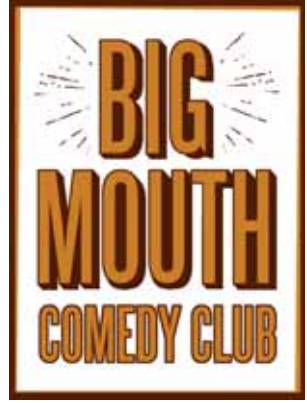


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BIG MOUTH COMEDY CLUB



The North-East's biggest comedy club, featuring 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.

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.

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DANIEL SLOSS, GRAHAM GORING & MC DANNY MCCLOUGHLIN

SATURDAY 8 JANUARY
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD
OVER 18 ONLY

The first Big Mouth of 2011 gets off to a flying start with another cracking bunch of winter warmers.

Scottish sensation Daniel Sloss is currently taking the comedy world by storm at the ripe old age of 19! And, if you saw his cracking gig on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow a few months back, you'll know exactly why.

Top support comes from video games wizard Graham Goring, with razor sharp Danny McLoughlin as MC.

'IF I WAS A BETTING MAN, I'D
BACK HIM ALL THE WAY.'

Time Out.



MC MATT REED, PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS TO BE ANNOUNCED



SATURDAY 5 FEBRUARY
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD
OVER 18 ONLY

Two special guests lined up for you tonight, but we need to keep it under wraps for now. It's cloak and dagger. We're excited. We reckon you will be too!

The ever fantastic Matt Reed is one of our favourite MC's, so laughs will be coming thick and fast all night.

RAY PEACOCK, JAMES COOK & MC DANNY MCCLOUGHLIN



SATURDAY 5 MARCH
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD
OVER 18 ONLY

Larger than life crowd-pleaser and all round banter man Ray Peacock is only one of the most downright entertaining headliners on the UK circuit today.

The huge Edinburgh Festival favourite also happens to be one-half of the internet sensation Peacock & Gamble Podcast. That's the ipod generation to you and me.

Top support comes from confident know-it-all James Cook, with Manc charmer and rapidly emerging Big Mouth favourite Danny McLoughlin as MC.

SIMON EVANS, CAREY MARX & MC MATT REED

SATURDAY 2 APRIL
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD
OVER 18 ONLY

Tonight's headliner Simon Evans comes to Boro after a storming gig on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow just a few months back.

A regular on Radio 4's News Quiz, and the writer of choice for folks including Dara O' Briain, Sean Lock, Jimmy Carr & Lee Mack. Come and see what all the fuss is about.

Top-notch support comes from mischief master Carey Marx, with Big Mouth favourite Matt Reed as MC.



'SUBLIME.'

The Guardian.

'NOBODY DOES IT BETTER.'

Carly Simon.



PAUL SINHA, MC DANNY MCLOUGHLIN & SPECIAL GUEST TO BE ANNOUNCED

SATURDAY 7 MAY
DOORS 7.30PM; SHOW 8.30PM
£12.50 / £10 EARLY BIRD
OVER 18 ONLY

A big treat here. Tonight's headliner Paul Sinha is a hugely entertaining former Perrier nominee (that's Edinburgh that is!) who just happens to be one of the best headliners, well, anywhere really. Expect stories, tall tales and belly laughs galore.

We'll also have a special guest to be announced, with the fantastic Danny McLoughlin as MC.



The Scotsman



The Independent



The Times



The Guardian

JASON COOK: THE END, PART 1

TOWN HALL CRYPT
SATURDAY 22 JANUARY
8.00PM
£12; CONC £10
OVER 16 ONLY

If you've loved Jason Cook at Big Mouth, come and see him in full flow!

Are you happy with life? Truly happy? What happens at 'The End'?

A massive 5-star hit at last year's Edinburgh fringe, this is a show of two parts – with part 2 set for Edinburgh this summer.

It's been a big year for Jason. World tours, awards across the globe, and even included in Chortle's top 50 gigs of the decade. Twice!

So, come and see The End. THIS YEAR, IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING!



STEPHEN K AMOS: THE BEST MEDICINE

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY
8.00PM
£17
OVER 16 ONLY

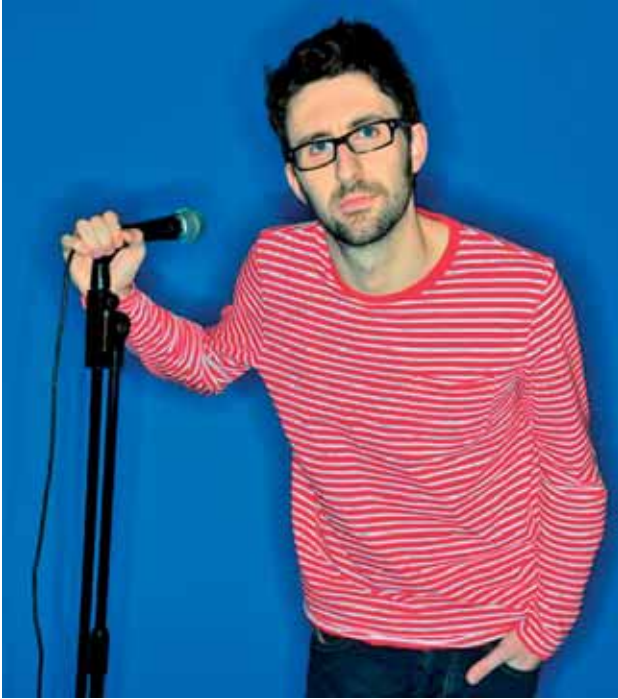
Fresh from a busy year filming his own BBC2 comedy series 'The Stephen K Amos Show', Stephen is back on tour with more melt in the middle, heartfelt humour to warm the very cockles of your heart.

His last show at the Town Hall was one of our absolute season highlights. Laughter really is the best medicine and the Doctor will see you now!

'IF LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE THEN AMOS SHOULD BE PRESCRIBED BY THE NHS FOR HIS FORMIDABLE HEALING POWERS'

Evening Standard





CRAIG CAMPBELL

TOWN HALL CRYPT
THURSDAY 3 MARCH
8.00PM
£12: CONC £10
OVER 16 ONLY

Once the notorious host of Canada's legendary Ed's Night Party, Craig Campbell's unique ability to find humour in the mundane, coupled with his own natural eccentricity makes for truly inventive storytelling.

Likened to a young Billy Connelly for his masterful anecdotes, this North American comic is now an internationally acclaimed act. If you were lucky you might have seen him supporting Frankie Boyle.

'A SUPREMELY CONFIDENT, GIFTED COMIC.'

New Zealand Herald

MARK WATSON: DO I KNOW YOU?

FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY
8.00PM
£16.50
OVER 14 ONLY

The multi-award winning comedian, host of BBC's *We Need Answers*, *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, a *Mock The Week* regular and (pew) star of cult Radio 4 series *Mark Watson Makes The World Substantially Better!*

After all that, Mark Watson finally returns to the road in the UK, with his most personal, most surprising, and funniest

show yet. And this after total sell-out seasons at the Montreal, Melbourne, Sydney and Edinburgh Festivals.

'A CLASSIC OBSERVATIONAL HUMORIST, A STAND-UP SUPERSTAR.'

Time Out New York



JOHN BISHOP: SUNSHINE

FRIDAY 11 & SATURDAY 12
MARCH (BOTH SHOWS SOLD
OUT – PLEASE CHECK BOX
OFFICE FOR RETURNS).
8.00PM
£25
OVER 16 ONLY

Multi award winning comedian
of the moment John Bishop is
back with a brand new show.

Tickets flew fast for both
these dates, but feel free to check
with the box office to see if any
returns have become available
(or join us on facebook or twitter
for latest news updates).

'IF YOU FAIL TO
LAUGH LIKE A
LUNATIC, CHECK
YOURSELF INTO A
MORTUARY: YOU
ARE PROBABLY
DEAD.'

Metro



SARAH MILLICAN: CHATTERBOX

SUNDAY 27 MARCH & FRIDAY
8 APRIL (BRAND NEW DATE BY
PUBLIC DEMAND!)
8.00PM
£15
OVER 16 ONLY

Star of Live at the Apollo,
Michael McIntyre's Comedy
Roadshow and Mock the Week,
if.comedy Best Newcomer Sarah
Millican comes to Boro with
her hugely popular debut tour,
Chatterbox.

Tickets for Sarah's March
show were snapped up almost
six months in advance – and

tickets are absolutely flying for
her newly added April show too.
Best buy early!

The sweet and filthy
Geordie's show promises jokes
about life, love and what to do
when your boyfriend puts a sock
on your boob during sex.

'AN OUTSTANDING
HOUR FROM
ONE OF THE BEST
COMEDIANS IN THE
COUNTRY.'

The Scotsman

ROY CHUBBY BROWN

THURSDAY 31 MARCH

7.30PM

£19.00

OVER 18 ONLY

Roy Chubby Brown is back in town....

Get ready for a barn-storming night of jokes, banter and hilarious mickey-taking from Britain's most outrageous comedian, bar none!

Laugh till it hurts as Chubby rips into his live audiences with a non-stop battering ram of laugh-out-loud comedy guaranteed! Get the hottest ticket in town but be warned – if easily offended please stay away!



TERRY ALDERTON: JUST TERRY

TOWN HALL CRYPT

SUNDAY 3 APRIL

8.00PM

£12; CONC £10

OVER 16 ONLY

Star of Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and Comedy Central's 'Live at The Comedy Store,' Terry is an Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee and record holder for the most encores at London's legendary Comedy Store.

How good is that? Expect a

bagful of stunning impressions and amazing sound effects galore from this amazing physical comic.

'HIS LATEST SHOW IS SOMETHING SPECIAL. EFFORTLESSLY ENJOYABLE AND EXCITINGLY DIFFERENT.' * * * *

The Times



TIM VINE: THE JOKE-AMOTIVE

TOWN HALL CRYPT
MONDAY 18 APRIL
8.00PM
£16
OVER 14 ONLY

The king of the one-liner and star of BBCr's 'Live at The Apollo' and 'Not Going Out'. After a total sell-out UK tour and the Edinburgh Festival 2010, extra tour shows have been added for 2011.

Here it comes over the brow of the hilarity. It's Tim Vine in a train. Stand back from the platform in case you get hit by a prop. Every carriage is packed full of gags. Can you hear them? Chug chug joke joke, chug chug joke joke. Be on your guard. This train Timinates here.

'NO ONE ELSE WILL GIVE YOU AS MANY GAGS FOR YOUR MONEY. VINE IS SUPERB, AS CLEVER AS ANYTHING BEING DONE TODAY.'

The Guardian



JIMMY CARR: LAUGHTER THERAPY

FRIDAY 15 APRIL
8.00PM
£25
OVER 16 ONLY

The star of 8 Out of 10 Cats is back with an extra date by

huge public demand after a barnstorming sell-out Town Hall show in November.

If you have a sick sense of humour, maybe laughter is the best medicine. Not to be taken if you have a sensitive disposition.

'HIS EXQUISITELY ECONOMICAL AND PERFECTLY TIMED ONE-LINERS HAVE SET THE NEW STANDARD'

Daily Telegraph

Box Office: **01642 729729**

www.visitmiddlesbrough.com



MILTON JONES: LION WHISPERER

FRIDAY 22 APRIL

8.00PM

£15

OVER 16 ONLY

Milton Jones. You know; the weird bloke with the shirts from Mock the Week. As well as star of Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, and the voice of eight series for Radio 4 (including The Very World of Milton Jones and Another Case of Milton Jones) and all sorts of other radio and telly as well. Awards too. Well it's his new show with new stuff, not in his last show. Youtube him or something...

'SULTAN OF THE
SURREAL.'

The Guardian

'THE BEST ONE-LINER
MERCHANT IN BRITISH
COMEDY.'

Chortle

ANDY PARSONS: GRUNTLED

TOWN HALL CRYPT

MONDAY 16 MAY

8.00PM

£15

OVER 16 ONLY

Star of BBCr's Mock The Week and Live At The Apollo, Andy Parsons once found some underpants in a jar of mayonnaise.

He may talk about it. Or he may not. This is his third tour round the country. It may be his last. There's only so much of the UK a man needs to see. The more you travel the more chance there is that your mayonnaise may contain underpants. So he will be holding nothing back. Yes, this show will shave even closer – and will be nothing



but the whole truth, slightly embellished.

Time Out Award Winner
/ New Zealand International
Comedy Award Winner /
Montreal Just For Laughs
Comedy Festival Award Winner.

ED BYRNE: CROWD PLEASER



THURSDAY 26 MAY

8.00PM

£20

OVER 16 ONLY

After the massive success of his last tour, Different Class - including a storming Boro Town Hall gig - the star of Mock the Week, Live at the Apollo and Have I Got News For You is back with a brand new show.

Crowd Pleaser is a hilarious insight into Ed's life. Continuing his quest to turn into a grumpy old man, whether talking about his cat, cake or potential fatherhood, Ed delivers bagfuls of laughs.

NORTHERN SINFONIA

THURSDAY 20 JANUARY
7.45PM
FROM £12; CONC £10.50

Bradley Creswick: director
Juliette Bausor: flute
Catrin Finch: harp

FAURE: Masques et bergamasques, Op. 112
ELGAR: Salut d'Amour
MOZART: Concerto for Flute and Harp
VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS: Fantasia on a theme of Greensleeves
DEBUSSY: Danse Sacree et Profane



RESPIGHI: Gli Uccelli (The Birds)

Brilliant flautist Juliette Bausor is joined by the former Harpist to HRH The Prince of Wales for Mozart's spectacular Concerto. This is a programme packed with a seemingly endless parade of breathtaking melody, including Vaughan Williams's hummable-along to tune.

VIENNA TONKÜNSTLER ORCHESTRA

THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY
7.45PM
FROM £12; CONC £11

Conductor: Andrés Orozco-Estrada
Soloist: Natasha Paremski, piano

MOZART: Overture to Marriage of Figaro
BEETHOVEN: Piano Concerto No.5 (Emperor)
BRAHMS: Symphony No.2 in D major, Op.73



The Vienna Tonkünstler Orchestra have been established as one of Vienna's most distinguished orchestras for over 100 years. They will be conducted by their new music director Andrés Orozco-Estrada. The soloist is the immensely talented Natasha Paremski in

a performance of Beethoven's grand Emperor Piano Concerto which has been loved by audiences the world-over since it was first composed in 1809. In the second half the orchestra will perform Brahms' deeply romantic Symphony No.2.

THE RAT PACK VEGAS SPECTACULAR

MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY
7.30PM
£20; CONC £18

Fun all the way as the 'Purveyors of Cool' come to town with a sensational show featuring the greatest music of the 20th Century.

Wonderful memories of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis delivered in true Vegas style. The whole show is totally live with a hot show band and every song is an absolute classic – Come Fly with Me, Volare, Under My Skin, Mr Bojangles, Lady is a Tramp, Mack the Knife and many more of your favourites. Plus of course this is interspersed with lots of hanky panky and banter, as their timeless soiree remains the hottest party around.

This show has been successful all over the world from the USA to Turkey, check out the award-winning website to see and hear for yourself.
www.ratpack.biz





MARTIN SIMPSON TRIO

SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY
8.00PM
£14.50; CONC £12.50

Martin Simpson, one of the best acoustic guitar players in the world, is joined by the amazing talents of Andy Cutting on melodeon and Andy Seward on double bass to create a deadly musical trio.

On his own Martin has won BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for Musician of the Year and Album of the Year twice, and also for Best Original Track in 2008. He's

renowned for his spectacular guitar skills and the unique mixture of British and American music in his repertoire.

Andy Cutting scooped the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award's Musician of the Year in 2008 and Andy Seward plays double bass with Kate Rusby's Band and with John Tams amongst many others.

Together this is an unstoppable blend of talent, which has taken Martin's music to a new level and is a thrilling live experience.

KEEP IT CASH

FRIDAY 4 MARCH
8.00PM
£14; CONC £12

Europe's leading tribute to the music of Johnny Cash 'Keep it Cash' have been likened to seeing 'The Man in Black' in his full glory days.

With the rhythm section made up of top professional musicians, their dedication to

interpreting and arranging the musical legacy of Johnny Cash, has lead the band to radio and television play throughout the UK and galvanized them as one of the very best in the industry. The band was used to promote and launch the film 'Walk the Line'.

Critically acclaimed Lead Singer, Dave Burnham, met Johnny Cash no less than 15 times and in the depth of his natural baritone voice, the ghost of Johnny Cash lives on in one of his greatest admirers.

CLEVELAND PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

A "BRIEF ENCOUNTER"
WITH SOME RUSSIANS

SUNDAY 20 MARCH
3.00PM
£10, CONC £8, CHILDREN £3

Conductor: David Greed
Soloist: Ian Buckle, Piano

Glinka : Overture - Ruslan & Ludmilla

Rachmaninoff: Piano concerto No.2 in C Minor, Op.18
Prokofiev: Symphony No 7 in C sharp Minor

Returning for another year for their popular Sunday afternoon concert at the Town Hall, this programme has some treats for all the family.

First up is the lively Overture to Ruslan and Ludmilla which will be known by some of you from the children's cartoon "Oscar's Orchestra". The ever-popular Rachmaninoff 2nd Piano Concerto is a regular at the top of the Hall of Fame, and was used throughout the film "Brief Encounter". The orchestra will end the concert with Prokofiev's last symphony, which was commissioned for children's radio. It leaves behind the more dissonant aspects of Prokofiev's music, and is full of melodic interest.

THE BOOTLEG SIXTIES

TOWN HALL CRYPT
THURSDAY 24 MARCH
7.30PM
£15 CONC £13

The Bootleg Sixties show is packed with great music from all the classic artists of the decade, and is back dropped by fantastic visual footage, including archive material from each town and city hosting the show. Add in some guest appearances, some fab 60's costumes and, of course, 'The Overtures' own inimitable performance, and you've got a show which is sure to delight audiences of all ages.

The Overtures are recognised as one of the finest exponents of Sixties music in the world today, and among their many credits and successes they were Sir Elton John's main act at his civil ceremony wedding, as well as supporting him at the o2 Arena in London.

Let yourself be taken on an unforgettable journey with the songs, stars and images of pop music's greatest decade.



247 TOURING PRESENT

ULTIMATE EAGLES

TOWN HALL CRYPT
TUESDAY 19 APRIL
8.00PM
£15 ADVANCE

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.

Come out and see them and judge for yourselves!

JOIN US ON
FACEBOOK OR
TWITTER AND
SIGN UP FOR
OUR FORTNIGHTLY
E-NEWSLETTER

NORTHERN SINFONIA

THURSDAY 28 APRIL
7.45PM
FROM £12; CONC £10.50

Conductor:
Nicholas Kraemer
Soloist:
Bradley Creswick, violin
COPLAND

Appalachian Spring: Suite
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
The Lark Ascending
BEETHOVEN

Symphony No. 6 in F major,
Op.68 "Pastoral"

The last of the Northern Sinfonia's concerts this season will be conducted by Nicholas Kraemer and has a pastoral theme running throughout. Copland's evocative Appalachian Spring is followed by Vaughan Williams' elegiac tribute to the English landscape. In the second half of the concert the orchestra will perform Beethoven's musical homage to the countryside around Vienna that he loved so much.



BOLSHOI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



THURSDAY 5 MAY
7.45PM
FROM £12; CONC £11

Conductor: Alexei Stepanov
Soloist: Ivan Rudin, piano
RIMSKY KORSAKOV
Tale of Tsar Saltan
(Suite from Opera, Op.57)
Intr. to Act I: The Tsar's
Departure and Farewell
Intr. to Act II: The Tsarina in a
Barrel at Sea
Intr. to Act IV: The Three
Wonders
RACHMANINOV
Piano Concerto No.1
TCHAIKOVSKY
Suite from Nutcracker
The Bolshoi Opera and

Orchestra have been at the centre of Russian musical life for over two centuries. In the first half they will perform a suite from Rimsky Korsakov's exotic opera The Tale of Tsar Saltan. This will be followed by the distinguished Russian pianist Ivan Rudin giving a performance of Rachmaninov's lyrical 1st Piano Concerto, with its pulsating outer movements and beautiful slow movement. In the second half the orchestra, under Alexei Stepanov, will perform some of the most popular music that Tchaikovsky ever composed – music from his much-loved ballet the Nutcracker.

LADIES OF COUNTRY

TUESDAY 10 MAY
7.30PM
£20; CONC £18

This fabulous, nostalgic show features direct from the USA the much-loved singing Star Billie Jo Spears performing all her popular hits including 'Blanket on the Ground', 'What I've got in mind' and '57 Chevrolet'

Billie Jo is joined on stage by internationally acclaimed Lena Martell and Ireland's 'queen of country' Philomena Begley

Don't miss this good ole' night of country music which will have you clapping your hands and singing along.

An amazing Line-up, an amazing show!



JOOLS HOLLAND

AND HIS RHYTHM AND BLUES ORCHESTRA WITH SPECIAL GUEST STAR TBC AND GUEST VOCALISTS RUBY TURNER & LOUISE MARSHALL

THURSDAY 19 MAY
8.00PM
£32.50

The countries most popular pianist and bandleader Jools Holland returns to Middlesbrough Town Hall with his 18-piece Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, for what is guaranteed to be a roof raising performance.

Jools and his band, which features drummer Gilson Lavis (ex Squeeze Drummer) and the

magnificent guest soloists Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall amongst others, perform their legendary shows to around 300,000 people a year.

This time round they'll be performing tracks from their latest studio album, *Rockinghorse* - a 19-track collection of classic Jools Holland compositions, interpretations and covers.

Always a packed out night and a fantastic atmosphere, be sure you don't miss out!

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

BY MIKE KENNY

SATURDAY 29 JANUARY
1.00PM
£6 ADULT; £5 CHILD;
£18 FAMILY

A beautiful girl, a father on his uppers, an enchanted castle, a mad gallop through the forest, a deserted rose garden, a promise unkept, a classic tale, a love story.

What more could you want in the middle of a long winter? This is a story you've always known, but you'll feel you were hearing it for the first time. It's funny, it's sad, it's exciting. It will warm your heart and send shivers up your spine, whether you are young or old.



SALLY MORGAN

'PSYCHIC SALLY ON THE ROAD'

FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY
7.30PM
£20.50

Fresh from her new TV Series - 'Psychic Sally On The Road' on Living TV, 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!

www.sallymorgan.tv

NTC PRESENT

STAR QUALITY

BY BARRY STONE

TOWN HALL CRYPT
WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH
7.30PM
£10; CONC £8

A time warp 1970s corner shop that is owned by a sixty year old agoraphobic called Miss Lavender is wracked by an eerie wind. Former groceries delivery boy Julian King pours everything he's got into his singing on Britain's bright n' brash number one TV talent contest 'Star Quality'.

Yet all is not what it seems, and upon learning that the much-milked story of his



father's apparent death by drowning at sea is in fact an insurance scam, Julian flees the show. Still, persuaded by Miss Lavender that he must at any cost bury his doubts, he returns just in time to drive the audience crazy with his contest-winning rendition of Halleluyah.

SERGEI PROKOFIEV'S

PETER & THE WOLF

ADAPTED BY SEA LEGS PUPPET THEATRE

TOWN HALL CRYPT
SATURDAY 19 MARCH
1.00PM
FAMILIES/ CHILDREN AGE 3+
£5 ADULT; £4.50 CHILD;
£15 FAMILY

Welcome to Russia! Travel with Rob and his suitcase full of surprises into deepest darkest Russia, to old man Prokofiev's house in the woods where lives the big, hungry Wolf.

Get ready to meet the world famous characters: young Peter and his Grandfather, the supercilious Cat, the silly Duck, quick-witted Redbird, Ivan and Boris the blundering hunters and of course.... the big hungry Wolf.

Running time – 45 minutes
+ 15 minutes "Meet the Puppets"





YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHER GIRLS CHRISSY

CREATED AND PERFORMED BY CAROLINE HORTON
COMMISSIONED BY CHINA PLATE / WARWICK ARTS
CENTRE / MAC

WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH
7.30PM
£10; CONC £8

Paris 1945. Christiane waits for a ticket to England that will reunite her with her fiancé. While she waits, this irrepressible mademoiselle recounts the love story

between her - an eccentric, acutely-myopic Parisian - and a tongue-tied English teacher from Staffordshire. A tender, comic portrayal of one woman's experience of love and war.

Best Solo Performer, The Stage Awards 2010
www.carolinehorton.net

A DISH OF TEA WITH DR JOHNSON

ADAPTED FROM THE WRITINGS OF JAMES BOSWELL

TUESDAY 29 MARCH
7.30PM
£10; CONC £8

Irritable, generous, depressive yet hilarious: meet Samuel Johnson - poet, essayist, compiler of the first English dictionary. This evening of anecdotes and witty conversation brings to life one of the most colourful figures of the eighteenth century.

Ian Redford plays the eponymous Johnson and Russell Barr plays a host of characters, from biographer James Boswell and painter Joshua Reynolds to the society hostess who was Johnson's final, unrequited, love. Ian was praised for his performance as Dr Johnson in April DeAngelis' hit comedy *A Laughing Matter* for Out of Joint and the National Theatre. You may also recognise him as Keith Appleyard who he played for two years in *Coronation Street*.



SNAIL TALES PRESENTS

A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME

TOWN HALL CRYPT

SATURDAY 9 APRIL

1.00PM

ADULTS £5; CHILDREN £4.50;

FAMILY £15

Be the first to hear the next generation of fairy tales!

Wizards, witches and magical animals join boys and girls like you on crazy quests and wacky adventures - from helpful gazelles to dragon poo. Each short story has been created by children from UK primary schools, and adapted by professional storytellers to include puppetry, live music, magic, and lots of joining in!

Sometimes moral, sometimes absurd, but always colourful, curious and fun.



VITAL THEATRE PRESENTS

THE MAN WHO WAS HAMLET

WRITTEN AND PERFORMED BY GEORGE DILLON

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL

7.30PM

£12; CONC £10

Who really wrote Hamlet? Could it possibly have been the work of a barely literate Stratford grain merchant and money lender? Or was it really the dramatic autobiography of a disgraced and disgraceful nobleman? The Man Who Was Hamlet tells the comical, tragical, romantic and utterly scandalous history of Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, the leading alternative candidate for the authorship of the works of 'William Shake-speare'.

So was de Vere the inspiration and role model for Hamlet... or was he really the author?

'...THE TOAST OF THE EDINBURGH FESTIVAL'

British Theatre Guide

PROM FAYRE

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY

12.00PM-4.00PM

£2

UNDER 16'S FREE ENTRY

Fashion Shows on Stage showcasing the latest Prom Trends.

As the school year comes to an end, the Prom is the last big event on the school calendar and everyone's talking about it.

This is the perfect opportunity to provide inspiration to your plans whether you are a pupil, parent or teacher you can discover all there is to know about prom night. Peruse at your leisure an exclusive range of prom related businesses all under one roof and then take your seat in the Balcony for a bird's eye view of the spectacular Fashions on stage featuring the latest Prom Wear Trends.

Remember to visit one of the Hair and Beauty stands and try a Free Hair Trial or Beauty Demo.

Join us and let us help make your Prom night, a night to remember.

For further information please contact Diamond Events on 07949 532172 or go to our website at www.diamondeventsuk.com



ALL ACTION WRESTLING

FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY
7.30PM
£10; CHILD £8 ADVANCE

Returning for another year All Action Wrestling are back for the third 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.

YOUTH DANCE MIDDLESBROUGH PRESENT

MOVING MIDDLESBROUGH DANCE FESTIVAL



SUNDAY 6 MARCH
6.00PM - 8.00PM
£3; CONC £2

Get ready to be inspired as Moving Middlesbrough dazzles you with it's stunning programme of dance. From Urban, Street and Zumba as well as some special performances by and for children and adults alike. Moving Middlesbrough is a vibrant stage show of Urban Dance Styles, which is guaranteed to get everyone dancing!

The programme also features the work of local artists including Dance Factory North East, Urban Kaos and all girl street dance group "Misfit Dance", winners of the North East High School Street Dance Championships in May 2010.

Visit Middlesbrough.gov.uk for a full programme

SPRING WEDDING FAYRE & CATWALK SHOWS

SUNDAY 17 APRIL
12.00PM-4.00PM
(CATWALKS 1.00PM & 3.00PM)
£2
UNDER 16'S FREE ENTRY

If you're looking for inspirational ideas to make your special day perfect come along and meet wedding professionals showcasing their products and services.

Take time in the day to view the glamorous bridal catwalk shows featuring the latest trends in Bridal Fashion.

If all of the above isn't enough there will be Free bridal hair trials and beauty demos plus ... live music performances and free prize draws.

Brides receive a complimentary Bridal Goody Bag with Glossy Bridal Magazines.

For further information please contact Diamond Events on 07949 532172 or go to our website at www.diamondeventsuk.com





THE COBWEB ORCHESTRA BEETHOVEN DAY

MONDAY 25 APRIL
11AM TO APPROX 8.30PM

Players, listeners and singers are invited to join The Cobweb Orchestra in their most ambitious event to date - an attempt to play through every single note of Beethoven's nine symphonies in a single day, starting in the morning with his youthful first, and continuing throughout the afternoon with the next seven, including the 'Eroica', the 'Pastoral' and, of course, the instantly recognisable '5th'. The evening finale will consist of the glorious "Choral" symphony.

It promises to be an exciting and exhausting day of music making. Each work will be played through without preparation, but there will be

prior opportunities to rehearse at the weekly Cobweb Orchestra sessions, which take place at a variety of venues including Middlesbrough Town Hall, on a Monday Evening.

For further details about the day including prices, contact the Cobweb Orchestra's Administrator, Catherine Shackell on 01937 831163, or email: admin@cobweborchestra.org.uk, or visit www.cobweborchestra.org.uk

All Cobweb Orchestra activities are open to players of all standards. The only entry requirement is that you have an instrument and want to play it. Singers are always welcome, too, when we perform vocal works, such as the 'Choral' symphony which rounds off this day.

MONDAY NIGHT SINGING

EVERY MONDAY TERM-TIME ONLY

STARTS MONDAY 17 JANUARY
7.00PM-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 are a mixture of world and folk songs, opera, musical theatre and other types of music to introduce or extend good vocal technique.

Come and join us on a Monday evening, meet new people and have fun singing. This class can be as serious as you would like it to be. It has become the Middlesbrough Town Hall Community Choir but it can also be a way to make friends or learn about vocal technique. Most of all it is fun.

RECORD FAIR

26 FEBRUARY, 23 APRIL
9AM - 3PM

TEA DANCE WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM THE DEREK BRIDGE BAND

2.00PM
19 JANUARY, 16 FEBRUARY, 9
MARCH, 20 APRIL, 11 MAY

PICK UP YOUR INSTRUMENT AND JOIN
THE COBWEB ORCHESTRA EVERY
MONDAY HERE AT THE TOWN HALL

TAKE PART



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CARNIVAL CLUB

EVERY SATURDAY TERM-TIME
NEW TERM SATURDAY 8
JANUARY
10.00AM-12.00PM
£3 AGE 7 AND OVER

Fancy being part of our annual Reindeer or Lantern parade or at least making something for part of it, well this is your chance.

Come along and work with carnival artists to develop skills in 3D carnival structures, carnival costume and movement. Working toward these parades and also other Tees Valley carnivals. This is a class for all the ages so come along with family and friends.

MTH PERFORMING ARTS

NEW TERM SATURDAY 8
JANUARY
10AM-1PM AGES 7-11
1.30PM-4.30PM AGES 12-16
£6 PER SESSION BLOCK
BOOKING ONLY

Come along on a Saturday and learn how to act, dance and sing. 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 learn about scriptwriting, directing and much more.

Could you be the star of our next show?

MTH GLEE CLUB

THURSDAY 13 JANUARY
6PM – 7.30PM
£3.00

If you're a fan of the international sensation that is 'Glee', then you've come to the right place! If Glee has literally put a spring in your step and a song in your heart, why not have a go yourself. If you love singing but want to join a choir that's a little more 'upbeat' you will have the opportunity to work with professional vocalists and choreographers in this fun light-hearted class.



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GIGS, THEATRE, CONFERENCES, AWARD NIGHTS, MEETINGS, WEDDINGS, TRADE FAIRS, WORKSHOPS

Situated in the centre of Town, Middlesbrough Town Hall is the perfect place to hold your event. Opened in 1889 the Town Hall is a fine example of Victorian Architecture. The stunning Main Hall is lined by beautiful stained glass windows, wood panelling and a ceiling adorned with chandeliers mean you get that added wow factor that you don't get in a new building. 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.

Whether you want to hold a rock gig for over a 1000 or a wedding reception for 300 our team can provide you with everything you need and give you the best possible service.

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

BOOKING INFORMATION

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WEBSITE: WWW.MIDDLESBROUGH.GOV.UK
OR 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.

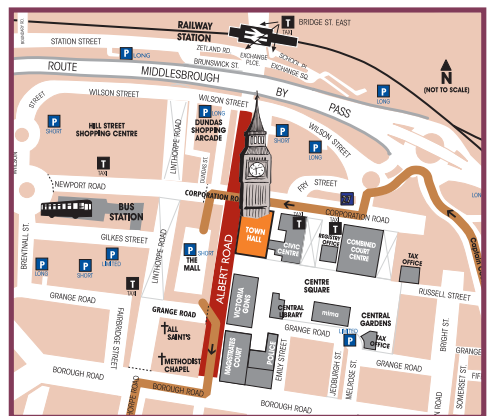
Reservations: Reserved tickets
 will be held for 3 working days,
 or until 5pm on the day before
 the performance. Tickets not
 paid for within this timeframe
 will be released. Reservations
 cannot be made on the day of the
 performance.

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 10
 wheelchairs and the Crypt up to
 6 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.

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DIARY

JANUARY

8	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
19	Tea Dance	2.00pm
20	Northern Sinfonia	7.45pm
22	Jason Cook	8.00pm
29	Beauty and the Beast	1.00pm
30	Prom Fayre and Catwalk	12.00pm -4.00pm

FEBRUARY

1	Winter Wonderings	1.30pm
3	Vienna Tonkünstler Orchestra	7.45pm
4	Sally Morgan	7.30pm
5	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
8	Stephen K Amos	8.00pm
11	All Action Wrestling	7.30pm
14	Rat Pack Las Vegas Spectacular	7.30pm
18	Mark Watson	8.00pm
23	Tea Dance	2.00pm
26	Martin Simpson Trio	8.00pm
26	Record Fair	9.00am- 3.00pm

MARCH

3	Craig Campbell	8.00pm
4	Keep It Cash	8.00pm
5	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
6	Moving Middlesbrough 3	6.00pm
9	Tea Dance	2.00pm
11		
& 12	John Bishop	8.00pm
16	Star Quality	7.30pm
19	Peter and the Wolf	1.00pm
20	Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra	3.00pm

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آپ کی درخواست پر اسے بریل یا سونے الفاظ میں بھی فراہم کیا جاسکے گا

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23	You're Not Like the Other Girls	
	Chrissy	7.30pm
24	Bootleg Sixties	7.30pm
27	Sarah Millican	8.00pm
29	A Dish with Dr Johnson	7.30pm
31	Roy Chubby Brown	7.30pm

APRIL

2	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
3	Terry Alderton	8.00pm
8	Sarah Millican	8.00pm
9	A Little Bird Told Me	1.00pm
13	The Man was Hamlet	7.30pm
15	Jimmy Carr	8.00pm
17	Wedding Fayre & Catwalk	12.00pm- 4.00pm
18	Tim Vine	8.00pm
19	Ultimate Eagles	8.00pm
20	Tea Dance	2.00pm
21	Children in Need BBC Dinner Dance	7.00pm
22	Milton Jones	8.00pm
23	Record Fair	9.00am- 3.00pm
25	The Cobweb Orchestra Beethoven Day	11.00am- 8.30pm
28	Northern Sinfonia	7.45pm

MAY

5	Bolshoi Symphony Orchestra	7.45pm
7	Big Mouth Comedy Club	8.30pm
10	Ladies of Country	7.30pm
11	Tea Dance	2.00pm
16	Andy Parsons	8.00pm
19	Jools Holland	8.00pm
26	Ed Byrne	8.00pm



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