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WELCOME TO OUR WINTER SEASON

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, there's no better time to step into the warmth of Taunton Brewhouse. We've got a whole season of wonderful things planned to brighten up the colder months – from live shows to films, exhibitions, and classes.

At the heart of it all is our magical Christmas production of The Nutcracker. This year, we're bringing you a fresh musical twist on the much-loved tale – no ballet shoes in sight, but plenty of heart, adventure, and festive sparkle.

For our youngest visitors, there's storytelling with the Sugar Plum Fairy, or our delightful studio show, A Winter's Tail. And for curious minds aged 5 and up, the Christmas Quest awaits – full of puzzles, riddles, and festive fun to help Santa recover his missing sleigh bells.

Plus, before the festivities really take hold, we've got an exciting line-up to keep you entertained: live music from Somerset Opera, Purple Zeppelin, and Abbamania, plus brilliant comedy from Rosie Jones, Joe Wells, Stephen K. Amos and Matt Chorley.

Vickie Robbins
Executive Director

HOW TO BOOK

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IN PERSON

Monday – Friday, 10:00 – 16:00
(Closed on Bank Holidays)

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Coal Orchard,
Taunton, Somerset, TA1 1JL

THE NUTCRAKER

TUE 2 – SUN 28 | TIMES VARY

FROM £17.50 | MAIN HOUSE | FAMILY | AGE 6+ | STAFF PICK

Join Clara on a magical Christmas Eve, where a grand ball is interrupted by the arrival of her mysterious aunt.

Carrying a curious gift, she brings wonder and excitement to the festivities. But when Clara's cherished Nutcracker doll springs to life that very night, she finds herself swept into a fantastical battle against the sinister Evil Rat Queen, whose darkness threatens to drain the magic from the Land of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Can Clara unlock the magic needed to save her new friends?

With captivating live music inspired by traditional English folk melodies, and echoes of Tchaikovsky's timeless score, The Nutcracker is a spellbinding adventure celebrating bravery, friendship, and the bonds of family.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

SCHOOLS PERFORMANCES

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ACCESS PERFORMANCES

British Sign Language Interpreted Performance:

SAT 7 DEC | 11:00

THU 12 DEC | 19:00

A British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter will be stood at the front stage left for the duration of the show, translating for those who use British Sign Language.

Audio Described Performance:

Fri 13 DEC | 19:00

This performance will feature a live commentary, delivered to participating audience members via an audio description headset. The narrator will introduce the characters and describe the scenery, costumes, and action taking place on stage.

Relaxed Performances:

Fri 27 DEC | 15:00

This performance will feature a live commentary, delivered to participating audience members via an audio description headset. The narrator will introduce the characters and describe the scenery, costumes, and action taking place on stage.

FAMILY PACKS

Save big with our The Nutcracker Family Pack! Book before 31 October and enjoy 10% off selected performances. Family Packs are bookings of 4 tickets with at least 1 child. Simply add the tickets to your basket for the discount to apply. Visit our website for performance details.

PAY IT FORWARD

This year, we're working with local charities Christmas Sparkle and Taunton Foodbank to gift subsidised tickets to families who would love

to experience the magic of Christmas in the theatre, but without your support, couldn't afford it. Donate to our Pay It Forward campaign when purchasing tickets and help us to spread the joy this festive season.

SEPTEMBER

SOMERSET OPERA PRESENT CESARE

WED 3 SEP | 19:30

£21 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Pleasure Dome Theatre, in partnership with Somerset Opera, the Taunton Sinfonietta, and the Women's Institute South West present CESARE.

Cesare, Head of the Parish Council of Romebury, is visiting a neighbouring village for a game of cricket. Romebury are triumphant and Cesare congratulates the opposition on a well-played match and superlative spread, but upstart Tolomeo is indignant in defeat.

Who will win the bake-off? Whose vegetables deserve a rosette, and will Cesare be able to navigate village politics and bring peace, prosperity, and pleasure to warring factions? Or will there be blood among the bunting...

ELO AGAIN

FRI 5 SEP | 19:30

£30.50 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES

ELO Again are back with their Re-Discovery Tour, celebrating the truly universal music of Jeff Lynne and the Electric Light Orchestra.

They will give you a dramatic taste of what a legendary ELO concert would have been like back in their heyday, performing all the big hits including “Mr Blue Sky”, “Livin’ Thing”, “Sweet Talkin’ Woman”, “Shine A Little Love”, “Confusion”, and many more.

SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK

SAT 6 SEP | 19:30

FROM £29 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES

Celebrating the 80th birthday of Sir Rod Stewart, Some Guys Have all the Luck – The Rod Stewart Story brings to the stage an incredible live concert celebrating one of the UK’s most influential icons. Every song is performed with swaggering showmanship by charismatic front man, Paul Metcalfe, alongside authentic costumes and sensational live musicians.

This phenomenal show will have you hooked from the very beginning with smash hits such as “Maggie May”, “Do Ya Think I’m Sexy”, “Baby Jane”, and “Sailing”.

ROSIE JONES

TUE 9 SEP | 19:30

£21 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 14+

Join self-professed pr**k and star of Taskmaster, Rosie Jones, as she heads back out on the road with her brand new stand up show I Can’t Tell What She’s Saying.

She's talking about the big stuff: being single, the pressures of representing huge sections of the population, and gravy. Oh, and boobs. As seen on nearly everything, including Live at the Apollo, The Jonathan Ross Show, QI, 8 Out of 10 Cats, and The Last Leg.

JUST MACBETH

WED 10 – THU 11 SEP | 19:30

FROM £19 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 7+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

This story follows school-aged Andy, Danny, and Lisa as they prepare their homework presentation: an extract featuring the three witches. On reciting their lines and concocting their potion, they are transported back to medieval Scotland.

Exploring Macbeth through the eyes of three hapless heroes, this hilarious and irreverent take on Shakespeare's classic tragedy will have the audience in stitches!

MONEY FOR NOTHING

FRI 12 SEP | 19:30

£30 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE (UNDER 18'S TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

Money for Nothing are back after their success last year, celebrating 25 years of performing their tribute to legendary rockers Dire Straits.

Having toured the world with their live show, join them for a night of classic hits including versions from the Alchemy, Brothers in Arms, and On Every Street tours.

TEASE

THU 18 SEP | 19:30

£30.50 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 16+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Step into the world of Tease – the ultimate burlesque and cabaret experience where sensuality and unadulterated fun collide to create an unforgettable evening.

A night of incredible entertainment led by one of London's top comedy comperes and starring West End burlesque sensations Lady Lust and Miss Temptation. They're joined by the electrifying Tease dancers, plus a dazzling lineup of cabaret, circus, and variety acts from across the UK.

THE 80'S MIXTAPE

FRI 19 SEP | 19:30

FROM £20 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 10+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Get ready to take a nostalgic journey through the most iconic music of the 1980s!

From pop hits and power ballads to rock anthems, The 80s Mixtape will have you singing along to the biggest tracks of the decade. Relive the sound that defined a generation as the music of the 80s comes alive on stage. Featuring the hits of Madonna, Spandau Ballet, Duran Duran, Tears for Fears, Phil Collins, Kate Bush, The Human League, and many more!

So, dust off your leg warmers, grab your denim jacket and hairspray, and travel back to a time when the dance floor was the only place to show off your moves!

EXPLAINING BEING PAN TO NAN

FRI 19 SEP | 20:00

£12 | STUDIO | AGE 16+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

This no-holes-barred stand up-comedy/ poetry show unpacks explaining your queer identity (non-binary, pansexual) to your 86-year-old nan. Expect sexting in your 80s, knitting kinks, and discovering Grandad's predilections.

Wildly explicit, yet unexpectedly tender, this solo show explores the differences and understanding between the generations.

PURPLE ZEPPELIN

SAT 20 SEP | 19:30

£31.50 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES

As featured in the BBC documentary *The Joy of the Guitar Riff*, Purple Zeppelin are proud to pay tribute to Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin.

In a "full on" show with costume changes, you'll hear more than 30 classic songs – basically THE BEST BITS, ALL OF THE TIME, as Purple Zeppelin take you back to the magic, the excitement, and the sheer raw energy generated by those incredible musicians.

RAÍCES

WED 24 SEP | 19:30

£22 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE | STAFF PICK

From the deepest roots of flamenco, this dance show is born, shaped by the luminosity of the alegrías, the depth of the taranto, the rhythms

of the tangos and bulerías, and the jondura of the soleá and the farruca.

Like a newly germinated seed nourished by morning dew, this work unfolds as a sensorial journey – from the lament etched in ancestral memory toward an uncertain yet graceful future.

MARK STEEL

THU 25 SEP | 19:30

£20 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 14+

Join multi award-winning, BAFTA-nominated writer and comedian Mark Steel for his new tour, *The Leopard in My House*. The topic? His battle with throat cancer – a battle he is winning (thankfully) and one that only his rapier wit could turn into a comedy tour.

Cancer has done nothing to dull Mark's acute political observations or quash his "frankly bonkers" energy. You will laugh, you will cry, but you'll laugh again.

TWIST & SHOUT

FRI 26 SEP | 19:30

£30 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

An all-star cast deliver a musical powerhouse of a show that starts with the explosion of Brit Pop in 1962 through to the era of Flower Power in the late 60s.

Music lovers are invited to return to a time when skirts got shorter and hair got longer as an incredible cast revive the hits of The Beatles, Herman's Hermits, Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Rolling Stones, Cilla Black, Manfred Mann, Lulu, and more.

GENTLE OPEN MIC

FRI 26 SEP | 19:30

£ FREE (DONATIONS WELCOME) | STUDIO | AGE 16+

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JANE EYRE: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

SAT 27 SEP | 14:30 & 19:30

£18 | STUDIO | AGE 11+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

In the face of the isolation and abandonment of a loveless childhood, Jane Eyre refuses to bend to the will of her abusers. But does she achieve the independence and equality that she craves?

Hailed as “a theatrical tour de force”, this inventive exploration of the status of women in society make this critically acclaimed dramatization as relevant today as Charlotte Bronte’s original novel was 178 years ago.

OCTOBER

CATCH YOUR BREATH – THE SECRET LIFE OF A SLEEPLESS ANAESTHETIST

WED 1 OCT | 19:30

£19 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 16+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

NHS anaesthetist, comedian, and author (ooh check him!) Ed Patrick injects Taunton with a gut-punch hilarious show about becoming a junior doctor, the NHS, the pitfalls of modern medicine, and the power of questioning it. There's plenty of laughing gas to go round.

EDY HURST'S WONDERFULL DISCOVERIE OF WITCHES IN THE COUNTIE OF HIMSELF

THU 2 OCT | 20:00

FROM £12 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 14+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Combining clowning, live music, and a giant cauldron, this magical comedy show offers a humorous, heartfelt, and unique insight into the shifting and sometimes mysterious world of late-stage ADHD diagnosis.

KNIGHTMARE LIVE

FRI 3 OCT | 19:30

£19 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 10+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Light the beacons! Rouse the villagers! Gather all your courage... for the smash hit comedy show of the cult 90s TV classic is back!

Dare you face the perils of the dungeon? Bloodthirsty goblins, terrifying traps, and worst of all... some tricky word puzzles! Sidestep left into adventure as dungeon master Treguard opens the doors once more for

the very special 10th anniversary tour of the hilarious homage to the TV show that dared to say - what if we put children in a helmet and led them to their death?

SUZI RUFFELL

SAT 4 OCT | 19:30

£20 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 14+

It's hard to be good all the time. A good mother, a good daughter, a good partner, a good friend, a good person. To be ambitious but not ruthless; a success but not a sell-out.

A gentle parent but not a pushover. To be smashing life and make it look easy. The juggle. Suzi is exhausted and she hasn't even started.

NO PLACE TO CALL HOME

MON 6 OCT | 18:45

FROM £14.50 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 15+

Join us for a special evening hosted by Somerset-based charity Arc, marking World Homeless and Mental Health Day.

Featuring a screening of I, Daniel Blake, real-life stories, and a panel discussion, this event invites you to listen, reflect, and understand the human experiences behind homelessness locally. Together, we can raise awareness and inspire meaningful change.

ABBAMANIA

WED 8 OCT | 19:30

£29.50 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Now in their 26th year of touring planet Earth, Abbamania's widely acclaimed tribute to ABBA is a sensational two hour show featuring record-breaking and timeless hits including "Waterloo", "Dancing Queen", "Mamma Mia", "Super Trouper", "Gimme Gimme Gimme", and "Lay All Your Love on Me", plus many, many more.

SH!T-FACED SHAKESPEARE - HAMLET

THU 9 OCT | 19:30

£26.50 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 16+

Featuring a cast of professional Shakespearean actors, this unique production takes an unpredictable twist each night as one performer is chosen to be deliberately intoxicated for up to four hours before showtime.

The rest of the cast must then navigate the play, improvising their way through the unpredictable chaos that follows.

UK PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE

FRI 10 OCT | 19:30

£29.50 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Celebrating 50 years since the release of Wish You Were Here, the UK Pink Floyd Experience recreates the atmosphere of Floyd live featuring top-flight musicians, a stunning light show, and more than two hours of incredible music.

This brand new show also includes favourites from The Division Bell, The Wall, Animals, and of course, The Dark Side of The Moon.

JOE WELLS

FRI 10 OCT | 19:30

£19.50 | STUDIO | AGE 14+

Joe and his wife are having a baby. He's autistic so statistically it's quite likely the baby will be too. In this new show, critically acclaimed comedian Joe Wells explores fatherhood through the lens of neurodiversity.

Plus, there's a really good joke about a parrot. As seen on Rosie Jones' Disability Comedy Extravaganza, BBC Two's Ouch Storytelling Live, and Channel 4's Jokes Only a Neurodivergent Can Tell.

CHRIS MCCAUSLAND

SAT 11 OCT | TIMES VARY

£32 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 16+

You might have seen him on Strictly Come Dancing, Would I Lie to You, Have I Got News for You, QI, and tons more as well. He's been called an "overnight success" – even though he's been doing this for bloody yonks!

Chris McCausland is hitting the road again with another masterclass in stand-up comedy that has literally been yonks in the making.

UPTOWN GIRL

WED 15 OCT | 19:30

FROM £27.50 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Six decades of rocking stadiums, over 160 million records sold, 33 top 40 hits, and no less than 6 Grammy awards – Billy Joel is one of the most iconic songwriters of all-time.

Now in 2025, you can celebrate the timeless tunes and boundless energy of “The Piano Man” with an authentic production that will transport you through the many highlights of Billy Joel’s journey

LEGENDS OF MOTOWN

THU 16 OCT | 19:30

FROM £20 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES

A high-energy tribute show jam packed with all of Motown’s biggest hits, with stunning vocals and amazing live band, celebrating the music of the iconic and timeless Motown era.

Undoubtedly the golden era of music, the show pays tribute to the legendary artists that appeared on the Motown label at that time

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

FRI 17 – SUN 19 OCT | TIMES VARY

FROM £15 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES

The critically acclaimed production of The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show, created by Jonathan Rockefeller, features a menagerie of 75 lovable puppets. The production faithfully adapts four stories by author/illustrator Eric Carle: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, 10 Little Rubber Ducks, The Very Busy Spider, and of course, the star of the show – The Very Hungry Caterpillar. This story has delighted generations of readers since it was first published in 1969, selling more than 48 million copies

worldwide. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* – now celebrating 50 years – has sold more than 18.2 million copies.

GURT HAUNTED

FRI 17 OCT | 17:45 & 20:00

FROM £12 | STUDIO | AGE 16+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE | STAFF PICK

Most Haunted Live meets *This Country* in this part-improvised, part-devised, fully West Country comedy thriller. Tony Chestnut and his team of world renowned spiritualists, mediums, and ‘professional investigators’ need your help to put the spirits of the region to rest.

Join them in this participatory, paranormal parody that will undoubtedly leave you pondering: Am I a true believer... or have I just had one too many ciders?

JULIUS CAESAR

TUE 21 OCT | 19:30

£15 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 12+

Julius Caesar has become a tyrant. A conspiracy is launched against him by some of his closest friends. When Cassius and Brutus murder Caesar in full public view on the Ides of March, they think they have heralded a new political age.

Instead, chaos erupts, and civil war begins. Who will seize power? Will this bring conflict or stability? Will the new ruler also fall to corruption?

MADE IN TENNESSEE

FRI 24 OCT | 19:30

FROM £26.50 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES

With a band made up of some of UK's finest country musicians, Made in Tennessee takes you through decades of the nation's fastest growing music genre, from country's origin in the Southern States of America to modern day country heard around the world.

Featuring classics from Johnny, June, Dolly, and Hank, to modern country superstars Kacey Musgraves and Chris Stapleton.

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GRIFF RHYS JONES

SUN 26 OCT | 19:30

£30 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 14+

Griff Rhys Jones is back on the road with the second tour of his much-anticipated stand-up show, The Cat's Pyjamas, following a hugely successful run last year.

The show always varies as Griff rambles on the developing national permacrisis. Age. Family. Fraud. Nostalgia. The TikTok generation.

Crocodile smuggling and noodling in Australia. Travel, dogs, hotels, drink, and midnight trains.

MAKING A KILLING

TUE 28 OCT | 19:30

FROM £18 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 12+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

1590, Nuremburg. A divided Europe stands on the brink of modernity. Stuck in the middle is Frantz Schmidt, executioner, torturer and, most unusually for his times, diarist.

As ideals clash against the backdrop of the ancient gallows, Frantz battles to shake off a family curse that has followed him since childhood. With the arrival of a new assistant, a powder keg waiting to blow finally has its fuse.

THE ALEX VOYSEY BLUES BAND PRESENTS 'BEST OF THE BLUES

WED 29 OCT | 19:30

FROM £10.50 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 12+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Alex Voysey is one of the most exciting emerging artists on the current UK blues scene with a core following built on the reputation of exhilarating and virtuosic live performances.

Best of the Blues combines tracks from Alex's album Blues in Isolation with material from the likes of – BB King, Keb Mo, and more.

THE HIGH JINX SHOW

THU 30 OCT | 19:30

FROM £15 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 4+

The High Jinx Show is back with another jam-packed show filled with amazing magic, incredible illusions, and crazy circus thrills that are sure to leave you amazed, puzzled, and entertained.

Presented by the extraordinary and multi skilled performer, Michael Jordan, get ready to embark on a thrilling journey into the realm of wonder and enchantment as he showcases his incredible talents.

OYE SANTANA

FRI 31 OCT | 19:30

£25.50 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 18+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Step into a world of electrifying rhythm and soulful melodies with Oye Santana, the UK's premier tribute to Carlos Santana.

From the unmistakable riffs of "Maria Maria", "Oye Como Va", and "Black Magic Woman" to the Latin-infused groove of "Smooth", Oye Santana deliver an unforgettable performance that will have you dancing from start to finish.

NOVEMBER

HOMETOWN GLORY

SAT 1 NOV | 19:30

£31 | MAIN HOUSE | TBC

The ultimate tribute to Adele that is setting theatres alight all over the world.

This stunning replica live concert show has toured the globe since 2011 and is a must-see. Enjoy your most-loved Adele songs from her four platinum-selling albums, including “Set Fire to the Rain”, “Make You Feel My Love”, “Someone Like You”, “I Drink Wine”, and many more.

Expect not only a glamorous evening of incredible music but also a night of fun and warmth as the singer’s inimitable personality is brought to life.

AUTUMN FUNDRAISING QUIZ

MON 3 NOV | 18:30

£20 (INCLUDES MEAL) | WESTWARD ROOM | ALL AGES

Join us for a special themed quiz night!

We’ll be serving up a pumpkin pie with crispy roast potatoes and corn on the cob, followed by a fun quiz and fundraising raffle to help support the work we do at Taunton Brewhouse. Teams of up to 6 are welcome.

SHORT TALES OF OTHER WORLDS

TUE 4 NOV | 19:30

£15 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 8+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE | STAFF PICK

Fascinating and imaginative storytellers, The Paper Cinema, create extraordinary, magical worlds with vivid pen and ink drawings, puppetry, and a treasure trove of acoustic and electronic sounds.

This show gathers favourite short stories, including the dream-like Night Flyer, humorous Devil in Cornwall, spooky Wanderer, and Edgar Allan Poe’s King Pest.

CAFÉ CONCERT – SOUTHERN SINFONIA

WED 5 NOV | 13:15

£15 | WESTWARD ROOM | ALL AGES

Southern Sinfonia is renowned for its musical excellence. Under the exciting musical direction of John Warner, the orchestra is proud to present the first of a series of café concerts featuring the accomplished Sinfonia Trio, offering beautiful music to brighten winter days.

BREWHAHA COMEDY NIGHT

WED 5 NOV | 19:30

£16.50 | MAIN HOUSE | 14+ | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

You're invited to the hottest comedy club in town!

Join us for an unforgettable evening with some of the UK's top comedy talent. From seasoned pros to fresh faces, this is your chance to witness comedy gold in the making. The evening will feature three hilarious sets, all compered by an engaging MC.

SEARCHERS EXPERIENCE

THU 6 NOV | 19:30

FROM £25 | MAIN HOUSE | ALL AGES | FRIENDS ELIGIBLE

Spencer James has been the lead vocalist of sixties legends The Searchers for the past 37 years. He has performed all over the world and in every major venue including Wembley Stadium and the Royal Albert Hall.

All the hits you know and love feature – “Needles and Pins”, “When You Walk in the Room”, “Sweets for My Sweet”, “Love Potion No. 9”, “Sugar and Spice”, and many more

STEPHEN K. AMOS

FRI 7 NOV | 20:00

£25 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 16+

How good’s a laugh? My joke book is overflowing, so let’s get talking about what gives me the ick and what makes me tick. It’s time to get down to the nitty gritty. No filter, no limits. The gloves are off and I’m packing a punchline, so let’s speak easy and laugh freely. Join me for freestyling musings and merrymaking to get your belly aching! After all, in jokes we trust...

MATT CHORLEY

SAT 8 NOV | 19:30

£30.50 | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 14+

Join Matt Chorley, star of BBC Radio 5 Live, for a brilliantly sharp night of political comedy. With wit honed by years in Westminster’s trenches, Chorley skewers Prime Ministers, pundits, and the absurdities of modern politics with pinpoint timing. Whether you’re left, right, or utterly fed up, you’ll be laughing all the way to the polling station.

Smart, hilarious, and worryingly accurate—this is satire at its finest.

TAUNTON THESPIANS – THE WOMAN IN WHITE

TUE 11 – SAT 15 NOV | 19:30

FROM £9 (OFFERS AVAILABLE) | MAIN HOUSE | AGE 12+

Sir Percival Glyde, who is being hounded for money by the sinister Count Fosco, marries the heiress Laura Fairlie for her fortune. As events unfold, Glyde's efforts to secure the money - and also to remove the threat to his reputation posed by the unfortunate Anne Catherick - become more desperate and cruel.

Combined with this tale of disturbing intrigue are elements of romance and comedy – the resulting mix is headily entertaining.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS QUEST

WED 5 – TUE 23 | TIMES VARY

£20 (1 ADULT, 1 CHILD) | GALLERY | AGE 5+

Step into a snowy, sparkling world where magic, mischief, and Christmas cheer await.

The sneaky Rat Queen has been up to her usual tricks and has stolen the 8 enchanted sleigh bells that help Father Christmas's reindeer fly. With Christmas Eve fast approaching, he needs clever young adventurers to help find them!

Join Father Christmas and the Sugar Plum Fairy for a joyful, escape-room-style quest packed with puzzles, clues, and festive fun. Children will work together to uncover the lost bells – one for each reindeer – and bring the magic of Christmas back to life.

This is no ordinary grotto. It's an immersive story where children become the heroes. There'll be laughter, surprises, snowy enchantment – and even a special gift and photo opportunity with Father Christmas at the end.

STORYTIME WITH THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY AND FATHER CHRISTMAS

THU 11 & THU 18 DEC | 14:00

£8 (1 ADULT, 1 CHILD) | STUDIO | AGE 1-5

Join the friendly Sugar Plum Fairy for a gentle, joy-filled storytime designed especially for toddlers and preschoolers.

With soft lighting, festive tales, and a sprinkling of fairy magic, this is the perfect way to introduce your little ones to the wonders of Christmas.

Our storytime sessions are informal, interactive, and open to everyone. You are welcome to join in or simply sit back, relax, and enjoy the experience.

As the story draws to a close, a very special guest arrives... Father Christmas himself! There will be time for photos and each child will receive a small festive gift to take home.

This calm and cosy session is designed with younger children in mind, so will be short, sweet, and packed with Christmas cheer.

A WINTER'S TAIL

SUN 21 – MON 22 DEC | 11:00 & 15:00

FROM £5 | STUDIO | AGE 2+

The snow is falling, and the solstice is approaching.

Ratty is getting ready. She wants everything to be really rat-tastic! But will her friends make it through the snow to the winter woodland revels? Can you help them on their journey? There'll be excitement, adventure, play-acting, games, music, a splattering of silliness, and lots of snow!

Led by The Last Baguette Theatre Company, A Winter's Tail is a fun, relaxed play along theatre adventure. Expect to play, move, watch, and laugh.

FILM

Explore our cinema programme and dive into the latest blockbusters, as well as stunning screenings of art exhibitions and live stage productions adapted for the big screen.

MOVIE MONDAY

Join our Movie Monday community and get ready for an exciting cinematic experience.

Enjoy our 11am movie screenings for just £5 per ticket, which also includes a complimentary hot drink and biscuit.

We regularly update our Movie Monday lineup, so be sure to visit our website for the latest screenings. Previous films have included titles such as *The Salt Path*, *Conclave*, and *A Complete Unknown*.

EVENT CINEMA

Experience breathtaking live stage performances, art exhibitions, and much more with our event cinema screenings.

Our lineup features titles such as *Exhibition on Screen's Michelangelo: Love & Death and Dawn of Impressionism: Paris, 1874*, as well as the *Royal Ballet & Opera's Die Walküre* and *Ballet to Broadway: Wheeldon Works*.

To make your Event Cinema experience even more special, why not try our pre-show charcuterie box? Available for collection before the screening, these boxes include a delightful selection of cured meats, cheeses, crackers, grapes, chutney, and olives. Vegetarian options are also available to cater to all tastes.

To view our full cinema programme, including our Movie Monday screenings, please visit our website or pick up a flyer from the Box Office.

GALLERY

WORLD ART GAMES UK

26 – 30 SEP | 10:00 – 16:00

Celebrating the 9th World Art Games Festival, this showcase features artists from across the world who have come together to cement their friendships and foster their creativity.

You'll find world class painting, sculpture, and photography from as far afield as Mexico, Argentina, Israel, and South Korea.

ART TO UNWRAP

28 OCT – 11 NOV | 10:00 – 16:00

Shop local this festive season and discover a curated collection of beautiful, handcrafted artwork and gifts created by the talented workshop leaders at Taunton Brewhouse.

All pieces have been made by professional artists and makers who regularly lead our creative sessions – now offering you the chance to take a little piece of their artistry home.

From ceramics and textiles to prints, jewellery, and more, Art to Unwrap is the perfect opportunity to find one-of-a-kind gifts in the lead-up to Christmas. Thoughtful, original, and made with care, these pieces are ready to be wrapped and shared with someone special – or kept just for you.

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY'S FOREST

19 NOV – 28 DEC | 10:00 - 16:00

Step into a snowy, sparkling world of festive sugary sweetness.

Our Gallery has been transformed by local maker and practitioner, Dion Saunders (Art Hopper Events), into a magical winter sugarland, inspired by our winter production of The Nutcracker.

Wander through, get ideas for your own homemade decorations, meet whimsical characters, and soak up the Christmas cheer. Perfect for festive photos and family fun, this immersive installation is open to all – no booking required, just bring your imagination.

Did you know you can hire our gallery? Email hire@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk to discuss exhibiting in our space.

CLASSES

RETURNING TO ART

MONDAYS | 10:15 – 12:45

£17 PER CLASS | ARTS & CRAFTS | AGE 18+

A weekly art group for those who are returning to art after a break and would like the chance to try out a variety of materials in a fun and sociable group. You'll explore techniques such as watercolour, ink, acrylic, and mixed media under the guidance of local artist Lynne Mackay.

TINY DANCERS

TUESDAYS | 10:15 – 11:00

£6 PER CLASS | DANCE | AGE 18MO – 5 YEARS

Creative dance and play for children under 5 and their adults. Each session includes a child-friendly warm up, action songs, improvisation, free play, and fun weekly themes. Led by community dance and circus specialist Lucy Hartland-Mann.

SPECIAL OFFER: Book any 10 sessions in the spring term and save £5!

THEATRE ACADEMY

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS | TIMES VARY

FROM £65 | DRAMA | AGE 5 - 19

Theatre Academy is designed to inspire, excite, and celebrate young people with an interest in performing and producing theatre. Over the 10-week term, each of our 5 groups will learn new skills, develop performance techniques, build confidence, and form new friendships.

WINDSTARS 1 'TOOT' MUSIC LESSONS

THURSDAYS | 16:00 – 16:30 & 16:45 – 17:15

£15 PER TERM | MUSIC | AGE 5 - 7

Have you wanted your child to learn a musical instrument? Learning on a Nuvo Toot is just like learning a real instrument only lighter, easier to hold and control the sound, robust, and most importantly, tuneful and fun! Led by specialist woodwind teacher Carolyn Tudor.

YOUTH STREET DANCE - BEGGINERS

THURSDAYS | 17:00 – 17:55

£47 PER TERM | DANCE | AGE 6 - 10

Jump into the world of breaking, popping, and locking as we unleash the coolest dance styles straight from the streets! Uncover the hottest tools and techniques before combining them into electrifying routines. Led by community dance specialist Lucy Hartland-Mann.

YOUTH STREET DANCE – INTERMEDIATE

THURSDAYS | 18:00 – 18:55

£47 PER TERM | DANCE | AGE 10 - 17

Jump into the world of breaking, popping, and locking as we unleash the coolest dance styles straight from the streets! Uncover the hottest tools and techniques before combining them into electrifying routines. Led by community dance specialist Lucy Hartland-Mann.

COURSES & WORKSHOPS

SINGING WALK

THU 4 SEP | 10:15 – 12:15

£16 | MUSIC | AGE 18+

Join us for a gentle singing walk (approx. 1.5–2 miles) through local nature. Learn simple songs inspired by the landscape, before returning

to the theatre to sing through what you've learnt and enjoy some refreshments. Singing and walking boost mood, relaxation, and connection.

SATURDAY ART CLUB: GEL PLATE PRINTING

SAT 6 SEP | 10:30 – 12:00

£11 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 8+

Explore the fun of printing with a gel plate using stencils, leaves, and feathers to create interesting, layered artworks. Part of our monthly art club, offering sessions from a range of different artists and covering many visual art styles and topics.

WATERCOLOUR LANDSCAPE PAINTING SHORT COURSE

MON 8 – MON 22 SEP | 13:30 – 15:30

£63 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

This 3-week course will encourage an intuitive approach to watercolours. You will complete a series of landscape paintings and develop your confidence and skills in exploring and experimenting with media

SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY SHORT COURSE

TUE 9 – TUE 23 SEP | 18:30 – 20:00

£75 PER COURSE | PHOTOGRAPHY | AGE 18+

Interested in taking better photographs with your smartphone? In this 3-week course, you'll learn all about composition, lighting, and editing.

Whether you're a business or photography enthusiast, join us for these transformative sessions.

START TO WRITE YOUR NOVEL SHORT COURSE

WED 10 SEP – WED 1 OCT | 10:30 – 12:30

£82 | WRITING | AGE 18+

This 4-week course, led by award-winning author Elizabeth Delo (*Becoming Liz Taylor*), will cover the fundamentals of storytelling. You will be given practical tools to get started on your novel, from initial ideas to characters, setting, structure, and plot.

POTTERY PUMPKINS AND TOADSTOOLS

FRI 12 SEP | 10:15 – 16:45

£78 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

Join us for a fun and creative session where you'll learn how to make a beautiful pumpkin and toadstool sculpture. We'll guide you through the pottery-making process, from shaping the clay to adding intricate designs – ready to add an autumnal touch to your home.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING FOR BEGINNERS

SAT 13 SEP | 10:00 – 15:00

£93 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

In this beginner's introduction to silver jewellery making, you'll discover the magic of using metal clay to make hallmark worthy jewellery in just a few hours. You'll leave with a necklace and earrings to wear at the end of the workshop.

HOW TO START RUNNING CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

TUE 16 SEP | 10:30 – 12:45

£31 | EDUCATION | AGE 18+

This friendly, practical session is for artists and makers who want to begin running their own creative workshops. Learn how to plan, price, promote, and evaluate creative workshops with your audience in mind. Led by our very own LEARN Coordinator, Dion Saunders.

AUTUMN INSPIRED EVERLASTING DRIED WREATH

FRI 19 SEP | 10:30 – 13:00

£51 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

Join floral designer Aizel Finch of Yalham Hayes Flower Farm for a relaxed and inspiring wreath-making workshop. She'll guide you through working with beautiful seasonal materials and show you how to create your own designs using sustainable materials like wire and twine.

CREATIVE NETWORKING

TUE 23 SEP | 18:30 – 20:00

£5 | EDUCATION | AGE 18+

Looking to meet other creatives, find fresh inspiration, or spark your next collaboration? This is a relaxed and friendly networking event designed for artists, makers, musicians, writers, performers, designers, and anyone else working in a creative field.

POETRY CAFÉ

THU 2 OCT | 10:30 – 12:00

£14 | WRITING | AGE 18+

Calling all poets, scribblers, daydreamers, and writers! Join us for a relaxed and inspiring session on National Poetry Day at our pop-up Poetry Café. Whether you've never written a poem before or are returning after a break, come along, grab a coffee, and let the words flow.

Join published author and workshop leader, Molly White, for a 30-minute private session with our writers 1:1 surgery. Visit our website for further details.

ACRYLIC ANIMAL PORTRAIT SHORT COURSE

MON 6 – MON 20 OCT | 13:30 – 15:30

£63 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

During this 3-week course, you'll recreate a photograph of a treasured pet or animal using acrylic paints. You will learn to develop your painting skills, adding smooth base coats, mixing appropriate but surprising colours, and learning about the importance of depth and detail.

BLANK PAGE CLUB

TUE 7 OCT | 18:30 – 20:30

£11 | WRITING | AGE 18+

Never heard of a haiku? Don't know a simile from a sonnet? Who cares! Come and play with words and explore ways into writing with

this relaxed and fun session in the Theatre Bar. We'll provide you with prompts and ideas so you can get your creative juices flowing.

WRITING CAPTIVATING CHARACTERS

SAT 11 OCT | 10:30 – 12:30

£27 | WRITING | AGE 18+

In this exciting new workshop, you will learn how to create memorable, threedimensional characters and begin to identify their fears and desires. You will also learn about the shape of stories, giving you the tools to build convincing and compelling characters.

MANIFESTATION WRITING

FRI 17 OCT | 10:30 – 12:30

£27 | WRITING | AGE 18+

Ready to turn your daydreams into done deals? Experienced author and blogger Jo Middleton will guide you through playful, practical writing exercises designed to unlock your vision, boost your belief, and help you write your own future.

FESTIVE SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

SAT 18 OCT & SAT 15 NOV | 10:00 – 16:30

£113 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

In this beginner's introduction to silver jewellery making, you'll discover the magic of using metal clay to make hallmark worthy jewellery in just

a few hours. You'll leave with a necklace and earrings to wear at the end of the workshop (or even gift to a loved one for Christmas).

POTTERY GINGERBREAD HOUSE

WED 29 OCT 10:15 – 16:45

£73 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 12+

Join us this October half term for a festive pottery workshop designed for young people and adults alike. In this hands-on session you'll be guided by ceramicist Helen McCormick who will teach you how to build and decorate your very own charming gingerbread house.

WILLOW REINDEERS

FRI 31 OCT & TUE 2 NOV | 10:45 – 17:00

£73 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

Unleash your creative side and make your own Christmas reindeer using locally sourced Somerset willow. This festive workshop is led by artist Amanda Webb who will guide you through the entire process, giving you tips so that you can customise your sculpture.

NEEDLE FELT A REINDEER OR FATHER CHRISTMAS

SAT 8 NOV | 10:30 – 17:00

£63 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

Get into the festive spirit with this fun, glue- and sewing-free craft! Using wool and a special needle, you'll create your own lovable reindeer or jolly Father Christmas. Michelle Hickman (Furzie's

Workshop) will guide you, and you'll take home a handmade holiday treasure.

MIXED MEDIA WINTER LANDSCAPE SHORT COURSE

MON 1 – MON 15 DEC | 13:30 – 15:30

£63 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

This 3-week mixed media course is suitable for creatives of all skill levels and is a fun way to create and experiment with the layering of watercolours, collage, ink, oil pastels, paints, and more, to bring a winter landscape to life.

PUNCH NEEDLE ART

WED 3 DEC | 13:30 – 15:30

TUE 9 DEC | 18:30 – 20:30

£37 | ART & CRAFT | AGE 18+

Join Kat Lewis of Fluft UK to create a festive punch needle mug coaster or piece of wall art. Choose from vibrant yarns and seasonal designs, and learn this fun, beginner-friendly craft. You'll take home your finished piece plus a full kit to keep on creating!

VENUE HIRE

CONCERT, CONFERENCE, COFFEE MORNING?

Whatever your function, we have a variety of spaces to suit your needs.

Taunton Brewhouse is a multi-purpose venue catering for professional arts organisations, community groups, schools, and businesses.

Our spaces include:

- A 350-seat auditorium, which hosts a variety of productions and films.
- A 60-seat studio theatre (pictured), which also serves as a rehearsal studio and conference space.
- A creative hub classroom space for visual arts and other workshops.
 - An adaptable gallery space for exhibitions, workshops, or presentations.
 - A large foyer area with a bar and café style server.
- The newly refurbished Westward Room, perfect for group meetings, parties, and intimate performances.

All facilities are fully accessible and we offer a range of optional extras – from technical support to catering.

For more information, please visit our website or email hire@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk.

YOUR VISIT

SHOWTIME

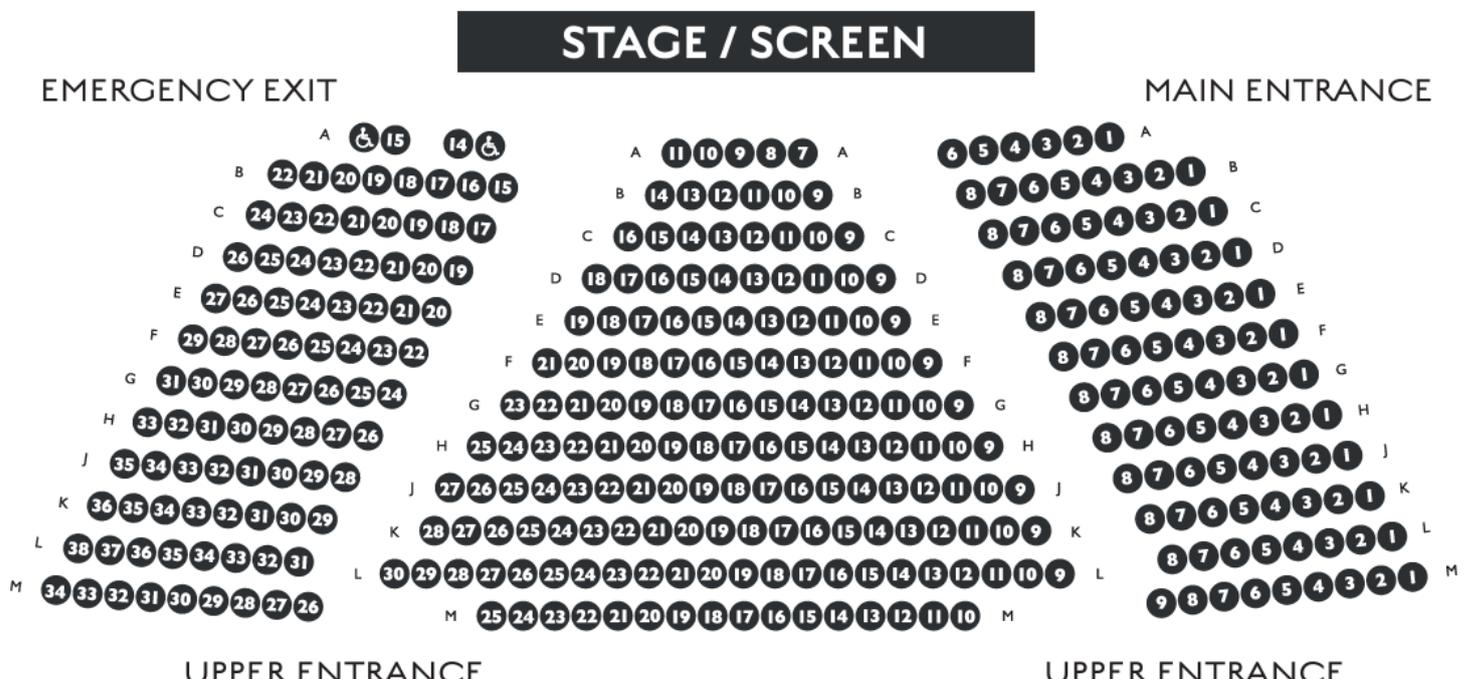
We open an hour before each event, so please arrive with plenty of time to get comfortable.

Our bar is stocked with a range of premium drinks, ice creams, and snacks. We serve drinks in reusable plastic glasses which can be taken into the auditorium at showtime. Please return these to the bar or drink bins when finished. The bar closes after the interval.

We're located in the heart of Taunton and just a short 15-minute walk from the nearest train station. There are also multiple car parks nearby.

Visit our website for details.

SEATING PLAN:



ACCESS

Level access to all our spaces.

Book wheelchair spaces online or by contacting the Box Office.

Our Box Office and auditorium are fitted with a hearing loop. To use the facility, switch your hearing device to the 'T' position.

Assistance animals are welcome. Please contact the Box Office when booking.

There are 2 blue badge bays located next to the theatre in the Coal Orchard Car Park. You can find more disabled parking on St James Street, or in the Canon and Wood Street car parks.

To speak to us about access requirements, please contact us on 01823 283244 between 10:00 – 16:00, Monday – Friday, or email boxoffice@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk.

We always welcome feedback on what we are doing well or what could be improved. Please contact us at feedback@tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk

DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2025

DATE	EVENT	TIME	ICONS
Wed 03	Somerset Opera Present CESARE	19:30	Friends
Fri 05	Elo Again	19:30	
Sat 06	Some Guys Have All The Luck	19:30	
Tue 09	Rosie Jones	19:30	
Wed 10 – Thu 11	Just Macbeth	19:30	Friends
Fri 12	Money For Nothing – Dire Straits Tribute	19:30	
Thu 18	Tease	19:30	Friends
Fri 19	The 80s Mixtape	19:30	Friends
Fri 19	Explaining Being Pan to Nan	20:00	Friends
Sat 20	Purple Zeppelin	19:30	
Wed 24	RAÍCES	19:30	Friends
Thu 25	Mark Steel	19:30	
Fri 26	Twist & Shout	19:30	Friends
Fri 26	Gentle Open Mic	19:30	
Sat 27	Jane Eyre: An Autobiography	Times vary	Friends

OCTOBER 2025

DATE	EVENT	TIME	ICONS
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Wed 01	Catch Your Breath – The Secret Life of a Sleepless Anaesthetist	19:30	Friends
Thu 02	Edy Hurst's Wonderfull Discoverie of Witches in the Countie of Himself	20:00	Friends
Fri 03	Knightmare Live	19:30	Friends
Sat 04	Suzi Ruffell	19:30	Friends
Mon 06	No Place to Call Home' ARC World Homeless Day Screening	18:45	
Wed 08	Abbamania	19:30	Friends
Thu 09	Sh!t-faced Shakespeare - Hamlet	19:30	Friends
Fri 10	UK Pink Floyd Experience	19:30	
Fri 10	Joe Wells	19:30	
Sat 11	Chris Mcausland	Times vary	
Wed 15	Uptown Girl	19:30	
Thu 16	Legends of Motown	19:30	
Fri 17 – Sun 19	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Time vary	
Fri 17	Gurt Haunted	Times vary	
Tue 21	Julius Caesar	19:30	Friends
Fri 24	Made in Tennessee	19:30	
Fri 24	Gentle Open Mic	19:30	
Sun 26	Griff Rhys Jones	19:30	
Tue 28	Making a Killing	19:30	Friends
Wed 29	The Alex Voysey Blues Band Presents 'Best of the Blues'	19:30	Friends

Thu 30	The High Jinx Show	19:30	
Fri 31	Oye Santana	19:30	Friends

NOVEMBER 2025

DATE	EVENT	TIME	ICONS
Sat 01	Hometown Glory	19:30	
Mon 03	Autumn Fundraising Quiz	18:30	
Tue 04	Short Tales of Other Worlds	19:30	Friends
Wed 05	Café Concert – Southern Sinfonia	13:15	
Wed 05	Brewhaha Comedy Night	19:30	
Thu 06	Searchers Experience	19:30	Friends
Fri 07	Stephen K. Amos	20:00	
Sat 08	Matt Chorley	19:30	
Tue 11 – Sat 15	Taunton Thespians – The Woman in White	19:30	

DECEMBER 2025

DATE	EVENT	TIME	ICONS
Tue 02 – Sun 28	The Nutcracker	Times vary	
Fri 05 – Tue 23	Christmas Quest	Times vary	
Mon 08 – Mon 22	Festive High Tea	Times vary	
Thu 11 – Thu 18	Storytime with the Sugar Plum Fairy and Father Christmas	Times vary	
Sun 21 & Mon 22	A Winter's Tail	Times vary	

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