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A whole new season
springs upon you

 **Chelmsford
Theatre**

“HELLO

and welcome to Chelmsford Theatre



As we head into the winter season and a new year approaches, the theatre team have been firing on all cylinders to pull together this season's exciting programme.

Your new brochure is not only bursting at the seams with terrific productions but we also have some new features for you to enjoy. We're very fortunate to work with incredible companies bringing their productions to Chelmsford Theatre and we're also privileged to have a passionate and talented theatre team, and we want to shout about both of those things. We caught up with Rebecca Vaughan from DYAD productions and our very own Creative Engagement Officer, Megan Crisp. See what they had to share with us on pages 24 & 36. You'll also notice a nifty pull-out flyer in the centre pages for our ever-increasing discover programme with details of all the wellbeing, performing, participation and skills workshops on offer – why not get involved?

We're looking forward to hosting two West End touring productions coming to Chelmsford Theatre this spring. Starting with the legendary hit thriller *The Woman In Black*, that's sure to give you chills this February, and the feel good multi award-winning musical *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* in April. Another significant first for Chelmsford Theatre is the arrival of The Royal Shakespeare Company's glittering production of *The Constant Wife* in March. Starring Kara Tointon, well known for her many television roles including *Mr Selfridge*, and featuring original music by jazz-pop

supremo, Jamie Cullum we are beyond excited to be able to present this top-quality theatre production for you.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of all the local companies and organisations that use Chelmsford Theatre to put on their productions. We have a number of amateur dramatic societies, dance and drama groups, schools, choirs and so many more individuals that all contribute to keeping the arts alive among our community and we're proud to play our part in providing those opportunities. Do take a look at what's on offer on page 45.

From all of us at Chelmsford Theatre, we wish you and yours all the very best for the coming year and we look forward to welcoming you very soon.

Rhys Thomas, Chelmsford Theatre Director



What are you going to try this season?

A Royal Shakespeare Company Production, that's sharp, sophisticated, fabulous and extremely funny, following the perfect wife.

The Constant Wife
Mon 2 to Sat 7 Mar



With breathtaking puppetry and original live folk songs, imagine a whole world no bigger than a house.

Tiny Planet
Sat 28 Mar



From Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's beloved tales, delve into Acorn Wood for an enchanting lift-the-flap experience.

Tales from Acorn Wood Live
Sun 15 to Mon 16 Feb



A sold-out stand-up performer determined to give the maths a good doing.

Getting Triggy With It: Matt Parker Does The Maths
Thu 12 Mar



Darkly hilarious and critically acclaimed, Meet Fred, a puppet trying to get a job, find love and be part of society, but soon Fred's world spirals out of control.

Meet Fred
Wed 11 Feb



TikTok-viral improvised comedy, featuring chaotic games, epic scenes, and ever-so-slightly unhinged performances.

Shoot From the Hip
Sun 19 Apr



MUSIC



Hot Jazz: Still Swinging After Xmas

Friday 2 to Saturday 3 January 2.30pm & 8pm

No strangers to Chelmsford Theatre Studio, Larry and Zak, together with saxes Rowan & Dom, wizzo bass Rob, multi-instrumental Adam and incredible beat-box Andy bring superb Hot Jazz in an intimate night-club atmosphere with their unique style, revisiting some of the best Great American Songbook standards. Always a great night!

Studio

Tickets £24.50

COMEDY



Jason Manford: A Manford All Seasons

Friday 16 January 6.30pm & 8.30pm

Jason's been busy since his last smash-hit stand up show but fans of his Absolute Radio show will know this nationally acclaimed comedian hasn't changed a bit. A Manford All Seasons is Jason's latest comic offering proving once again his iconic "expert observational comedy" (The Guardian) is "comic gold" (Mail on Sunday).

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £23 – £43

Recommended age 14+

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MUSIC



Sweet and Sour

Saturday 17 January 7.30pm

Get ready for an electrifying night of pop anthems, heartbreak hits, and fierce rival vibes at Sweet and Sour – the ultimate Olivia Rodrigo vs. Sabrina Carpenter tribute show! Featuring a powerhouse live band and dynamic dancers, this show brings every beat and lyric to life, immersing you in the stories, sass, and soul of two of pop's biggest sensations.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £26

Group booking 1 in 10 free

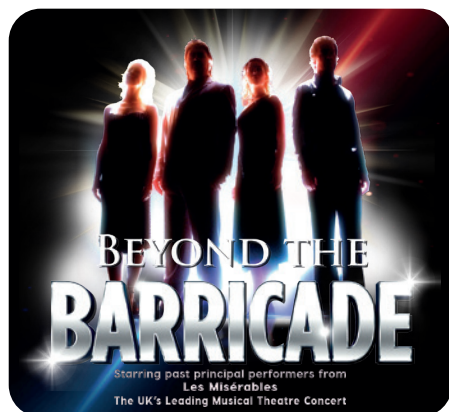
TALK

**Beatles, Bowie and Me****Saturday 17 January 7.30pm**

Veteran broadcaster Nicky Horne has unearthed previously lost recordings of his in-depth and profoundly personal interviews with all four members of The Beatles, plus the enigma that was David Bowie. Nicky will be sharing the remarkable content, both audio and video clips, at Chelmsford Theatre where the audience will have the chance to ask him questions.

Studio**Tickets** £22.50 – £24.50

MUSIC

**Beyond The Barricade****Sunday 18 January 7.30pm**

Beyond the Barricade, the UK's longest running Musical Theatre Concert Tour, is back for 2026. Join the cast for two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End, featuring the songs that have made audiences return over and over again for more than 25 years, including a spectacular finale from, of course, Les Misérables!

Chelmsford Theatre**Tickets** £29 – £31**Members** get £2 off

SCREENING

**RBO: La Traviata****Sunday 18 January 2pm**

As intimate as it is sumptuous, La Traviata features some of opera's most famous melodies, and is a star vehicle for its leading soprano role sung by Ermonela Jaho. In director Richard Eyre's world of seductive grandeur, the tender and devastating beauty at the centre of Verdi's opera shines bright.

Studio**Tickets** £15 – £18.50**Members** get £1 off**Running time** 3 hours including two intervals

TALK



Psychic Sally

Tuesday 20 January 7.30pm

The nation's favourite psychic is back on tour! Sally has been wowing theatre audiences young and old around the world for over 12 years. With her love, laughter and warmth, this show is a unique evening not to be missed. The show is investigational and for the purpose of entertainment.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £28.50

DRAMA



When Vincent Met John

Wednesday 21 January 7.30pm

Vincent Van Gogh died in 1890, John Lennon died in 1980. But imagine if the two greatest artists of their time had met? Around five years before their deaths both went through profound change. Van Gogh renounced religion and Lennon renounced sex, drugs and rock and roll. This play takes place at their exact moment of crisis, exploring love, death, art and legacy.

Studio

Tickets £22 – £24

Members get £2 off

SCREENING



NT Live: Hamlet

Thursday 22 January 7pm

Olivier Award-winner Hiran Abeysekera (Life of Pi) is Hamlet in this fearless, contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. Trapped between duty and doubt, surrounded by power and privilege, young Prince Hamlet dares to ask the ultimate question – you know the one.

Studio

Tickets £15 – £18.50

Members get £1 off

Running time 3 hours

Recommended age 12+



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MUSIC



That'll Be The Day

**Wednesday 21 to Thursday 22 January
7.30pm**

Don't miss this unforgettable performance celebrating the 40th anniversary of That'll Be The Day and Trevor's farewell tour. Experience a unique blend of rock 'n' roll, pop, and comedy, featuring timeless hits from the 50s through to the 80s. Join us to celebrate this milestone and say goodbye to Trevor as we enjoy four decades of entertainment, showcasing the energy, passion, and talent that has made this the UK's longest-running touring theatre show.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31.50

Members get £1 off

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Matinee Magic

Sequins at lunchtime? You don't have to ask us twice! Here's a list of this season's powerhouse matinees that will add some pizzazz to your afternoon (sequins encouraged but not compulsory)



Hot Jazz: Still Swinging After Xmas

Friday 2 to Saturday 3
January 2.30pm

RBO: La Traviata

Sunday 18 January 2pm

The Woman In Black

Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 &
Saturday 7 February 2.30pm

Tales from Acorn Wood

Sunday 15 February 2pm &
Monday 16 February 11am
& 2pm

Let's All Dance: Sleeping Beauty

Sunday 15 February 1pm
& 3pm

Natural History Museum Presents Dinosaurs Live

Tuesday 17 February 12pm &
3pm, Wednesday 18 February
11am & 2pm

The Best of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

Thursday 19 February 2.30pm

Baby Gospel

Sunday 22 February 11am

The Dinosaur Who Pooped A Rock Show

Sunday 8 March 12.30pm
& 3.30pm

RBO: Giselle

Sunday 8 March 2pm

The Constant Wife

Wednesday 4 & Saturday 7
March 2.30pm

Olaf Falafel's Stupidest Super Stupid Show

Sunday 15 March 2pm

Bring Your Own Baby Comedy

Friday 20 March 12pm

Adam Frost

Saturday 21 March 2pm

Flabbergast Theatre's Macbeth

Tuesday 24 March 2pm

Tiny Planet

Saturday 28 March 11.30am
& 2pm

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Friday 3 April 2pm, Saturday 4
to Sunday 5 April 11am & 2pm

RBO: Siegfried

Sunday 5 April 2pm

Ministry of Science

Monday 6 April 1pm

Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story

Friday 24 to Saturday 25 April
2.30pm

RBO: Magic Flute

Sunday 26 April 2pm



MUSIC



The Elvis Years

Friday 23 January 7.30pm

Direct from the West End, with over two decades of jaw-dropping performances.

The Elvis Years is the ultimate celebration of The King, featuring over 50 classic hits including That's Alright Mama, Suspicious Minds, It's Now or Never, Heartbreak Hotel, Blue Suede Shoes, Hound Dog, Love Me Tender, If I Can Dream and many more.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31 | Members get £2 off

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COMEDY



Jack Off The Beanstalk

Saturday 24 January 5pm & 8.30pm

This Adult Panto is udderly hilarious! The cheekiest version of Jack and the Beanstalk that's ever Past-eur-ize! Warning: this is not your childhood Dairy tale – unless your bedtime stories came with a parental advisory!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £33.50

Members get £2 off

Recommended age Strictly 18+

MUSIC



Bowie Experience

Sunday 25 January 7.30pm

Direct from London's West End, Bowie Experience is a spectacular concert celebrating the sound and vision of David Bowie. A must see for all Bowie fans, the latest production features all the hits from A to Ziggy and continues to amaze audiences bringing the golden years of David Bowie to the stage.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £29.50 – £31.50

Members get £2 off

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SCREENING



EOS: Caravaggio

Sunday 25 January 8pm

Caravaggio's masterpieces are some of art's most instantly recognisable. No one else uses his signature blend of dramatic light, intense naturalism and bold, striking figures. His incredible paintings have captivated audiences for centuries. This exhibition unravels the story of one of history's most brilliant, complex and controversial figures.

Studio

Tickets £15 – £18.50

Members get £1 off | Running time 90 minutes

MUSIC



The Illegal Eagles

Tuesday 27 to Thursday 29 January 7.30pm

The Illegal Eagles celebrate 30 years on the road with their 2026 Hotel California Tour, performing the iconic album in full alongside other timeless Eagles classics. Renowned for their uncanny ability to recreate the legendary sound of the Eagles, they promise an unforgettable evening of nostalgia and musical magic.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £41.50

Members get £2 off

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MUSIC



Celine: My Heart Will Go On

Friday 30 January 7.30pm

A must-see for fans and music lovers alike, this celebration of Celine Dion features a sensational live band, taking concertgoers on a thrilling ride through four decades of hits. From timeless classics like The Power of Love and It's All Coming Back to Me Now to the soulful All By Myself and the unforgettable My Heart Will Go On.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £29.50

Members get £2 off

MUSIC



Mercury

Saturday 31 January 7.30pm

Strap yourself in for the ultimate tribute to Freddie Mercury and Queen. With more than 25 years on the road Mercury tells the story of one of the greatest bands in history. Including all the songs you know and love such as Bohemian Rhapsody, Radio Ga Ga and We Are The Champions.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £24 – £26 | Members get £2 off

Group booking 10+ get 10% off

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COMEDY



Ian Stone is “Looking for the Wow”

Saturday 31 January 7.30pm

Life can't just be the humdrum, the mundane and the routine before the inevitable slide to disease, decay and death. Why can't we sneak in a bit of awesome, a tad of amazing and maybe a smidge of wonderful? Life could be so much better so Ian's on the lookout and wants you to join him on the hunt.

Studio

Tickets £21.50 – £23.50

Recommended age 16+

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MUSIC



Swinging at the Cotton Club

Sunday 1 February 7.30pm

For one night only, Swinging at The Cotton Club celebrates the breathtaking dance and music of the legendary nightclub. Recreated by the fabulous Lindy Hop Dance Company, alongside The Harry Strutters Hot Rhythm Orchestra featuring American vocalist Marlene Hill.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £26

Members get £2 off

DRAMA

**'The most
brilliantly
effective spine-
chiller you will
ever encounter'**

Daily Telegraph.

SUSAN HILL'S

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

ADAPTED BY
STEPHEN MALLATRATT

The Woman In Black

Tuesday 3 to Saturday 7 February 7.30pm

Wed, Thu & Sat mat 2.30pm

One of the most successful and longest running theatre shows in the history of London's West End comes to Chelmsford for the first time. This gripping production is a brilliant study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror. Obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black, Arthur Kipps engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £15 – £44

Concessions £2 off Band A & B
(Tue to Thu only)

Group booking 10+ get 10% off
(Band A & B only)

Recommended age 12+

Captioned performance on
Wed 4 Feb 2.30pm

SCREENING

**RBO: Woolf Works****Monday 9 February 7.15pm**

Virginia Woolf defied literary conventions to depict rich inner worlds – her heightened, startling and poignant reality. Resident Choreographer Wayne McGregor leads a luminous artistic team to evoke Woolf's signature stream of consciousness writing style in this immense work that rejects traditional narrative structures.

Studio**Tickets** £15 – £18.50**Members get £1 off | Recommended age 8+****Running time** 2 hours 45 minutes incl 2 intervals

MUSIC

**Money for Nothing****Wednesday 11 February 7.30pm**

Money For Nothing is a tribute to the Dire Straits like no other before. Meticulous attention is paid to every detail, to faithfully recreate the distinct sound of Dire Straits in this unforgettable sonic spectacular. Performing Money for Nothing, Romeo and Juliet, Sultans of Swing and many more much-loved classics drawn from six platinum albums.

Chelmsford Theatre**Tickets** £31.50

DRAMA

**Meet Fred****Wednesday 11 February 7.30pm**

Ten years, 20+ countries, and countless laughs later, Meet Fred is back! This darkly funny, internationally acclaimed satire follows Fred, a puppet fighting for his independence as his Puppetry Living Allowance is under threat. A hilariously subversive take on bureaucracy, disability rights, and what it means to be human. Contains strong language and puppet nudity. "Sharp, funny and vastly entertaining" – Lyn Gardner, for the Guardian

Studio**Tickets** £18 – £20**Recommended age** 14+

MUSIC



MacBusted

Thursday 12 February 7.30pm

Get ready to relive the golden age of pop-rock anthems with the ultimate live tribute to McFly and Busted. This powerhouse show bursts onto the stage with all the energy, attitude, and feel-good chaos that defined two of the UK's biggest bands. Featuring Air Guitar, Crashed the Wedding, All About You, Obviously, and Shine a Light, every song is a crowd-pleasing hit that you'll still know every word to.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £33

Group booking 1 in 10 free

DRAMA



Jarman: The Story of Derek Jarman

Friday 13 February 7.30pm

Derek Jarman: film-maker, painter, gardener at Prospect Cottage, gay rights activist, writer...his influence remains strong, but his extraordinary story has never been told. Until now. This vibrant play from Mark Farrelly (Howard's End, Quentin Crisp: Naked Hope) is a daring reminder of the courage it takes to truly live while you're alive.

Studio

Tickets £20 – £22

Recommended age 14+

Running time 80 minutes no interval

COMEDY



Josh James: Doin' Alright

Friday 13 February 8pm

One of the most exciting names to breakout in UK comedy, viral comedy star Josh James presents his debut tour. Join Josh as he guides audiences through the life of an Essex Man and the uniqueness of English culture. As seen on The Lateish Show with Mo Gilligan, Big Brother's Late & Live (ITV), The Big Breakfast (Channel 4), Mo Gilligan's Spotlight (Audible), Fighting Talk (Radio 5) and co-host of cult hit podcast The Josh James Show.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £26

Recommended age 16+

MUSIC



Fastlove

Saturday 14 February 7.30pm

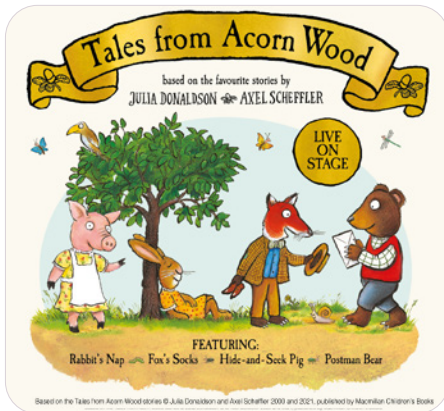
Direct from London's West End, this is the world's favourite George Michael celebration!

Now touring in 18 countries, selling over 250,000 tickets worldwide. Join us for one very special night as we celebrate the late great George Michael. Playing all the hits: Wake Me Up, Too Funky, Father Figure, Freedom, Faith, Knew You Were Waiting, Careless Whisper and many more.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £34

FAMILY



Tales from Acorn Wood

Sunday 15 to Monday 16 February various times

Presented by Norwell Lapley Productions and based on the favourite stories by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Poor old Fox has lost his socks! And who's that keeping Rabbit awake? With games of hide-and-seek with Pig and Hen and a special surprise from Postman Bear, this beautiful show, full of toe-tapping songs and puppetry, is the perfect treat for children of all ages.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £15 – £17 | Group rate £13 (10+)

Recommended age 1+

Running time 60 minutes no interval

DANCE

Let's All Dance:
Sleeping Beauty

Sunday 15 February 1pm & 3pm

The Let's All Dance Ballet Company is delighted to return with this much-loved ballet for the whole family. Dazzling dancers, Tchaikovsky's sumptuous score and gorgeous costumes bring this glittering classical ballet to life. A fairy, turned evil by jealousy, casts a bad spell on a young princess and only an act of pure love can save her.

Studio

Tickets £10 – £14

Running time 50 minutes no interval

FAMILY



Natural History Museum presents Dinosaurs Live

Tuesday 17 to Wednesday 18 February various times

For the first time since 1881, London's Natural History Museum, is going on tour! Ever since they were first identified, dinosaurs have sparked the imagination of kids and adults alike. This show takes you on a pre-historic journey to watch the life-like dinosaurs come alive right on stage!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £17 – £18 | Family ticket £66

Recommended age 3+

Running time 60 minutes no interval

TALK



Essex Podcast Festival

Richard Herring's

RHLSTP

Wed 18 Feb 7.30pm

Join the "Podfather" (The Guardian) and "King of the Internet" (Time Out) as he welcomes star guests for hilarious, no-holds-barred chat.

Broken Veil

& Eerie Essex

Thu 26 Feb 7pm

The award-winning Broken Veil and the spellbinding Eerie Essex feature in a unique supernatural podcast double bill in front of a live audience.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £21.50

Rec age 14+

Studio

Tickets £6.50

COMEDY



Emmanuel Sonubi: Life After Near Death

Wednesday 18 February 7.30pm

Emmanuel's (host of Live at The Apollo) hilarious and heartfelt show explores his life after surviving heart failure and the strange and funny ways we all find to keep going when life gets hard. It's about turning life's toughest moments into comedy gold, finding the laughs in survival and the punchlines in perseverance.

Studio

Tickets £19.50 – £23.50

Recommended age 14+

MUSIC



The Best of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

Thursday 19 February 2.30pm & 8pm

Starring Peter Andre – this show is a spectacular celebration of timeless music from one of the biggest selling groups of all time. The nostalgic musical journey pays tribute to the life and career of those four boys from Jersey, who started singing under a streetlamp but went on to be one of the most recognised groups in history.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £46.50

MUSIC



Uptown Girl: The Billy Joel Collection

Friday 20 February 7.30pm

Drawing from six decades of smash-hits, this show is a celebration of the legacy of one of the greatest American musicians of all time. This roof-raising two hour staged concert features non-stop hits including: Piano Man, River of Dreams, We Didn't Start the Fire and, of course, Uptown Girl.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £28.50

Members get £2 off

COMEDY



Mark Simmons: Jest to Impress

Saturday 21 February & Friday 30 October 7.30pm

A brand new show packed with expertly crafted one liners, alongside Mark's trademark off the cuff jokes based on random audience suggestions. Mark is also enjoying success with his podcast, Jokes With Mark Simmons, where he invites fellow comics, such as Gary Delaney, Sarah Millican & Milton Jones to share jokes that they couldn't get to work.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £21.50 | Recommended age 14+

COMEDY



Alex McAleer: Mind Reader

Saturday 21 February 7.30pm

Alex McAleer reads minds and leaves audiences in stitches. From the Edinburgh Fringe to Champions of Magic's global tours, he's wowed crowds worldwide. Mixing razor-sharp wit with mind-bending feats, this is an unforgettable night of comedy and mystery. "Mind-blowing" Broadway World. Don't miss your chance to see Alex McAleer live!

Studio

Tickets £16.50 – £21.50

Recommended age 12+

FAMILY



Baby Gospel

Sunday 22 February 11am

Experience the magic of Baby Gospel, an uplifting family concert blending soul, Motown, and gospel classics, performed by talented members of London's acclaimed CK Gospel Choir.

Sing, clap, and groove along to iconic hits from Marvin Gaye, Bob Marley, Adele, Jackie Wilson, Pharrell, and more.

Studio

Tickets £5.50 – £14.50 | **Under 2s** free

Running time 45 minutes

Recommended age 0-8 years

COMEDY



Biff To The Future

Friday 27 February 6pm

The iconic villain of Back To The Future takes centre stage in this comedic reimagination of Marty's time-traveling escapades. This new, heartfelt parody explores the highs and lows of a life chasing power, fame and fortune. Edinburgh Fringe Theatre Award 2025 winner!

"A total delight for the trilogy's legion of devotees." ★★★★★ The List

Studio

Tickets £26 – £28 | **Recommended age** 12+

Running time 70 minutes no interval

DRAMA



Glitch

Saturday 28 February 7.30pm

The True Story of the Post Office Scandal

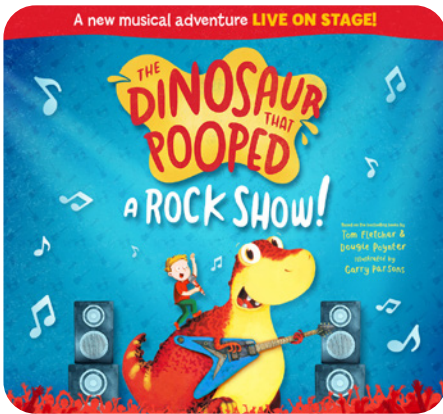
Pam Stubbs has been sub-postmistress of Barkham Post Office for twenty years, respected and loved by the community. But when unexplained discrepancies start appearing in her accounts, Pam finds herself at the heart of the biggest miscarriage of justice in English legal history. An inspirational true story, based on the experiences of Pam and her colleagues.

Studio

Tickets £18 – £22 | **Recommended age** 12+

Running time 75 minutes no interval

FAMILY



The Dinosaur That Pooped A Rock Show

Sunday 8 March 12.30pm & 3.30pm

When Danny and Dino's favourite rock band are playing their last ever concert, they go on a quest to get the last two tickets. But, with a villainous band manager lurking, nothing goes to plan. Will the band perform? Will Danny rock out? Or will Dino's rumbling tummy save the day? Adapted from the best-selling books by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £18.50 – £19.50 | **Family ticket** £72

Group booking 1 in 10 free | **Members get** £2 off

Running time 60 minutes with no interval

SCREENING



RBO Giselle

Sunday 8 March 2pm

The peasant girl Giselle has fallen in love with Albrecht. When she discovers that he is actually a nobleman promised to another, she kills herself in despair. Her spirit joins the Wilis: the vengeful ghosts of women hell-bent on killing any man who crosses their path in a dance to the death. Wracked with guilt, Albrecht visits Giselle's grave, where he must face the Wilis.

Studio

Tickets £15 – £18.50

Members get £1 off

Running time 2 hours 20 minutes incl interval

DRAMA

A Royal Shakespeare Company Production

The Constant Wife

Monday 2 to Saturday 7 March 7.30pm

Wed & Sat mat: 2.30pm

**“Sharp,
sophisticated,
fabulous and
extremely
funny”**

The Guardian

**“Sharp, fresh,
feminist and
very witty”**

The I Paper

**“Frothily radical
Twenties
comedy”**

The Times

1927. Constance is a very unhappy woman. “Nonsense” says her mother “she eats well, sleeps well, dresses well and she’s losing weight. No woman can be unhappy in those circumstances” Constance is the perfect wife and mother, and her husband is as devoted to her as he is to his mistress, who just happens to be her best friend.

Adapted by Olivier Award-winner Laura Wade (Home, I’m Darling; TV’s Rivals) from Somerset Maugham’s glittering comedy, The Constant Wife originally opened in Stratford upon Avon to marvellous reviews and sold every seat.

Directed by Co-Artistic Director of the RSC Tamara Harvey, this sparkling new version will star Kara Tointon (TV’s Mr Selfridge and Winner of Strictly Come Dancing) and features original music composed by multi award – winning jazz artist Jamie Cullum.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £10 – £46.50

Group booking 1 in 10 free

Schools rate (Mon to Wed only) £33 (Band A) & £28 (Band B)

Captioned performance Wed 4 March 2.30pm



David Pugh & Cunard present the Royal Shakespeare Company Production

KARA TOINTON

THE CONSTANT WIFE

BY LAURA WADE BASED ON THE COMEDY BY W. SOMERSET MAUGHAM
DIRECTED BY TAMARA HARVEY



MUSIC



The Irish House Party

Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm

The ultimate feel-good Irish music and dance show. There are no twee costumes or backing tracks here. Instead you get incredibly talented musicians and dancers who simply want to bring you the sound and fun of Ireland in an intimate and homely setting. Combining lively traditional Irish music, song and dance with infectious comedy. Don't miss it.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £26

Group booking 1 in 10 free

DRAMA



General Medical Emergency Ward 10

Tuesday 10 March 7.30pm

The award-winning Dyad Productions and Company Gavin Robertson are joining forces in a pacy, cliché-ridden comic homage to the intrigues and dramas of every hospital, medical-based, Doctors-and-Nurses plotline on the big and small screen in this comedy mash-up spoof!

To be taken once a day.
(Or twice if there's a matinee).

Studio

Tickets £21.50 – £23.50

COMEDY



Mike Wozniak: The Bench

Wednesday 11 March 7.30pm

New stand-up tour show from Mike Wozniak in which a story about a bench will be prominent. Previous experience of or strong opinions about benches not required. Let Mike worry about that. As seen on Taskmaster, Man Down and Junior Taskmaster. As heard on Three Bean Salad podcast.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £25.50

Recommended age 14+

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COMEDY



Getting Triggy With it: Matt Parker Does the Maths

Thursday 12 March 7.30pm

He's a NYT best-selling author and sold-out stand-up performer. But now it's time he does the maths. Really gets in there and gives the maths a good doing. It's time he programmes his own Christmas tree lights and shares his hand-crafted maths code. Come watch Matt Parker do the maths. (Every audience member will get some free maths.)

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Tickets £28 | **VIP** £50 (on top of ticket price)

Recommended age 12+ | **Schools** 1 in 10 free

COMEDY



Drunk Women Solving Crime

Friday 13 March 7.30pm

After past sell out runs across the UK and the Edinburgh Fringe, hosts of hit comedy podcast Drunk Women Solving Crime, Hannah George and Taylor Glenn are taking to the road to record their award-winning show live. Join them and their celebrity guests "solve" a crime over a glass or two and share your own tale to win a prize.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £22.50

Recommended age 16+

COMEDY



Lieven Scheire: Artificial Intelligence

Friday 13 March 7.30pm

Join Belgium's top science-comedian, Lieven Scheire—hailed as the "secret love child of Stephen Fry and Dara Ó Briain"—for a night where sharp wit meets mind-blowing science. From Artificial Intelligence to the cosmos, Lieven makes complex ideas hilarious and accessible. "So intelligent, I expect Google to make a takeover bid." — De Morgen

Studio

Tickets £23 – £25

Recommended age 12+

Get to know our team

We've been really impressed by the level of interest our customers take in our venue and the work we do. So we've decided to give you a little insight into the members of our team who enable Chelmsford Theatre to operate effectively and creatively.

Kicking this season off is our brilliant Creative Engagement Officer, Megan Crisp who (among many other responsibilities) runs our very successful discover programme. Starting her career at 22 years old as a secondary school Drama teacher, Megan went on to run the Education and Outreach for Mid-Essex Libraries before joining the Chelmsford Theatre team in 2024. Here's what she had to say when we caught up with her.

Tell us about your role at Chelmsford Theatre

As the Creative Engagement Officer, my main focus is building opportunities for the public, communities,

schools, organisations and more to engage in the arts with us at Chelmsford Theatre! My day to day is so varied, but my days can be filled with planning holiday workshops, running story telling for little ones, setting up for life drawing, going to network meetings about dementia or popping to a school to run a workshop.

discover is something the team are hugely proud of at Chelmsford Theatre. Can you tell us more about what it is and who it's for?

discover has so many different elements to it, but if I boiled it down, I would say

"discover is all about confidence, community, wellbeing, and learning."

The most important thing is that discover is for everyone!

"We want Chelmsford Theatre to be a place that welcomes every person in the community to our space"

and I think discover is working on achieving that.

What is your proudest achievement at your time with Chelmsford Theatre?

It has to be the Matilda Musical in a week. We were so lucky to be working with 30 incredible young people, who put together a whole show in just 5 days! It was also a great example of how every department here feeds into discover. The support of the technicians,



front of house and marketing really made this whole project possible.

What personally inspires you to do what you do?

I find the endless possibilities of the arts so inspiring. There are so many things we could do, offer to our community,

“I feel so motivated every day to build something amazing and exciting for Chelmsford and beyond!”

What can we look forward to in the discover programme this season?

More musicals, more workshops, more stories,

and more chances to get involved! I cannot wait to see our second Vibrant Voices schools event hit the main stage, and I am particularly excited for the start of our Dementia Friendly Cinema, with an excellent array of musical-themed films to get everyone feeling good!

If you want to know more about our discover programme, visit chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk/about-us/discover-learning-and-wellbeing

COMEDY



Daniel O'Reilly: Let's Have It

Saturday 14 March & Saturday 5

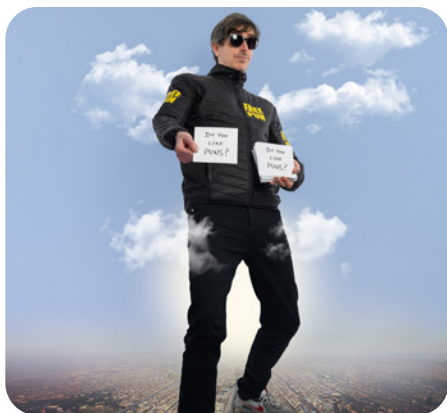
September 8pm

Hold on to your seats and brace yourself for a night of outrageous laughs and no-holds-barred comedy. Famous for his unapologetic humour, quick-fire crowd work, and electric stage presence, Daniel is back and funnier than ever. Whether you've seen him go viral online or live on stage, you'll know one thing for sure: no topic is off-limits!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £33 | Recommended age 16+

COMEDY



Darren Walsh: Do You Like Puns?

Saturday 14 March 7.30pm

⌘⌘⌘ ←flippin' heck! Witness a pun Goliath in person, as Darren Walsh brings his 8ft frame and award winning act on the road. From appearing on Comic Relief to his Jokes on the street series on social media, he's been racking up millions of views, but live is where he thrives. Book now, li is two short.

Studio

Tickets £21 – £23

Recommended age 16+

FAMILY



Olaf Falafel's Stupidest Super Stupid Show

Sunday 15 March 2pm

Award-winning comedian and children's author Olaf Falafel is dishing up a frying pan full of family-friendly comedy. The comedy show comedians take their kids to is back and even funnier! Join Olaf Falafel (if that is his real name) for an hour of kid's comedy which will be the stupidest he has ever let trickle from his brain.

Studio

Tickets £11.50 – £15.50 | Family ticket £46

Running time 60 minutes no interval

MUSIC



The Rocket Man: A Celebration of Sir Elton John

Sunday 15 March 7.30pm

Are you ready for love? The Rocket Man and his amazing band head down the Yellow Brick Road for two hours of glorious hits – Saturday Night's Alright, Crocodile Rock, I'm Still Standing, Philadelphia Freedom and more. This is the world's favourite celebration to a musical icon – Elton's life and career live on stage.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £32

COMEDY



Ivo Graham: Orange Crush

Tuesday 17 March 7.30pm

The Taskmaster promise-squanderer, published author and gig pig welcomes you to the latest chaotic chapter of his career. A show about hats, haters and hometown heroes. You've seen him on panels and podcasts and pegging it through train stations: now come and see his new orange threads in the flesh. "Confident, exquisitely crafted and, most importantly, satisfyingly funny" – The Evening Standard

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £19.69

Recommended age 14+

DRAMA



Voice of My Own

Tuesday 17 March 7.30pm

Voice Of My Own tells the inspiring true story of Daniel Jillings, the Lowestoft D/deaf teenager who campaigned for the British Sign Language GCSE. From the Suffolk coast to the steps of Parliament, Daniel's remarkable story is one of courage, resilience and the power of youth to create change.

Studio

Tickets £18 – £25

Recommended age 14+

MUSIC



The Magic of the Bee Gees

Wednesday 18 March 7.30pm

It's time to put on your dancing shoes, for the night out of the year you have been waiting for, as we celebrate the songs of music royalty, The Bee Gees. Immerse yourself in the brothers' music through the Sixties, Seventies, and Eighties – including hits they wrote for artists such as Celine Dion, Diana Ross, and Dolly Parton. This fabulously authentic production ensures the Gibb brothers' incredible legacy of classic hit songs is well and truly stayin' alive!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £35

MUSIC



Lindisfarne

Thursday 19 March 7.30pm

Legendary 70s folk-rock pioneers Lindisfarne return to form with a classic five-piece line up of long-time members fronted by original founder-member Rod Clements on vocals, mandolin, fiddle and slide guitar. With a repertoire of unforgettable songs like Meet Me On The Corner, Fog On The Tyne and a reputation for live performance second to none.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £35

COMEDY



Bring Your Own Baby Comedy

Friday 20 March 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! The bar is stocked whether you fancy a cuppa or even something a bit stronger, G&T anyone?

Studio

Tickets £13

Running time 75 minutes

COMEDY



Comedy Special with Rhys James

Friday 20 March 7.30pm

Off The Kerb have gathered a whole host of stand up comedians for this comedy special starring Rhys James and hosted by MC Alistair Barrie. The line up features Rhys James, Amy Gledhill, Elliot Steel, Alana Jackson and Limahl Germain, who are all ready to help end the week and start the weekend with some much needed mirth.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £25

Recommended age 16+

TALK



Adam Frost

Saturday 21 March 2pm

In his most personal show to date, Adam will discuss the plants that have shaped his life and reflect on what's brought him to where he is now. He'll unearth the inspiration he's found through a life in the garden, the people he's met along the way, the music that's steered his course and why he identifies as an 'old romantic fool'.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £35 – £40

Recommended age 14+

COMEDY



The Comedy Store Players

Saturday 21 March 7.30pm

An improvised show from the stars of Whose Line Is It Anyway.

The resident Impro troupe from the most famous comedy club in the world, The Comedy Store Players have been delighting audiences for over 30 years. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see the original stars of Whose Line is it Anyway? strutting their stuff on tour. Expect lightning-quick reactions and world-class silliness!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £25.50

Recommended age 14+



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COMEDY



Alasdair Beckett-King: King of Crumbs

Saturday 21 March 8pm

ABK is the crumbliest comedian in the game: a multi-award-winning stand-up comic and (occasionally) an internet sensation. Come vagabonds, come mountebanks, come coney-catchers and cutpurses and meet the King of Crumbs! As seen on Mock the Week and 8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown.

Studio

Tickets £23 – £25

Recommended age 16+

MUSIC



An Evening with Toyah: Songs and Stories

Sunday 22 March 7.30pm

The High Priestess of Punk burst onto the scene in 1976 as she forged dual careers as a musician and actress. Acting, presenting, performing, headlining tours, and releasing 23 studio albums continued her unique story and now it's time to reflect in an evening singing favourite hits and sharing stories from her remarkable career.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £30.50 – £81.50 | **Premium ticket** £51.50 (includes goody bag) | **Meet & Greet** £81.50 (photo, autograph & goody bag)

DRAMA



Flabbergast Theatre's Macbeth

Tuesday 24 March 2pm & 7.30pm

Flabbergast's Macbeth fuses a rigorous and respectful approach to this classic tale to bring a magical, lucid interpretation of Shakespeare's blood-soaked tragedy to life. Presenting original text accompanied by exhilarating live music creating an atmosphere that compliments and juxtaposes the action.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £19.50 – £21.50 | **Schools rate** 10+ £16.50 (teachers go free) | **Members get** £2 off
Recommended age 11+

SCREENING



EOS: Turner & Constable

Tuesday 24 March 8pm

Two of Britain's greatest painters, J.M.W. Turner and John Constable were also the greatest of rivals. Celebrating the 250th anniversary of their births, this unmissable new documentary explores Turner and Constable's intertwined lives and legacies alongside the groundbreaking Tate exhibition.

Studio

Tickets £15 – £18.50

Members get £1 off

Running time 90 minutes

MUSIC



Taylormania

Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm

An award-winning extravaganza that pays tribute to one of the leading contemporary artists of our time. Katy Ellis, a self-confessed 'Swiftie', with an incredible live band and dancers will deliver the most authentic recreation of a Taylor experience. Taylormania has already taken 'Swiftie' fans across the world by storm.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31.50

COMEDY



Simon Evans: Staring at the Sun

Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm

With growing evidence that we are living in a Computer Simulation and the approaching watershed of the AI Singularity looming like a weirdly pixelated cumulo-nimbus on the horizon, BBC Radio 4 stalwart and veteran of a quarter century of highly acclaimed stand-up comedy Simon Evans is squinting at an uncertain future, and revisiting his youth.

Studio

Tickets £21 – £23 | **Recommended age** 16+

*Join our email list to be the first to know when events go on sale.

COMEDY



Kane Brown: Crowd Work King

Thursday 26 March 8pm

One hour of purely unscripted, unplanned comedy; all based around audience participation. In this new exciting dynamic to a comedy show nobody knows what's coming next (not even the comedian!). Each show will be uniquely different, so come and see what no other venue will experience.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £20.50 | Meet & Greet £35.50

Recommend age 16+

MUSIC



Country Night in Nashville

Friday 27 March 7.30pm

Prepare to be transported on a musical journey through the history of Country, featuring songs from its biggest stars both past and present. Hits from Johnny Cash to Alan Jackson, Dolly to The Chicks, Willie Nelson to Kacey Musgraves, are showcased by the amazing Dominic Halpin and the Hurricanes. With songs including Ring Of Fire, Crazy, Follow Your Arrow and It's Five O'Clock Somewhere to name just a few.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31.50 | Members get £2 off

COMEDY



Josh Baulf: Lovely Stuff

Friday 27 March 8pm

After bursting on to the comedy scene with his razor-sharp wit and a string of viral videos, Josh Baulf embarks on his debut solo tour! With his trademark charm and killer punchlines, Josh delves into the hilarities of millennial life, navigating modern relationships and the quirks of British culture for a night of big laughs and relatable truths.

Studio

Tickets £19.50 – £21.50

Recommended age 16+

MUSIC



The ELO Experience

Saturday 28 March 7.30pm

The world's foremost multi award winning tribute to Jeff Lynne and The Electric Light Orchestra celebrates its 20th Anniversary Year Tour in 2026. Go on a magical ELO journey through time with some of the greatest music ever written and put onto vinyl. The greatest hits will be there plus some album gems too! Join in celebrating this great music from the genius that is Mr Jeff Lynne!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £32

COMEDY



Russell Hicks: This Time It's Personal

Saturday 28 March 8pm

American stand up comedian Russell Hicks is back on tour. It's been a big year for Russell. He's appeared in multiple feature films including Edgar Wright's *The Running Man* (2025). You also may have seen his phenomenally successful *Dear Diary* series on Instagram, which has gained millions of views. Last year's show was about his life in the UK. This year is about...him. He's back. And this time... it's personal.

Studio

Tickets £22 – £24 | Recommended age 16+

FAMILY



Tiny Planet

Saturday 28 March 11.30am & 2pm

Imagine a whole world that is no bigger than a house, yet at the centre of a galaxy. With breathtaking puppetry, original live folk songs and earthy percussion, uncover the mysteries that keep this little globe turning. Live camera projection brings this tiny world to life as a wanderer learns that the smallest things hold the biggest stories. This unique piece of puppet theatre explores how we all can sometimes feel impossibly small and infinitely gigantic.

Studio

Tickets £11 – £15 | Post-show workshop £8

COMEDY



Pete Firman: Tricks and Giggles

Wednesday 1 April 7.30pm

With over 4.5 million social media followers and countless TV appearances, Pete Firman is the UK's top comic magician. Bringing his trademark blend of magic and comedy from the small screen to Chelmsford Theatre with this brand-new show. Expect impossible feats, sleight of hand and big laughs from one of magic's most exciting performers!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £21.50 | Recommended age 11+

COMEDY



Ray Bradshaw: CODA

Wednesday 1 April 7.30pm

1 in 6 adults in the UK will lose their hearing in their lifetime; two of those are Ray Bradshaw's parents. The multi award winning comedian is back on tour with a brand-new show all about growing up as a CODA; A Child of Deaf Adults. His upbringing was nothing like the Oscar winning film and he's here to tell you why.

Studio

Tickets £18.50 – £23.50

Recommended age 14+

BSL interpreted

MUSIC



The UK Pink Floyd Experience

Thursday 2 April 7.30pm

Lose yourself in The Songs from every Album Tour in 2026! Featuring songs from every one of Pink Floyd's 15 studio album legacy. With extraordinary accuracy and a stunning light show – you'll hear the songs you love, no matter which era of Pink Floyd you prefer.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £25 – £31

Members get £2 off

New for this season's brochure, we're giving you a peek behind the curtain to get to know more about the people who produce and tour the fantastic work you see on our stages.



Perfectly fitting to start these series of articles is Rebecca Vaughan; Producer, Performer, Writer and Director of Dyad Productions. Dyad Productions is a firm favourite with Chelmsford Theatre Studio audiences and have been bringing their shows to us for over 10 years! We caught up with Rebecca ahead of their 15th visit to our venue earlier this year, here's what she had to say.

Tell us a bit about you and what you do.

We tour the country (and internationally) touring theatre shows – usually up to five different shows per year! I created Dyad Productions back in 2009 to allow me to create work from scratch, as I was so interested in

being a theatre-maker as well as an actor. I had so many ideas for shows, as well as adaptations, and Dyad wonderfully allows me to combine my passions for theatre, literature, history and everything else!

How would you describe Dyad Productions to someone who has never seen one of your shows?

Much of our work is solo work – as we're fascinated to break the fourth wall and really bring the audience on the journey with us. So that you feel you've experienced the world rather than just passively watching something.

“We're interested in igniting an audience's imagination, in a way you feel when you read a book”

We love to create work that's really entertaining, and that also makes you think.

Dyad has a wonderful local following at Chelmsford Theatre. Tell us how it feels to return to the venue and the audiences who enjoy your shows.

“Chelmsford audiences are so warm and welcoming – and I always feel that they're with me at every moment.”

Oh it's just wonderful! The Studio is such a wonderfully intimate space for theatre. The whole tech team are just brilliant – so we absolutely adore coming back.



Last season we had comedy Austen's Women: Lady Susan and the classic A Christmas Carol on in the Studio. This season we're looking forward to General Medical Emergency Ward 10, what can you tell us about this new production?

This is our very first collaboration – with the very fabulous Gavin Robertson. Gavin is an internationally renowned physical theatre comedy performer and creator, we've been promising to work together for years, and we've finally come up with this very silly idea! It's basically a pastiche and parody of every hospital soap opera and film! It's going to be very silly and very

fun, and they'll be three of us on stage – which we're all very excited about.

How important are studio spaces to your production company?

We tour to vastly different spaces – from the smallest theatre in Scotland (the glorious Swallow Theatre) which is only 48 seats, to old Victorian proscenium arch theatres of about 600 seats.

"There's something so wonderful about a Studio space. The audience gets to see the whites of the performer's eyes – and vice versa – which makes for a very magical intimate experience."

Can you share any future projects that are on the horizon?

We have about 4 projects we're considering, but they're all in the very nascent stage – but I can say that they go all the way from 16th Century drama to hard-boiled 20th Century noir (and a few things in between).

We can't wait to see what's coming up! If you'd like to see one of Dyad's productions at Chelmsford Theatre, check out General Medical Emergency Ward 10 on page 22.



FAMILY



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Friday 3 to Sunday 5 April various times

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, The Tiger Who Came to Tea returns to Chelmsford. Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £16.50 | Group rate £10 (10+)

Recommended age 3+

Running time 55 minutes no interval

COMEDY



Alfie Moore: Acapocalypse Now

Saturday 4 April 7.30pm

The Four Horsemen of Rising Crime, Global Warming, AI and Culture Wars are galloping towards us. Are we on the road to hell? And can we avoid the potholes? In his brand-new tour show Fair Cop Alfie has the antidote to the breakdown of law and order, fake news and the price of baked beans. "Brilliantly funny...genuinely hilarious" – David Mitchell

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £24 | Recommended age 14+

SCREENING



RBO: Siegfried

Sunday 5 April 2pm

Unaware of his true family origins, a young man embarks on an epic journey. Soon, destiny brings him face-to-face with a shattered sword, a fearsome dragon and the cursed ring it guards, and a Valkyrie forced into enchanted slumber... Moments of transcendent beauty and heroic triumph sparkle in the third chapter of Wagner's Ring cycle.

Studio

Tickets £15 – £18.50

Members get £1 off

TALK



Susie Dent: Word Perfect

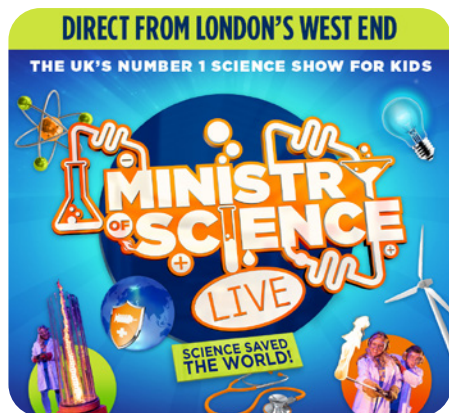
Sunday 5 April 7.30pm

A brand-new tour of the joys of the English language with Britain's best-loved wordsmith. With the help of funny, insightful, and head-scratching examples, Susie will entertain and educate us with her pick of language's greatest hits. Word Perfect will remind us just how unpredictable, wayward, and utterly magical our mother tongue can be.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £33

FAMILY



Ministry of Science Live

Monday 6 April 1pm & 5pm

Join our presenters as they dive deep into the world of science and look at how science shapes the modern world we live in with a few loud bangs along the way! Expect 20ft liquid nitrogen clouds, exploding oxygen and hydrogen balloons, fire tornados, hydrogen bottle rockets, ignited methane and even a self-built Hovercraft!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £18.50 – £19.50 | Family ticket £72

Group booking 1 in 10 free

Members get £2 off

Recommended age 6+

MUSIC



The Spice Girls Experience

Friday 10 April 7.30pm

Fresh off the back of their stint as opening act for Adele's August 2024 Munich Residency, The Spice Girls Experience are super-excited to be touring the UK. Performing all your favourite Spice Girls hits with their superb backing band. With impressive vocals, dance routines, and stunning authentic costumes, Adele says 'I effing love them'and so will you!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £35.50

Group booking 1 in 10 free

COMEDY



Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote

Friday 10 to Saturday 11 April 7.30pm

This cult hit returns to Chelmsford with an interactive screening of the classic Murder, She Wrote episode A Fashionable Way to Die. Jessica Fletcher visits Paris to support her friend's fashion show, but soon there's a murder that only she (or you!) can solve! A unique and hilarious night featuring games, prizes and audience participation.

Studio

Tickets £20 – £22 | Recommended age 18+

MUSIC



Thank You For The Music

Saturday 11 April 7.30pm

Calling all Dancing Queens, this is your night to say, Thank you for the Music!

This international smash-hit tribute show brings all ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other. Now in its 21st year, with a brand-new show for 2026, combining the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes, and dazzling cast.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £33.50

TALK



An Evening of (Very) Old Radio

Thursday 16 April 7.30pm

Are you sitting comfortably? Then we'll begin... British Comedy Award-winning writer (Miranda, Not Going Out), comedian & broadcast historian Paul Kerensa brings this stand-up history show that informs, educates and entertains about how the Beeb began.

"Top comic, top writer, top bloke" – Lee Mack

Studio

Tickets £21 – £23

Members get £2 off

COMEDY

**Early Doors Comedy Night****Friday 17 April 7.30pm**

Join us for an evening of the freshest comedy as comedians, Ahir Shah and Josh Weller test out brand-new material in their quest to build an hour(ish)-long show each. This is your chance to catch familiar favourites and rising stars at their most daring. Come along, have a laugh, and find the funny together!

Studio**Tickets** £15 – £17**Recommended age** 14+

COMEDY

**Shoot From The Hip****Sunday 19 April 7.30pm**

Shoot From The Hip bring their award-winning, TikTok-viral improvised comedy to Chelmsford Theatre! Featuring chaotic games, epic scenes, and ever-so-slightly unhinged performances, their Metro, Evening Standard, and Time Out-recommended shows are completely unscripted, unpredictable – and unforgettable.

Chelmsford Theatre**Tickets** £28.50**Recommended age** 14+

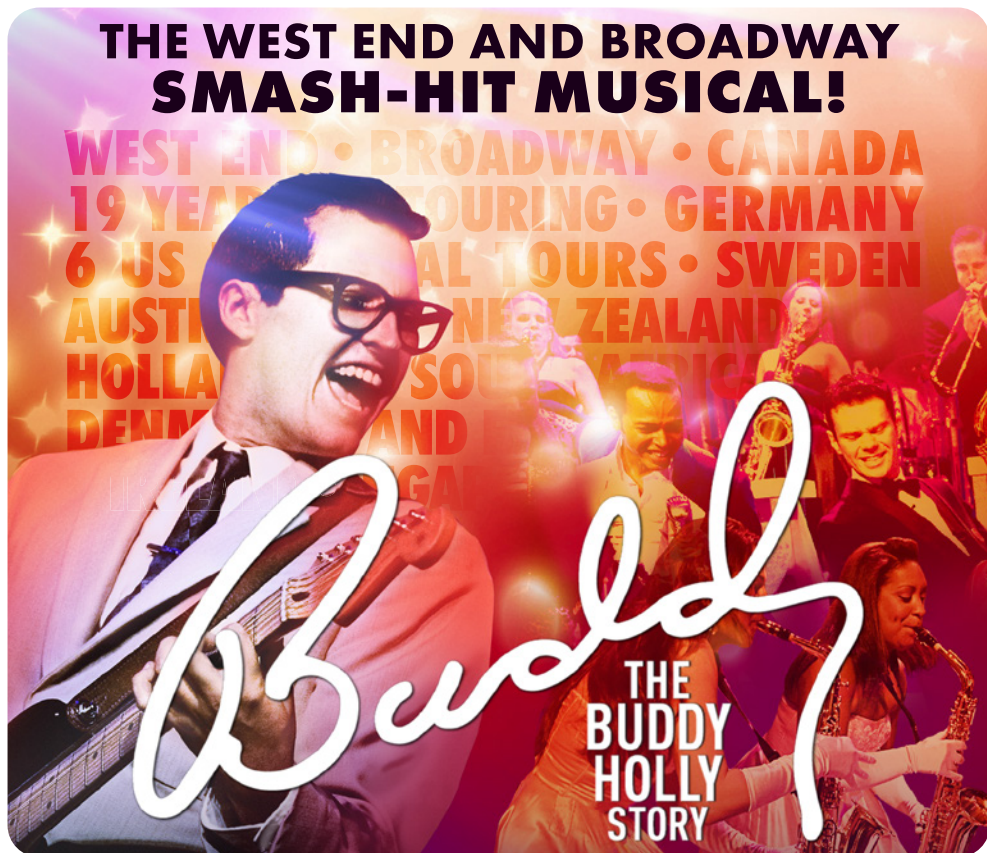
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MUSIC

**T'Pau: Be Wonderful Tour****Tuesday 21 April 7.30pm**

Join Carol Decker & T'Pau on their first full UK tour in a decade playing all their hits, fan favourites and songs from their forthcoming album Be Wonderful. Bursting onto the music scene in 1987 with the massive hit single Heart & Soul, followed by China In Your Hand which stayed at No1 for five weeks – the longest serving No1 of the year and became one of the most iconic singles of the 1980s.

Chelmsford Theatre**Tickets** £33



Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story

Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 April 7.30pm, Fri & Sat mat 2.30pm

This sensational multi award-winning show has been thrilling audiences around the world since 1989 and now it triumphantly visits Chelmsford for the first time ever!

Forget feel good, Buddy is feel great! Experience the drama, passion and excitement as a multi-talented cast of actor-musicians tell Buddy Holly's story, from his rise to international stardom to his legendary final performance before his tragic death at the age of just 22.

Featuring two terrific hours of great songs, including That'll Be The Day, Oh Boy, Rave On, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace, Johnny B. Goode, Everyday, Shout and many many more, this show is just Peggy Sue-perb!

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £25 – £40

Group booking 10+ get 10% off

Members get £2 off (Band A & B only)

Captioned performance on Fri 24 Apr 2.30pm

COMEDY



John Kearns: Tilting at Windmills

Wednesday 22 April 7.30pm

Taskmaster alumni and double Edinburgh Comedy Award Winner brings a fragmented, digressing portrayal of a 38-year-old man's life, alluding to books he hasn't read, touching on the modern condition. Decent craic with the right crowd. A show for those who have read about but not committed to the Guinness Nitrosurge.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £28

Recommended age 16+

SCREENING



RBO: The Magic Flute

Sunday 26 April 2pm

Princess Pamina has been captured. Her mother, the Queen of the Night, tasks the young Prince Tamino with her daughter's rescue. But when Tamino and his friendly sidekick, Papageno, embark on their adventure, they soon learn that when it comes to the quest for love, nothing is as it really seems.

Studio

Tickets £15 – £18.50

Members get £1 off

Recommended age 5+

Running time 3 hours 5 mins incl interval

MUSIC



Lunchtime Concerts

Mon 19 Jan, Thu 12 Feb, Wed 25 Feb, Wed 11 Mar, Wed 15 Apr, Wed 29 Apr

Concerts start at 1pm

For over 35 years our much-loved Lunchtime Concerts have provided entertainment that is accessible to all. This season we have a menu of jazz, choirs, orchestral guitar and even an examination of the music set for GCSE and A level music to look forward to.

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Suggested donation £2

Tickets are required to attend a Lunchtime Concert.

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The wonderful programme of performing arts schools, amateur shows and local performing organisations.



Chelmsford Dance Centre Spectacular

Presented by Chelmsford Dance Centre

Sunday 8 February 2pm



West Side Story

Presented by Chelmsford Young Generation

Wednesday 15 to Saturday 18 April 7.30pm, Sat mat 2pm



We Will Rock You

Presented by CAODS

Tuesday 24 to Saturday 28 February 7.30pm, Sat mat 2.30pm



Matilda Junior

Presented by Offspringers

Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 April 7.30pm, Saturday 25 April 1pm, 3pm & 7pm



Entertain You

Presented by Mushroom Theatre School

Wednesday 8 to Thursday 9 April 2.30pm & 7.30pm



Chelmsford Gang Show 2026

Presented by Chelmsford Scouts

Wednesday 29 April to Saturday 2 May 7.15pm, Sat mat 2.15pm

MUSICAL



Matilda Junior

Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 April various times

Performed by local amateur group Offspringers. When the courageous and clever Matilda Wormwood finds herself stuck with uncaring parents and a terrifying headmistress, she discovers that the power to change her own story might just be inside her all along. A joyous celebration of the power of story, courage, and believing in yourself.

Studio

Tickets £17.50

Sensory adapted performance Sat 25 Apr 1pm

ABOUT US



We hope you've seen something that's tickled your fancy in this spring brochure, because our goal is for everyone to enjoy our theatre.

We've been 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 The Royal Shakespeare Company's The Constant

Wife; coming this March, 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.

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.

Our Box Office is open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday and 90 minutes before each performance.

Booking fees are applicable to events at Chelmsford Theatre. For more information relating to booking fees, please see the Terms and Conditions page on our website.

E tickets are sent via email free of charge. Posted tickets incur £2 charge or alternatively, you can collect your 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 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.



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