

# MAY - AUG 2025



Your sizzling summer  
season has landed

 Chelmsford  
Theatre

# HELLO

## and welcome to Chelmsford Theatre



A great pleasure again to be sharing, through the pages of this spring-summer brochure, the fabulous shows, activities, and events we've lined up for you.

2025 has got off to a great start, with so many of you coming out for the lesser-known, new theatre shows we programme in the Studio, as well as joining us for the many sellouts across our more established comedy and music lineup. We've received some wonderful feedback for the last bumper season and knowing you had such a wonderful time with us is hugely gratifying. So, thank you.

Alongside our core events, we continue to develop our ever-expanding Discover programme. This enables young and old alike

to enjoy learning and wellbeing experiences through participation in arts and performance events, and we have some very exciting Discover news to be announced soon. So, stay tuned.

Whilst summer is traditionally the quieter season in any theatre's calendar; we are bucking that trend and offering some sizzling summer treats. We're bringing dozens of the nation's leading comedians, several of the best family shows and many other intriguing events that we know the curious amongst you will love. How about a Cuban guitar recital, or a laugh out loud slapstick whodunnit, or maybe you fancy an evening celebrating musical icons, Dylan and Cohen?

Whatever tickles your summer taste buds, book those tickets and, on behalf of the entire Theatre team, I look forward to welcoming you to Chelmsford Theatre very soon.

**Rhys Thomas**, Chelmsford Theatre Director



## What are you going to try this season?

A dazzling and hilarious twister on a classic adventure full of magical characters to meet.

**The Wizard of Oz**  
Sunday 1 June



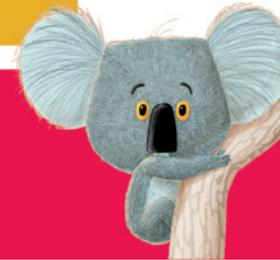
The juggler who will stand up and perform while running a support group.

**Suzi Ruffell: The Juggle**  
Friday 27 June



In the Outback all the animals run free, all except Kevin who clung to a tree.

**The Koala Who Could**  
Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 July



85 million views and having worked with Grammy winning writers, he is ready for the spotlight.

**Tom Ball: Spotlight**  
Sunday 25 May



Slapstick whodunnit told by four actors, a dozen characters and a load of chaos.

**A Shoddy Detective**  
Monday 30 June



A joyful musical jungle adventure adapted from the much loved Elmer books by David McKee.

**The Elmer Adventure**  
Saturday 5 to Sunday 6 July



**MUSIC**



**Barb Jungr Hallelujah on Desolation Row**  
 Friday 2 May 7.30pm

**The Songs of Bob Dylan & Leonard Cohen**  
 Celebrating the early 2025 release of her new album, Hallelujah on Desolation Row, acclaimed singer and writer Barb Jungr, “Our greatest interpreter of Dylan’s songs”, brings her award winning interpretations and challenging new arrangements to this all-new collection of Dylan and Cohen’s iconic songs.

**Studio**  
 Tickets £23.50 – £25.50

**COMEDY**



**Comedy Club 4 Kids**  
 Saturday 3 May 2pm

Like the name says it’s a Comedy Club 4 Kids! Cracking entertainment for everyone over six years old and under 400 years old (no vampires). We have the best comedians from the UK and world circuit doing what they do best... but without the rude bits!

**Studio**  
 Tickets £10 – £14  
 Family ticket: £40  
 Recommended age: 6+  
 60 minutes with no interval

**COMEDY**

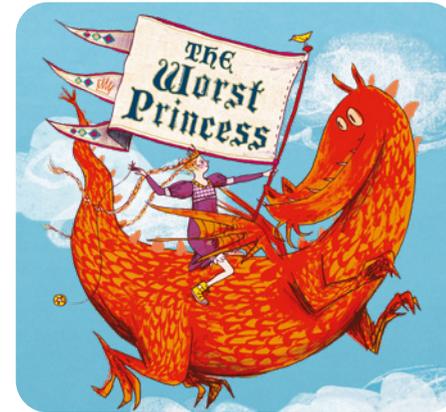


**Justin Moorhouse: The Greatest Performance of My Life**  
 Saturday 3 May 8pm

Justin blends humour and touching insights on subjects ranging from pantomimes to dreams, how to behave in hospitals, realising his Mum is a northern version of Columbo and how being a smart-mouthed kid saved him from a life of getting beaten up.

**Studio**  
 Tickets £17 – £19 | Unwaged tickets £7  
 Rec age: 14+

**FAMILY**



**The Worst Princess**  
 Sunday 4 to Monday 5 May various times

Feisty Sue is not your everyday fairy tale superstar, in fact, she’s The Worst Princess. After being rescued by her twit of a prince, she’s ready to enjoy life. But first, she’ll have to make friends with a dragon, escape from a tower and set the Prince’s pants alight with her new fire breathing bestie.

**Chelmsford Theatre**  
 Tickets £13 – £15  
 Family ticket: £52  
 Group booking of 10+: £12  
 Rec age: 3+ | 55 minutes with no interval

**SCREENING**



**Andre Rieu 75th Birthday Celebration**  
 Sunday 4 to Monday 5 May 2pm

The King of the Waltz invites you to a boat party with him and his beloved Johann Strauss Orchestra as they sail through his hometown of Maastricht. This brand-new cinema special is a tribute to André’s childhood dream of one day forming his own orchestra and travelling the world.

**Studio**  
 Tickets £13 – £16.50  
 Members get £1 off

**MUSIC**



**T-Rextasy**  
 Tuesday 6 May 7.30pm

Marc Bolan’s T.Rex, were one of the most flamboyant, charismatic bands of the glam-rock era with a string of huge hits throughout the 1970s. T.Rextasy have performed around the world for over 20 years. They have been described by many as ‘beyond the boundaries of tribute’.

**Chelmsford Theatre**  
 Tickets £32

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## COMEDY



## The Scummy Mummies: Hot Mess

Wednesday 7 May 7.30pm

It's time for a mum's night out! Helen and Ellie are back with a brand new comedy show that will have you laughing till you wee. From menopause to mansplaining, teenagers to Tinder, no subject is safe. Featuring brand new songs, sketches, stand up and, of course, sparkly new catsuits.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £23

Rec age: 18+

## COMEDY



## Chris McCausland: Yonks

Thursday 8 May 8pm

He's been called an overnight success, even though he's been doing this for bloody yonks! Chris McCausland is hitting the road again with another masterclass in stand up comedy that has literally been yonks in the making.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £31.50

Rec age: 16+

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## COMEDY



## Fanny Galore's Big Bingo Party

Thursday 8 May 8pm

Feeling lucky? Head down to join Fanny Galore for a big bingo party. If you love bingo and drag queens, this night is made for you. Think singing, dancing, games and a glamorous game of bingo hosted by Essex based drag queen Fanny.

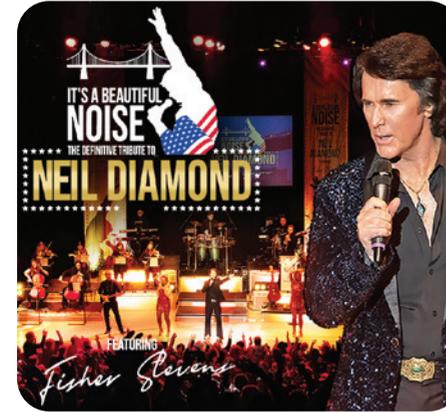
**Studio**

Tickets £26

Rec age: 18+

Ticket includes a welcome drink

## MUSIC



## It's A Beautiful Noise

Friday 9 May 7.30pm

From London's West End to Chelmsford, the internationally-acclaimed celebration of the legendary Neil Diamond's music. Fisher Stevens and a fantastic cast of professional musicians and singers present five decades of musical brilliance. Featuring Love on the Rocks, Sweet Caroline, Forever in Blue Jeans, Song Sung Blue and more.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £28.50

Members get £2 off

## COMEDY



## Nabil Abdulrashid: Urban Battuta

Friday 9 May 7.30pm

Award-winning, international touring comedian Nabil Abdulrashid returns with a riotous new stand-up show. As seen on Live at the Apollo, Have I Got News For You, 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown and the Last Leg. As heard on Off Menu with James Acaster and Ed Gamble and Hoovering with Jessica Fostekew.

**Studio**

Tickets £19 – £21

Rec age: 16+

## MUSIC



## Get It On!

Saturday 10 May 7.30pm

Step into the ultimate glam rock experience and be transported back to the golden age of glitter, guitars, and anthems that defined a generation! With a sensational live band and powerhouse vocals, including hits from T. Rex, Slade, Bowie, The Bay City Rollers, Sweet, Suzi Quatro, Wizzard, Mud, and more.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £30

## COMEDY



## Bring Your Own Baby Comedy

Thursday 15 May 12pm

Come along for an afternoon of side splitting comedy, where you can relax and have a good laugh at some hilarious comedians without needing childcare! We have everything you need so that you can take some time for yourself and just be entertained. The bar is stocked whether you fancy a cuppa or even something a bit stronger, G&T anyone?

**Studio**

**Tickets** £13 – £15 | **Running time** 75 minutes

## COMEDY



## Andrew Lawrence: Still On The Naughty Step

Friday 16 May 7.30pm

Viral YouTube comedy phenomenon, Andrew Lawrence, takes his hard-edged satire on the road. The Live at the Apollo, multiple award-winning stand up star, has spent twenty years touring comedy clubs and festivals around the world, honing his craft to perfection.

**Studio**

**Tickets** £19.50 – £21.50

**Rec age:** 14+

## COMEDY



## Michelle Shaughnessy

Saturday 17 May 8pm

Coming fresh from rave reviews and sell out shows at the Edinburgh Fringe, Michelle Shaughnessy brings her unique brand of outrageous comedy on tour. Michelle is not close to reaching her goals. But instead of whining about it she's turning it into a comedy. A show for anyone who thinks it's too late to achieve their dreams, because it probably is.

**Studio**

**Tickets** £16.50 – £18.50

**Rec age:** 16+

## SCREENING



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## Exhibition on Screen: Michelangelo: Love and Death

Tuesday 20 May 8pm

The spectacular sculptures and paintings of Michelangelo seem so familiar to us, but what do we really know about the Renaissance giant? Through expert commentary, stunning visuals and Michelangelo's own words, this film celebrates the genius master artist.

**Studio**

**Tickets** £13 – £16.50

**Members get** £1 off | **Running time** 90 minutes

## MUSIC



## The Bridge: A Cuban Guitar Recital

Wednesday 21 May 7.30pm

One of Cuba's most internationally acclaimed guitar duos, The Bridge's Eduardo Martin and Ahmed Dickinson merge classical styles and rock with Cuban son montunos; old Yoruba chants, feel-good rumbas, funk – boleros, new age tunes and cinematic pieces, all sitting alongside Cuban tumbaos drums and slap bass.

**Studio**

**Tickets** £20.50 – £22.50

## SCREENING



## RBO: Ballet to Broadway: Wheeldon Works

Thursday 22 May 7.15pm

Sensuous contemporary ballet meets the energy of musical theatre in four distinctive short works. Fool's Paradise, The Two of Us, Us, An American in Paris: four works showing the remarkable choreographic range of The Royal Ballet's Artistic Associate, Christopher Wheeldon.

**Studio**

**Tickets** £13 – £16.50

**Members get** £1 off

**Running time** approx 180 minutes

## COMEDY

**Steve Bugeja**

Friday 23 May 8pm

The creator and star of ITV2's hit sitcom, *Buffering*, is back on the road following a sell-out tour and a critically acclaimed run at the Edinburgh fringe festival. This year he's discussing babies, eye tests and the time he went on holiday with 20 women.

*'An eye for comic detail that's all his own'*  
Guardian

**Studio**

Tickets £16.50 – £18.50

Rec age: 16+

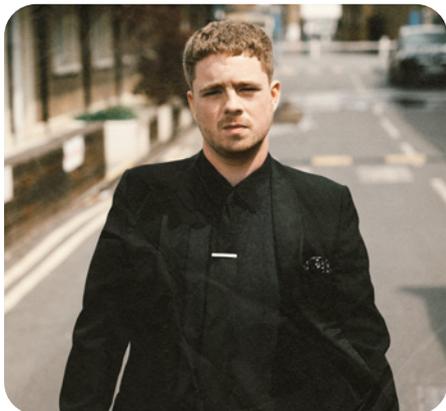
## COMEDY

**WiFi Wars**Saturday 24 May & Saturday 25 October  
3pm & 7pm

WiFi Wars returns to Chelmsford Theatre with an entirely new show to celebrate their 10th Anniversary. It's the live comedy game show where you all play along: Log in with your smartphone or tablet and compete in a range of games, puzzles and quizzes to win the show, and prizes!

**Studio**Tickets £12.50 – £16.50 | Family ticket:  
£50 – £58 | Rec age: 6+ matinee, 12+ evening

## MUSIC

**Tom Ball: Spotlight**

Sunday 25 May 7.30pm

Tom Ball shot to fame on Britain's Got Talent labelled 'simply sensational' by Simon Cowell. Following the release of his debut album, *Curtain Call*, Tom is embarking on his first major UK tour. He's been likened to stars like Michael Ball, Michael Bublé and now it's his time to step into the spotlight.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £27

## FAMILY

**Splat!**

Friday 30 May 11am &amp; 2pm

Come along to a family friendly physical comedy all about art. Set in an artist's studio, the show follows two aspiring artists, one neat and tidy, the other chaotic and messy. Follow their journey through the history of art, experiencing the great masters and movements, as they learn to embrace their differences and work together.

**Studio**

Tickets £11 – £15

Family ticket: £44 – £52

Rec age: 3-6

## COMEDY

**Michael Akadiri: Trust me, I'm a Daddy Tour**

Friday 30 May 7.30pm

Labelled 'supremely talented and likeable' by Metro, Michael has long juggled comedy and medicine but now he's thrown parenting into the mix too. Surely something must give?

Promising to be 'hugely entertaining' according to Chortle, Akadiri navigates the real-life obstacle course of parenting and being a junior doctor.

**Studio**

Tickets £14 – £17.50

Rec age: 16+

## FAMILY

**Magic & Mayhem**

Saturday 31 May 11.30am &amp; 2.30pm

Join Nicky Trix and his mischievous sidekick, Nambu the elephant, as they bring you laughter, ventriloquism, and moments of pure magic. This action-packed show also includes thrilling games and competitions where you could be part of the fun! It's a high-energy experience that will leave the whole family amazed, laughing and clamouring for more!

**Studio**

Tickets £14 – £18

Family ticket: £55 – £63

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 Chelmsford Theatre

**TALKS**



**John Crace:  
 Taking The Lead**  
 Saturday 31 May 8pm

John Crace, the Guardian's much loved political sketchwriter, has had a ringside seat at all the main events. Join him for an evening of high comedy as he tries to make sense of it all. Find out what the Queen's last words to Liz Truss really were.

**Studio**  
**Tickets** £18.50 – £20.50

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**FAMILY**



**The Wizard of Oz**  
 Sunday 1 June 1pm & 4.30pm

Starring the fabulous Fanny Galore, alongside a professional cast of West End performers, this spectacular, panto-like, colourful story is packed with hilarious jokes, dazzling dance routines, glittering scenery and plenty more for all the family. Join Dorothy and her friends as they go on a magical adventure to the Land of Oz.

**Chelmsford Theatre**  
**Tickets** £16.50 – £18.50  
**Family ticket:** £66  
**Members get** £2 off  
**Group booking** 1 in 10 free

**SCREENING**



**MET Opera: Il Barbiere di Siviglia**  
 Tuesday 3 June 7.15pm

Recorded live from New York, be transported to the streets of 18-century Seville as Bartlett Sher's witty production of Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia comes to the big screen. The stellar cast features Aigul Akhmetshina (Rosina), Jack Swanson (Count Almaviva) in his Met debut, Andrey Zhilikhovsky (Figaro), Peter Kálmán (Dr. Bartolo) and Alexander Vinogradov (Don Basilio).

**Studio**  
**Tickets** £13 – £16.50 | **Members get** £1 off  
**Running time** approx 3 hours 35 minutes

## MUSIC



## ABC: An Intimate Evening with Martin Fry

Wednesday 4 June 7.30pm

Join Martin Fry for an intimate evening of stripped-back music and conversation following a sold out tour of the UK. Frontman of iconic British pop band ABC, the band that redefined glamour and cool, Fry will take you on a journey through their well deserved place in pop history, From Poison Arrow to When Smokey Sings.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £34 – £51

Ticket + Meet & Greet: £86

## COMEDY



## Danny Baker: Aye Aye! Ahoy Hoy

Thursday 5 June 7.30pm

The unstoppable talking panjandrum is back in town, celebrating fifty years afloat on the showbiz seas. Dead men tell no tales, so might as well get 'em all told now, two thundering hours guaranteed.

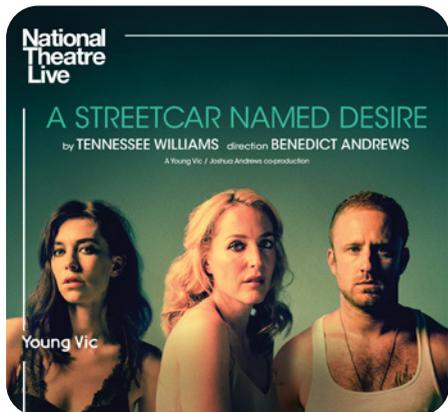
**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £29

Rec age: 14+

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## SCREENING



## NT Live: A Streetcar Named Desire

Thursday 5 June 7pm

Gillian Anderson (Sex Education), Vanessa Kirby (The Crown), and Ben Foster (Lone Survivor) lead the cast in this screening of Tennessee Williams' timeless masterpiece, returning to cinemas. As Blanche's fragile world crumbles, she turns to her sister Stella for solace – but her downward spiral brings her face to face with the brutal, unforgiving Stanley Kowalski.

**Studio**

Tickets £13 – £16.50 | Members get £1 off

## COMEDY



## Julian Clary: A Fistful of Clary

Friday 6 June 7.30pm

Yee-haw! You've heard of The Man With No Name? Well, here's The Man With No Shame. Julian Clary, renowned homosexual and national trinket, is fixing to saddle up and return to Chelmsford Theatre.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £30

Rec age: 18+

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## MUSIC



## Purple Zeppelin

Saturday 7 June 7.30pm

Purple Zeppelin are proud to pay tribute to two iconic rock bands, Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin. Taking you back to the magic, excitement and energy generated by the legendary musicians in a full show featuring more than 30 classic songs.

**Studio**

Tickets £25 – £27

## MUSIC



## The Sound of Springsteen

Saturday 7 June 7.30pm

The Sound of Springsteen brings to the stage some of the greatest hits and deep cuts from Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. Whether you're a lifetime Springsteen fan or discovering his music for the first time, you will be captivated by the thundering guitars, iconic saxophone and powerful lyrics that defined generations.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £30

Members get £2 off

## COMEDY

**It's A Mystery!**

Thursday 12 June 8pm

Join host and creator of Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote, Tim Benzie as he summons you to the drawing room for a new one man show taking you on a hilarious and engrossing deep dive into the appeal of murder mysteries, from Scooby Doo to Agatha Christie and beyond.

Funny and touching, this show will appeal to anyone who's ever wondered whodunnit (and why).

**Studio**

Tickets £20 – £22 | Rec age: 18+

Running time 70 minutes with no interval

## COMEDY

**Matt Forde:  
End Of An Era Tour**

Friday 13 June 7.30pm

Following a sold-out run of his critically-acclaimed new hour at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, leading political comedian and satirist Matt Forde (Spitting Image, HIGNFY, British Scandal) returns to Chelmsford! Finally, the UK has a new government. That can only mean one thing: new people to take the piss out of. Matt makes this his personal mission.

**Studio**

Tickets £24 – £26 | Rec age: 16+

## MUSIC

**The Simon and Garfunkel  
Story**

Sunday 15 June 7.30pm

Few shows have experienced the phenomenal global success of The Simon & Garfunkel Story, with multiple sold-out shows in over 50-countries worldwide and over 20 headline performances in London's West End, including multiple appearances at the world-famous London Palladium.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £28 – £30

Members get £2 off

## SCREENING

**Exhibition on Screen: Van  
Gogh: Poets and Lovers**

Tuesday 17 June 8pm

200 years after its opening and a century after acquiring its first Van Gogh works, the National Gallery, London is hosting the UK's biggest ever Van Gogh exhibition. Van Gogh is not only one of the most beloved artists of all time, but perhaps the most misunderstood.

**Studio**

Tickets £13 – £16.50

Members get £1 off

Running time 90 minutes

## COMEDY

**Jack Skipper: Skint**

Thursday 19 June 8pm

Carpet fitter turned comedian, Jack Skipper, delivers his debut stand-up hour with a show about how he went from a tradesman with no qualifications to a full-time comedian (with no qualifications) – offering insights into the endeavours of a working-class father struggling to navigate his way through life.

**Studio**

Tickets £17.50 – £19.50

Rec age: 14+

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## COMEDY

**Scott Bennett:  
Blood Sugar Baby**

Friday 20 June 8pm

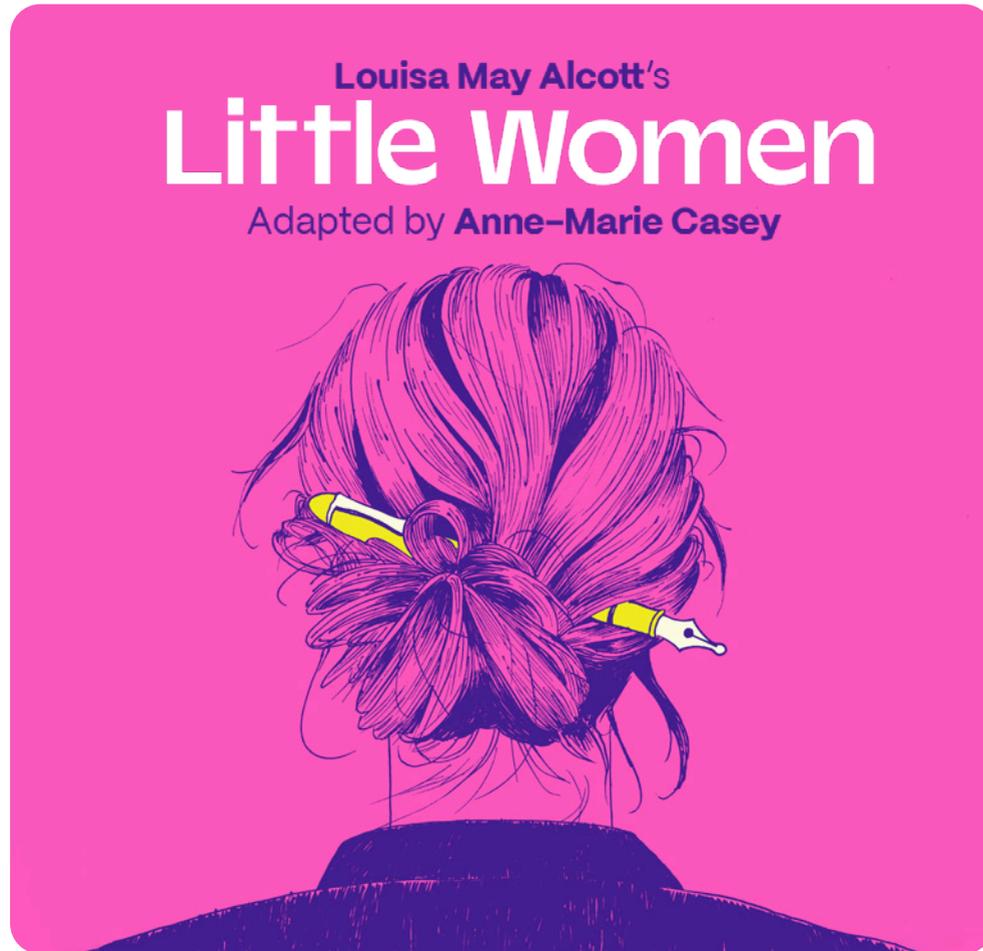
One family, one condition, one hell of a hairy baby. Scott Bennett tells the amazing true story of how his daughter fell ill with a rare genetic condition, congenital hyperinsulinism (CHI). Never heard of it? Neither had Scott and Gemma. Yes, it's a story about an ill baby, but it's a very funny one with a happy ending.

**Studio**

Tickets £19.50 – £21.50

Rec age: 16+

## DRAMA



## Little Women

Tuesday 7 to Saturday 11 October various times

Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women* was an immediate critical and commercial success and is one of the best loved novels of all time. Experience the enduring journey of the March sisters – tomboy Jo, beautiful Meg, sensitive Beth, and spoilt Amy, as they navigate the challenges of the Civil War era. Step into the world of sisterhood, courage, ambition and follow them as they progress into womanhood. The recent success of the Greta Gerwig film, the nostalgia of the classic book, combined with a beautiful adaptation provides an

exciting theatrical experience guaranteed to be a night (or afternoon!) filled with laughter, tears, and a heart-warming lifting of the spirits.

### Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £18 – £45

Members get £2 off Band A & B (Tue to Thu)

Rec age: 10+ | Groups of 10+ get 10% discount on Band A & B

Schools rate: £18 (Tue to Thu)

Captioned performance on Wed matinee

## MUSIC



## Taylormania

Friday 20 June 7.30pm

Katy Ellis plays tribute to one of the leading contemporary artists of our time Taylor Swift. A self-professed Swiftie, Ellis takes to the stage with a live band and dancers promising to perfectly encompass the atmosphere of a Taylor Swift concert.

### Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £28.50

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## MUSIC



## Frankie's Guys

Saturday 21 June 7.30pm

Celebrating a decade together, Frankie's Guys pay tribute to vocal quartet Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Accompanied by a live band, the show includes all of the iconic Four Seasons' hits like *Big Girls Don't Cry*, *December 1963*, *Sherry*, *Walk Like A Man*, *Can't Take My Eyes Off You*, *Grease* and many more.

### Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £27

Members get £2 off

## MUSIC



## Sun Records: The Concert

Thursday 26 June 7.30pm

Revisit the blessed recording studio and the legendary record label that brought musical greats like Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Rufus Thomas and scores more rockin' pioneers. Producing hits that would influence the world of music for generations to come.

### Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £26.50

## COMEDY

**Suzi Ruffell: The Juggle**

Friday 27 June 7.30pm

It's hard to be good all the time. A good mother, daughter, partner, friend, person. To be ambitious but not ruthless, a success but not a sell out, gentle but not a pushover. The juggle. Suzi is exhausted and she hasn't even started. This is a stand-up show and a support group.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £16.50 – £18.50

Rec age: 14+

## MUSIC

**Irish Annie's**

Saturday 28 June 7.30pm

Starring TV legend Ricky Tomlinson (The Royle Family), come on down for a session at Irish Annie's pub, a musical play by Asa Murphy celebrating the best of Irish culture, from the music through to the comedy. Featuring a live 5-piece band Shenanigans.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £26.50 – £28.50

Members get £2 off

Group booking 1 in 10 free

## DRAMA

**A Shoddy Detective**

Monday 30 June 7.30pm

Prepare to laugh out loud with this slapstick whodunnit featuring four actors, a dozen characters and a whole load of chaos. When a priceless painting goes missing, Detective Stuart Pidcock is called upon to uncover the mystery. However, he is forced to enlist the help of an old nemesis to help interrogate the many characterful suspects!

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £16.50 – £26.50

Members get £2 off

## TALKS

**The Makings of a Murderer**

Tuesday 1 July 7.30pm

Join Senior Investigating Officer Colin Sutton, for a chilling and thrilling night of true crime. Colin, who worked as head of a Metropolitan Police murder squad, tells the stories of how he caught some of the UK's most evil murderers, from serial killer Levi Bellfield to 'Night Stalker' Delroy Grant.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £32

Rec age: 16+

## MUSIC

**The Roy Orbison Story**

Thursday 3 July 7.30pm

Celebrating 21 years in the business, Barry Steele promises to take you on a musical journey celebrating the grammy winning, rock 'n' roll hall of fame legend 'Big O' and his many friends. Backed by a 5 piece band, you'll be taken from the rockabilly Sun Record years right through to the Traveling Wilburys era.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £30.50

## MUSIC

**Sky Full of Stars**

Friday 4 July 7.30pm

Whether you're a lifelong Coldplay fan or just looking for an unforgettable night out, Sky Full of Stars delivers dazzling performances, stunning visuals, and an atmosphere that truly brings Coldplay's greatest hits to life. From the anthemic Viva La Vida to the uplifting A Sky Full of Stars, plus all the much loved songs.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £31.50

## COMEDY

**Bonding**

Friday 4 July 8pm

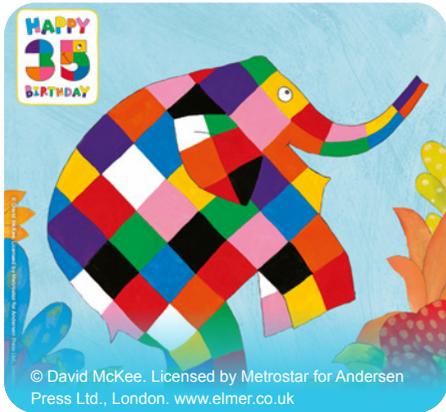
Cyril Blake's sell-out hit explores the myth, legend and legacy of Bond. Stephen has always wanted to be James Bond. He's got a tux, a fancy watch and he shakes everything he drinks. But is this a good idea? Journey through 60 years of Bond and 30 years of Stephen as we find out if he can fulfil his father's idea of masculinity without becoming toxic.

**Studio**

Tickets £21 – £23

Running time 60 minutes no interval

## FAMILY

**The Elmer Adventure**

Saturday 5 to Sunday 6 July various times

Join three friends on a joyful jungle adventure in Tall Stories' musical adaptation of the much-loved Elmer books by David McKee. Our friends inventively transform their campsite into a radiant storytelling world, bringing three classic Elmer tales bursting to life.

*'Patchwork perfection'* ★★★★★

Curtain Call Reviews

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £13 – £15 | Family ticket: £52

Groups of 10+: £13 | Running time 55 minutes with no interval | Rec age: 3+

## MUSIC

**The George Harrison Project**

Thursday 10 July 7.30pm

Enjoy the ultimate live music tribute to George Harrison, performing his best-loved hits from The Beatles, his solo career, and The Traveling Wilburys. Join these talented musicians as they recreate some of George Harrison's best-known tracks such as My Sweet Lord, Here Comes The Sun, Something and While My Guitar Gently Weeps. Not to be missed.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £25 – £27 | Members get £2 off

## FAMILY

**Baby Broadway**

Saturday 12 July 11am

An interactive experience where the whole family can sing and dance along to tunes from classic musicals and films. Performed by West End singers with bubbles, puppets, actions and dance moves for little ones.

**Studio**

Tickets £5.50 – £14.50

Under 2s free

Rec age: 0-7

## DANCE

**Rhythm of the Dance**

Saturday 12 July 2.30pm &amp; 7.30pm

Rhythm of the Dance returns featuring live musicians, vocalists and world champion dancers, this mesmerising show promises a completely captivating experience of pulsating rhythms with slick choreography performed at lightning speed. Join them on this thrilling journey through Ireland's ancient history to the modern, urban Ireland that we see today, bursting with talent.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £34.50 – £36.50

## FAMILY

**Science Museum Live**

Thursday 24 July 1pm

From the producers of Ministry of Science Live. Experience the brand-new stage show which will ignite your curiosity, fuel your imagination and inspire you in new and exciting ways. This unmissable family production is sure to capture the imagination of young and old alike, and teach you something new and exciting too.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £15 – £16.50

Family ticket: £60 | Members get £2 off

Group booking 1 in 10 free | Rec age: 6+

## MUSIC



## Flowers and Friendship Bracelets

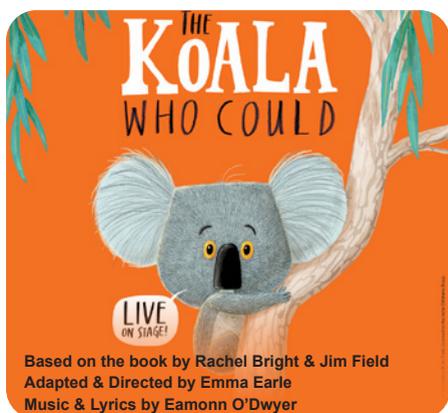
Friday 25 July 6pm

Get ready for a dazzling explosion of music, dance, and excitement as Flowers and Friendship Bracelets takes to the stage! Shake it Off, sing along to Flowers, dust off your dance moves to Vampire and Espresso as the performers recreate the live experience of artists like Taylor Swift, Sabrina Carpenter, Olivia Rodrigo and Miley Cyrus.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £24

## FAMILY



## The Koala Who Could

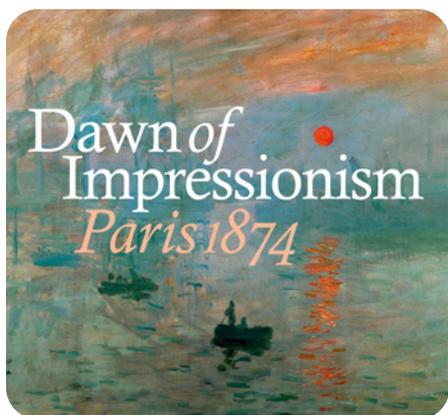
Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 July  
various times

Based on a bestselling picture book about taking a chance, an empowering laugh out loud story about embracing change, whether we like it or not. Join Kevin the koala, King of the staying still kings, and his friends kangaroo and wombat in an Australian Outback adventure, as they learn that life can be great when you try something new!

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £16.50 | Groups 10+: £10  
55 minutes with no interval

## SCREENING



## Exhibition on Screen: Dawn of Impressionism: Paris, 1874

Tuesday 29 July 8pm

The Impressionists are the most popular group in art history but they began as scorned, penniless outsiders. 1874 was the year that changed everything; the first Impressionists, "hungry for independence", broke the mould by holding their own exhibition outside official channels, changing the art world forever.

**Studio**

Tickets £13 – £16.50 | Members get £1 off  
Running time 90 minutes

## MUSIC



## Yesterday Once More: The Carpenters Songbook

Thursday 31 July 7.30pm

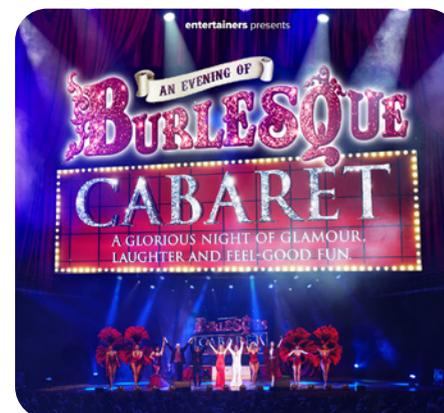
Transporting you to a time where musical legends ruled the airwaves and The Carpenters soared to stardom with well crafted tunes and soulful vocals. Relive the magic of their legacy as they pay homage to the two siblings who shaped the musical landscape.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £28

Members get £2 off

## DANCE



## An Evening of Burlesque Cabaret

Friday 1 August 7.30pm

Join us for the good old fashioned night out as we bring you the ultimate variety show, blending stylish cabaret, comedy, music, circus and burlesque to light up all your senses. With world-class entertainers and stars of the stage and screen, prepare for an extravaganza of glitz and glamour.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £33.50

Rec age: strictly 18+

## MUSIC



## Some Guys Have All The Luck

Saturday 2 August 7.30pm

Endorsed by Rod Stewart's own family, this show celebrates one of rock music's most influential icons, Rod Stewart. Taking you on a musical journey that spans six decades from humble beginnings in the R'n'B clubs of the 1960's to world-famous rock sensation.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £29

Members get £2 off

## FAMILY



### Milkshake! Live

Sunday 3 August 12pm & 3.30pm

Join your favourite Milkshake! friends on Holiday with Dora, Pip, Posey, Blue from Blue's Clues, Milo, Milkshake! Monkey, plus two of your favourite presenters for an all new adventure. Pack your bags and jump aboard the Milkshake! train as you go on an all singing, all dancing holiday together.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £18 – £19

Family ticket: £70

## MUSIC



### The Glenn Miller Orchestra

Sunday 31 August 3pm

With a line-up of world-class musicians, this Orchestra perfectly captures the sound and style of Miller's iconic Orchestra, bringing the swing era to life in every performance. Led by the legendary Ray McVay, vocals by Catherine Sykes and Mark Porter, featuring the Uptown Hall Jazz Band and their very own Moonlight Serenaders.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £26.50 – £28.50 | Members get £2 off

## MUSIC



### Lunchtime Concerts

Concerts start at 1pm

For over 30 years our much-loved Lunchtime Concerts have provided entertainment that is accessible to all. This season we have a menu of original diverse music from a mixture of genres as well as some end of term 'cooking' Jazz to look forward to. See website for this season's dates.

**Studio**

Suggested donation £2

# MATINEE MAGIC

Add a little sparkle to your afternoons with our roster of matinee shows this season.

### Andre Rieu's 75th Birthday Celebration

Sun 4 to Mon 5 May 2pm

### The Worst Princess

Sun 4 May 1.30pm & 4pm, Mon 5 May 11.30am & 2pm

### Bring Your Own Baby Comedy

Thu 15 May 12pm

### Nicky Trix Live! Magic and Mayhem

Sat 31 May 11.30am & 2.30pm

### The Wizard of Oz

Sun 1 Jun 1pm & 4.30pm

### The Elmer Adventure

Sat 5 Jul 1.30pm & 4pm, Sun 6 Jul 11am, 1.30pm & 4pm

### Rhythm of the Dance

Sat 12 Jul 2.30pm

### Science Museum Live

Thu 24 Jul 1pm

### The Koala Who Could

Mon 28 Jul 2pm & 4.30pm, Tue 29 to Wed 30 Jul 11am & 2pm

### Milkshake! Live On Holiday

Sun 3 Aug 12pm & 3.30pm

### The Glenn Miller Orchestra

Sun 31 Aug 3pm



# C Discover at Chelmsford Theatre

Our Discover programme enables everyone to enjoy the theatre in their own way. Whether it's learning new skills through workshops and masterclasses, working out to West End smashers, enhancing wellbeing through mindfulness or exploring behind the scenes of our venue, come and Discover what we can offer you and your family.

## Take some you time

### West End Workout (16+ yrs)

Six: Wed 7 May 7pm to 8pm  
Hamilton: Wed 4 Jun 7pm to 8pm  
Medley: Wed 2 Jul 7pm to 8pm

### Baby Boogie (6m - 5 yrs)

Mon 19 May 10am to 10.40am  
Mon 30 Jun 10am to 10.40am

### Midday Mindfulness

Mon 19 May 12pm to 1pm  
Mon 30 Jun 12pm to 1pm



## Adult masterclasses

### Life Drawing

Tue 6 May 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Wed 11 Jun 6.30pm to 9.30pm  
Wednesday 9 Jul 6.30pm to 9.30pm

### Paint n Sip

Wed 14 May 7pm



## Backstage Tours

Backstage Tours take place seasonally with the next one being on Sat 10 May at 10.30am

## Workshops and masterclasses for budding stars May Half-Term

### Musical Theatre: Oliver (5 to 10 yrs)

Tue 27 May 10am to 11.30am

### Musical Theatre: Mary Poppins (5 to 10 yrs)

Tue 27 May 12pm to 1.30pm

### Musical Theatre: Wicked (11 to 15 yrs)

Tue 27 May 2.30pm to 4pm

### The Greatest Showman: Musical Theatre Workshop (6 to 12 yrs)

Wed 28 May 10am to 4pm

### Chicago: Musical Theatre Intensive (13 to 18 yrs)

Thu 29 May 10am to 4pm



## Summer Holidays Little Creatives

### Musical Theatre: Lion King (5 to 10 yrs)

Thu 25 Jul 10am to 11.40am

### Musical Theatre: Moana (5 to 10 yrs)

Thu 25 Jul 12pm to 1.40pm

### Circus Skills (6 to 10 yrs)

Fri 25 Jul 10am to 12.30pm

### Beatboxing (8 to 12 yrs)

Mon 28 Jul 10am to 12.30pm

### Street Dance (6 to 11 yrs)

Tue 29 Jul 10am to 12.30pm

### Singing (6 to 11 yrs)

Tue 29 Jul 1.30pm to 4pm

### Wicked: Musical Theatre Workshop (6 to 11 yrs)

Wed 30 Jul 10am to 4pm

### Hairspray: Musical Theatre Workshop (6 to 12 yrs)

Thu 31 Jul 10am to 4pm



## Older Creatives

### Musical Theatre: Mean Girls (11 to 16 yrs)

Thu 27 May 2.30pm to 4.10pm

### Circus Skills (11 to 16 yrs)

Fri 25 Jul 1.30pm to 4pm

### Beatboxing (13 to 18 yrs)

Mon 28 Jul 1.30pm to 4pm

### Wicked Musical Theatre Intensive (12 to 18 yrs)

Fri 1 Aug 10am to 4pm

### Musical in a Week: Matilda (9 to 15 yrs)

Mon 4 to Fri 8 Aug 10am to 4pm





## International Film Series

Being a proud member of the Film Hub South East unlocks exclusive access to international films.



### Film Series:

#### La Cocina

Tue 13 May 7pm

Tickets £7.50 – £8.50

#### The Girl With the Needle

Tue 10 Jun 7pm

Tickets £7.50 – £8.50

#### On Becoming a Guinea Fowl

Tue 27 May 7pm

Tickets £7.50 – £8.50

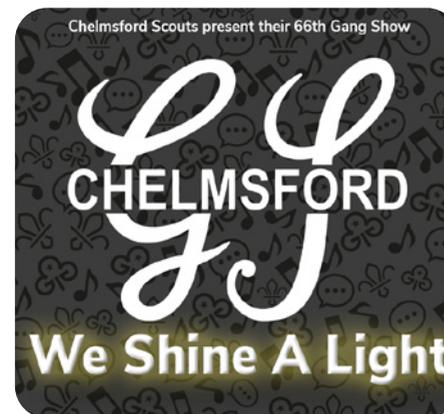
#### The Seed of the Sacred Fig

Tue 8 Jul 7pm

Tickets £7.50 – £8.50

Be the first to know what's hitting our screens and make sure you've signed up for our emails!

## COMMUNITY



## Chelmsford Gang Show 2025

Wednesday 30 April to Saturday 3 May  
various times

Join the Scouts and Guides of Chelmsford as they return for their 66th Gang Show. Titled "We Shine A Light", this show will bring the usual eclectic mix of song, dance and comedy – performed by local young people. Behind the scenes a dedicated team of volunteers make sure that you have a great time.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £10 – £15

## MUSICAL



## Carousel

Wednesday 14 to Saturday 17 May  
various times

Local amateur group Trinity Music and Drama presents one of Rodgers and Hammerstein's best-loved musicals. Set in a New England coastal village at the end of the 19th century, follow a story exploring human frailty, resilience, forgiveness and the power of love.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £21 – £23

Group booking 1 in 10 free

Captioned performance Thu evening

## MUSICAL



## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 May  
various times

Presented by local amateur group, Young Gen. Escape to a world of pure imagination as Charlie Bucket, along with the other winners of 5 golden tickets, embark on an extraordinary journey through Willy Wonka's marvellous mind, discovering more than just remarkable edible delights.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £20 | Group booking 1 in 10 free

BSL performance Sat matinee

## MUSICAL

**All Shook Up**

Wednesday 11 to Saturday 14 June  
various times

Springers Amateur Dramatic Society presents All Shook Up. A midwestern town is thrown into a frenzy when a roustabout arrives to bring music, dance and passion back to life! Expect mistaken identities, forbidden love and a whole lot of Elvis tunes.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £22 – £24

Groups of 4: £88

Captioned performance Thurs evening

## COMMUNITY

**Shiny Happy People**

Saturday 28 June 11.30am & 2pm

Award-winning theatre school Tomorrow's Talent presents its end of year Junior Showcase, celebrating 21 years of providing Performing Arts training for young people throughout Essex. With Creative Direction by West End actor, Gavin Wilkinson, Shiny Happy People features excerpts from classic musicals and contemporary soundtracks.

**Studio**

Tickets £10 – £14

## COMMUNITY

**Vocal**

Sunday 29 June 7pm

Award-winning theatre school Tomorrow's Talent presents its end of year Intermediate & Senior Showcase, celebrating 21 years of providing Performing Arts training for young people throughout Essex. With Creative Direction by West End actor, Gavin Wilkinson, Vocal features excerpts from classic musicals and contemporary soundtracks.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £18 – £20

## COMMUNITY

**Adventures in Neverland**

Friday 18 to Saturday 19 July various times

A vibrant, amateur production of dance, drama and song presented by The Weston School of Dance and Performing Arts. Journey to Neverland for this well-loved tale of a boy who doesn't grow up and who triumphs over the evil Captain Hook.

**Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £17.50 – £22

On sale date: 1 May

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## ABOUT US



**We hope you've seen something you fancy going to while you flicked through the pages of this brochure, because that's exactly what we're about, we want to be a space for everyone to come to and enjoy.**

We've been here on the end of Fairfield Road in Chelmsford's West End since 1962, but age is nothing, we still look out for what's new and exciting to put on and we are dedicated to making Chelmsford Theatre our city's cultural hub.

We are two venues under one roof. Our main auditorium seats 502 and it's where you can see

the big touring shows like Little Women; coming this October, national treasures giving a talk or some of the hottest comedians on the circuit, and of course our adored yearly panto.

Right next door is our studio theatre with a capacity of 165. Here's where things are more intimate and the space more flexible. In our studio you can enjoy

emerging comedy and theatre, screenings and interactive shows, either as tiered theatre style seating, or for some shows, as an atmospheric cabaret-style setting.

The studio is also where you'll find our cosy café, serving great coffee and all kinds of sweet goodies, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 3pm.

Moreover, if you're new to Chelmsford Theatre you'll be joining the 160,000+ people who we welcome through our doors across hundreds of performances each year.



Chelmsford Theatre is owned, managed and funded by Chelmsford City Council.



## BOOKING INFORMATION

**Below are some of the common questions we get asked about booking, but there's loads more info on the Terms and Conditions page on our website. If you have further questions, you can also pick up a printed copy at our Box Office.**

Our Box Office is open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday and outside of this we are open again 90 minutes before any show.

All bookings are subject to a £2 transaction fee (correct at time of printing).

Ticketing options include either a digital E-ticket which can be shown on your phone at the Theatre, or they can be posted for a fee of £2, or you can collect tickets from the box office free of charge.

Refunds are only available if a show is completely cancelled. We do however offer exchanges for another show, or a credit for a fee of £1 per ticket for prices up to £15, and £3 per ticket for tickets priced at £15 and over up to seven days before the date and time of the show, this excludes Chelmsford Theatre Premium members.

Where a family ticket is offered, it comprises of the equivalent of four people, either two adults and two children or one adult and three children.

If concession tickets are available for a show they apply to under 18s, over 65s and those receiving income benefits like Disability Living Allowance and Job Seekers Allowance. You may be required to show proof of any of the above at the door.

Where children under two years of age do not require a ticket, they may accompany an adult free of charge but must sit on a lap.

### Accessibility

If you have any access concerns or needs our Box Office are here to help. Email us on [boxoffice@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@chelmsford.gov.uk) or call **01245 606 505**. We also have an access scheme designed to help people book wheelchair seats and add essential companions. Visit the Access Information page on the website or email / call the Box Office for more details. Visit our website to see all access performances.

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