The Electric Theatre

WHAT'S ON AUTUMN PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2015

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The Electric Theatre

HELLO AND WELCOME...

...to Autumn at The Electric Theatre

Our 2015 Autumn season is crammed full of exciting theatre, music, opera, comedy and community talent, not to mention a selection of festivals including our **Family Festival** in the October half term (p13), our **Electric Film Festival** (p6) and the **Guildford Book Festival** (p11).

We are also delighted to welcome back two of our most popular visiting companies in the form of **Propeller**, who will be bringing *Pocket Merchant* to us (p5) and **Showstoppers** who bring back their incredibly funny *Showstopper: The Improvised Musical* (p14). Joining them this season, we also have **Jeffrey Holland** paying tribute to his hero Stan Laurel in the one-man show ...*And This is My Friend Mr Laurel* (p9).

Speaking of comedians, we have comedy aplenty from Shappi Khorsandi: Because I'm Shappi (p5), Stephen K Amos -The Laughter Master (p19) and the cleverly unique Festival of the Spoken Nerd: Just for Graphs (p18).

For music lovers we have a selection of treats including our monthly Jazz Café, the classically-trained, world-class Stringfever (p12) plus the Friary Guildford Brass Band (p12). If you enjoy tribute acts, then Los Endos: The Ultimate Genesis (p7) and The Bootleg Shadows (p4) will also be making an appearance.

So - something for everyone, plus a little bit of Christmas sparkle in December! We look forward to welcoming you to our Theatre soon.

The Electric Theatre Team

Guildford Amateur Theatre Association

GATA is an umbrella organisation of about 20 societies and groups including theatre and opera companies, singing and youth groups, dancers and film makers. The Association works towards advancing public education in the dramatic arts in and around Guildford. It has been a major ally of The Electric Theatre, having been instrumental in its founding. Many of the groups perform at The Electric Theatre year in and year out. Why not drop in and see what they're up to, and maybe join too? Keep an eye out for auditions, or other ways of getting involved behind the scenes.

Visit www.gata.org.uk for more information.









HIRE A SPACE

The Electric Theatre has several spaces for hire, including our Auditorium, the Farley Room and Café Bar with Riverside Terrace. In the heart of Guildford and close to transport links, our Theatre provides bright and contemporary spaces ideal for parties, meetings, workshops and performances. For more details please contact us on **01483 444789** or email **electrictheatre@guildford.gov.uk.**



The Electric Theatre Café Bar is a great place to relax, away from the hustle and bustle of Guildford's High Street.

Enjoy a drink by the riverside this Autumn on our outdoor terrace. Or why not cosy up with a coffee and make use of our free Wi-Fi?

OPENING TIMES

We serve drinks, cakes and snacks during the following times: **Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm (non performance days)** Please check with the Box Office to confirm Sunday opening times.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

With welcome additions like colouring in and children's books, our Café is a peaceful place for families to unwind in central Guildford.

REGULAR CLASSES

We have a number of regular groups and classes that meet at The Electric Theatre.

U3A BRIDGE CLUB EVERY TUESDAY | CAFÉ BAR | 10am - 12noon

A course for complete beginners, those wanting a refresher, or those wanting to learn a bidding system (ACOL). Social Bridge for those wanting to play Chicago or Rubber Bridge, or needing to practice their skills in order to join the Duplicate Group or a local club. Visit <u>www.guildfordu3a.org.uk</u> for details.

EVERY SATURDAY | FARLEY ROOM

BOOGIE BOUNCE 11am – 11.45am | 4 – 8years

Our Street Dance classes are energetic and fun, consisting of unique moves, fancy footwork, big leaps and quick turns. Our classes are full of current pop songs that will keep you humming all the way home. £5 per class, pay as you go.

BOOGIE BALLET 11am – 12.30pm | 2.5 – 5years

Wands, wings and fairy things, cloaks, boats and pirates who sing, come and explore with our magical baby ballet class. £5 per class.

To find out more about Boogie Pumps visit their website: <u>www.boogiepumps.co.uk</u> or email <u>hannah@boogiepumps.co.uk</u>





DO YOU RUN A CLASS AND ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NEW PREMISES?

Then enquire about hiring our Farley Room or Café Bar: electrictheatre@guildford.gov.uk or call 01483 444789.



TRAFFIC EXPERIMENT SAT 5 SEPTEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £12.50 Friends of the Theatre £10

Guildford's Traffic Experiment bring their own brand of cinematic and progressive art rock to the stage with a full 8-piece band. They will be performing tracks from their debut album *Blue Suburbia* as well as the BBC3 featured track *Vashta Nerada.*

The evening opens with a set of progressive hard rock tracks from Traffic Experiment bassist Simon White's own SjW, performing material from their last UK and European tour *Moments* of Magnitude.



THU 10 SEPTEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £18 Concessions £16.50

The Bootleg Shadows perform a unique tribute concert that encompasses The Shadows' amazing career from 1960 up until the early 1980s. Relive fantastic hits such as *Apache, Foot Tapper, FBI, Man of Mystery, Atlantis, Wonderful Land* and *Kon Tiki*. In the company of Geoff, Keith, Tony, Tim and Binks, the audience is taken on a tour of the Shadows' career, with plenty of humour to make it a night out to remember.

For anyone who loves the sounds of the 1960s and enjoys a few laughs on the way, The Bootleg Shadows perform a unique tribute that has audiences humming the tunes and doing the Shadows famous 'walk,' long after they have left the Theatre.





SHAPPI KHORSANDI: BECAUSE I'M SHAPPI... WED 9 SEPTEMBER

8pm Tickets £15 Concessions £13 Over 16s Only

The star of *Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Have I Got News for You* and *Q.I.* is back with a brand new show for 2015. After being knocked up like a 1950s teenager, Shappi missed 2013, but now she's back and it's forward march. Reflecting on the good things, she celebrates her haphazard zigzag towards her dreams. She introduces us to friends, family, and total strangers who have helped her on her personal Yellow Brick Road. She has whip-crack jokes and is effortlessly funny as she handles every subject with a razor sharp wit, softened only by her deliciously mischievous delivery and endless charm.

PROPELLER THEATRE COMPANY POCKET MERCHANT THU 17 SEPTEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £13.50 Students and Under 16s £11.50 Includes Q&A after the performance

A condensed version of Propeller's full-length production of The Merchant of Venice.

Propeller brings one of Shakespeare's darkest plays to life with its invigorating, engaging, and often funny approach to the play.

The Merchant of Venice is a tale of greed and revenge: when Bassanio falls in love with the wealthy Portia, he becomes imprisoned in a bargain with the ruthless moneylender, Shylock.

After a gripping hour of theatre, you are invited to question the actors about the play and your reactions.

An education pack is available to download from: <u>www.propeller.org.uk</u>



electric**film** festival©

Tickets £7 Concessions & ET friends £5.50 3 films or more £6.25 (£4.75) 5 films or more £5.75 (£4.25) Full film brochure available Please note films may be subject to change.

FORCE MAJEURE (15) MON 14 SEP 8pm

120mins - 2014 - Sweden A Swedish family travels to the French Alps to enjoy a few days of skiing. During a lunch at a mountainside restaurant, an avalanche turns everything upside down. Winner of the 2014 Cannes Film Festival Jury Prize.



THE LOOK OF SILENCE (15) TUE 15 SEP 8pm

103mins - 2014 - Denmark A family that survives the 1965-1966 genocide in Indonesia confronts the men who killed one of their brothers. "...stunning, unmissable...I don't think I have ever seen a recent documentary so visually beautiful – and there can hardly be one with such a heartbreaking backstory." Peter Bradshaw, The Guardian.



A PIGEON SAT ON A BRANCH REFLECTING ON EXISTENCE (12A) WED 16 SEP 8pm

101mins - 2012 - Sweden Sam and Jonathan, a pair of hapless novelty salespersons, embark on a tour of the human condition in reality and fantasy that unfold in a series of absurdist episodes. "The funniest film of the year. Surprisingly profound." Eric Kohn, Indiewire.



WEST (15) MON 21 SEP 8pm

102mins - 2013 - Germany East Germany. Summer, late 1970s. Three years after her boyfriend Wassilij's apparent death, Nelly Senff decides to escape from behind the Berlin Wall with her son Alexej, leaving her traumatic memories and past behind.



CITIZENFOUR (15) TUE 22 SEP 8pm

114mins - 2014 - USA In January 2013, Laura Poitras received an encrypted email from a stranger who called himself "CitizenFour". In it, he offered her inside information about illegal wiretapping practices of the US National Security Agency (NSA).

WILD TALES (15) WED 23 SEP 8pm

122mins - 2014 - Argentina/Spain Nominated for **Best Foreign** Language Film at this year's Academy Awards, *Wild Tales* is an anthology film co-produced by legendary Spanish film director Pedro Almodóvar.



THE TRIBE (18) THU 24 SEP 8pm

132mins - 2014 - Ukraine The film is set in a boarding school for deaf children, where a new arrival is drawn into an institutional system of organised crime, involving robbery and prostitution. **NOTE:** The film is entirely in Ukrainian sign language with no subtitles. The tagline of the film is "Love and hate need no translation."



LONDON ROAD (15) FRI 25 SEP 8pm

91mins - 2015 - UK Based on the acclaimed National Theatre production and featuring many of the original cast members, this musical film is set in and around London Road in Ipswich, Suffolk, during the Ipswich serial murders and subsequent trial of killer Steve Wright in 2006–2008.

Some of our films are subtitled. Please see full Film Brochure for details



GUILDFORD FRINGE THEATRE COMPANY

HUNDRED WATT CLUB: BURLESQUE & CABARET FRI 18 SEPTEMBER

8pm Tickets £15 Concessions £13 Strictly over 18s only

Hundred Watt Club and Guildford Fringe Theatre Company are delighted to be returning to The Electric Theatre with another brilliant, bawdy, and beautiful variety show! Hosted by vocal powerhouse and audacious mistress of ceremonies Divine Miss Em. classic sparkling burlesque comes care of cheeky, charming Felicity Furore, whilst boundary-pushing performance artist Rubyyy Jones brings her special brand of Queerlesque to the club. Unicycling, juggling, and ukulele playing Count Adriano Fettucini serves up something weird and very wonderful, while slink and supernatural striptease is brought by Hundred Watt Boss Lena Mae, with Bump and Grind from upcoming star Lilyana L'amour.

LOS ENDOS: ULTIMATE GENESIS SAT 19 SEPTEMBER 7.30pm Tickets £17

Do not miss this opportunity to see and hear all the drama and excitement of a Genesis gig from the 1970s and 1980s.

Under a sweeping and dramatic light show reminiscent of the era, the intricate and powerful music of Genesis is recreated with amazing accuracy with over two and a half hours of music.

The band have crafted a new set, which will include Battle of Epping Forest, Dancing with the Moonlit Knight, Entangled, Afterglow, Fountain of Salmacis, In The Cage, Return of the Giant Hogweed, and of course, Los Endos, plus much, much more.

Local lad Jack Lipinski will enthral you with his uncanny vocal performance - is it **Collins** or is it **Gabriel?**





SURREY MOZART PLAYERS SAT 26 SEPTEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £18 Under 16s £9



Surrey Mozart Players will commence their exciting new 2015-16 season with a programme of romantic gems. They begin with Edward Elgar's exuberant concert overture *Froissart*, his first large scale work for orchestra. Schubert's hauntingly mysterious *Unfinished Symphony No 8* follows, before the very popular young soloist Alexander Sitkovetsky delights us once again with Elgar's *Violin Concerto*, a wonderfully emotional and lyrical work. Please buy your tickets soon as it will be an unmissable evening!



AUTUMN JAZZ CAFÉ MARTIN SPEAKE TRIO TUE 29 SEPTEMBER

7.30pm Tickets **£12** Seating is unreserved cabaret style in the Café Bar

Join us in The Electric Theatre Café Bar for another evening of great jazz music. An increasingly revered saxophonist, Martin Speake has developed a personal musical voice that expresses a deep understanding of the history and language of jazz with individuality as an improviser that is intelligent, melodic, complex and profound. This unusual trio of alto saxophone, guitar and drums brings together all of Martin Speake's musical influences alongside his favourite musical partners: guitarist Mike Outram and drummer Jeff Williams.

KPS PRODUCTIONS ... AND THIS IS MY FRIEND MR LAUREL WED 30 SEPTEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £14 Concessions £12

Jeffrey Holland tells this intriguing, funny, and often poignant tale of friendship, love, and dedication about one of Hollywood's great film comedians, Stan Laurel. Jeffrey (*Hi-de-Hi, You Rang M'Lord*) stars in this one man show about friendship, memories, and a couple of remarkable lives. Recounting their past success as the comedy double act **Laurel and Hardy**, this is a humorous and touching look at one of the great cinematic partnerships of the last century. *"Spellbinding and magically, timelessly funny."*



DIGBY FAIRWEATHER'S HALF DOZEN THE SWING'S THE THING! FRI 2 OCTOBER

8pm Tickets £16 Concessions £14 ET Friends £14.50

To celebrate their 20th anniversary UK tour, Digby Fairweather's Half Dozen bring you an unforgettable evening of swinging sounds, favourite songs, Latin jazz, and gorgeous selections from the great American and British songbooks. Led by the legendary **Digby Fairweather**, the Half Dozen (formed in 1995) toured and recorded for five years with **George Melly** before joining Manfreds legend **Paul Jones** for their show *Rocking in Rhythm*. *"Even if you think you don't like jazz,"* says Digby, *"come along and we promise you an unforgettable evening of good music!"*



VIVALDI SINGERS

SAT 3 OCTOBER

7.30pm Tickets £15 Students & under 16s £7.50 Family ticket (2 adults, 2 under 16s) £40

The Vivaldi Singers are being joined by William Whymper and students from the Guildford School of Acting to present an evening of music and drama. *Shakespearian Serenade* features music by Vaughan Williams, Mendelssohn, Rutter and Bernstein, intertwined with scenes from some of Shakespeare's plays. Come and join us for a stunning evening's entertainment!





CAFÉ BAR WEEK MON 5 - FRI 9 OCTOBER

This Autumn in **The Electric Theatre Café Bar**, we are bringing together a week-long collection of events to highlight this wonderfully versatile space overlooking the riverside in Guildford. From wine tasting, to comedy and live music, join us for an enjoyable and relaxed evening to remember!





Join us for a fun quiz and wine evening! Let us take you on a journey of discovery, tasting and learning about different wines from around the world, answering fun questions related to the wine or its country of origin in small teams as we go. We'll introduce each wine in turn with details about the grape, region and winemaker before giving you a chance to try it for yourself. No knowledge of wine required. Liquid prizes for the winning team. *Over 18s only.*









TUE 6 OCT | 8pm | Tickets £10 An entertainment devised by Sheridan Morley, with the words and music of

SCRIPTEASE: NOËL & GERTIE

Noël Coward. A witty show telling the story of the professional and personal relationship between two of this century's greatest stage personalities, **Noël Coward** and **Gertrude Lawrence**. This musical is a glowing reminder of Noël Coward's undisputed charm, style, and irreplicable wit.

LANDA WED 7 OCT | 7.30pm | Tickets £8.50

Landa is a unique singer-songwriter from London with a wealth of experience and big plans. Both his songs and performance of them puts no limits on the natural. Quickly recognisable vocal tones and piano style enable him to push boundaries with songwriting, whilst taking influences from many much-loved places in music.

ELECTRIC COMEDY CLUB - EDINBURGH RETRO THU 8 OCT | 7.45pm | Tickets £8.50 (£9.50 on the door)

Comics Matt Price and Carly Smallman will be joining our Electric Comedy Club for retrospective performances of their 2015 Edinburgh shows. Matt Price is described as "...one of the best yarn spinners on the circuit" $\star \star \star \star$ (ArtsHub. com.au) and a "...wonderful storyteller" $\star \star \star \star$ (Scotsman). So don't miss out on this relaxed evening of entertainment!

THE ROSE BELLES

FRI 9 OCT | 8pm | Tickets £8.50

The Rose Belles are a classical cabaret group of outstanding musicians, who perform across Surrey and Hampshire. They invite you to enjoy an evening of music ranging from the world of opera to musical theatre with some classic hits thrown into the mix!

Meet the nation's storytellers Guildford ^{Book Festival} 11-18 October 2015























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STRINGFEVER IN CONCERT FRI 23 OCTOBER

8pm Tickets £17 Concessions £12

Four world-class and classically-trained musiciansturned-rock stars, which include three brothers and their cousin, form live act **Stringfever**, the UK's most unique, pioneering, and entertaining string quartet. The band's renowned pieces include *The History of Music in Five Minutes*, which consists of forty tunes in a fast and furious medley, *Ravel's Bolero* where all four play on one cello, and a *Name That Theme Tune* composition where audiences participate by identifying some of the most famous movie scores of all time. Since their debut, they have delighted spectators at more than a thousand events, in one hundred and twenty cities in thirty different countries.



FRIARY GUILDFORD BRASS BAND SAT 24 OCTOBER 7.30pm Tickets £10 Concessions £8

Founded in 1983 with initial support from the Friary Meux Brewery, **Friary Guildford Brass Band** comprises twenty eight amateur musicians under the musical direction of Chris King, formerly Bandmaster of the Band of the Grenadier Guards. Friary is currently ranked 35th in the world (courtesy of <u>www.4barsrest.com</u>). Their musical repertoire is broad: traditional and contemporary brass music is played alongside arrangements of popular classics, swing and jazz standards as well as pop, rock and moving hymn tunes.

London & Southern Counties Regional Champions 2015



AUTUMN JAZZ CAFÉ BRIGITTE BERAHA TUE 27 OCTOBER



7.30pm Tickets **£12** Seating is unreserved cabaret style in the Café Bar

Brigitte is now recognised as one of the most versatile and exciting vocalists to emerge on the UK jazz scene in the last decade. As well as performing and recording with many of the legends of the UK jazz scene, she is closely involved in the work of the new generation of jazz musicians, and in particular the Loop and E17 jazz collectives. Drawing comparisons with such luminaries as Norma Winstone and Tania Maria, she has forged her own very individual voice. With five albums to her credit, her latest CD, *Chasing Rainbows*, has recently been released to critical acclaim.

"Spontaneity, high-class UK jazz artistry..." John Fordham, The Guardian.

Join us for another October half term Festival - fun for all the family!

SID'S SHOW!

MON 26 OCT | 11.30am & 3pm | Tickets £8.00

Join Sid from CBeebies live on stage in a fantastic fun-filled adventure that'll knock your socks off! An interactive experience crammed with games, songs. poems and magic, Sid's Show will leave you with a smile on your face and a spring in your step. Perfect for families with children aged 3+.

BIG DRAW DROP IN

TUE 27 OCT | 10am - 2pm (drop in) | FREE

Working with a team of awesome artists led by Paul Kercal, come along and help create a collaborative GIANT story book (or a mini book of your own), featuring the return of well-loved Dragon & The Princess. Expect brilliant stories, fun for all the family and lots of shrinky plastic!

FILM: PADDINGTON (PG)

TUE 27 OCT | 11am & 3pm (relaxed) | Tickets £5

Paddington tells the story of the comic misadventures of a young bear from Peru who travels to the city in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone, he begins to realise that city life is not all he had imagined - until he meets the kindly Brown family. The 3pm showing is a relaxed performance.

ALLSTAR DANCE ACADEMY: SHOW TIME!

WED 28 & THU 29 OCT | 10am - 4pm each day

Hayley and Hannah of AllStar Choir & Boogie Pumps team up to deliver an action-packed two day workshop of singing and dancing, culminating in a full 30 minute show in the Auditorium. Sing, dance, and perform the biggest chart hits in a professional theatre! Age range 5-12 years. Workshop tickets £60 (£50 siblings).

CHICKEN LICKEN

FRI 30 OCT | 11am & 2pm | Tickets £6.00

A baby chick is born and thinks the sky is falling down. On the way to tell the King, she meets Henny Penny, Ducky Lucky and Turkey Lurkey, but there's a shocking surprise. Chicken Licken is a fun recipe of food, puppets and music and tells the story of Little Red Hen and the sly Foxy Loxy. Age range: 3-6years.

DAHL DAY | SAT 31 OCT

Come and join us for a packed Festival finale day in which we celebrate all things Roald Dahl! From arts and crafts to cinema showings, pay one ticket price and drop in for as long as you like. There will be something for all the family! 11am – 3pm. Suitable for all ages. Tickets £6.















Tickets subject to a booking fee

HOWSTOPPER THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL

THE SHOWSTOPPERS PRESENT

SHOWSTOPPER! THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL SAT 31 OCTOBER

7.30pm Tickets **£15** Concessions and Friends of the Theatre **£12.50** *Running time 90mins plus one interval. Age guidance: 14 years and upwards*

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The Showstoppers are delighted to return to Guildford with their multi award-winning show. A brand new musical comedy is created at every performance by transforming audience suggestions into an all-singing, all-dancing production with unpredictable and hilarious results.

The Showstoppers have performed in the West End and around the world, as well as seven sell-out seasons at Edinburgh Fringe.

"A blast. Makes your jaw drop in impressed amazement and your ribs ache with laughter." $\star \star \star \star$ Mail on Sunday



MERROW DRAMATIC SOCIETY

LILIES ON THE LAND WED 4 - SAT 7 NOV

7.45pm Saturday matinee 2.30pm Tickets £12.50 Concessions £11.50 ET Friends £10.50 Sat Matinee £11 (including free tea and scone)

Based on the letters and stories of real Land Army Girls, *Lilies* is a lively, moving, funny, and truthful play - a fitting tribute to the forgotten army of World War II. Combining live music with vivid storytelling, it charts the journeys of four women from different walks of life, who are determined to do their bit.

Will they cope? Maybe dances with GIs and toilet rolls falling from the sky will help them through...





AUTUMN JAZZ CAFÉ ART THEMEN TUE 10 NOVEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £12 Seating is unreserved cabaret style in the Café Bar

A consummate performer, saxophonist Art Themen is a busy and sought-after musician known for his originality and individual style. Winner of the 2008 British Jazz Awards, he regularly plays in large and small venues throughout the UK and worldwide. Art is also a very popular visitor to Guildford - advance booking is strongly recommended.

"...an immensely gifted saxophonist with a quirky, almost wilful originality." Jazz: The Essential Companion





THE ELECTRIC COMEDY CLUB EDINBURGH RETRO THU 12 NOVEMBER

7.45pm Advance tickets **£8.50** On the door **£9.50** *Not suitable for under 16s*

Join us for more entertaining comedy, this time from comedians David Tsonos and Yianni Agisilaou. Both are bringing fresh and different shows straight from the Edinburgh Festival.

Yianni Agisilaou brings with him a sharp-edged show full of wit, cheek and fun which rummages through the serious business of taking things lightly, and wonders just where funny ends and what's on the other side. "Stunningly good" $\star \star \star \star$ (Scotsman).



JAMAICA INN WED 18 - SAT 21 NOVEMBER

7.45pm Tickets **£12.50** Seniors / Under 16s and ET Friends **£10.50** Buy 9 tickets for the same performance and get 1 free



What's the point of an Inn where nobody stays ?

Mary Yellan seeks out her Aunt Patience at Jamaica Inn on Bodmin moor but finds her aunt a changed woman, married to the unstable Joss Merlyn. Mary finds herself drawn into the web woven around the Inn and its dark power as she tumbles headlong towards a man she dare not love. Evocative and chilling, this new adaptation of Jamaica Inn has all the hallmarks of a adventure classic — Murder, Mystery and Malevolence.



GUILDFORD OPERA CAPULETS & MONTAGUES TUE 24 - SAT 28 NOVEMBER

7.30pm, Sat 6.30pm Wed Nov 25 6.30pm preshow talk

Tue tickets £18 concs £9 Wed tickets £20 concs £10 Fri/Sat tickets £22 Groups 10+ 10% discount on Tue and Wed only ET Friends £1 off all tickets

Please note that there is no performance on Thu 26 Nov.



As the warring Capulets and Montagues pursue an increasingly bitter and bloody feud, the son and daughter of the divided houses conduct a secret love affair that can only end in tragedy. Bellini's opera is an intriguing retelling of a familiar story, perhaps darker in tone than Shakespeare's play of *Romeo and Juliet* but losing nothing in dramatic intensity, action, and excitement, while gaining from sublime *bel canto* lyricism and wonderful choruses.



LOU LOU'S VINTAGE FAIR SAT 14 NOVEMBER

11am - 5pm Tickets £2 on the door Under 12s are free

Lou Lou's award-winning Vintage Fair will be bringing forty stalls of vintage fashion and collectables, a vintage beauty salon, music, and a vintage tea party to The Electric Theatre.

FESTIVAL OF THE SPOKEN NERD JUST FOR GRAPHS WED 2 DECEMBER

8pm Tickets £15 Concessions £13 Warning: Contains graph-ic material only suitable for ages 14+

The science comedy phenomenon returns, and this time they're off the chart. Join acclaimed stand-up mathematician Matt Parker, experiments maestro Steve 'Danger' Mould, and geek songstress Helen Arney for graph-a-minute fun on an unprecedented linear scale. Last year's smash hit *Full Frontal Nerdity* was *"great, funny, clever... even the heckles at this terrific show are smart"* **(The Scotsman).** Since then the Nerds have appeared across TV and Radio, at the Hammersmith Apollo, and in their own peer-reviewed DVD, recorded at London's Bloomsbury Theatre.

Watch the *"resplendently geeky trio"* (The Times) as they Excel themselves in a new show packed with explosive live experiments and statistically significant laughter. Will they stay on trend, or lose the plot completely?

"Charm and perky curiosity is in its DNA." The Guardian.

"Harnesses comedy to highlight what is fun - and funny - about science" New Scientist

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STEPHEN K. AMOS - THE LAUGHTER MASTER FRI 4 DECEMBER

8pm Tickets £17

Fresh from touring the UK and Australia, the Star of *Life: An Idiot's Guide* and *What Does the K Stand For?* (Radio 4), the maestro of feel-good comedy is back on tour with his new show!

"Amos is officially becoming a national treasure. Expect more warm insight and spiky charm here." Sunday Times.

"Unashamed feel-good entertainment." The Evening Standard.

"A note-perfect hour." Metro.

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CHRISTMAS FILMS AT THE ELECTRIC THEATRE

This December we are screening two of the most popular and entertaining film adaptations of Charles Dickens' festive fable, *A Christmas Carol*. Join us for one or both films, complete with either free hot chocolate and marshmallows or a mince pie and mulled wine!





5pm Tickets **£5** (includes free hot chocolate and marshmallows) *Dir. Brian Henson - 85mins - 1992 - USA*

The Muppet characters tell their version of the classic tale of an old and bitter miser's redemption on Christmas Eve. Narrated by Gonzo the Great as Charles Dickens and starring Michael Caine as Ebeneezer Scrooge and Kermit The Frog as Bob Cratchet, this is a heart-warming tale full of plenty of Muppet mayhem, suitable for the whole family. With arty fun beforehand.



FILM: SCROOGED (PG-13) THU 3 DECEMBER

8pm Tickets £7.50 (includes free mince pie and mulled wine) Dir. Richard Donner - 101mins - 1988 - USA

Frank Cross (**Bill Murray**) runs a US TV station which is planning a live adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Frank's childhood wasn't a particularly pleasant one, and so he doesn't really appreciate the Christmas spirit. With the help of the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future, Frank realises he must change. *A Bill Murray comedy classic!*



BLACK CAT OPERA

COSÌ FAN TUTTE WED 9 - FRI 11 DECEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £20 Concessions £18

The Black Cat Opera Company returns to The Electric Theatre with Mozart's comic masterpiece, *Così fan tutte*. Featuring some of the composer's finest music, it is at times heart-achingly moving, at others exuberant and joyous. Alternatively titled *The School for Lovers*, the opera follows two love-struck women, utterly convinced that nothing could part them from their sweethearts - until two handsome strangers enter their lives...

Performed in Italian with English surtitles. Performed with orchestra.



SURREY MOZART PLAYERS SAT 12 DECEMBER

7.30pm Tickets £18 Under 16s £9



Surrey Mozart Players, under the inspiring direction of Kenneth Woods, continue their new impressive orchestral season with Mendelssohn's colourful *Trumpet Overture*. This fittingly showcases the virtuoso young trumpeter Simon Desbrulais, who returns after delighting our last season's concert goers, performing Philip Sawyers' *Trumpet Concerto*. The evening will be concluded by Haydn's *Drumroll Symphony*, possibly his favourite of the twelve *London Symphonies*. An energetic and sparkling ending to a winter's concert .



JAZZ CAFÉ MARK BASSEY TUE 15 DECEMBER 7.30pm Tickets £12



Seating is unreserved cabaret style in the Café Bar

Jazz trombonist Mark Bassey has been described as *"a superb, witty player"* (Dave Gelly, The Guardian), with a vibrancy to his playing that stretches out into the contemporary field whilst remaining firmly attached to the jazz tradition. Equally at ease playing standards and original compositions, Mark is a highly versatile musician who can be heard in many different guises playing with Alan Barnes, Julian Arguelles, Kenny Wheeler, Stan Sulzmann, Nikki Iles, recently with Billy Jenkins and the BBC Big Band, and also at Ronnie Scott's with Liane Carroll.



THE MAN IN THE MOON IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ELECTRIC THEATRE FRI 18 - SUN 20 DECEMBER

2.30pm & 7.30pm Tickets £10.50 Concessions £8.50 Family ticket £32 (4 people, max 2 adults)

by C. S. Lewis, adapted by Glyn Robbins

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy stumble upon an enchanted wardrobe in an old country mansion, they discover that it's a gateway to another world: a world where animals speak and mythical creatures roam. A magical world called Narnia.

Join the Theatre's resident youth theatre for a fantastical adventure of sparkling spells and an epic battle between good and evil as C. S. Lewis' classic story is brought to life in this wonderful production.

THE MUSIC INSTITUTE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ELECTRIC THEATRE

MAYPOLES TO MISTLETOE WED 23 DECEMBER

7.45pm Tickets £15 ET Friends £14

This will be the sixteenth consecutive year that this perrenial favourite has come up to The Electric Theatre from Sussex. Martyn Wyndham-Read leads his cast of singers, dancers, musicians, mummers and storytellers in this traditional seasonal delight.



LET'S ALL DANCE THE NUTCRACKER MON 21 - WED 23 DECEMBER

Mon 21 4pm & 7pm | Tue 22 11am & 3pm | Wed 23 10am & 1pm Tickets £8 | Professional Photo £4 for one, £7 for two (optional - photo is pay on day)



After sell out shows last year, **Let's All Dance** returns with this classic Christmas favourite for children of all ages. With stunning dancers, gorgeous costumes, and world-famous music, this is the perfect treat for the festive season. Journey through the magical night with Clara and the Nutcracker Prince, meet the Mouse King, and join the Sugar Plum Fairy in the beautiful Land of Sweets. *Great for the whole family!*

"Excellent - we brought 3 grandchildren aged 3-5 and all were enthralled!" Irene "Just right! Kids loved it. My little ballerina is very inspired now." Adam "It was amazing - thank you!" Abi Audience members from The Electric Theatre, Guildford, 2014

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LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY AND THE SPRING SEASON



electric film festival®

FRIENDS OF THE ELECTRIC THEATRE QUIZ NIGHT SAT 9 JANUARY

Everyone is welcome to another fun quiz night at The Electric Theatre, hosted by The Friends of the Electric Theatre. A sell out for sure, tickets will be on sale for this event very soon. A wonderful evening out with your friends is guaranteed!

ELECTRIC FILM FESTIVAL MON 18 - SAT 22 JANUARY

Join us in January 2016 for another packed week of world cinema to kick off the Spring Season. Expect our usual eclectic mix of acclaimed foreign language films and wonderful British and American cinema. Details will be published during the Autumn season so watch this space.





SURREY MOZART PLAYERS SAT 30 JANUARY

Surrey Mozart Players live up to their name with an all-Mozart programme, performing his last three symphonies, *No 39, 40* and *41 (Jupiter)*. Arguably Mozart's finest symphonic masterpieces, they were composed between June and August of 1788, a remarkable feat even by Mozart's prolific standards and there is much evidence that they were meant to be performed as a cycle. The symphonies contrast hugely in style, from the elegance of *No 39* to the joyful exuberance of the *Jupiter*.

FAMILY FESTIVAL HALF TERM MON 15 - SAT 20 FEBRUARY

If you all love Family Festivals as much as we do then why not join us again for our February half term week of fun? Following on from their sell-out shows of *The Princess & The Frog* and *The Nutcracker* ballets here at The Electric Theatre, **Let's All Dance** will be joining us again with a brand new spectacular Hip Hop dance show made just for families! Tickets go on sale in December so watch this space, folks!

For latest information about what's coming up in 2016 go to: www.electrictheatre.co.uk

children's drama workshops

With the emphasis on **fun** and **performance**, our resident youth theatre, The Man In The Moon's afterschool workshops include an exciting mix of **improvisation**, **roleplay**, **movement**, **drama games**, **and teamwork**, fuelling the imagination whilst working towards performance opportunities

with new friends. Above all, they're great fun.

Workshops are great value. A **10 week term is £85** for the first child and siblings are just £70 each. We're so confident you'll love how **dramatically different** our workshops are that you can even **try one out for free**!

Discover School Years 1 to 4 5pm to 6.30pm Explore School Years 5 to 8 6.30pm to 8pm

youth theatre

An **original, inclusive and exciting youth theatre** for young people in School Years 9 and over, designed to **develop skills that will benefit them for life**. Our inclusive workshops work towards exciting and varied performance opportunities from music and arts festivals to examinations with Trinity College in London.

A **10 week term is £85**. Siblings are just £70 each. If you join part way through the term you only pay for what's left. Your first workshop is free.

Friday, from 6pm at Loseley Fields School, Godalming Limited Spaces Available Now

Our magical Christmas production is The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Check out page 22

for more details ...





Our Autumn Term begins Mon 14 September and ends Tue 1 December Half Term 26 & 27 October

www.themaninthemoon.co.uk or give us a call on **01428 751656** Twitter @mim 1990 or Facebook /mim1990





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INFORMATION

BOX OFFICE OPENING TIMES Monday to Saturday 10.30am to 5pm

(or until the start of the performance on performance nights). Sunday opening times vary.

BY TELEPHONE

01483 444789 (option 1).

ONLINE

www.electrictheatre.co.uk There is an administration charge of 5% for this service.

BY POST

The Box Office, The Electric Theatre, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4SZ.

Please note there is a booking fee of 50p per ticket for all card bookings. We do not charge a booking fee for cash and cheque transactions.

We accept MasterCard, Visa, Delta, Maestro, Electron and Solo cards. Please make cheques payable to G.B.C.

CONCESSIONS

One discount per ticket applies. Concession categories may include senior citizens, students, under 16s, disabled patrons (carers come free), job seekers, income support recipients and Friends of The Electric Theatre. Appropriate ID required. Please check individual events for the concessions offered.

POST MY TICKETS

We can post your tickets to you for the fee of £1.

FREE MAILING LIST

To receive regular copies of The Electric Theatre brochure simply call the box office.



To join our mailing list scan the QR code or visit our website.

PROGRAMME CHANGES

All information given is correct at the time of going to print. The Electric Theatre reserves the right to make alterations to the programme as necessary.

ACCESS

The Electric Theatre aims to be welcoming and accessible to all. There is level or ramped access to the Auditorium, Café Bar and toilets. The Auditorium can accommodate up to ten wheelchairs and has a Sennheiser infrared sound enhancement system. Headsets can be obtained from the Box Office.

We welcome assistance dogs and for all due events carers of disabled patrons attend for free. We also have a number of relaxed events in our programme. Parking is available for disabled patrons but advance booking is recommended.

Please let us know your requirements when booking and we will strive to accommodate them.

Please contact us to request this brochure in an alternative format.



WHERE ARE WE? POST CODE: GU1 4SZ



PARKING

Parking at The Electric Theatre is only for disabled patrons. Bedford Road Car Park is just a few minutes walk from The Theatre on Onslow Street. Parking is £1.20 an hour during the day and £1 per evening visit after 5pm. On Sunday, parking is £1.50 per visit. For further information and up to date charges visit Guildford Borough Council's website at www.guildford.gov.uk

TRAIN

Guildford Mainline Station is only a short walk from our Theatre.

If you're unsure of the best way to travel or where to park, please give us a call on 01483 444789.

BUS

An extensive local bus service (including Park and Ride) is available from the Friary Bus Station, again a short distance from our Theatre.

ON FOOT

From the town centre, there is an underpass between New Look and TK Maxx. Alternatively, if you are coming from the Friary Shopping Centre, Bus Station or Train Station, there are pedestrian crossings.

BICYCLE

Bike racks are located alongside our Theatre, just by the main entrance.





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DIARY AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Traffic Experiment + SjW
- 9 Shappi Khorsandi: Because I'm Shappi...
- 10 The Bootleg Shadows
- 12 24 Hour Musical
- 14 Film: Force Majeure
- 15 Film: Look of Silence
- 16 Film: A Pigeon Sat On A Branch Reflecting On Existence
- 17 Pocket Merchant
- 18 Hundred Watt Club: Burlesque and Cabaret
- 19 Los Endos: Ultimate Genesis
- 21 Film: West
- 22 Film: CitizenFour
- 23 Film: Wild Tales
- 24 Film: The Tribe
- 25 Film: London Road
- 26 Surrey Mozart Players
- 29 Jazz Café: Martin Speake Trio
- 30 ...and This Is My Friend Mr. Laurel

OCTOBER

- 2 Digby Fairweather's Half Dozen
- 3 Vivaldi Singers: Shakespearian Serenade
- 5 Café Bar Week: Wine Tasting Evening
- 6 Café Bar Week: Scriptease: Noel & Gertie
- 7 Café Bar Week: Landa
- 8 Café Bar Week: Electric Comedy Club
- 9 Café Bar Week: The Rose Belles
- 12 18 Guildford Book Festival
- 23 Stringfever
- 24 Friary Guildford Brass Band
- 26 31 Family Festival
- 31 Showstopper: The Improvised Musical

NOVEMBER

- 4 7 Lilies on the Land
- 10 Jazz Café: Art Themen
- 12 Electric Comedy Club Edinburgh Retro
- 14 Lou Lou's Vintage Fair
- 18 21 Jamaica Inn
- 24 28 Capulets and Montagues Bellini's Romeo and Juliet

DECEMBER

- 2 Festival of the Spoken Nerd: Just for Graphs
- 3 Film: A Muppet Christmas Carol
- 3 Film: Scrooged
- 4 Stephen K. Amos The Laughter Master
- 9 -11 Così fan tutte
- 12 Surrey Mozart Players
- 15 Jazz Café: Mark Bassey
- 18 20 The Lion, The With and The Wardrobe
- 21 23 The Nutcracker
- 23 Maypoles to Mistletoes

JANUARY

- 9 Friends Quiz Night
- 18-22 Electric Film Festival
- 30 Surrey Mozart Players



