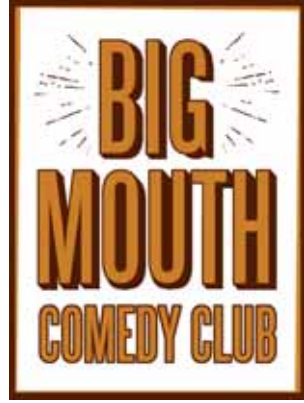


# MTA

MIDDLESBROUGH  
TOWN HALL

SPRING  
2012





## BIG MOUTH COMEDY CLUB

Come and get your ribs tickled at the North-East's biggest comedy club. Full cabaret-style seating, candles on the tables, a fantastic up-for-it crowd, and some of the freshest, funniest comedy talent on the circuit – it's the perfect Saturday night out!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Big Mouth is not for the easily offended, and line-ups may be subject to change. We regularly sell-out in advance, so please buy early to make sure you don't miss out. In fact, if you're dead quick, you can grab one of our Early Bird Tickets and save yourself a few £££'s to boot.

For news, updates and great offers sign up to our Newsletter at [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk).



|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>BIG MOUTH COMEDY CLUB</b> | <b>03</b> |
| <b>COMEDY</b>                | <b>05</b> |
| <b>MUSIC</b>                 | <b>09</b> |
| <b>THEATRE</b>               | <b>15</b> |
| <b>EVENTS</b>                | <b>19</b> |
| <b>TAKE PART</b>             | <b>21</b> |
| <b>VENUE HIRE</b>            | <b>22</b> |
| <b>BOOKING INFO</b>          | <b>23</b> |
| <b>DIARY</b>                 | <b>24</b> |

**ONLINE BOOKING  
COMING  
FEBRUARY 2012...**

[WWW.MIDDLESBROUGH  
TOWNHALLONLINE.  
CO.UK](http://WWW.MIDDLESBROUGH<br/>TOWNHALLONLINE.<br/>CO.UK)

**NICK DOODY,  
NATHAN CATON  
& DANNY  
MCCLOUGHLIN (MC)**

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £5 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

Big Mouth's brand new season gets off to proper flier tonight.

Sharp, topical, not afraid to say what he thinks, tonight's headliner Nick Doody supported the legendary Bill Hicks on his final UK tour – at the request of the great man himself.

Top support comes from hotly-tipped Nathan Caton, last seen storming Mock the Week alongside Micky Flanagan, with cheeky chappie Danny McLoughlin as MC.



'COMIC GENIUS.'  
The Scotsman

'TRUE COMEDY  
GOLD.'  
Metro



**GARY DELANEY,  
DALISO CHAPONDA &  
SPECIAL GUEST (MC)**

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

Prepare yourself for an onslaught of proper laugh-out-loud belly laughs from razor sharp one-liner king Gary Delaney tonight.

Great support comes from Daliso Chavonda, one of the most popular figures on today's comedy circuit, and a very

special guest is being confirmed as we speak - take it from us, it's going to be a good 'un.

'A CRAFTSMAN  
TO BE RANKED  
ALONGSIDE  
TIM VINE AND  
MILTON JONES.'  
The Guardian.

## CHRIS MCCAUSLAND, DAVE TWENTYMAN & DANNY MCLOUGHLIN (MC)



SATURDAY 3 MARCH  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

Expect plenty of rattling good stories and killer punchlines from Chris McCausland, who picked up a raft of glowing 5-star reviews at last summer's Edinburgh Fringe.

Top support comes from effortlessly funny Dave Twentyman, with sharp-as-a-tack Danny Mcloughlin as MC.

'GREAT SHOW. PROPER STAND-UP.'  
Chortle

## BARBARA NICE, JOHN SMITH & JASON COOK (MC)

SATURDAY 7 APRIL  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

A rip-roaring night here, with everyone's favourite Stockport housewife & mother Barbara Nice – the queen of the charity shops who you just might recognise from Phoenix Nights and Corrie.

John Smith adds to the fun, with the ever-fantastic Jason Cook as MC.



## MATT REED (MC) & SPECIAL GUESTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

SATURDAY 5 MAY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

Huge Big Mouth favourite Matt Reed is back for his first MC stint of the year tonight, and he'll be introducing some special guests to be announced. Keep 'em peeled at [www.tenfeetall.co.uk/comedy](http://www.tenfeetall.co.uk/comedy)

## LET'S GET SOCIAL...

FOLLOW US ON  
TWITTER:  
[@MBRO\\_TOWNHALL](https://twitter.com/MBRO_TOWNHALL)





# OMID DJALILI TOUR OF DUTY

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY  
8.00PM  
£19  
OVER 16 ONLY

Multi Award winning stand-up Omid Djalili comes to the Town Hall for the first time with his hotly anticipated brand new show.

A huge Edinburgh Festival favourite renowned for his razor sharp wit and boundless energy, Omid's legendary stand-up shows have won fans and plaudits all over the world.

Two series of his own BBC show went down a storm, he won rave reviews as Fagin in West End smash Oliver, and recent big screen hits include Hollywood blockbuster Sex and the City 2 and Brit-hits Mr Nice and The Infidel.

'RIGHT NOW, DJALILI IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST SUBVERSIVE, LET ALONE FUNNIEST COMEDIANS AROUND.'  
The Guardian

# SARAH MILLICAN

## THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLICAN

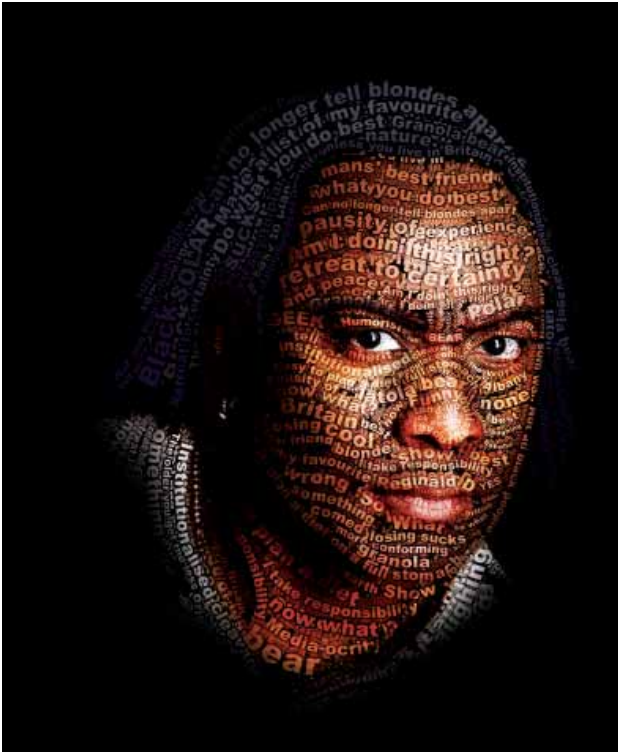
WEDNESDAY 15 & THURSDAY 16  
FEBRUARY (BOTH DATES SOLD-  
OUT! - LIMITED RETURNS MAY BE  
AVAILABLE)  
8.00PM  
£20  
OVER 16 ONLY

After selling out all 120 dates on her debut tour, Sarah Millican is back on the road with a brand new show.

Ever wondered how to make a homemade treadmill? The practicalities of an orgy? Or what to do when you don't like parties but do like party food? Wonder no more.

If your glass is half full, she'll top it up.





## REGINALD D HUNTER

### SOMETIMES EVEN THE DEVIL TELLS THE TRUTH

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY  
8.00PM  
£20  
OVER 18 ONLY

Reginald D Hunter comes to Boro with his five star show.

One of the very few comics to have been nominated for the highly coveted main Perrier Award in three consecutive years, he's also a big hit on primetime telly including Live At The Apollo and QI and is a

frequent guest on Have I Got News For You.

'HIS PRESENCE AND INTELLIGENCE MAKE HIM ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANTLY UNPREDICTABLE COMICS IN THE COUNTRY.'  
Sunday Times

## PATRICK MONAHAN

### HUG ME I FEEL GOOD

FRIDAY 23 MARCH  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£14; CONC £12  
OVER 16 ONLY

Back by huge public demand! A welcome and speedy return for the barnstorming local hero who wowed a packed Crypt crowd in September after winning ITV's Show Me The Funny in front of millions of telly fans.

Now on his first solo tour with his hit Edinburgh show, this looks like another top night.

'FUNNIEST  
SHOW IN  
EDINBURGH.'  
The Guardian





# JON RICHARDSON

## FUNNY MAGNET

SUNDAY 15 APRIL  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£13  
OVER 16 ONLY

The brand new team captain on 8 Out of 10 Cats and host of Channel 4's Stand up For the Week, Jon Richardson comes to Boro with a brand new show!

One of the stand-out comics of his generation, Jon's also a big telly hit after storming shows including Live at the

Apollo, Have I Got News For You, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Never Mind the Buzzcocks and bags more.

'A COMIC RIGHT ON THE VERGE OF GREATNESS. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM YET, GET YOUR FINGER OUT AND SORT IT.'

Time Out

# JASON COOK

## STUFF I LIKE TO TALK ABOUT

FRIDAY 18 MAY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£10  
OVER 18 ONLY

Back with a brand new show for 2012, the huge Edinburgh Festival favourite makes a welcome Boro return after a storming sell-out Crypt show last year.

As ever, be ready for pretty much anything when Jason takes to the stage.



The Herald



Time Out



# RICH HALL

SATURDAY 19 MAY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£15  
OVER 16 ONLY

Enjoy a perfect Saturday night with the legendary grouchy deadpan comic genius.

The Perrier winning master of absurdist irony and king of rapid-fire wit is also all over the telly on everything from QI, Live At The Apollo, Stand Up For The Week, Have I Got News for You, Rich Hall's Cattle Drive (BBC4), Rich Hall's Gone Fishing (BBC4), and bags more besides.

'RICH HALL IS  
A COMEDY  
PHENOMENON.'

The Sun



# JIMMY CARR

## GAGGING ORDER

FRIDAY 1 JUNE &  
SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER  
8.00PM  
£25  
OVER 16 ONLY

Two great nights to look forward to here.

Brand new show, brand new jokes, same old jimmy.

The show will be packed with one-liners, stories & jokes. Some clever, some rude & a few totally unacceptable.

Jimmy has sold over a million DVDs & hosted countless TV shows - but live comedy is what he does best. Come and see for yourself.



# KEVIN BRIDGES

## THE STORY CONTINUES ....

WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER  
8.00PM  
£21  
OVER 16 ONLY

Scottish sensation Kevin Bridges comes back to Boro with a brand new show by huge public demand after a cracking Town Hall gig last autumn.

A barnstorming TV debut on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow in 2009 quickly led to Kevin hosting Live at the Apollo and Channel 4's Stand-Up For

the Week – and his brand new 6-part BBC1 series is set to hit the telly in February.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

'THE MOST  
EXCITING TALENT  
IN SCOTTISH  
STAND-UP.'

The Herald.

## THE BAND OF THE YORKSHIRE REGIMENT

SATURDAY 21 JANUARY  
7.30PM  
FREE

In February 2011, the elected Mayor of Middlesbrough together with The Yorkshire Regiment announced a year long partnership to not only recognise and promote the pride the town has in the Regiment but also to raise funds for its benevolent fund, which supports soldiers and their families who are discharged from the army.

To mark the end of this partnership, the Mayor will be hosting a concert, featuring the Band of The Yorkshire Regiment, to highlight community support for our armed forces.

Come and show your support for a wonderful cause and a talented group of musicians.

**YOU'RE  
ENJOYING THE  
SHOW... NOW  
ENJOY THE  
INTERVAL**  
AVOID THE QUEUES  
AND PRE BOOK YOUR  
INTERVAL DRINKS  
AT THE CRYPT OR  
BALCONY BARS.



## RUSSIAN STATE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY

7.45PM

FROM: £12.50; CONC £11.50

Conductor: Valery Poliansky

Soloist: Tatyana  
Polianskaya, piano

TCHAIKOVSKY

Coronation March

TCHAIKOVSKY

Piano Concerto No. 2

RACHMANINOV

Symphony No.2

In a first half comprising works by Tchaikovsky, the concert will open with his grand Coronation March to be followed by the Second Piano Concerto, which will be performed by the conductor's daughter, Tatyana Polianskaya. After the interval we will have a chance to hear Rachmaninov's glorious Symphony No.2, which many music lovers regard as his very greatest work.

## THE GIG CARTEL PRESENTS LIVE/WIRE: THE AC/DC SHOW

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY –  
RESCHEDULED FROM 27

AUGUST

TOWN HALL CRYPT

7.30PM

£14 ADV

OVER 18 ONLY

Live/Wire bring the full size AC/DC show to the fans - complete with the cannons, the walkways, the backdrops and the drapes. With a rock hard rhythm section and Lorne cutting the rug as Angus Young, it's easy to see why Live/Wire is the UK's hardest working tribute band.

All the classics are there from Whole Lotta Rosie and Highway To Hell, to Thunderstruck and Back In Black. With Live/Wire there's no holding back - it's the full on show from start to finish! Close your eyes and you'll hear AC/DC; open your eyes and you'll see AC/DC!



BECOME A CLASSICAL  
SUBSCRIBER FOR OUR  
2012/13 SEASON AND GET  
EXCLUSIVE OFFERS, FREE  
CONCERTS AND MORE!  
**CALL 01642 729729 FOR MORE  
INFORMATION.**



# SHELBY LYNNE

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£18  
OVER 18 ONLY

Grammy award winner, Hollywood starlet and Americana songbird are just some of the ways to describe the uber talented Shelby Lynne. Since her Grammy winning breakthrough in 2001 she has released numerous LP's to

critical acclaim, including her most recent effort Revelation Road, as well as making her film debut as Johnny Cash's mother in the Oscar winning, Walk the Line.

In her first trip to Middlesbrough Town Hall Shelby will perform tracks from her new album, as well as a smattering of old favourites. This is a rare opportunity to see one of America's best-loved talents, up close and personal.

## NORTHERN SINFONIA

TUESDAY 6 MARCH  
7.45PM  
FROM: £12.50; CONC £11.50

Director: Bradley Creswick

Soloist: Michael Gerrard,  
viola

MENDELSSOHN  
Octet in E-flat major  
MOZART  
Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major, K364  
MOZART  
Symphony No. 39 in E-flat major, K543

Northern Sinfonia return with a programme that includes Mendelssohn's youthfully exuberant E-flat Octet. The orchestra's leader Bradley Creswick and the leader of the viola section Michael Gerrard will follow this as the soloists in Mozart's ravishing Sinfonia Concertante. The programme will end with Mozart's Symphony No.39 with its touching sense of poignancy.





## SJM PRESENTS THE MACCABEES

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH  
7.00PM  
£17  
OVER 14 ONLY

'The Maccabees are entering the prime of their musical lives' - NME

Since the release of The Maccabees debut album, *Colour It In*, in 2007 the Brighton five-piece has gone from strength to strength. Their rise to prominence continued with the critically acclaimed *Wall of Arms* and a string of sell out tours and major festival appearances followed.

The band now head out on

a UK headline tour to promote their highly anticipated third release, *Given To The Wild*, released 9th January. Taking sonic inspiration from a disparate collection of musical peers such as The Stone Roses, Kate Bush and David Bowie, *Given To The Wild* finds the band ascending to new heights, placing them amongst the big hitters in the UK music scene.

Performing new tracks and old favourites such as *Toothpaste Kisses*, *About Your Dress*, *Love You Better* and *Can You Give It?* this is a gig not to be missed. Advanced booking is highly recommended.

## WILDCATS OF KILKENNY ST PATRICK'S NIGHT PARTY FEAT. CATTLE & CANE

SATURDAY 17 MARCH  
8.00PM  
£14.50  
OVER 18 ONLY

And the good news is...St Patrick's Day is actually on a Saturday for the first time in years and years [guess you can do the maths if you're keen]. So, whereas the Wildcats usually pick the closest Saturday to March 17 for their legendary knees-up, this year it's the honest-to-goodness REAL THING. Expect the mother of all parties – a joyous hands-in-the-air, jump-up-and-down singalong session from one of the most entertaining, exuberant feel-good bands in the land. Plus VERY special guests Cattle & Cane. Please buy early – this one usually sells out fast!



© Matt Case

# THE SEARCHERS



THURSDAY 12 APRIL  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
7.30PM  
£17; CONC £15.50

In a remarkable career now spanning 5 decades and with

such classic hits as Sweets For My Sweet, Needles and Pins, Don't Throw Your Love Away, Sugar and Spice and When You Walk In The Room, The Searchers have contributed enormously in establishing the

UK as the world's leading nation in the music industry.

The Searchers, with total record sales well in excess of 40 million, still have great appeal to audiences of all ages. They continue touring the globe as much today as they have done throughout a fantastic career now remarkably spanning 5 decades.

Combined with anecdotes and reminiscences, this fully self-contained concert includes all their famous hits, plus many of their original album recordings, B-sides and a selection of other collector and well-known favourites.

# ULTIMATE EAGLES

SATURDAY 21 APRIL  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£16.50

Be whisked away to the warmer climates of Southern California as the ultimate tribute, to one of the worlds most loved bands, recreates the music with reverence, excitement and with a new stage show that focuses its bright lights and flash on the 1970's, when the Eagles were at their mightiest.

As a tribute act they've had incredible success, with their YouTube videos receiving in excess of a million hits. They're also very impressive as six accomplished musicians –



award winners, rock stars, and players who have regularly featured in some of the biggest publications in music, not to mention appearances on Top of The Pops and MTV.

Performing hits such as

Take It Easy, Hotel California and Desperado, the band has a simple, but bold mission statement: to play the Eagles' music better than anybody, anywhere, second only to The Eagles themselves.

# BERLIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY

7.45PM

FROM: £12.50; CONC £11.50

Conductor: Mario Venzago

Soloist: Kit Armstrong,  
piano

BEETHOVEN

Egmont Overture

MOZART

Piano Concerto No. 21 in C  
major K467

BEETHOVEN Symphony No.3 in  
E flat major Op.55 (Eroica)

We are very pleased to welcome one of Europe's most distinguished orchestras, the Berlin Symphony Orchestra. Resident orchestra in Berlin's famous Konzerthaus and a specialist in the Classical repertoire, their programme includes Beethoven's dramatic Egmont Overture and perhaps Mozart's most popular piano concerto, known as the Elvira Madigan, giving us the chance to hear the outstanding young Chinese-American pianist Kit Armstrong.



## BOB GELDOLF

SATURDAY 26 MAY

TOWN HALL CRYPT

8.00PM

£25

OVER 18 ONLY

Irish singer, songwriter, author and political activist Bob Geldof returns to Middlesbrough Town Hall after a 20-year absence. Geldof rose to prominence as the lead singer of the Irish rock band The Boomtown Rats in the late 1970s and early 1980s alongside the punk rock movement.

Geldof is widely recognised for his activism, most notably Live Aid, which he and Midge Ure founded to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia, co-writing Do They Know It's Christmas? in the midst; one

of the best-selling singles of all time.

Geldof has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, was granted an honorary knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II, and is a recipient of the Man of Peace title.

This intimate and rare outing will see him perform classic Boomtown tracks such as Rat Trap and I Don't Like Mondays, as well as songs from his new album How To Compose Popular Songs That Will Sell, his first album for a decade.

Support comes from Belfast troubadour Dan Donnelly, who can regularly be seen supporting acts such as The Levellers, Oysterband and Seth Lakeman.

NIC PRESENT

# HANSEL & GRETEL

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

TOWN HALL CRYPT

1:00PM

£7 ADULTS; £6 CHILDREN;

£22 FAMILY

This is a new telling of an old tale. Though it's as old as the hills the story of Hansel and Gretel comes up shiny and new for our consumerist times.

Hansel and Gretel are starving, living in a house where there's nothing to eat. However, they soon find themselves living in a house where everything is to eat (including the house itself!) but they themselves are the main thing on the menu. Come and see them fall out of the frying pan and then climb out of the fire.

Gothic, funny, scary and exciting! Come and eat yourself silly and laugh yourself daft.



## BRENDAN COLE: LIVE AND UNJUDGED

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY

7.30PM

£29.50

Get ready to be struck by dance fever all over again as Strictly Come Dancing star Brendan Cole unleashes his sell out smash show, Live and Unjudged.

Brendan's live show isn't just for the Ballroom and Latin enthusiasts, this up close and personal dance spectacular promises more than a just a few cha cha cha's!

Alongside some well-known faces, Brendan will perform all of your Strictly favourites, from the Paso Doble to the Tango and

Quickstep to the Jive. Joining him on stage along with his two phenomenal singers and fantastic 14 piece band will be former Strictly Come Dancing professionals Nicole Cutler, Andrew Cuerden, Hanna Haarala, Izabela Hanna and Brendan's very own brother Scott Cole.

Don't miss your chance to see some of the Ballroom magic created on Strictly first hand by one of its most charismatic choreographers and performers. He'll have you dancing in your seat and bursting with the excitement of dance that is gripping the nation!

Box Office: **01642 729729**[www.visitmiddlesbrough.com](http://www.visitmiddlesbrough.com)

# SALLY MORGAN

## 'PSYCHIC SALLY ON THE ROAD'

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

7.30PM

£23

Fresh from her new TV Series - 'Psychic Sally On The Road' on SKY LIVING, Britain's best-loved celebrity psychic, Sally Morgan returns by overwhelming public demand.

Sally has used her gift over the years to help many people, most notably famous for her work with the late Princess Diana. Her reputation has been built from her close relationship with many high profile celebrities.

Sally now brings her amazing abilities and her tremendous personality to the stage with a unique theatrical experience, which is both hugely entertaining and enlightening.

Sally Morgan has taken the UK by storm!



NTC PRESENT

# 4 WORDS:

## LOVE. LIFE. LONGING AND LAUGHTER

THURSDAY 15 MARCH

TOWN HALL CRYPT

7.30PM

£10; CONC £8

A quartet of quirky, quixotic, quality new plays.

Stranded from the short stories of Val McDermid, the international crime-writer (*Wire in the Blood*). 'Grit, glamour, intrigue and unexpected turns - stories which will make you shudder, and which will linger long in the mind.'

Rabbit, Rabbit, Rabbit by

Lee Mattinson: 'A simple but sensational half hour of hope, hatred and heartbreaking honesty'

Not Some Kind of Sideshow by Noreen Rees, inspired by the Paralympics – a story of courage, determination, friendship and family, and the power of the human spirit.

Boiling Point by Rachel Barnett: A whimsical view of 35 years of married life as seen through the rise and fall of four kettles!

LYNGO PRESENT

# EGG AND SPOON

TUESDAY 3 APRIL  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
11.00AM & 2.30PM  
ADULT £5.50; CHILD £4.50;  
FAMILY £16  
FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS AND  
UNDER

Welcome to our magic circle where we celebrate the wonders of nature. Sit down and relax on our comfy cushions as Percy and April guide you through the four seasons. Make some friends while you play peek-a-boo in our puddles or dance at the butterfly party. You'll see how everyone likes to sleep on the moon cushion or cover themselves with snow from their first year to their fortieth, from spring to autumn and back again.

This is the highly interactive version for the under 3's of Lyngo's very popular Watch the Birdy show where you can simply rock and roll around the clock to our lullaby or crawl into the middle and be a star!

Funded by the Arts Council, England.



## SHOWSTOPPER! THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL

THURSDAY 3 MAY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
7.30PM  
£14; CONC £12; STUDENT £10  
OVER 14 ONLY

A brand new musical is created from scratch at each performance of this award-winning production, which has played sell-out seasons in London's West End and at the

Edinburgh festival.

Audience suggestions help to create a show on the spot, as the all-singing, all-dancing cast improvise with unpredictable and frequently hilarious results. Packed with drama, dazzling dance routines and catchy melodies, Showstopper! leaves delighted audiences singing all the way home.

'HAVING NOW SEEN SHOWSTOPPER! TWICE, I CAN TESTIFY THAT NOT ONLY IS EACH PERFORMANCE ACHINGLY FUNNY, IT'S A GENUINELY NEW FULL-LENGTH MUSICAL EVERY TIME. TOP-CLASS IN CREATIVITY IN ACTION. WORTH SEEING AGAIN AND AGAIN'

\*\*\*\*\* Time Out

Box Office: **01642 729729**

[www.visitmiddlesbrough.com](http://www.visitmiddlesbrough.com)

SEABRIGHT PRODUCTIONS  
PRESENTS

## AN INSTINCT FOR KINDNESS

TUESDAY 22 MAY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
7.30PM  
£10; CONC £8  
OVER 14 ONLY

Written and performed by Chris  
Larner

In November 2010,  
Chris Larner accompanied  
his chronically ill ex-wife to  
Switzerland's Dignitas clinic.  
He came home with an empty  
wheelchair and a story to tell.

This moving, bittersweet  
show reflects on the  
circumstances, morality  
and humanity surrounding  
the journey. In a candid,  
poignant and sometimes comic  
performance, Chris explores  
both the profound personal  
implications and the wider  
ethical considerations of the  
contentious issue of assisted  
dying.

The show premiered at the  
Edinburgh Fringe 2011, where  
it won the coveted Scotsman  
Fringe First Award and was  
featured on BBC's Newsnight  
Review as a highlight of the  
festival.



## BARRY AND STUART: SHOW & TELL

THURSDAY 31 MAY  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£14; CONC £12  
OVER 12 ONLY

Stars of BBCr's 'The Magicians'  
and winners of the World  
Magic Awards: Best Comedy  
Illusionists, twisted warlocks  
Barry & Stuart will be stunning  
audiences with their amazing  
new show, Show & Tell.

In the first half of the  
show, expect their trademark  
innovative tricks and devious  
illusions, then in the second

half, be prepared to have your  
minds blown as they exclusively  
reveal all the secrets behind the  
magic, in showing you, for the  
first time ever, exactly how those  
tricks were done!

'THE MOST  
CONSISTENTLY  
ORIGINAL,  
CREATIVE AND  
EXCITING FORCE IN  
BRITISH MAGIC.'

Derren Brown



## PROM FAIR & CATWALK SHOW

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY  
12.00PM-4.00PM  
£1

The Prom Show is the perfect opportunity to help provide inspiration with your plans for your special night. With a range of Prom Dress suppliers, Suits and Menswear, Jewellery, Accessories, Hair Salons, Beauty Salons, Event Photographers, Cars and more, it is an event not to be missed.

Take advantage of free hair trials and beauty demos and catch the amazing Fashion Show and don't miss the special promotions and prize draws. Come along and let us help make your Prom night, a night to remember.

# MOVING MIDDLESBROUGH 3

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY  
6.00PM -8.00PM  
£3; CONC £2.00

Middlesbrough's Annual Celebration of Dance & Movement Returns to inspire you with a stunning programme. From Street, Jazz, Tap, Bollywood and Irish Dance as well as some special performances by and for children and adults alike.

Moving Middlesbrough is a vibrant stage show of varied Dance Styles, which is guaranteed to get everyone dancing!

The first half of the performance is a Pulse Dance Heat. A National Youth Dance Celebration supported by Youth Dance England.



## TEA DANCE WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM THE JIM FAWCETT BAND

11 JANUARY, 8 FEBRUARY, 14 MARCH, 11 APRIL, 16 MAY  
2.00PM  
£2

Come and join us every month for an afternoon of dancing and classic music in the Town Hall Crypt.

## RECORD FAIR

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY & SATURDAY 28 APRIL  
9AM - 3PM

Travelling across the North of England all year round, Premier Music Fairs is a regular highlight in the Town Hall calendar. With 50 stalls dedicated to record traders, local and regional, come and find a bargain and rediscover the joy of vinyl!



# ALL ACTION WRESTLING

FRIDAY 2 MARCH  
7.30PM  
ADVANCE £10 ADULTS; £8  
CHILD; £12 ON THE DAY

All Action Wrestling returns to Middlesbrough Town Hall the North East's legendary home of Wrestling for the Fourth annual 'Brawl in the hall' challenge. Featuring the best of British Wrestling talent in their

grapple against fighters from the rest of the world to win the 'Brawl in the hall' challenge cup. Experience the excitement and feel the atmosphere of All Action Wrestling's high impact hard hitting battling action. Guaranteed to provide an unforgettable spectacle for the whole family.

Come and see live what the rest of the world watch on TV.

# SPRING WEDDING FAIR

SUNDAY 29 APRIL  
12.00PM - 4.00PM  
£1

Take the stress out of planning your wedding with this one stop shop for everything to make your special day as perfect as it should be.

Some of the treats on offer throughout the day are;

Over 40 Exhibitors showcased in the magnificent Victorian Concert Hall from Bridalwear, Groomswear, Cakes, Jewellery and Accessories to Fun Casinos, Entertainment, Cars, Chair Covers and Wedding Venues.

Two spectacular Bridal Catwalk Shows on Stage at 1pm & 2.30pm.

Complimentary Bridal Goody Bags and Glossy Bridal Magazines.

Free Bridal Hair Trials and Beauty Demos.

Plus Live Music Performances, Event Promotions and Prize Draws.

Let us help turn the Wedding Day of your Dreams into Reality!



## FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

JUST SEARCH MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN HALL FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND OFFERS



# TAKE PART

## MTH CARNIVAL CLUB



EVERY SATURDAY TERM TIME  
10.00AM – 11.30AM  
£3 PER SESSION  
AGE 7 AND OVER

Now's your chance to take part in some of the Tees Valley's biggest carnivals and events. Come along to this creative and hands on workshop, work with carnival artists to develop skills in carnival costume, textiles and 3-D carnival structures!

This is a class for all ages so perfect for family and friends.

## MTH PERFORMING ARTS

EVERY SATURDAY TERM TIME  
10.00AM – 1.00PM -  
AGES 7 – 11  
1.30 – 4.30PM - AGES 12 – 16  
£6.50 PER SESSION  
BLOCK BOOKING REQUIRED

Every week Saturday classes will cover and deliver skills in drama, singing and dance. Our high quality tutors will give you the training you need to become a star of the stage.

You will also receive training in technical aspects of shows from lighting, costume,

stage management and also learn skills in scriptwriting, directing and much more.

The classes are fun but we expect people to work hard to achieve and to do the best they can. This is not only a chance for you to learn what you need to perform but you can build confidence, improve communication skills and can be a place to make new friends for life.

Could you be the star of one of our shows!



# THE COBWEB ORCHESTRA

## TEES VALLEY GROUP



EVERY TWO WEEKS ON A  
MONDAY EVENING TERM-TIME  
7.15PM-9.15PM

The Cobweb Orchestra is a friendly community orchestra for players of all abilities and ages on a wide variety of

instruments, with the emphasis on sharing an enthusiasm for and enjoyment of music.

New members of all ages and abilities with no audition required.

For further information visit [www.cobweborchestra.org.uk](http://www.cobweborchestra.org.uk)

# HIRE US

Our flexible spaces mean we can play host to a variety of needs. Our two main spaces are:

## MAIN HALL

STANDING CONCERT 1352  
SEATED 1190

## CRYPT

STANDING 600  
SEATED 400

Both rooms can be set up in cabaret style and capacity ranges from 300 to 400 depending on the layout. We also have smaller rooms that can be used for meetings or workshops for up to 30 people.

We can offer full technical and production advice and support. Also our front of house support, 3 Bars, superb catering and modern day technology mean your clients, guests and/or audience will have a wonderful time.

For further information and to check availability contact the administration office on 01642 729651



## SILVER SINGING

EVERY TUESDAY TERM TIME  
1.00PM - 2.30PM  
£3

Silver singing activities are popping up all over the country, from the hugely successful Silver Programme at The Sage Gateshead, to the Sydney De Haan Centre's Song Clubs in Canterbury.

If you are over 50 and enjoy singing in an enthusiastic and supportive environment, then come along to Middlesbrough Town Hall and join in the fun. There are no auditions and we particularly welcome anyone who hasn't sung, but has always fancied giving it a try.

## MONDAY NIGHT SINGING

EVERY MONDAY TERM-TIME  
7.00 - 9.00PM  
£3 PER SESSION WITH A FREE CUP OF TEA/COFFEE

Led by local International Opera singer Emily Smith and singer Dave Pisaro, the classes introduce, or extend, good vocal technique through a mixture of world and folk songs, opera, musical theatre and other types of. The group also takes part in live performances under the name of Middlesbrough Town Hall Community Choir.

# BOOKING INFORMATION

**MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN HALL, ALBERT ROAD, MIDDLESBROUGH, TS1 2QQ**  
**WEBSITE: [WWW.MIDDLESBROUGH.GOV.UK](http://WWW.MIDDLESBROUGH.GOV.UK)**  
**OR [WWW.VISITMIDDLESBROUGH.COM](http://WWW.VISITMIDDLESBROUGH.COM)**

## Box Office Opening Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 10am–5pm  
 Friday: 10am–4.30pm  
 Saturday: 9am–1.30pm  
 On performance nights  
 6pm until show goes up

**By Phone:** 01642 729729 or  
 815181 to buy your tickets with  
 any major credit/debit cards. See  
 booking charges.

**In Person:** Call into the Box  
 Office at Middlesbrough Town  
 Hall where our friendly staff  
 will be able to help you with  
 booking or any other enquiries  
 you may have. Tickets for the  
 Town Hall are also available at  
 Middlesbrough Theatre. See  
 booking charges.

**By Post:** Write to The Box Office,  
 PO Box 69, Middlesbrough, TS1  
 2QQ stating the event and ticket  
 choice. If it is a seated event  
 please put your seat preference.  
 Cheques and Postal Orders  
 should be crossed and made  
 payable to MBC; please write  
 your cheque guarantee number  
 and event details on the back of  
 the cheque and don't forget to  
 enclose a SAE. Please enclose a  
 daytime telephone number in  
 case we need to contact you.

**Booking Charges:** Please note  
 credit/debit card payments over  
 the phone will incur a charge of  
 £1 per ticket. Credit/debit card  
 payments over the counter will  
 incur a £1 transaction fee.

**Refunds:** Unfortunately, tickets  
 cannot be exchanged or money  
 refunded, except in the event of  
 a cancelled performance.

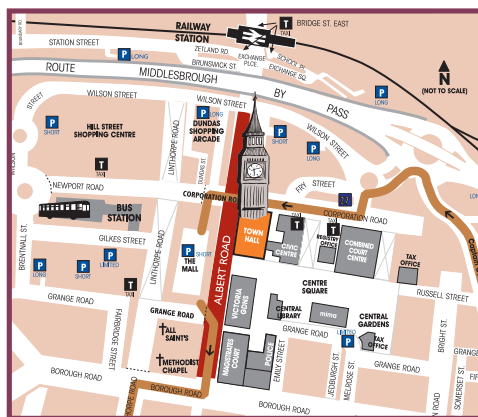
**Reservations:** Reserved tickets  
 will be held for 3 working days,  
 or until 5pm on the day before  
 the performance. Tickets not  
 paid for within this timeframe  
 will be released. Reservations  
 cannot be made on the day of the  
 performance.

## Discounts/concessions:

Children, students, senior  
 citizens and the unemployed  
 are entitled to concessionary  
 rates on selected shows. Please  
 check individual performances  
 and events for concessions.  
 Group booking discounts are  
 also available on selected shows  
 please contact the Box Office for  
 availability.

**Access:** The Main Hall  
 can accommodate up to 7  
 wheelchairs and the Crypt up to  
 2 wheelchairs. Please inform the  
 Box Office at time of booking.  
 Please note that our lifts will  
 only hold 330 pounds. Please  
 bear this in mind if you are the  
 owner of a heavy wheelchair. For  
 full access information please  
 contact the box office.

## FIND US



## DIARY

## JANUARY

|    |                            |                    |
|----|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 11 | Tea Dance                  | 2.00pm             |
| 14 | Big Mouth Comedy Club      | 8.30pm             |
| 21 | Yorkshire Regiment Concert | 7.30pm             |
| 28 | Hansel & Gretel            | 1.00pm             |
| 29 | Prom Fair and Catwalk Show | 12.00pm<br>-4.00pm |

## FEBRUARY

|       |                            |        |
|-------|----------------------------|--------|
| 4     | Big Mouth Comedy Club      | 8.30pm |
| 5     | Moving Middlesbrough       | 6.00pm |
| 6     | Brendan Cole               | 7.30pm |
| 8     | Tea Dance                  | 2.00pm |
| 9     | Russian State Philharmonic | 7.45pm |
| 10    | Omid Djalili               | 8.00pm |
| 15&16 | Sarah Millican             | 8.00pm |
| 18    | Livewire – The AC/DC Show  | 7.30pm |
| 23    | Shelby Lynne               | 8.00pm |
| 25    | Record Fair                | 9.00am |
| 26    | Reginald D Hunter          | 8.00pm |
| 28    | Sally Morgan               | 7.30pm |

## MARCH

|    |                       |        |
|----|-----------------------|--------|
| 2  | All Action Wrestling  | 7.30pm |
| 3  | Big Mouth Comedy Club | 8.30pm |
| 6  | Northern Sinfonia     | 7.45pm |
| 7  | The Maccabees         | 7.00pm |
| 14 | Tea Dance             | 2.00pm |
| 15 | NTC presents 4 Words  | 7.30pm |
| 17 | Wildcats of Kilkenny  | 8.00pm |
| 23 | Patrick Monahan       | 8.00pm |



Find us on Facebook: Middlesbrough Town Hall



Follow us on Twitter: @mbro\_townhall

We can provide this information in other languages, large print, Braille, on CD or tape.

ہم کو شش کریں گے کہ اس دستاویز کا خلاصہ دوسری زبانوں میں مہیا کیا جاسکے مزید  
آپ کی درخواست پر اسے بریل یا سونے الفاظ میں بھی فراہم کیا جاسکے گا

سوف نحاول ان نجعل ملخص هذه الوثيقة متوفرة بلغات اخرى، الإبريل وكتابة  
كبيرة عند الطلب.

Disclaimer: To the best of our knowledge, the information contained in the brochure is correct at time of going to press, although the Council does not give any warranty as to the accuracy of the information or suitability of the programme and disclaims any legal liability whatsoever and howsoever arising out of such a programme.

## APRIL

|    |                             |                     |
|----|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 3  | Lyngo present Egg and Spoon | 11.00am &<br>2.30pm |
| 7  | Big Mouth Comedy Club       | 8.30pm              |
| 11 | Tea Dance                   | 2.00pm              |
| 12 | The Searchers               | 7.30pm              |
| 15 | Jon Richardson              | 8.00pm              |
| 21 | Ultimate Eagles             | 8.00pm              |
| 28 | Record Fair                 | 9.00am              |
| 29 | Spring Wedding Fair         | 12.00pm – 4:00pm    |

## MAY

|    |                             |        |
|----|-----------------------------|--------|
| 3  | Showstopper!                | 7.30pm |
|    | The Improvised Musical      |        |
| 5  | Big Mouth Comedy Club       | 8.30pm |
| 16 | Tea Dance                   | 2.00pm |
| 18 | Jason Cook                  | 8.00pm |
| 19 | Rich Hall                   | 8.00pm |
| 22 | An Instinct for Kindness    | 7.30pm |
| 23 | Berlin Symphony Orchestra   | 7.45pm |
| 26 | Bob Geldof                  | 8.00pm |
| 31 | Barry & Stuart: Show & Tell | 8.00pm |

## COMING SOON

|         |            |        |
|---------|------------|--------|
| 1 June  | Jimmy Carr | 8.00pm |
| 13 June | Halle      | 7:45pm |

BOX OFFICE: 01642 729729 OR 815181



Data Protection: When you book with us, we will ask you for your name, address and telephone number. In return, we will be able to inform of any last minute changes to your performance. You will be asked separately if you wish to join our mailing list.