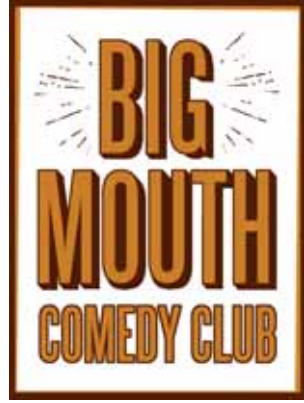


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## BIG MOUTH COMEDY CLUB

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!

We're celebrating our 3rd Birthday in September, and we reckon this autumn's line-ups are absolutely the best yet - and that's saying something!

And for something EXTRA SPECIAL, watch out for our first ever Big Mouth Comedy Gala on Sunday 30 October.

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 other info, join us on facebook at 'Ten Feet Tall Comedy.' You never know what you might find up there!

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## DAN NIGHTINGALE, ANDY WALTON & DANNY MCCLOUGHLIN (MC)

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER  
DOORS 7.15PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

We're celebrating our 3rd Birthday with another cracking line-up tonight. A winning mix of brilliant observations and killer punchlines have made Dan Nightingale one of the most in-demand headliners on today's comedy circuit.

Top support comes from exciting newcomer Andy Walton (complete with his terrible phobia of velvet), with the fantastic Danny McLoughlin as MC.



'A 100MPH  
WHIRLWIND.  
BRILLIANT.'

Manchester Evening News.



## RAYMOND & MR TIMPKINS REVIEW, CARL HUTCHINSON & MATT REED (MC)

SATURDAY 1 OCTOBER  
DOORS 7.15PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

A huge treat here. Raymond & Mr Timpkins Review have been described as easily the best double act to emerge for years. Likened to Morecambe and Wise and the Two Ronnies, anyone who can bring the house down with nothing more than a couple of Lidl carrier bags and an Oasis song have to be seen to be believed.

Top support comes from Geordie charmer Carl Hutchinson, with huge Big Mouth favourite Matt Reed as MC.

'ABSOLUTELY  
HILARIOUS.'

VIZ

'SPECTACULARLY  
FUNNY.'

Time Out

# EXTRA SPECIAL!

## BIG MOUTH COMEDY GALA



# JASON COOK, MATT REED, DANNY MCLOUGHLIN & NINE VERY SPECIAL GUESTS!

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER  
MAIN HALL  
DOORS 7.15PM; SHOW 8.00PM  
£15.50  
OVER 18 ONLY

Three years of belly laughs and giggles galore in the Crypt at Big Mouth? About time we had a cracking Comedy Gala in the big room upstairs then!

No less than nine of our favourite comics – NINE – all doing 10 minutes each.

All three of our favourite MC's – Jason Cook, Matt Reed & Danny McLoughlin – will each

be hosting a section of the show.

And look at this for a line-up so far: Rob Rouse, Martin Bigpig, Chris Ramsey Barry Dodds, Craig Campbell, Dan Nightingale, The Boy With Tape On His Face, and a VERY special guest headliner to be announced. (The capital letters mean we're dead excited about this one – we reckon you will be too!).

Best of all? All profits raised on the night will go to Middlesbrough Council's official charity The Yorkshire Regiment and Big Mouth nominees Zoë's Baby Hospice in Normanby.

# JULIET MEYERS, DANA ALEXANDER, CHRIS MARTIN & MATT REED (MC)

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER  
DOORS 7.15PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD  
OVER 18 ONLY

Two of the funniest women around are here in town with us tonight!

Silly, edgy, chatty, and pretty much one of the best live comics around at the minute, Juliet Meyers is currently wowing crowds and critics up and down the land.

Not content with being one of Canada's most hilarious and outspoken comics, Dana Alexander is currently taking the UK circuit by storm too.

Top support comes from hotly-tipped Chris Martin, with Matt Reed keeping the laughs coming thick and fast as MC.

'EXCELLENT.'

Time Out.

'LAUGH OUT  
LOUD FUNNY.'

Chortle.



**JUSTIN  
MOORHOUSE,  
MARTIN BIGPIG  
& DANNY  
MCCLOUGHLIN (MC).**

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER  
DOORS 7.15PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£14.50  
OVER 18 ONLY

Justin Moorhouse is loved by millions as one of the original cast members of Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights. But, as you'll know if you've seen him on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, 8 Out of 10 Cats and bags more telly, he's also one of the best comics in the country.

Martin Bigpig needs no introduction. The larger than life Irishman is one of our absolute favourite Big Mouth comics, and has a happy knack of tearing the roof off every gig he plays.

The excellent Danny McLoughlin is MC for the night.

'EASILY MY  
FAVOURITE  
COMEDIAN.'

Jimmy Carr.



**BIG MOUTH COMEDY CLUB  
FESTIVE SPECIAL  
MICK FERRY, PETE JOHANSSON  
& RAY PEACOCK (MC)**

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER  
DOORS 7.15PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£14.50  
OVER 18 ONLY



Christmas gets off to a flier with three cracking telly comics tonight!

Mick Ferry was a huge hit on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, and you'll know cool Canadian Pete Johansson and huge Edinburgh Festival favourite Ray Peacock from storming gigs on Russell Howard's Good News.

**ROB DEERING,  
IAN STONE &  
MATT REED (MC)**

THURSDAY 22 & FRIDAY 23  
DECEMBER  
DOORS 7.15PM; SHOW 8.30PM  
£14.50  
OVER 18 ONLY

As Noddy Holder once said .....  
It's CHRISSSSSMASSSSSSSSSS!

And, proof that Christmas can come twice a year, we have two barnstorming parties here with two top men off the telly!

As seen on ITV's Comedy Rocks and Celebrity Juice, Rob Deering's playful charm has made him one of the most in-demand headliners on today's comedy circuit.

Hugely popular Ian Stone



has been compared to a cross between Tony Hancock and Frankie Howerd – and you'll know him from bags of top telly including Mock the Week and Never Mind the Buzzcocks.

Big Mouth superstar Matt Reed is MC for the night. (Anyone think we can talk him into dressing up as Santa? Mmmmm. We'll see).



## JASON BYRNE: CIRQUE DE BYRNE

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8:00PM  
£15  
OVER 16 ONLY

A comedy God? Sounds about right to us. Jason Byrne is ready to hotwire our comedy bones on his brand new tour.

A relentless mix of inspired intelligent lunacy has brought a bagful of awards – and you'll know him from all sorts of top telly including Live at the Apollo, Royal Variety Performance, Dave's One Night Stand, Celebrity Juice and Marco's Kitchen Burnout.

From childhood to his own children, Jason relives his wonder years spent nursing his 'special eye,' and relays the misfortunes of being on holiday – anywhere – possibly with photographic evidence!

PHIL MCINTYRE ENTERTAINMENTS  
PRESENTS

# SHOW ME THE FUNNY: LIVE!

MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£17.50  
OVER 16 ONLY

The series winner and the two runners up from ITV's newest and toughest comedy reality show are out on tour this autumn. By the time you see them one will have been crowned as the UK's newest comedy superstar.

Meet in person the last three standing from Britain's funniest

and fiercest new stand-up show. The winner has been chosen by a phone vote of ITV viewers at a live final at the Hammersmith Apollo in August, and they will all have had to impress a panel of judges including Jason Manford, Alan Davies, Kate Copstick, Jo Brand, Johnny Vegas, Jimmy Tarbuck, Bob Mortimer, Canon and Ball and Ross Noble to make it into the final three.

Audiences are always hungry for the next big thing - well here it is!



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FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND OFFERS



# TOM STADE

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£13.50; CONC £11  
OVER 16 ONLY

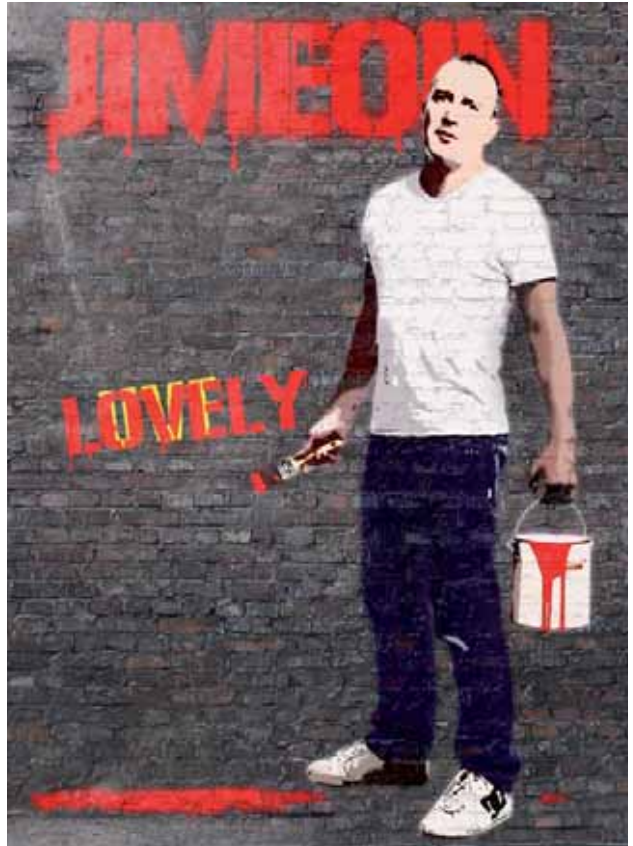
Don't miss top Canadian Tom Stade's eagerly awaited debut national tour.

As seen on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Channel 4's Stand Up For The Week, and the co-star and co-writer of Frankie Boyle's Tramadol nights.

'WONDERFULLY  
IMAGINATIVE,  
ORIGINAL AND  
HILARIOUS.'

Rhod Gilbert.

'GLORIOUSLY FUNNY,  
SILLY AND SMART.'  
The Scotsman.



## JIMEOIN – LOVELY!

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£14; CONC £12  
OVER 16 ONLY

Stunning world-class stand-up comedy from the star of Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Jason Manford's Comedy Rocks, Just for Laughs and Best of Edinburgh Comedy Festival. No gimmicks, just pure and simple great craic.

'BRILLIANT.  
IT GETS  
NO BETTER  
THAN THIS.  
HILARIOUS.'

Time Out.

# SARAH MILLICAN: THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLICAN

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER  
MONDAY 24 OCTOBER 2011

**BOTH SOLD OUT**

EXTRA DATE BY HUGE PUBLIC  
DEMAND: WEDNESDAY 15  
FEBRUARY  
MAIN HALL  
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.



# DAVE GORMAN'S POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
8:00PM  
£20  
OVER 16 ONLY

The man behind *Are You Dave Gorman?* and *Googlewhack Adventure* returns with a brand new show. Always one of comedy's most innovative thinkers this genre stretching performer is back... and for this brand new show he's formed a double act... with a projector screen. And they'd like to

show you their Powerpoint Presentation. Cast your powerpoint prejudice\* aside, it's not just for business meetings.

'GORMAN HAS SEEN HIS STOCK RISE TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT HE'S POISED, AS NEVER BEFORE, TO MAKE THE LEAP FROM CULT FIGURE TO MAINSTREAM PHENOMENON.'

Telegraph

\*Some bullet points will be used.



# PUPPETRY OF THE PENIS: 3-D

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
8.00PM  
£18.50; CONC £17  
OVER 16 ONLY

**WARNING:** This show contains traces of nut!

The international genitalia spectacular Puppetry of the Penis is back with a brand NEW show - and now amazingly in 3D.

So real you can almost touch it!

Warning: This show is a non-sexual show that contains full frontal male nudity.

'CHARMING,  
ENTERTAINING.  
DON'T TRY THIS  
AT HOME.'

The Guardian.

# MICKY FLANAGAN

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
8:00PM  
£17.50  
OVER 16 ONLY

Micky draws on his East End background as he ruthlessly deconstructs the Cockney Myth with razor sharp observational wit. He tells a comic tale of a working class upbringing, where alphabet spaghetti is a luxury. Micky has come along way since then, thanks to a university education he is now a rare delight – an intellectual cockney.

'SIDE-SPLITTING'

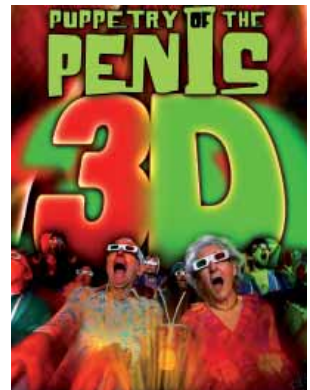
THE SUNDAY TIMES

'GUT-WRENCHINGLY  
HILARIOUS'

THE MIRROR \*\*\*\*\*

'ARGUABLY  
THE FUNNIEST  
COMEDIAN IN THE  
COUNTRY'

FRANK SKINNER



Box Office: **01642 729729**

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# DANIEL SLOSS – THE JOKER

FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£13.50; CONC £10  
OVER 14 ONLY

Scotland's half-man-half-Xbox, hormone-ridden comic prodigy started stand-up aged 16, starred on 'Michael McIntyre's Roadshow', 'Comedy Rocks', '8/10 Cats' 'Mock the Week' and his own BBC show - all before he started shaving.

'CHARMING, SELF-DEPRECATING AND GENUINELY FUNNY'

Time Out

'HYSTERICAL... A STUNNING SHOW OF OBSERVATIONAL HUMOUR'

Sunday Express



# OMID DJALILI: TOUR OF DUTY

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY  
MAIN HALL  
8:00PM  
£19  
OVER 16 ONLY

Multi Award winning stand-up television and movie star, 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.

'ONE OF THE MOST NATURALLY FUNNY COMEDIANS WE HAVE.'

David Baddiel.



## LIVEWIRE: THE AC/DC SHOW

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
7:30PM  
£14 ADV  
OVER 18 ONLY

Livewire bring the full size '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 Livewire 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 Livewire 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!

# TRANSPORTER BRIDGE CENTENARY CONCERT

FEATURING MIDDLESBROUGH SYMPHONY BY DAVID GOLIGHTLY

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
7.45PM  
£25; CONC £22.50  
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
MID AUGUST FROM THE BOX  
OFFICE.

Including the world premiere of Middlesbrough's very own Symphony, Middlesbrough Town Hall and Northern Sinfonia have joined together to present a superb evening of classical music inspired by the centenary.

The 'Middlesbrough' Symphony was written by local composer David Golightly and will be performed live for the first time in honour of the bridge. As an ardent supporter of Middlesbrough Football club Golightly's colourful symphony depicts the highs and lows of the beautiful game.

The full programme will be announced in mid August but will include some popular classics. Keep an eye on local press for the announcement.

## TIM HUGH RECITAL CONCERT

THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
7.45PM  
£8 CONC £6

FREE TO CLASSICAL  
SUBSCRIBERS

BACH	Suite No.1
BRITTEN	Suite No.1
John TAVENER	Threnos
BACH	Suite No.6

We are pleased to welcome the talented Cellist Tim Hugh to our classical season with an exciting evening of music. Following his success at the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow Tim



enjoys an international career as a soloist. He has since worked and recorded with many of the greatest conductors including Gergiev, Previn, Haitink, Sir Colin Davis, Sir Andrew Davis, Rostropovich, Menuhin, Harding, Xavier-Roth, Chung and Tortelier.

## MOSCOW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER  
MAIN HALL  
7:45PM  
FROM: £12.50; CONC £11.50

Conductor:  
Yuri Botnari  
Soloist:  
Nikita Boriso-Glebsky, violin

GLINKA  
Waltz Fantasy for Orchestra

TCHAIKOVSKY  
Violin Concerto in D major  
MUSSORGSKY  
Pictures at an Exhibition

This celebrated orchestra was founded in 1960 and ever since then has been thrilling audiences across the world with their definitive interpretations of the Russian classics. Our programme tonight opens with Glinka's enchanting Waltz Fantasy for Orchestra. Nikita Boriso-Glebsky, who has recently made a great impression in European musical circles, will perform Tchaikovsky's romantic violin concerto. In the second half the orchestra will perform Mussorgsky's grandiose Pictures at an Exhibition which, with its enormous orchestral forces, always makes a most dramatic impact on audiences.



## STACEY KENT & HER MUSICIANS

THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8:00PM  
£16; CONC £14

Stacey Kent, a best-selling member of the Blue Note roster of recording artists, now boasts six best-selling albums, a string of awards, including the British Jazz Award, The BBC Jazz Award for 'Best Vocalist', and Album of the Year, as well as a fan base that enables her to sell-out concert halls around the world.

Stacey's last album,

'Breakfast On the Morning Train', went 'platinum' in France and 'gold' in Germany, and was also nominated for a 2009 Grammy Award. Spring 2010 saw the release of Stacey's eagerly anticipated new album, 'Raconte-Moi', on Blue Note.

"SHE HAS CHARM TO BURN, A SMILE THAT COULD GIVE YOU HOPE IN FEBRUARY AND SINGS LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS"

The Wall Street Journal



## BRAND NEW HEAVIES

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER  
MAIN HALL  
8:00PM  
£18.50

The Brand New Heavies are one of the UK's most successful soul jazz funk bands. In a more than 20 year career to date, the Heavies have sold millions of records and had hits all around the world with songs such as *Midnight At The Oasis*, *You are the Universe* and *Never Stop*.

As part of their 20 year anniversary celebrations, the Heavies are on tour in the UK in the autumn and will be bringing their exciting live show to Middlesbrough for the first time in over 10 years. Expect to hear all the hits. Bring your dancing shoes!

Please note: This is a 14+ event, however anyone under 18 can only gain access to the balcony and gallery.

## GRUFF RHYS

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8:00PM  
£13.50  
OVER 18 ONLY

Super Furry Animals main man Gruff Rhys heads to Middlesbrough Town Hall as part of a 10-date tour of the UK following headline performances at various festivals, including Glastonbury, a sold-out tour in February and the release of his heart-warming new album, *Hotel Shampoo*. Gruff will be joined on stage by North Wales's instrumental surf rock quartet, *Y Niwl*.

As lead singer of the critically acclaimed Welsh group Super Furry Animals, Rhys released 9 studio albums, receiving a Mercury Music Prize nomination on the way, and had major hits with *Hello Sunshine*, *Juxtapozed With U*, *Golden*

*Retriever* and *(Drawing) Ring Around The World*, amongst others.

He now checks in with third solo album, *Hotel Shampoo*; his most ambitious and fully realized yet. Expect a mixture of hits, old and new, and his usual hilarious banter with the crowd.





# RODDY FRAME

TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8:00PM  
£16.50  
OVER 18 ONLY

Scottish singer-songwriting hero Roddy Frame, of Aztec Camera notoriety, is heading out on a short tour of the U.K with a full band for the first time in over 10 years.

Frame shot to prominence in the 80s as the founding member of Glasgow's Brit Award nominated Aztec Camera. The line up changed over the years but Frame remained at the centre, writing and producing all of the bands output. As Aztec

Camera he released 6 albums and created some of the biggest hits of the 80s and 90s including Oblivious, Still On Fire, Walk Out to Winter, Good Morning Britain (featuring The Clash guitarist Mick Jones) and their highest charting hit, Somewhere in My Heart.

Since shedding the band name in 1996 Frame has released a string of critically acclaimed albums; including Surf in 2002, which was seen as a return to his best songwriting form. His shows regularly sell out across Europe and his performances at Glastonbury Festival have become stuff of legend.

## FOLK CONCERT

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
7.30PM  
£8  
OVER 18 ONLY

Transporter Centenary concert celebrations kick off with local folk artists the Teesside Fettleers, the Ironopolis Singers and Flossie Malavialle. Compered by Stewart Mcfarlane, the concert will include local songs from the '70s through to the recently penned Transporter Bridge Song.

## CLASSICAL CONCERT

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER  
MAIN HALL  
3.00PM  
£10 ; UNDER 18S £3

Join the award winning and internationally acclaimed Tees Valley Youth Choir and Youth Orchestra as they perform on the eve of the Transporter Bridge Centenary. Compered by John Foster from BBC Tees, the concert will be the perfect lead-in to the other celebrations that Middlesbrough Council is planning for the evening.

\* Events organised by Middlesbrough Erimus Rotary Club and supported by Middlesbrough Council

# MATTHEW HALSALL

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8:00PM  
£8

Manchester based trumpeter Matthew Halsall is fast carving out a reputation as one of the UK's brightest talents. A gifted trumpeter with a beautiful, expressive tone, his music draws on his love of the transcendental spiritual and modal jazz of Alice and John Coltrane and Pharoah Sanders, as well as the glories of '60s British jazz, and has won him fans from Gilles Peterson to Mojo and BBC Music Magazine.

Halsall's music is thoughtful, elegiac and explorative. But while imbued with a sense of history, the young trumpeter and DJ nevertheless brings a contemporary bounce to his beautiful music and his live shows are as likely to feature a Cinematic Orchestra or Soil and Pimp cover as his own thoughtful originals or the bands soulful explorations of the music of Alice and John Coltrane.



# TOPLOADER

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£15  
OVER 18 ONLY

Guaranteed to get you dancing in the moonlight, sunlight and any other light you care to mention, Eastbourne's favourite sons have come a long way since the release of the hauntingly

catchy 'Achilles Heel' in 1999. A top five album, numerous festival headline slots, TV appearances and THAT song that made watching the Jamie Oliver adverts bearable have made them one of indie's shining lights. Capable of funky blues-rock and soaring string balladry, just try resisting the urge to sing along and tap your foot.

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

## WARSAW PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
7.45PM  
FROM: £12.50; CONC £11.50

Conductor:  
Antoni Wit  
Soloist:  
Kuba Jakowicz, violin

MONIUSZKO  
Overture to the opera Paria  
MENDELSSOHN  
Violin Concerto in E minor  
GÓRECKI  
Three Pieces in the Old Style  
BEETHOVEN  
Symphony no. 5

The programme will start with a delightful overture from the 19th Century Polish composer Moniuszko which will be followed by a performance of Mendelssohn's much-loved Violin Concerto. The second half opens with Górecki's Three Pieces in the Old Style. Henryk Górecki (famous for his 3rd Symphony) died a year ago and we are very pleased to open the second half of the programme with this elegiac work performed in his memory. The concert will end with Beethoven's elemental 5th Symphony.



OPERA DELLA LUNA PRESENTS

# THE GHOSTS OF RUDDIGORE



THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER  
7.30PM  
£16.50; CONC £15

Gilbert & Sullivan meets Rocky Horror as Opera della Luna revisit Ruddigore in their own unique style. Following the company's innovative productions of HMS Pinafore

and The Parson's Pirates the company turns its hand to this popular classic. Ghosts and apparitions take to the stage in a quite literally haunting tale of rural romance. This cleverly re-imagined production features all the well-loved songs but this is G&S as you have never seen or heard it before!

# BRUTUS GOLD'S XMAS DISCO SPECTACULAR!

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER  
TOWN HALL CRYPT  
8.00PM  
£12.50

Puerto Rican [not Puerto-Clarence] superstar disc jockey, perma-tanned gigolo and all-time Teesside legend Brutus Gold travels the world with one aim: to reinstate D.I.S.C.O. to its rightful place - THE DANCEFLOOR!

The Town Hall's main auditorium will be transformed into Funky Town as Brutus Gold's Love Train steams into town. Brutus and his allstar cast will be laying down the grooves thick and heavy and there



won't be no stopping us on that dancefloor - get ready for an A to Z of disco classics including Stayin' Alive, Sex Machine, Boogie Wonderland and loads more.

Can you think of anything better for your office Christmas party?! Contact the Box Office for group booking offers.

# LONDON COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
7:30PM  
£15

From humble beginnings in 1982 as Britain's first concert gospel choir to recording singing at Wembley for the FA Cup Final, The London Community Gospel Choir have grown to be world-wide phenomenon.

Renowned for their funky gospel flair, swing-beat, RnB traditional and soulful arrangements, invigorating choreography and vocal gymnastics, this dynamic group have performed at Glastonbury, on the soundtrack for the Disney Smash the Lion King and backed artists such as James Brown, Madonna, Sir Elton John, Luther Vandross...to name but a few! Now you can catch them for one night only

Energetic, professional, inspiring and spirit filled.... what ever word you choose to describe the sound and vision of the London Community Gospel Choir 'There 'Ain't No Stopping Them Now'.



# NORTHERN SINFONIA

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
7:45PM  
FROM: £12.50; CONC £11.50

Conductor: Thierry Fischer  
Soloist: Imogen Cooper,  
piano

## STRAVINSKY

Suite: The Soldier's Tale

## RAVEL

Piano Concerto in G major

## BEETHOVEN

Symphony No.4 in B flat Op.60

In the first of three visits this season by the Northern Sinfonia, this performance will be conducted by the distinguished Swiss conductor Thierry Fischer, in a programme including Stravinsky's



ground-breaking suite from The Soldier's Tale. This will be followed by a performance by one of Britain's leading musicians, Imogen Cooper, playing Ravel's G major Concerto with its rhapsodic slow movement and jazz-inspired outer movements. The evening will end with Beethoven's 4th Symphony, encapsulating freshness and love of life.

THE PEOPLE'S THEATRE  
COMPANY PRESENTS

## HOW THE KOALA LEARNT TO HUG

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

TOWN HALL CRYPT

1:00PM

£7 ADULTS; £6 CHILDREN;

£22 FAMILY

AGES 4+

Written especially for parents to enjoy with their children, *How The Koala Learnt To Hug* is a charming tale about the magic of family and, of course, the importance of a nice warm hug! So join a host of wild characters including Natascha The Witch, Karen the Koala and the Reggae Beavers for some great stories, sing along songs, superb games and first class hugging.



'ENCHANTING!'

South Wales Guardian

NTC PRESENT

## HANSEL & GRETEL

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

TOWN HALL CRYPT

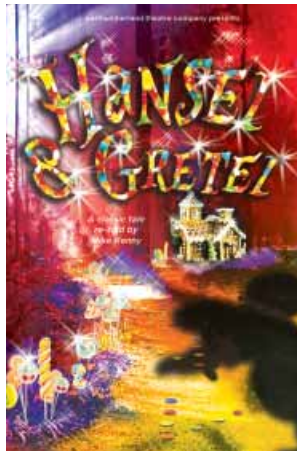
1:00PM

£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.

NTC PRESENT

## TARTUFFE

WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

TOWN HALL CRYPT

7.30PM

£10; CONC £8

*Tartuffe* was the original 'Carry On' film - an hilarious and outrageous classic that, 350 years on, still has the ability to get the audience laughing. *Tartuffe*, a rotten, religious imposter, worms his way into the once ordered household and vulnerable heart of prosperous merchant Orgon. Under the guise of piety he looks set to succeed in driving away the son, marrying the daughter, seducing the wife, imprisoning Orgon and leaving the family destitute despite the best efforts of Orgon's streetwise servant Dorine.

Cue disguises, thwarted lovers, eavesdropping and the famous 'table scene' considered by many to be the funniest comic set pieces ever written for the stage. *Tartuffe* is performed in a style with its roots in Commedia del'Arte, yet with a relevance and humour that will delight modern-day audiences.





# AN EVENING OF BURLESQUE

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER  
MAIN HALL  
7:30PM  
£20

Direct from London's West End... tantalising yet tasteful, camp and colourful... elegant showgirls combine Parisian charm with Las Vegas glamour.

It's all tease, no sleaze as corsets, killer heels and stockings aplenty combine exquisitely with music from across the decades. Traditional burlesque given a modern-day tweak as sultry vocals, breathtaking choreography,

mischief, magic, frivolity and fun collide.

The all-star cast of truly remarkable women command respect: "burlesque sensation" – The Guardian, "... sultry combination of burlesque and classical piano" – Mail on Sunday, "fun, witty... beautiful and rather moving"...

Couture costumes recall long-gone-by eras of glamour as the UK's first and only touring burlesque spectacular brings the magic of the West End to Middlesbrough in the ultimate tease.

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

## LET'S TALK FOOTBALL WITH DERMOT GALLAGHER AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
7:30PM  
£15; CONC £12.50  
OVER 16 ONLY

You've seen them play; you've heard their radio show banter now see them being grilled for the first time ever live on stage.

Join the three legendary ex players and real radio legends Malcolm MacDonald, Bernie Slaven and Micky Horswill as they are quizzed by Former Premier league referee Dermot Gallagher.

Hear the stories that have never been told from 3 legendary figures of Newcastle United, Middlesbrough and Sunderland Football clubs.

Controversial, Entertaining and Nostalgic.

A show not to be missed by any True Fan.

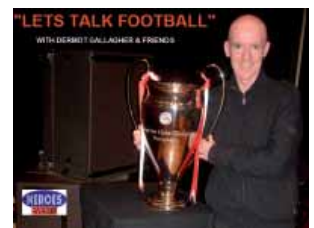
In association with Heroes Events supporting children's charity STREET KICK

**MAKE A NIGHT OF IT!**

Pre-book Middlesbrough Town Hall events tickets and enjoy some fantastic restaurant offers!

**MTH**  
MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN HALL

AKBAR'S    SASSARI    JOE RIGANTONIS    LePharm





## BRENDAN COLE LIVE AND UNJUDGED

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY  
MAIN HALL  
7.30PM  
£29.50

Not 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! Brendan's mischievous personality will host you throughout, while onstage his 14 piece band will captivate you with their song renditions from some of the music industry's greatest artists, including Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston, Robert Palmer, Jennifer Lopez, Prince, Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble, Kenny Rogers, Gloria Estefan and Robbie Williams.

If it's dance you want, dance you will get! Brendan, alongside some well known faces, will perform all of your

Strictly favourites, from the Paso Doble to the Tango and Quickstep to the Jive, there really is something for everyone. 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. Scott himself promises not to hold back on offering some intimate insights into the real Brendan!

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!

## SALLY MORGAN 'PSYCHIC SALLY ON THE ROAD'

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY  
MAIN HALL  
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!



## DOCTOR MARTIN'S BRASS BAND CONTEST 2011

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
11.00AM  
£12; CONC £8;  
UNDER 16S FREE

Hear some of the countries leading brass bands perform their own choice march, solo and championship section test piece in competition for The Wainstone's cup and £7500 in prize money. Last years inaugural contest was won by The Reg Vardy Band who will be back again to compete against ten other leading brass bands from around the country including: Drighlington Band, City of Sheffield, Exchange

Communications Whitburn, The Felling Band, Fishburn, Friary Guildford, Milton Keynes (MK) Brass, Pemberton Old Wigan DW Band, Rothwell and Yorkshire Imperial Urquhart Travel. The great variety of music provides a hugely entertaining event for the brass band enthusiasts and those new to the genre.



## DESIGNERS MARKETPLACE



SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER  
MAIN HALL  
11.00AM – 4.00PM  
£1 UPON ENTRY

Middlesbrough Town Hall will be playing host to 55 of the region's most talented artists and designers where they will be selling their exquisite hand produced products minus art gallery and boutique mark

ups! There will be a range of pieces on sale which you can buy directly from the designer themselves, and this time round you can expect to meet international textile award winners, to favourite local photographers, raw talent from some of the area's most recent design graduates to brands which sell online through some of the UK's largest shopping websites. Expect to see fashion, accessories, art, photography, textiles, prints, ceramics, homeware and much much more.

For more info on Designers Marketplace, other events we may run and how to get involved go to: [www.designersmarketplace.org.uk](http://www.designersmarketplace.org.uk)

# TAKE PART

## BEGINNERS BALLET

EVERY MONDAY TERM-TIME  
5.45 – 6.45PM  
£2.50 PER SESSION  
AGE 16 YEARS +

The perfect introduction to ballet. This class will teach techniques for breathing, as well as helping to lengthen and ease the spine, free the shoulders and hip joints, strengthen the stomach muscles and free the leg muscles.

## 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.



## MTH PERFORMING ARTS

EVERY SATURDAY TERM TIME  
10AM – 1PM - AGES 7 – 11  
1.30 – 4.30PM - AGES 12 – 16  
£6.50 PER SESSION  
BLOCK BOOKING ONLY

Become a star of the stage at Middlesbrough Town Hall! Learn everything you need to know to put on your own hit performance; from acting, singing and dancing to the more technical side of lighting, costume and more.

## 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.

# 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

# 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–Wednesday: 10am–5pm  
 Thursday: 10am–8pm  
 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.

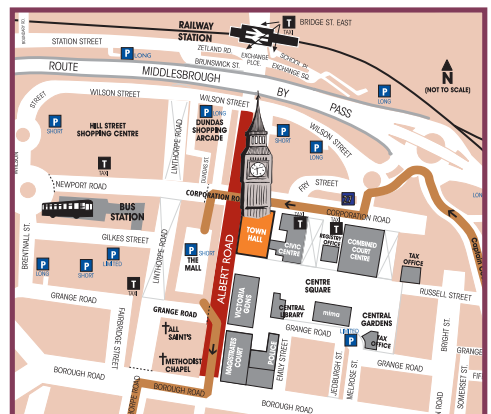
**Reservations:** Reserved tickets  
 will be held for 3 working days,  
 or until 5pm on the day before  
 the performance. Tickets not  
 paid for within this timeframe  
 will be released. Reservations  
 cannot be made on the day of the  
 performance.

## 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. One free ticket is  
 available for each companion.  
 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

## AUGUST

6	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
13	The Wedding Present	7.30pm
17	Tea Dance	2.00pm
27	Livewire: The AC/DC Show	7.30pm

## SEPTEMBER

3	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
11	Doctor Martin's Brass Band Contest	11.00am
14	Tartuffe	7.30pm
15	Transporter Bridge Centenary Concert	7.45pm
19	Show Me the Funny: Live!	8.00pm
21	Tea Dance	2.00pm
22	Jason Byrne	8.00pm
29	Tim Hugh Recital Concert	7.45pm

## OCTOBER

1	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
2	Tom Stade	8.00pm
4	Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra	7.45pm
6	Stacey Kent	8.00pm
7	Brand New Heavies	8.00pm
9	Gruff Rhys	8.00pm
11	Roddy Frame	8.00pm
14	Centenary Celebration: Folk Concert	7.30pm
15	Matthew Halsall	8.00pm
16	Centenary Celebration: Classical Concert	3.00pm
19	Jimeoin	8.00pm
20	Toploader	8.00pm
22	How the Koala Learnt to Hug	1.00pm
23 & 24	Sarah Millican – SOLD OUT	8.00pm
29	An Evening of Burlesque	7.30pm
30	Big Mouth Comedy Club Gala	8.00pm

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

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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.

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## NOVEMBER

3	The Ghosts of Ruddigore	7.30pm
6	Lets talk Football with Dermot Gallagher and Friends	7.30pm
11	Dave Gorman	8.00pm
12	Micky Flanagan	8.00pm
15	Puppetry of the Penis: 3-D	8.00pm
17	Warsaw Philharmonic Orchestra	7.45pm
19	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm

## DECEMBER

2	Brutus Gold	8.00pm
3	Designers Marketplace	11.00am – 4.00pm
9	Daniel Sloss	8.00pm
10	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
17	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
14	Northern Sinfonia	7.45pm
21	London Community Gospel Choir	7.30pm
22 & 23	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm

## JANUARY

28	Hansel & Gretel	1.00pm
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## FEBRUARY

6	Brendan Cole	7.30pm
10	Omid Djalili	8.00pm
15	Sarah Millican	8.00pm
28	Sally Morgan	7.30pm



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