stars Letitia Wright and Tamara Lawrance.

SHE SAID

25 JANUARY | 19:00 | TICKETS FROM £7.50

MARIA SCHRADER | 15 | 128 MINUTES | 2022

Two-time Academy Award® nominee Carey Mulligan and Zoe Kazan star as New York Times reporters Megan Twohey and Jodi Kantor, who together broke one of the most important stories in a generation — a story that helped launch the #MeToo movement, shattered decades of silence around the subject of sexual assault in Hollywood, and altered American culture forever.

MOVIE MONDAYS

Join us on select Mondays at 11:00 and enjoy £5 tickets with a complimentary hot drink and biscuit. Keep an eye out for the Movie Monday icon to see which films are eligible and check our website for future releases.

EXHIBITIONS

WE THE PEOPLE: BRIDGWATER & TAUNTON COLLEGE EXHIBITION

13 JANUARY – 19 FEBRUARY | 10:00 – 16:00

GALLERY | FREE

What connects a community as a group? Is it their geography, their politics, their identity or something else? Are they centrally organised or a loose collective? What are their passions, hopes and points of view? What struggles do they face? What would make the world a better place for them? Do you agree or disagree?

Fine Art degree students at University Centre Somerset have investigated and responded to different communities. They have struck up conversations, spent time with the community, observed idiosyncrasies and banter, paid attention to their perspectives, and got a glimpse of how they tick. *We the People* documents the artists' responses.

Artists: Trudy Long, Rebecca Mitchell, Lauren Darling

THE KNICKERLINE

7 – 31 MARCH | 10:00 – 16:00 | GALLERY | FREE

Bluebirds Theatre Company present an art installation as part of *The Knickerline*, a year long music and theatre project gathering hidden stories and songs of Somerset women and those who identify as women.

During the project, the company will use stories from local women's daily lives associated with a pair of their own knickers to create a music theatre show as well as this exhibition.

They will be collecting the stories through spoken word, song and visual art in a series of public workshops. Keep an eye on our website for announcements of related workshops that you can get involved in soon.

This project has been made possible through funding from The Somerset Community Foundation, Somerset Skills and Learning and Somerset West and Taunton.

LEARN – DANCE & MUSIC

YOUTH CONTEMPORARY DANCE – RAMBERT GRADES

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4 JANUARY | 16:15 – 17:15

£90 PER TERM | TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE | AGES 7-15

This class will teach the Rambert Contemporary grades, which cover the basics of contemporary dance, encouraging creativity, fun and physicality to learn and explore through movement. The sessions will be run by Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance graduate Tabby Somerfield.

OPEN CONTEMPORARY DANCE

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4 JANUARY | 17:30 – 18:30

£90 PER TERM | TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE | AGES 16+

This class will focus on a mixture of floor and corner work, choreography, and improvisation. It is an excellent opportunity to develop your contemporary technique and explore your creativity and self-expression through movement. The sessions will be run by Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance graduate Tabby Somerfield.

OPEN BALLET

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4 JANUARY | 18:45 – 19:45
£90 PER TERM | TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE | AGES
16+

Our Open Ballet class is perfect for those returning to practice, who want a reminder of the basics, and who are looking to maintain and develop their technique. All classes are taught in a fun and friendly environment and beginners are welcome. The sessions will be run by Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance graduate Tabby Somerfield.

ADVANCED BALLET

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4 JANUARY | 19:45 – 20:45
£90 PER TERM | TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE | AGES
16+

Coaching to improve technique, confidence and develop ballet vocabulary. All classes are taught in a fun and friendly environment and are an excellent opportunity to enhance your skills. The sessions will be run by Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance graduate Tabby Somerfield.

YOUTH STREET DANCE

THURSDAYS FROM 5 JANUARY | 18:00 – 19:00

£90 PER TERM | TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE | AGES 7+

Join Lucy Hartland-Mann and learn all that is Street Dance.

Our fun-filled classes cover hip-hop, house, breaking, popping, locking, waacking, waving and tutting. Each term you will uncover the tools and techniques that are at the forefront of the commercial industry, combining these into show-stopping routines.

TINY DANCERS

MONDAYS | 10:15 – 11:00 | £6.50 PER CLASS | UNDER 5s

10% OFF WHEN BOOKING FOR THE WHOLE TERM (12 WEEKS)

Creative dance and play for children under 5 and their adults. A chance for families to have fun together with creative input and resources such as hoops, feathers, and fabric. Each session includes child friendly warm-ups, free play, action songs and a circle dance.

Pay as you go or enjoy 10% off when booking for the full term.

TAUNTON BREWHOUSE COMMUNITY CHOIR

WEDNESDAYS | 18:30 – 20:00 | FROM £8.50 PER
CLASS | AGES 18+

10% OFF WHEN BOOKING FOR THE WHOLE TERM (11
WEEKS)

Group singing has been scientifically proven to lower stress, relieve anxiety and elevate endorphins, so join us this spring and become part of our friendly community choir. No prior experience required and all abilities welcome.

Pay as you go or enjoy 10% off when booking for the full term.

TAUNTON BREWHOUSE UNPHILHARMONIC

MONTHLY ON MONDAYS | 19:15 – 21:15 | £15 PER
CLASS | AGES 18+

Do you play an instrument? Become part of the Taunton Brewhouse UnPhilharmonic – our open access concert orchestra for musicians of all abilities. We play a wide range of music including film and television soundtracks, from *Thunderbirds* to *The Magnificent Seven*, as well as concert band favourites and classical music.

BABY BLUEBIRDS

THURSDAYS | 10:15 – 11:15 | FREE | UNDER 5s

BOOK BY 5 JANUARY FOR JANUARY – FEBRUARY

BOOK BY 16 FEBRUARY FOR FEBRUARY – MARCH

Two 5 week music courses designed for children under 5 and their adults. Led by Amy Hardwick, each session is filled with research-driven activities to enhance babies' musical development, including vocal play and harmony singing.

Class sizes are intentionally small to encourage interaction and build relationships. Free tea and coffee.

Book at www.sslcourses.co.uk/courses

THRIVING VOICES

THURSDAYS | 11:30 – 13:00 | FREE | AGES 18+

BOOK BY 5 JANUARY FOR JANUARY – FEBRUARY

BOOK BY 16 FEBRUARY FOR FEBRUARY – MARCH

Thriving Voices is a vocal group open to everyone. Focus on breath techniques and vocal control while learning to improve your health through breathing and group singing. Thriving Voices has been working with people to help them cope with long covid, respiratory

complaints and other issues. We are now taking that next step and beginning to make music together.

Book at www.sslcourses.co.uk/courses

YOUTH THEATRE

TAUNTON BREWHOUSE YOUTH THEATRE

BRAND NEW FOR 2023

Taunton Brewhouse Youth Theatre aims to inspire, excite and celebrate young people with an interest in performing and producing theatre. Over a 10-week term, each group will guide young performers as they explore existing productions, make new friends, develop their skills and increase confidence.

Benefits include:

- Ticket offers to some of our most exciting visiting productions.
- Opportunities to represent the venue at events within the local community.
- Exclusive discounts on theatre-related workshops delivered as part of our Learn Programme.
- Performance opportunities, including the chance to audition for our annual Christmas Show.

Key details

Ages 5-7 | Saturdays from 21 Jan | 10:30 – 11:15
£64.50 per term

Ages 7-11 | Saturdays from 21 Jan | 11:30 – 12:30
£66.50 per term

Ages 11-14 | Tuesdays from 17 Jan | 18:00 – 19:15
£68.50 per term

Ages 14-16 | Tuesdays from 17 Jan | 19:30 – 21:00
£70.50 per term

Interested in a taster session?

Email programme@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk to
arrange a date.

SPECIAL EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

WRITE MORE EVERY DAY

TUESDAYS 3 JANUARY – 7 FEBRUARY | 19:00-21:00
£110.50 PER TERM | SUITABLE FOR 18+

Following the success of our Write Every Day course, this class is suitable for previous attendees and new writers with some creative writing experience.

Over six weeks we will explore a range of creative writing styles and subjects, building our confidence as we go. Whereas the first course was focussed on basic techniques and quick writing prompts and exercises, in

Write MORE Every Day we will enjoy some more in-depth projects, with the chance to share your work more widely if you'd like to.

Opportunities will include:

- Watching a production in the Brewhouse theatre and writing a review for publication on the website.
- Writing a non-fiction piece or short story for a local magazine.
- Preparing a short story or poem for entry into a creative writing competition.

GRAFFITI WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

19 FEBRUARY | 10:30 – 12:00 & 13:00 – 14:30 | £28.50

SUITABLE FOR 8+

Paint your name in graffiti using water-based spray paint with the help and guidance of professional graffiti artist Steve Fitzpatrick.

Participants will also be able to paint another board using a mixture of freehand spray painting and pre-cut stencils.

Full personal protective clothing is provided, and everyone gets to take their artwork home.

INTRODUCTION TO LIFE DRAWING

11 MARCH | 10:00 – 16:00 | £70 | SUITABLE FOR 18+

Spend a day learning the skills of life drawing under Sara Dudman's gentle and expert guidance. Figure Drawing teaches you eye-hand coordination, sharpens your observational capacity, and encourages relaxation skills.

Life Drawing, also called Figure Drawing, refers to drawing the form of a naked human. The figure presents a lot of technical issues including form, foreshortening, structure, and many others. Sara will lead you through a series of quick, loosening sketches towards longer poses.

EXPRESSIVE PAINTING & DRAWING SERIES

These workshops include collaborative participation activity.

THE BEAUTY OF TREES AND GARDENS

21 JANUARY | 10:00 – 16:00 | £70 | SUITABLE FOR 18+

Key artist: Ivon Hitchens

Theme: Painting parks and gardens

Draw on Ivon Hitchens' ideas of horizontal format 'eye music' compositions, using semi-abstract sweeps of

colour and tone to suggest rather than describe form and subject.

THE WILD MOOR

25 FEBRUARY | 10:00 – 16:00 | £70 | SUITABLE FOR 18+

Key artist: Joan Eardley

Theme: Sweeping moorland and heath

Focus on techniques to generate texture, atmosphere and energy, evoking the drama and expansive nature of moors and heathland.

THE ROMANTIC LANDSCAPE

25 MARCH | 10:00 – 16:00 | £70 | SUITABLE FOR 18+

Key artist: Eric Ravillious

Theme: Suggesting the essence of a landscape or place

Focus on understanding how a limited range of colours and tones combine with romantically curvaceous compositions to create a sense of Englishness, place, and hint at the lure of open spaces.

THE FLOWER AS MUSE

22 APRIL | 10:00 – 16:00 | £70 | SUITABLE FOR 18+

Key artist: Vanessa Bell

Theme: Working from figurative observation towards simplification and abstraction.

Focus on understanding how to move from figuration towards abstraction, exploring the visual elements of colour, tone, shape, and composition. The session will introduce participants to techniques for understanding how to balance and create contrast between the visual elements.

PRINT MAKING SERIES

Learn with artist Adam Grose before enjoying a post-workshop drink at the Brewhouse bar. All you need to bring is an image to work from and your imagination. All materials and tools will be supplied by the tutor.

DRY-POINT ETCHING

28 FEBRUARY | 18:30 – 20:30 | £28.50

SUITABLE FOR 18+

Dry-point is an intaglio technique, in which an image is incised into a surface with a hard-pointed 'needle'.

Explore the dry-point technique through drawing on a piece of acrylic called Rhenalon.

JIGSAW LINOCUT

14 MARCH | 18:30 – 20:30 | £28.50 | SUITABLE FOR
18+

Jigsaw linocut is a technique whereby an image is carved into a piece of soft cut lino. Experiment with a range of colours before printing onto printing paper.

MONOTYPE PRINTING

28 MARCH | 18:30 – 20:30 | £28.50 | SUITABLE FOR
18+

Monotype is printmaking made by drawing or painting on a smooth, non-absorbent surface.

Explore using the acrylic surface and printing inks to form and transfer images onto a surface via the printing press.

VOLUNTEER

Join the team at Taunton Brewhouse! Whether it's helping us roll out the red carpet Front of House or creating the magic backstage, we'd love you to join our fantastic team of volunteers.

Our Front of House team look after our visitors from the first 'hello' to the last 'goodnight'. From meeting and greeting, to taking tickets, to helping on the bar, our Front of House team ensure visitors enjoy their time at Taunton Brewhouse from start to finish.

If you have practical skills – whether a keen DIY enthusiast or professional craftsperson – you'll fit right in with our production team. This dedicated crew works in (and on!) all areas of the building, from exhibition-hanging in the gallery, to set-building in the scene dock, to show-running side-of-stage.

We're also seeking friendly people to join our Marketing Distribution team to help raise awareness of our exciting events programme. The role will involve delivering leaflets and brochures to shops, businesses, and community groups in the local area – all at your own pace.

In exchange for your support, you'll enjoy complimentary tickets to select events, seasonal

socials, a discount at the bar, and invitations to training events.

To find out more, please email

volunteer@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk or call 01823 283244 to talk to a member of the team. We'd love you to join us.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

By choosing Taunton Brewhouse as a corporate partner, your business will have increased visibility and impact. You will be opening the door to bespoke opportunities for your employees and clients, designed to fulfil both your corporate social responsibilities and provide the perfect venue for you to celebrate achievements, as well as entertain clients with events of the highest quality, a unique offer in the town.

For more information, please contact

development@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk.

VENUE HIRE

Concert, conference, coffee morning?

Whatever your function, we have a variety of spaces to suit your needs. For more details, please visit our website or contact hire@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk.

HOW TO BOOK

Online tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk

Phone 01823 283244

Box Office Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 16:00 (closed on Bank Holidays)

Where possible, we will send tickets via email. These can be displayed on your phone at the door.

Wheelchair spaces can be booked via our Box Office.

To download a large print version of this brochure, visit our website. Please let our team know about any other access requirements you have.

If you have any further questions, please email boxoffice@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk.

YOUR VISIT

The venue will be open an hour before each event, so please arrive in plenty of time to find your way around and get comfortable. Check in with our friendly Front of House team and treat yourself to a drink at the bar.

We take pride in supporting local producers and stock a healthy range of premium alcoholic, non-alcoholic, and hot and soft drinks, in addition to ice creams and snacks. We serve drinks in reusable cups which can be taken into the auditorium at showtime. Card payments are preferred, and pre-ordering interval drinks is encouraged to avoid the queues.

Please visit our website to find out more about the nearest available parking.

We always welcome any feedback on what we are doing well or what could be improved.

Please contact us at

feedback@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

MONDAY 2 – TUESDAY 3 JANUARY	MATILDA THE MUSICAL	FILM	TIMES VARY
THURSDAY 5 JANUARY	BSO NEW YEAR GALA	MUSIC	19:30
SUNDAY 8 – SATURDAY 14 JANUARY	WAYFARERS PRESENT SLEEPING BEAUTY	FAMILY	TIMES VARY
MONDAY 16 – TUESDAY 17 JANUARY	THE SILENT TWINS	FILM	TIMES VARY
WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY	AN EVENING WITH BRIAN BLESSED	TALK	19:30
THURSDAY 19 JANUARY	TALON – THE BEST OF EAGLES 25 TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR	MUSIC	19:30
FRIDAY 20 JANUARY	AN AUDIENCE WITH ARTHUR SMITH	TALK	19:30

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY	THINK FLOYD	MUSIC	19:30
WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY	SHE SAID	FILM	19:00
THURSDAY 26 JANUARY	NT LIVE: THE CRUCIBLE	FILM	19:00
FRIDAY 27 JANUARY	KING FOR A DAY: THE NAT KING COLE STORY	MUSIC	19:30
SATURDAY 28 – SUNDAY 28 JANUARY	ANDRE RIEU IN DUBLIN	EVENT CINEMA	TIMES VARY

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY	MERCURY	MUSIC	19:30
SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY	ALFIE MOORE – FAIR COP UNLEASHED	COMEDY	19:30
MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY	SETH LAKEMAN	MUSIC	19:30
WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY	LIVING SPIT'S PUSS IN BOOTS	DRAMA	19:30
THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY	THE CIRCUS OF HORRORS	CIRCUS	19:30
FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY	THE SIMON & GARFUNKEL STORY	MUSIC	19:30
SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY	AN AUDIENCE WITH JOHN SERGEANT	TALK	19:30
TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY	MORGAN & WEST: UNBELIEVABLE SCIENCE	FAMILY	14:00
WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY	AN EVENING WITH RAY MEARS	TALK	19:30

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY	THE AMAZING BUBBLE MAN	FAMILY	14:00
FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY	JOE STILGOE – 100 YEARS OF THEATRE	MUSIC	19:30
SATURDAY 18 FEBURARY	BREWHAHA COMEDY NIGHT – FEBRUARY EDITION	COMEDY	19:30
SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY	ROH SEASON: THE BARBER OF SEVILLE	EVENT CINEMA	14:00
WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY	AN EVENING WITH EDDIE “THE EAGLE” EDWARDS	TALK	19:30
THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY	BYRON WALLACE	MUSIC	19:30
FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY	NT LIVE: OTHELLO	EVENT CINEMA	19:00
SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY	SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK	MUSIC	19:30

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY	COMING OUT OF MY CAGE (AND I'VE BEEN DOING JUST FINE)	DRAMA	19:45
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MARCH

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH	THE NOISE NEXT DOOR — HOMETOWN HEROES	COMEDY	19:30
FRIDAY 3 MARCH	TOMMY BLAIZE & NYJO PRESEN: RAY CHARLES	MUSIC	19:30
SATURDAY 4 MARCH	MY MOUNTAIN LIFE PRESENTED BY TOUCHING THE VOID'S SIMON YATES	TALK	19:30
TUESDAY 7 – WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH	SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE VALLEY OF FEAR	DRAMA	19:30
THURSDAY 9 MARCH	BRITANICK	COMEDY	19:30
FRIDAY 10 MARCH	CHRIS CLEVERLEY	MUSIC	19:45

SATURDAY 11 MARCH	THE ELVIS YEARS	MUSIC	19:30
THURSDAY 16 MARCH	A PERFECT LIKENESS	DRAMA	19:30
FRIDAY 17 MARCH	BREWHAHA COMEDY NIGHT – MARCH EDITION	COMEDY	19:30
SATURDAY 18 MARCH	POP PRINCESSES	MUSIC	TIMES VARY
TUESDAY 21 MARCH	VINCENT SIMONE – TANGO PASSIONS	DANCE	19:30
WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH	TOTALLY TINA	MUSIC	19:30
FRIDAY 24 MARCH	THE HISTORY OF SOUL	MUSIC	19:30
FRIDAY 24 MARCH	ROSE	DRAMA	19:45
SATURDAY 25 MARCH	THE DRIFTERS	MUSIC	19:30
SUNDAY 26 MARCH	ROH SEASON: TURANDOT	EVENT CINEMA	14:00

TUESDAY 28 MARCH	ZOE LYONS – BALD AMBITION TOUR	COMEDY	19:30
WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH	APOLLO SAXOPHONE QUARTET	MUSIC	19:30
THURSDAY 20 MARCH	SHAPE OF YOU – THE MUSIC OF ED SHEERAN	MUSIC	19:30

APRIL

SATURDAY 1 APRIL	LUCY PORTER – WAKE UP CALL	COMEDY	19:30
SUNDAY 2 APRIL	DINOSAURS AND ALL THAT RUBBISH	FAMILY	TIMES VARY
SUNDAY 2 APRIL	MINISTRY OF SCIENCE	FAMILY	14:30
WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL	MARTI PELLOW – PELLOW TALK	MUSIC	19:30
THURSDAY 6 APRIL	VINLAND	FAMILY	TIMES VARY
THURSDAY 6 APRIL	NICK SHARRATT'S ALL NEW PICTURE BOOK DRAW ALONG	FAMILY	14:30
FRIDAY 7 – SATURDAY 8 APRIL	THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA	FAMILY	TIMES VARY

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL	THE OAK, THE ASH AND THE STANDING STONE	FAMILY	TIMES VARY
WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL	ROH SEASON: CINDERELLA	EVENT CINEMA	19:15
THURSDAY 13 APRIL	THE MUNCH MISSION	FAMILY	14:00
FRIDAY 14 APRIL	GEORGE MCGAVIN: IT'S A WILD LIFE: TALES FROM TELEVISION	TALK	19:30
SATURDAY 15 APRIL	BEYOND THE BARRICADE	MUSIC	19:30
TUESDAY 18 APRIL	AXEL BLAKE – IN STYLE	COMEDY	20:00
THURSDAY 20 APRIL	NT LIVE: GOOD	EVENT CINEMA	19:00
FRIDAY 21 APRIL	DANNY BAKER: AT LAST... THE SAUSAGE	COMEDY	19:30

	SANDWICH TOUR		
SATURDAY 22 APRIL	MOTOWN IN MOTION	MUSIC	19:30
THURSDAY 27 APRIL	ROH SEASON: THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO	EVENT CINEMA	18:45
FRIDAY 28 APRIL	BREWHAHA COMEDY NIGHT – APRIL EDITION	COMEDY	19:30
SATURDAY 29 APRIL	THE ZOMBIES: THE INVADERS RETURN TOUR	MUSIC	19:30



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