

B:Music



Nov | Dec | Jan **2026/27**

Town Hall & Symphony Hall

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THE GIFT OF MUSIC

How you can help
children & families
from across the region
experience the thrill of live
music for the first time

PLUS:
GREG DAVIES
BEN FOLDS
THE PROCLAIMERS
& MORE!

IN PICTURES

A retrospective look
at what's been
on the stages and
behind the scenes at
B:Music venues in 2026

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WELCOME

Rodrigo Orquera: B:Music Community Music Leader

Music has always been at the heart of my life.

Some of my earliest memories are of listening to my father perform in Argentina. Long before I ever thought about working in music, I saw the way it brought people together. Family, friends, and complete strangers could find themselves sharing the same experience, connecting through something that didn't require words. Looking back, I realise those moments shaped how I see music today.

Now, living and working in Birmingham, I find that same sense of connection in the work I do with B:Music.

Music has an extraordinary ability to bring people together. It helps us celebrate life's biggest moments, offers comfort during difficult times, and creates opportunities to connect with others in ways that few other things can. It can help us express ourselves, build confidence, make friends, and find a sense of belonging. At a time when so many people are facing challenges, I believe those opportunities matter more than ever.

That is why I feel so privileged to be part of the B:Music community.

Every day, I see the difference music makes. Whether it is someone experiencing the excitement of live performance for the very first time, a young person discovering confidence through one of our education programmes, or members of our Tea & Jam group coming together to sing,

play and share a cup of tea; music opens doors to communication, creativity, and joy.

One of the things I love most about my role is seeing how those relationships develop over time. Through projects like Tea & Jam, which supports unpaid carers and other adults through music-making, we regularly see people arrive feeling nervous or unsure, only to become part of a welcoming and supportive community. Friendships are formed, confidence grows, and people discover new opportunities to express themselves in a safe and inclusive space. For many participants, these sessions become an important part of their week: a chance to step away from daily pressures, try something creative and share an experience with others.

B:Music community programmes use music to reduce isolation and create



Image: Katja Ogrin

opportunities for people of all ages to take part. Through projects tailored for people living with dementia, alongside school partnerships in some of the region's most disadvantaged communities, free performances, and talent development opportunities, we see first-hand the profound impact music has on people's lives.

As a musician and community practitioner, I have always believed that music should be accessible to everyone. Yet for many, barriers still exist. Cost, confidence, health challenges or simply not knowing where to begin can prevent people from taking part. One of the things that makes me most proud to be associated with B:Music is their commitment to breaking down those barriers and creating opportunities for as many people as possible to experience the benefits of music, whether as an audience member, participant or performer.

Of course, the incredible performances you see in our venues are a vital part of that mission.

Over the coming months, Symphony Hall and Town Hall will once again be filled with outstanding live music. From festive favourites and Christmas celebrations to internationally acclaimed artists, inspiring orchestral performances and unforgettable live experiences, there is something for everyone to enjoy. These shared moments are what make the venues so special. There is nothing quite like experiencing live music in a room full of people, all connected by the same performance.

When you choose to spend an evening with B:Music, you are doing more than

enjoying a great show.

As a charity, every ticket purchased directly through B:Music helps support the work we do beyond the stage. By booking with us, you help fund programmes that bring music to local schools, support unpaid carers, isolated and vulnerable adults, create free opportunities for communities across the region, and nurture the next generation of musicians. Your support helps ensure that the benefits of music continue to reach people who might otherwise miss out.



This Christmas, I would also encourage you to support the B:Music Gift of Music Appeal if you are in a position to do so. The appeal helps extend the reach of their community work even further, facilitating opportunities for children, families and communities across Birmingham and the West Midlands to experience the transformative power of music. Every contribution helps open doors, remove barriers, and share the joy of live performance with more people. Find out more on P14.

Music is not just something we listen to. It is something we share. It is how we tell stories, celebrate our communities, and connect with one another. Whether you are joining us for your first visit or your hundredth, you are an important part of that story.

Thank you for being part of the B:Music community. We look forward to welcoming you through our doors this season and sharing the magic of live music with you.

Wishing you and yours a very merry Christmas and a music-filled 2027.
Rodrigo

NEWS

SHE:MUSIC

The women of She:Music, B:Music's development programme supporting 10 emerging women and gender-marginalised artists, musicians, producers, DJs and sound engineers from across the West Midlands, have been busy working with local industry specialists and are looking forward to showcasing their learning.

From jazz, soul and R&B to rock, grunge, metal, production and engineering, keep an eye on the B:Music website for the She:Music takeovers that will turn the spotlight on the diverse range of talent within this year's cohort.



She:Music ready to entertain!



SPOTLIGHT ON: Audience Feedback

A massive thanks to all the staff and security that helped me and my daughter was ill yesterday. All of your staff, the security, the managers, the lady that helped us find seats, they were so kind, so helpful, so lovely.



Celebrating success

THE LOST NOTES FIND SUCCESS AGAIN!

Following the success of their album recorded live at Symphony Hall, The Lost Notes, a 5-piece acoustic folk/american band from Moseley, Birmingham have released their 3rd studio album, Good Luck Shoes.

Described by Folk for Folk's Sake Radio as 'taking the folk world by storm!', give the album a listen then join them on the flipped Symphony Hall stage in February for a fun, intimate gig that will leave your soul full.

TOWN HALL GLOWUP

Town Hall has a shiny new Circle Bar! Following the transformation of the lower bar and refurbishment of the auditorium seats as part of the B:Music Amplify Town Hall project last year, the team have been busy updating the bars and dressing rooms so every visitor, be they audience or artist, can have a more comfortable night out!



Circle Bar refreshed!



The Symphony Hall stage in all its glory | Ibi Keita

THE PIANO

We had a wonderful time hosting The Piano: The Final Concert earlier this year. The show aired on Channel 4 in September to a rapturous reception. Symphony Hall looked B:eautiful for the occasion. Congratulations to everyone who both took part and made it happen!

SUMMER SCHOOL IN THE HALLS

August saw the B:Music Summer School take over Symphony Hall with one of our biggest cohorts to date! Nearly 70 participants aged 11-19 joined us for a week of workshops, music-making and performance. Led by local musician and B:Music Summer School Alumni Shiv Matwala on the theme of 'self-expression', the week culminated in joy-filled performances for parents and supporters on the Symphony Hall stage.

Summer School brings talent together | Kate Green Photography



New Seasonal Treats at B:Eats!



Image: Making your mouth water. Ibi Keita

B:Eats at Symphony Hall

Looking for lunch in town or a delicious pre-show dinner?

Take a break from the everyday and discover the delicious new flavours on the B:Eats menu at B:Music. Whether you're joining us for a leisurely brunch or a pre-show bite, there's plenty to tempt your tastebuds.

Enjoy the rich, aromatic flavours of the new Bombay Keema Pav, featuring slow-cooked lamb keema with fragrant spices, served in a ghee toasted pav with a fried egg and fresh onion salad.

Looking for something a little different? The vibrant Indian Breakfast brings together beetroot poori, keralan vegetable curry, crispy dal fritters and sweet vermicelli kheer for a colourful South Indian-inspired feast.

If you're in the mood for something sweet, our indulgent French Toast is topped with blueberry compote and crème fraîche for a special treat.

Or try the Sweetcorn Hash, packed with sweetcorn fritters, poached eggs, crispy potato, feta, spinach and a kick of sriracha.

And of course old favourites like the Cheesesteak Sub or our infamous toasties are still available for a quick bite.

Fresh, flavourful and full of character, the new B:Eats winter menu is well worth a visit!

Opening Hours:

Mon-Sat 11am-4pm & pre show

See the full menu: bmusic.co.uk/beats

2026 IN PICTURES

ON STAGE

With over 800 events and half a million people through our doors each year it's easy to miss some of the special moments on stage.

Behind every one of those big moments there's a B:Music team member signing a contract, fixing a light, pulling a pint, moving furniture or operating a sound desk. Turn over for behind the scenes magic...

Alex James bought Britpop with live orchestra to Symphony Hall in March
Kate Green Photography



911 bounce round the stage like it's 1996
Kate Green Photography

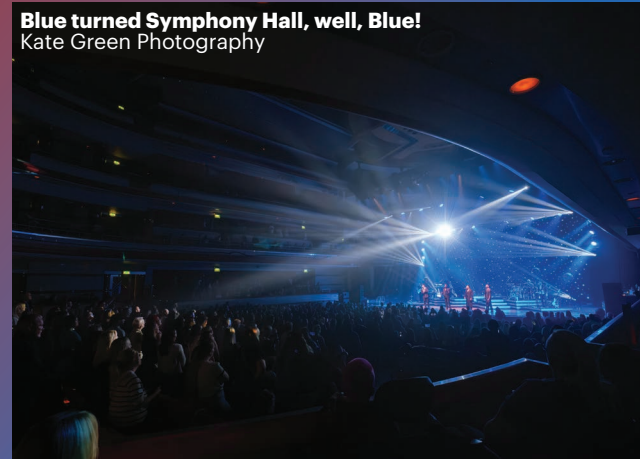


Donovan Haffner Quintet got down in the JBPS
Garry Corbett



Heavy Beat Brass Band bought the fun to Free Jazz Fridays
John Anderton

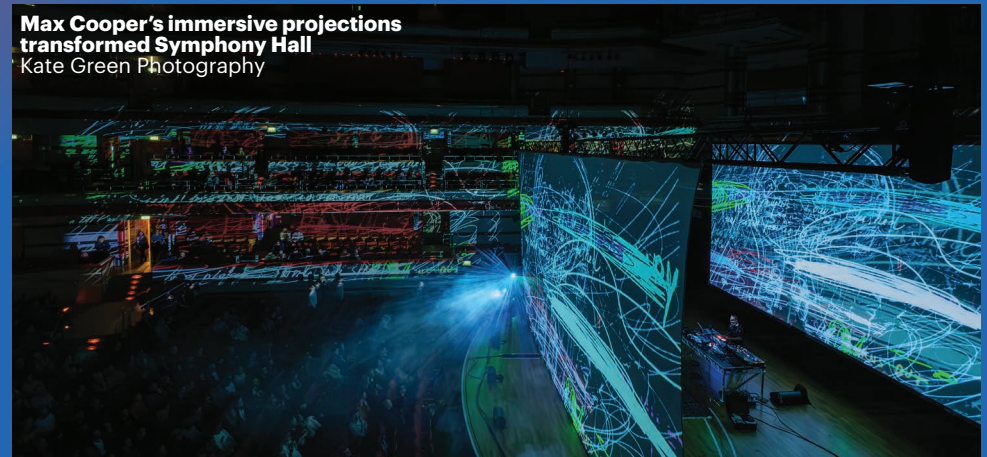
Blue turned Symphony Hall, well, Blue!
Kate Green Photography



Katherine Priddy held Town Hall spellbound in May
Ibi Keita



Max Cooper's immersive projections transformed Symphony Hall
Kate Green Photography



Martha Argerich delighting audiences with the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra in her visit to Symphony Hall in nearly 30 years this September
Co Merz



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BEHIND THE SCENES



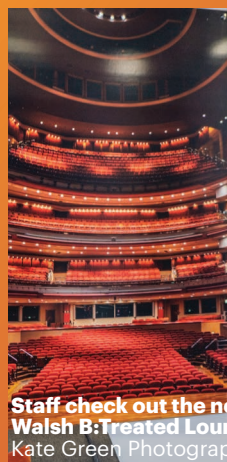
Claudia clones and a traitorous COO at the B:Music staff awayday
Jade Sewell



A roof with a view! Production team raise the Town Hall roof
B:Music Jake Parsons



Elmore 'supporting' the Finance Team
Janine Bradley



Staff check out the new Helen Walsh B:Treated Lounge
Kate Green Photography



Youth B:oard Talent Night winners Skum get the PR treatment
Ibi Keita



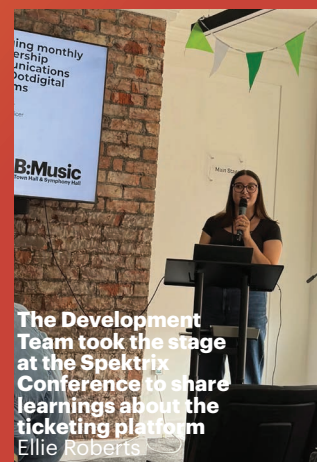
Last minute rehearsal for Community Spirit
Kate Green Photography



Summer School workshop in the JBPS
Kate Green Photography



Staff bag the best seats in the city in the Hosting Rooms for the Aston Villa Victory Parade
Eva Phillips



The Development Team took the stage at the Spektrix Conference to share learnings about the ticketing platform
Ellie Roberts



Photographing the new B:Eats Menu, luckily staff are on hand to make sure there is no food wastage
Eva Phillips



Goodbye to the old Town Hall seat cushions post glow-up!
Jade Sewell

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC THIS CHRISTMAS

For many of us, music is woven into the fabric of Christmas.

It's the song that reminds us of home. The carol that brings generations together. The live performance that leaves us feeling uplifted long after the final note has faded.

But for thousands of people across Birmingham and the West Midlands, the opportunity to experience the joy, connection and comfort that music brings is becoming increasingly out of reach.

This Christmas, you can change that.

B:Music's Gift of Music Appeal is helping to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, background or circumstance, has the chance to experience the transformative power of music. Your donation will help remove barriers, create opportunities and bring moments of joy to people who need them most.

At B:Music, we believe music is essential. It has the power to inspire, heal, educate and connect us. Every year, our work reaches thousands of people across Birmingham and beyond, opening doors to live performance, creative learning and meaningful participation. As a charity, we rely on the generosity of our supporters to make that work possible.

'I feel uplifted after each session. It really does improve my wellbeing and self-worth. I really feel valued and creative'
Tea & Jam Participant

Your gift could help a child from one of the city's most disadvantaged communities experience the thrill of live music for the very first time. It could support a young musician to develop their talent and pursue their ambitions. It could provide a welcoming space where someone who feels isolated can find friendship, confidence and a sense of belonging.

For some, music is far more than entertainment.

Through Tea and Jam, our free music-making project for unpaid carers and isolated adults, participants come together to sing, play percussion and connect with others in a supportive environment. For people carrying the weight of caring responsibilities, or those who spend much of their time alone, these sessions offer precious moments of respite and human connection.

For thousands of people across Birmingham and the West Midlands, the opportunity to experience the joy, connection and comfort that music brings is increasingly out of reach.

Your support also enables us to develop bespoke activities using music to support people living with dementia. Time and again, we've seen music unlock memories, spark conversations and create moments of happiness that families thought had been lost. A familiar song can light up a room, prompting smiles, laughter and connection where words alone sometimes cannot.

These moments may seem small, but for the people experiencing them, they can be life-changing.

In the last few years thanks to the generosity of our audiences and supporters, the Gift of Music Appeal has raised nearly £40,000. Together, we helped more people access live music, participate in creative activities and discover the positive impact music can

have on wellbeing.

This year, we want to go even further.

As living costs continue to rise and many families face increasing challenges, the need for accessible cultural experiences has never been greater. Every donation, no matter the amount, helps us reach more people, create more opportunities and bring more music into the lives of those who need it most.

This Christmas, please help us share the gift that lasts far beyond the festive season.

A gift that inspires confidence. A gift that combats loneliness. A gift that creates memories, opens doors and brings people together.

Please donate today and help us give the Gift of Music to communities across Birmingham and the West Midlands. Because everyone deserves the chance to experience the joy of music.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC

Give the gift of music to disadvantaged children and communities across Birmingham and the West Midlands this Christmas.



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Priya Veda Pathak



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Johnathan Williams



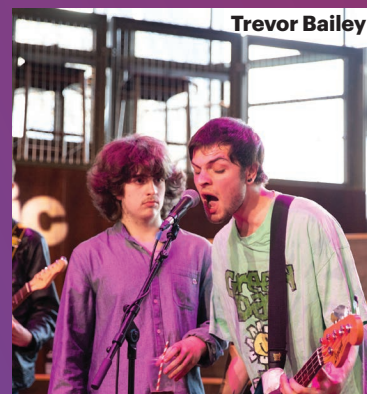
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Garry Corbett



Trevor Bailey

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY: JENNIFER BLACKWELL PERFORMANCE SPACE

On 16 September 2021, Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh, joined the B:Music team at Symphony Hall to officially open the Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space (JBPS).

Jennifer Blackwell adored Symphony Hall and the generous support of The Blackwell Trust allowed B:Music to create a space as part of the 'Making an Entrance' project, dedicated to her memory.

The £13 million redevelopment project also introduced B:Eats, Symphony Hall's new café bar.

B:Music's COO Nick Loveland recalls "It's hard to think back 5 years to 'Making an Entrance', most of which took place during the COVID lockdown. It was quite poignant at the point at which the building was formally handed over, since lockdown restrictions at that point meant that we weren't able to show off our smart new spaces to anyone for nearly six months!"

In the last five years, the JBPS has welcomed thousands of audience members and hundreds of artists, becoming one of Birmingham's most vibrant informal performance venues, perfectly backdropped with Centenary Square.

B:Music's CEO Nick Reed said "The past 5 years have seen the Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space breathe much joy into the programme at Symphony Hall. This unique informal setting is now a regular home for all types of music, usually with low admission prices and often free. It's a favourite amongst audiences

and performers, and a wonderful complement to our bigger stages at Symphony Hall and Town Hall."

The space has exceeded all expectations, having developed its own identity separating its offering from that of sister venues Town Hall and Symphony Hall.

We've seen the space filled with children singing songs in Senegalese, Chinese and Congolese as part of our Generation Birmingham project, the regular 'Bluebird Café' style 'Nashville Sound in The Round' supporting the city with the ever growing country music scene, 'Ballet and Brunch', a project with our friends at Birmingham Royal Ballet, and our fortnightly Free Jazz Fridays which has given a space for jazz performers and jazz lovers to hear complimentary music to round off the working week.

The JBPS has become a home for not only championing emerging artists but also offering low-cost and free performances, helping us remove potential barriers to live music and fulfilling our mission to inspire a love of live music, through performance, participation and learning across Birmingham and beyond.

As Symphony Hall celebrates 35 years since its opening and Town Hall with a *slightly* longer 192 years under its belt, we are confident and excited for what is to come.

GIGS

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The Proclaimers 07 Nov | SH

With a legacy spanning three decades, inspiring a hit musical and film, The Proclaimers' live show features their signature big-hearted uncynical songs, including classics 'I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)' and 'Sunshine on Leith', alongside new tracks.



Coltrane 100: Both Directions At Once 06 Nov | TH
Celebrate John Coltrane's centenary with an all-star jazz ensemble performing bold modern interpretations of his classic repertoire and original compositions, continuing his inspirational musical legacy while looking firmly towards the future.



The Amy Winehouse Band 06 Nov | SH
Amy Winehouse's original band celebrate her musical legacy on their 2026 anniversary tour, performing Back to Black in full alongside other classics from her unforgettable catalogue.



The Music of Stranger Things 07 Nov | TH
Emmy award-winning Stranger Things composers Kyle Dixon and Michael Stein bring the Netflix phenomenon to life in a thrilling new live show, with visual artist MFO creating an immersive display with striking light design.



The Shires 09 Nov | SH
British country duo The Shires (Ben Earle and Crissie Rhodes) are headed to Symphony Hall. They will be performing both fan favourites and songs from their joyous new album Bonfire, celebrating togetherness, escapism and positivity.



The Australian Pink Floyd 10 & 11 Nov | SH
The Australian Pink Floyd Show promises an unforgettable experience for both long-time fans and newcomers. Covering music from every era of Pink Floyd's evolution, this is an authentic and heartfelt tribute to the legendary band.



Boyzlife 12 Nov | SH
Boyband supergroup Boyzlife, comprising Boyzone's Keith Duffy and Westlife's Brian McFadden, celebrate the iconic hits from both groups who sold a combined 55 million records and have over twenty #1 singles between them.

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Jools Holland & His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

20 & 21 Nov | SH

Renowned for his exuberant live shows, Jools is back at Symphony Hall, supported by the full power and finesse of his Rhythm & Blues Orchestra, delivering a jam-packed evening of Blues, Swing, Boogie woogie & Ska.



Martin Harley 22 Nov | JBPS

Experience "One of the UK's finest contemporary roots musicians" (Guitarist Magazine) and "slide guitar master" (Roots Magazine) Martin Harley as he blends Americana, blues and folk with his spellbinding musicianship and soulful songwriting.



The Stylistics 23 Nov | SH

The Stylistics recorded a remarkable 10 straight top ten hits during the early 1970s including 'You Make Me Feel Brand New', and many more. Don't miss this brilliant show packed with back-to-back hits and more!



Ben Folds' Paper Airplane Request Tour 24 Nov | SH

Shape the setlist at Ben Folds' unique concert: write your favourite Folds song request, fold it into a paper airplane and launch it stageward, before he performs audience choices live during the second half.



Bellowhead 25 Nov | SH

Bellowhead celebrate the 20th anniversary of their debut album *Burlesque*, showcasing their unique blend of traditional English folk music with a modern big-band sound.

AND

REBECCA EDLUND TRIO FT LAURA JURD & RUTH GOLLER: 02.11 JBPS **GIPSY KINGS BY ANDRÉ REYES:** 04.11 SH **BAY CITY ROLLERS:** 12.11 TH **SOUMIK DATTA: MELODIES IN SLOW MOTION:** 15.11 JBPS **JACK SAVORETTI:** 16.11 SH **THE YACHT ROCK EXPERIENCE:** 21.11 TH **SCOTT MATTHEWS: PASSING STRANGER 20TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR:** 27.11 TH **THE ELO SHOW: THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRIBUTE TO THE GENIUS OF JEFF LYNNE & ELO:** 30.01 SH



Further On Up The Road: Celebrating 50 years of The Last Waltz 25 Nov | TH

To mark the 50th anniversary of The Last Waltz, WLDLWRS return to Town Hall with special guests for an extraordinary night of music, vividly recreating one of the most celebrated rock concerts of all time.



The Bootleg Beatles in Concert 15 Dec | SH

Back by popular demand, The Bootleg Beatles and their orchestra celebrate seven of the most iconic performances by The Fab Four.

Talon: The Best of Eagles 18 Dec | TH

Experience Talon's Busy Being Fabulous Tour, celebrating the Eagles' timeless catalogue, including 'Hotel California', 'Take It Easy' and 'Desperado', performed by a world-class seven-piece band loved by fans and peers alike.



COMEDY

Greg Davies: Full Fat Legend 13 & 14 Jan | SH | 14+

Greg Davies is heading back out on the road to satisfy the overwhelming demand to witness the Full Fat Legend at the very top of his game.

Star of shows such as Taskmaster, The Inbetweeners, The Cleaner, Never Mind The Buzzcocks, Man Down and Cuckoo, this is Greg's biggest tour yet, and your last chance to see it live at Birmingham Symphony Hall.



Maisie Adam: Whatsherface 05 Nov | TH
Fresh from Taskmaster, A League of Their Own and Last One Laughing, Maisie Adam brings her brand-new show Whatsherface, bursting with Maisie's trademark wit, firecracker gags and the occasional angry outburst.



Mike Wozniak: The Bench 11 Nov & 16 Apr | TH | 14+
Taskmaster, Man Down and Three Bean Salad star Mike Wozniak brings a new stand-up tour featuring one very prominent story about a bench. No bench experience or strong opinions required; Mike has it covered.



Sindhu Vee: Swanky 13 Nov & 17 Apr | TH | 14+
Someone once asked Sindhu Vee a very stupid question. She wants to tell you about it in her brand-new stand-up show about falling through cracks, avoiding unwanted friendships, and embracing self-love.



Dylan Moran: Looking for Trouble 17 Nov | TH | 16+
A brand new show from BAFTA and Perrier awarding winning comedian & star of Black Books, Dylan Moran. Expect sharp observations, surreal stories and plenty of laughs.



Flo & Joan: With Feeling 03 Dec | TH | 16+
Acclaimed musical comedy duo Flo & Joan use another "real band's" setlist to write their own show asking the important questions: what is music, how do you be a band, and what even is comedy?

AND

DANIEL KITSON: THRUM: 01.11 TH **THOMAS GREEN:** 14.11 TH
W*NKERNOMICS: SHOW V4.1_FINAL_ USETHIS: 18.11 TH **SUSAN CALMAN:**
TALL TALES: 20.11 & 12.02 TH **FIN TAYLOR: THE PRE-EMPTIVE COMEBACK**
SPECIAL: 26.11 TH **JOSH PUGH: HA HA, YEAH SOUND:** 29.11 SH

BIRMINGHAM CLASSICAL

A specially curated season of the best classical orchestras, soloists & rising stars from around the world, live at B:Music venues.



Flanders Symphony Orchestra: from England to Bohemia

05 Nov | SH

The Flanders Symphony Orchestra is undoubtedly one of Europe's most exciting ensembles. Conducted by emerging star Duncan Ward, this concert of much-loved music features Dvořák's Eighth Symphony alongside beautiful pastoral idylls and The Lark Ascending from thrilling French violinist Alexandra Soumm.

ECHO
RISING STARS



Petar Pejčić: For Slava!

08 Nov | JBPS

ECHO Rising Star cellist Petar Pejčić and pianist Nour Ayadi celebrate the centenary of legendary musician Mstislav 'Slava' Rostropovich, with a performance featuring film clips, impeccable recreations and an exciting new commission.

Coffee/tea and a slice of cake available beforehand, included in your ticket.



Metropolis at 100: Film with Orchestra

09 Jan | SH

Experience Metropolis on the big screen for its centenary, Ben Palmer and the Covent Garden Sinfonia performing Hans Brandner's thrilling new live orchestra version of Gottfried Huppertz's original score.

We think everyone should be able to enjoy world class music.

That's why tickets start at just £15 for every B:Classical concert PLUS 16-30 year olds, students & eligible benefit recipients can get tickets to any of our B:Classical concerts for just £5, AND Kids Go FREE!

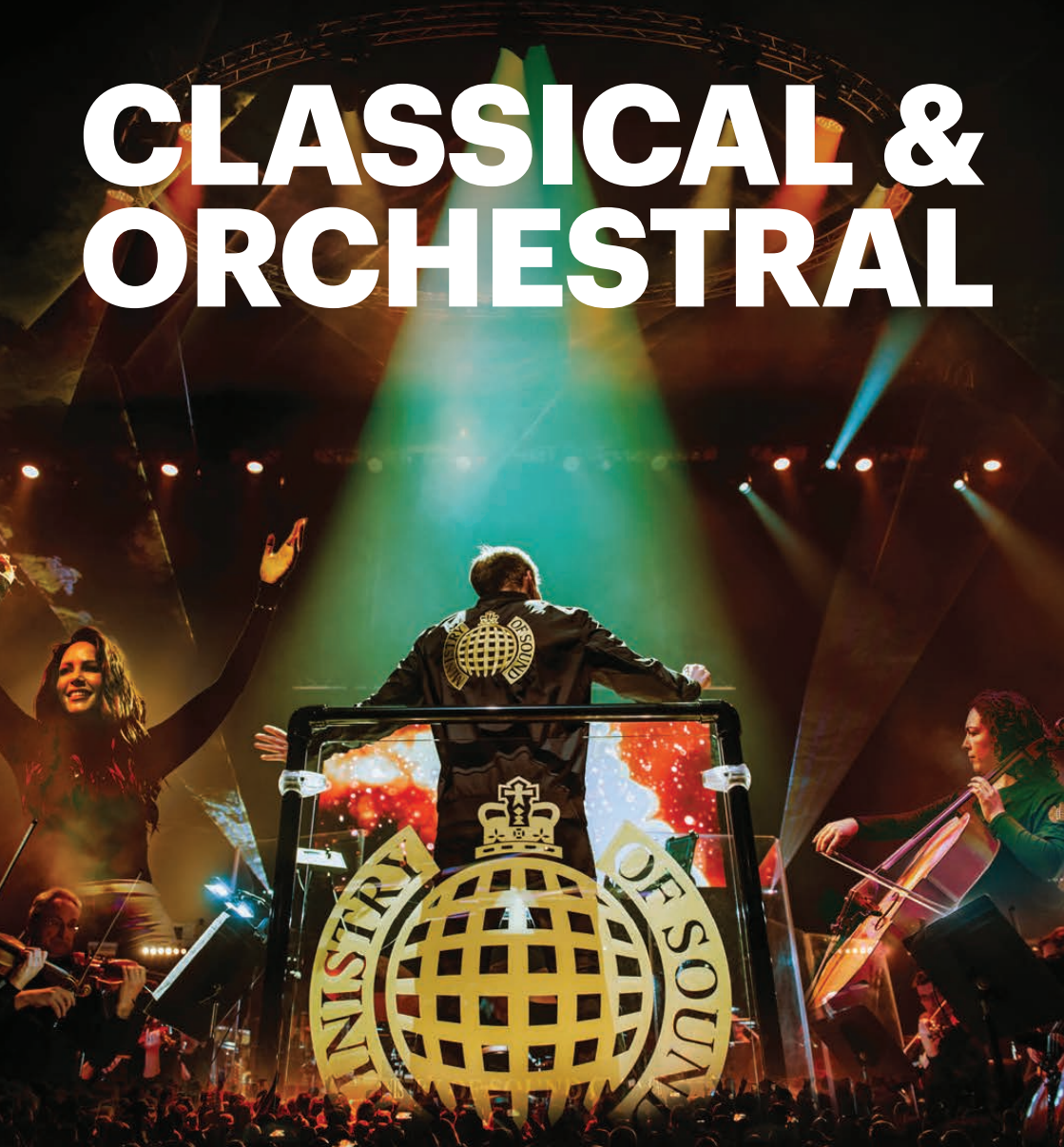
Marin Alsop conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra

22 Nov | SH

Trailblazing star Marin Alsop conducts the world-class Philharmonia Orchestra in a season highlight that also welcomes back violinist Esther Yoo for Bernstein's dazzling Serenade after Plato's Symposium. Mahler's intensely profound Symphony No 6 is a monumental tour-de-force (with orchestral forces to match!) and Symphony Hall is the place to experience it.



CLASSICAL & ORCHESTRAL



Ministry of Sound Classical 19 Dec | SH

This ain't no DJ set! Ministry of Sound Classical transforms dance music's greatest tracks into a breathtaking live performance by an incredible 31-piece orchestra.

Expect 90s favourites and beyond, including Darude's 'Sandstorm', Dario G's 'Sunchyme', 'Faithless' 'Insomnia' and Fatboy Slim's 'Right Here, Right Now'.



CBSO: Bruckner's 7th Symphony 03 Nov | SH

Bruckner and Volkov, Prokofiev and Gringolts: two superb musicians, two stupendous works. Ilan Volkov is renowned for his performances of Bruckner's symphonies and tonight he leads one of the composer's finest.



Classical Spectacular 14 Nov | SH

Combining the very best in classical music with magnificent lights and lasers, the Manchester Concert Orchestra, led by Anthony Inglis perform pieces by Strauss, Holst, Elgar, Mozart, Verdi and more.



The Sound of Epic Anime 15 Nov | SH

Experience your favourite anime music as a full symphony orchestra performs legendary scores from Naruto, One Piece, Demon Slayer and Attack on Titan, alongside timeless soundtracks from Studio Ghibli and Makoto Shinkai.



BPSO Proms Night Spectacular: Once Upon a Symphony - Fairytales, Folklore and Fantasy 05 Dec | SH

Under the baton of Dr Richard Jenkinson, The British Police Symphony Orchestra will take you on a magic carpet adventure through mystical realms, soaring past marvellous images, curious creatures and one well-known swamp.



The Music of Zimmer vs Williams 30 Dec | SH

Experience the best of Hans Zimmer and John Williams as the London Concert Orchestra and conductor Anthony Inglis brings to life the legendary scores that have defined the cinematic landscape for decades



CBSO: 50 Years of Star Wars 23 Jan | SH

Battles, Duels, Attacks and Wars: spectacular music from a galaxy far, far away. The energetic and ever-versatile Michael Seal leads the CBSO in a concert that celebrates 50 years of Star Wars. Expect to be thoroughly immersed in another world.

ENTERTAINMENT



A Shameless Night: An Evening with the Cast of Shameless 08 Nov | TH | 14+

Get up close and personal with the stars of the multi-award-winning TV favourite, Shameless. Go behind the scenes as the cast share untold stories and answer your questions during a live audience Q&A.



The Dinosaur That Pooped A Rock Show 08 Nov | TH

When Danny and Dino's favourite rock band play their final concert, the pair embark on a hilarious quest for tickets. Adapted from Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter's bestselling books, expect new songs, laughs and lots of poo!



Professor Alice Roberts: From Cell to Civilisation

15 & 16 Nov | TH

Professor Alice Roberts explores life's biggest questions: who are we, where did we come from, and what makes us human? Join her fascinating journey through our shared story, from a single cell to civilisation.



The Michael Portillo Show 18 Nov | SH

Secretary of State. Traveller. TV superstar. The inimitable Michael Portillo joins us live on stage to share funny, insightful, and poignant stories from his extraordinarily rich and varied life.

AND

SHOLAY IN CONCERT: 01.11 SH **B'OPERA INTERACTIVE CONCERT:** 01.11 JBPS **MICHAEL STARRING BEN:** 08.11 SH **GARETH MALONE SING-A-LONG-A-GARETH: AT THE MOVIES** 19.11 TH **JOHN SIMPSON: THE LEADERS & LUNATICS TOUR:** 22.11 TH **THE CLASSIC ROCK SHOW:** 17.01 SH



Magic of Motown 15 Jan | SH

Come celebrate as we Reach Out and show you there Ain't no mountain high enough with the biggest Motown party of the year! Enjoy all the hits with glittering costumes, dazzling dance routines and outstanding musicianship.



Queen of the Night: A Tribute to Whitney Houston

22 Jan | SH

This breath-taking production honours the music, legacy, and talent of the legendary Whitney Houston. Celebrate Whitney's remarkable repertoire in an electrifying production that honours her timeless songs with sensational vocalists and a full live band.

Dan & Phil: Hard Launch World Tour

31 Jan & 01 Feb | SH

Dan and Phil finally hard launched and are crash landing in Brum. In this unhinged and unafraid new era, join Dan and Phil live with their explosive new stage show for a much-needed night of outrageous oversharing, scream-laughing, and celebrating that we're all still here and we made it.

This show is for everyone - from casual male-podcast listeners to friends & fam that lost bets, and the people that have been here since the beginning! Grab a ticket and don't miss out on the memories...as they might never leave the house together again.



LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERTS WITH THOMAS TROTTER

Image: Thomas Trotter takes control of the Town Hall Organ | Dan Warts

Thomas Trotter: In Memoriam 09 Nov | TH
Lunchtime Organ Concert with Thomas Trotter 23 Nov | TH
Lunchtime Christmas Music with the Choir of St John's College Cambridge
07 Dec | SH
Sing Carols with the City Organist & Lichfield Cathedral Choir 21 Dec | TH
Thomas Trotter at Symphony Hall 18 Jan | SH

FREE JAZZ FRIDAYS

B:Music FREE Jazz Fridays are legendary evenings showcasing the best of local talent and touring stars.

No tickets, just turn up and start your weekend with a cool gig, live at 5, in the Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space at Symphony Hall.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

DISCO MANIFEST 13.11
REBECCA WING & HERITAGE BIG BAND 04.12
THE NOTEBENDERS 18.12
WARRIORS RISE: MALI SHEARD QUINTET 15.01
WARRIORS RISE: CHRIST-STEPHANE BOIZI QUINTET 22.01

Full season: bmusic.co.uk/free-jazz-fridays

Image: Heavy Beat Brass Band raising the JBPS roof | John Anderton



B:Festive

CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE

Whether you're belting out carols, dancing the night away, laughing until your cheeks hurt, or getting swept up in the magic of a live orchestra, B:Festive is packed with unforgettable moments.

This year, Town Hall and Symphony Hall are buzzing with festive favourites, spectacular concerts, Christmas parties, family adventures and big nights out. Sing along with festive stars, relive your favourite Christmas films live in concert, discover new traditions, and celebrate the season with the people you love most.

However you do Christmas, make it extra special with a night out with B:Music:

Because the best festive memories aren't wrapped under the tree.

They're the ones you create. Together.

Imagine watching your favourite festive film on the big screen with the score played live to film by world class musicians... now stop imagining and start booking! Perfect for a date night or introducing the family to the power of live music, add one of our extra special film nights to your Christmas



The Holiday in Concert: Film with Live Orchestra

28 Nov & 10 Dec | SH | Film Rating 12A

Disney's The Muppet Christmas Carol Film with Live Orchestra

08 & 09 Dec | SH | Film Rating U



Love Actually in Concert: Film with Live Orchestra

14 Dec | SH | Film Rating 15

The Snowman: Film with Live Orchestra

20 Dec | TH | Film Rating U



Home Alone in Concert

23 Dec | SH | Film Rating PG

FILM & LIVE MUSIC

B:Festive

Music is the centrepiece of the B:Music festive experience, so whether you're into traditional carols, classic concerts or a sing along, there's something for everyone this season!



Tony Hadley: The Christmas Big Band Tour 19 Nov | SH
One of the UK's most iconic voices, performing songs from the catalogues of Sinatra, Bennett, Presley and more swing and crooner greats, Tony Hadley is a true national treasure, raconteur and showman.



The Overtones: Jivin' Home For Christmas 04 Dec | TH
Multi-platinum selling vocal harmony group The Overtones return to Town Hall with a night of timeless soul, doo-wop and disco anthems with a festive sparkle.



The Rat Pack at Christmas 07 Dec | SH
Back by popular demand, the definitive Rat Pack brings you an evening of festive classics featuring Dean Martin's sensational Goldiggers and internationally renowned Manhattan Swing Orchestra. This is one Christmas party not to miss!



Joss Stone: Merry Christmas, Love 11 Dec | SH
GRAMMY® and BRIT Award-winning soul artist Joss Stone brings her festive show to Birmingham Symphony Hall, putting her warm, soulful stamp on Christmas classics and original songs from her album Merry Christmas, Love.



The Big Christmas Sing A-Long with Aled Jones & Alexander Armstrong 15 Dec | TH
Prepare to lift your voices and celebrate the festive season with The Big Christmas Sing-A-Long. Starring much-loved performers and presenters Aled Jones and Alexander Armstrong, enjoy an unforgettable evening of music, laughter and Christmas cheer.



CBSO Christmas Party 17 Dec | SH
Experience the very best of Christmas music in an evening presented by Jess Gillam and the CBSO. Expect sleigh bells, songs, a symphony orchestra and plenty of Christmas spirit!



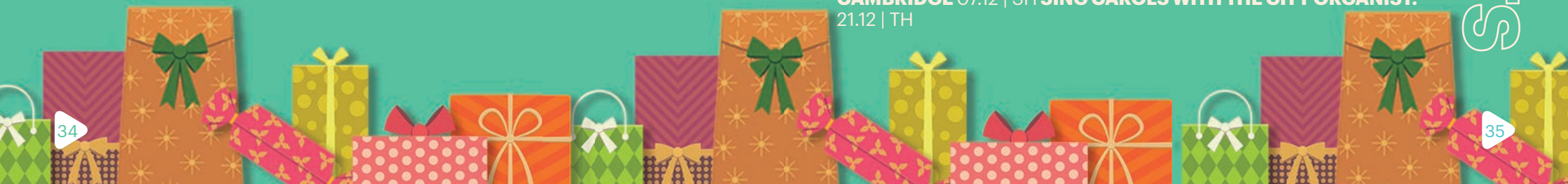
Christmas with Sir Karl Jenkins 20 Dec | SH
Enjoy carols and classics from Sir Karl's festive albums 'Joy to the World' and 'Stella Natalis' including Silent Night, In Dulci Jubilo and more, amidst a beautiful selection of his favourite compositions.



The Glenn Miller Orchestra 27 Dec | SH
Step back in time for an unforgettable evening of big band brilliance with The Glenn Miller Orchestra, celebrating the spirit of the 1940s and the golden age of swing.

AND
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM CHOIR & CBSO: HANDEL'S MESSIAH 04.12 | SH
EX CATHEDRA: BRITTEN AT CHRISTMAS: 05.12 TH
LUNCHTIME CHRISTMAS MUSIC WITH THE CHOIR OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE 07.12 | SH
SING CAROLS WITH THE CITY ORGANIST: 21.12 | TH

CAROLS & CONCERTS



B*Festive

Create magical memories with family and friends this Christmas! Book a Great Night Out to start the festive season with a swing: choose cracking comedy, celebrity stars or emotive dance to get you in the party mood.



Step Into Christmas 06 & 11 Dec | TH

Get ready to Step Into Christmas once again for the most magical, feel-good show of the year guaranteed to fill your heart with holiday cheer and have you singing along from start to finish.



Live At Christmas with Fern Brady, Bridget Christie, Ivo Graham & more 09 Dec | TH | 16+

Scotland's queen of comedy Fern Brady brings her caustic wit and electric presence to a great night of comedy, joined by Taskmaster favourites Bridget Christie, John Kearns and Ivo Graham plus Elis James and Jen Nolan.



The Full Fatt Sound: Keep the Yuletide Gay 12 Dec | JBPS

Join Birmingham's hottest queer choir The Full Fatt Sound for an evening of contemporary choral delights as they turn the season suitably festive with their latest offering, Keep The Yuletide Gay.



The Snowman & The Nutcracker with Toscana Strings & Laura Power 12 Dec | JBPS

Toscana Strings and ballerina Laura Power bring The Nutcracker and The Snowman to life through mesmerising music, dance, storytelling and audience participation for the whole family.



Toyah's Christmas Party 13 Dec | TH

Get ready for a sparkling seasonal celebration as music icon Toyah Willcox brings her electrifying Christmas Party to the stage.



Comedy Crackers 21 Dec | TH | 14+

Comedy Crackers is a perfectly-wrapped night of comedy at Town Hall featuring household names Tom Davis, Suzi Ruffell, and more. Get ready to start your festive season with a bang!



Xmas on the Dancefloor 21 Dec | SH

Step into the shimmer and feel the rhythm with Xmas on the Dancefloor featuring Strictly sensation Gorka Márquez alongside a stunning cast of world-class dancers, singers and the fabulous Xmas Dolls.

FESTIVE FUN

CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

Give your nearest & dearest a night to look forward to with tickets to a show they'll love...



THE MUSIC OF ZIMMER VS WILLIAMS

30 Dec 2026 | SH
This thrilling concert features music from the most iconic films, pitting the epic soundscapes of Zimmer against the timeless melodies of Williams.



THE CLASSIC ROCK SHOW

17 Jan 2027 | SH
Enjoy three decades of the world's greatest classic rock anthems, complete with a stunning light display and a show-stopping guitar duel.



LUKE COMBS UK BY CANDLELIGHT WITH STRING ORCHESTRA

05 Feb 2027 | SH
Experience an unforgettable celebration of country megastar Luke Combs, featuring the world's leading tribute alongside a spectacular 10-piece string orchestra and 5-piece live band.



TCHAIKOVSKY CLASSICS with BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

06 Mar 2027 | SH
Celebrate the extraordinary music of Tchaikovsky with hand-picked highlights from Swan Lake, The Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker.



DISNEY PRINCESS - THE CONCERT

10 Apr 2027 | SH
Classic Disney songs come alive in a spectacular concert with Broadway and West End stars, immersive animation, special effects and magical behind-the-scenes secrets.

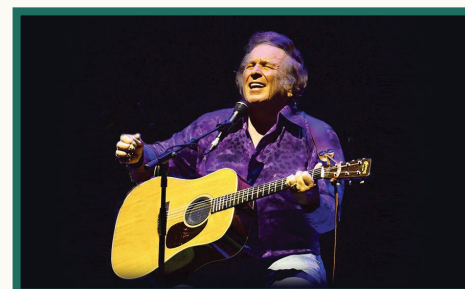


MURDER TRIAL TONIGHT V: DEATH IN THE FAMILY

15 & 16 Apr 2027 | SH
Murder Trial Tonight returns with its most thrilling case yet! In this immersive courtroom experience, the audience become the jury, voting live to decide the verdict.

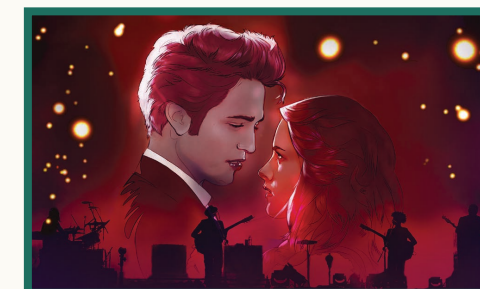


GABRIELLE 19 Apr 2027 | SH
Gabrielle takes to the stage with a catalogue of classics, from 'Dreams' and 'Rise' to 'Out of Reach', for an unmissable night of pop and soul.



DON MCLEAN: THE FAREWELL TOUR

16 May 2027 | SH
Don McLean brings his Farewell Tour to Symphony Hall, performing timeless classics 'American Pie', 'Vincent (Starry Starry Night)' and more in a rare final UK performance.



TWILIGHT: NEW MOON IN CONCERT

15 Feb 2027 | SH | Film Rating 12A
Rediscover the world of The Twilight Saga: New Moon as twelve musicians perform the film's hauntingly beautiful score live alongside the movie.



MNOZIL BRASS: STRAUSS

26 Jun 2027 | SH
For 30 years, Mnozil Brass has blurred the line between classical and popular music. In Strauss, they break boundaries and bring Strauss brilliantly to life.



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO + JULIET: FILM IN CONCERT

22 Oct 2027 | SH | 14+
Defined by its iconic 90s soundtrack, experience this beloved film on the big screen like never before as rock and orchestral musicians perform live to Baz Luhrmann's masterpiece.



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Check out some of the stars already scheduled to
take to the B:Music stages next year**



Legend of Korra in Concert

02 Feb | SH



Fascinating Aïda: Bawdacious!

03 & 04 Feb | TH



Transatlantic Sessions

06 Feb | SH



The Lost Notes in Concert

07 Feb | SH



The Eternal Shame of Sue Perkins

25 Feb | TH



Layton Live

12 Mar | TH

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