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**Kim Wilde** comes  
to **Symphony Hall**  
with her **Greatest**  
**Hits Tour**



**This August, September and October we're thrilled to showcase an array of performances on B:Music stages at Town Hall and Symphony Hall.**

August will see a jam-packed three nights of comedy from Sarah Millican, and a flying dragon called Zog taking to the stage. The sky is not the limit this September with astronaut Tim Peake guiding us through the wonders of space. As the dark nights roll in this October, we will take a bold leap into another dimension with Symphonic Universe: The Music of The Avengers and Beyond. Listen to the music that helped create pivotal moments in movies including The Avengers, Star Wars, Guardians of the Galaxy, Iron Man, Batman, Doctor Strange, The Dark Knight Rises, Spider-Man and many more.

Visit [bmusic.co.uk](http://bmusic.co.uk) for more information on what is coming to Birmingham's Town Hall and Symphony Hall over the next few months and beyond.

Sanity performed with the BBC Symphony Orchestra on 17 June 22 | Brochure designed by Louise Gale





# B:Eats: The new eatery at Symphony Hall serving freshly cooked local produce in the heart of Birmingham



## Q&A with Chef Lee



### When did you start working at B:Music?

22 April 2021: During this time I was planning menus, organising the kitchen health and safety policies and getting the kitchens ready for pre-concert food that started in September of that year. We are now full speed ahead getting ready for our full launch on the 18 July!

### Tell us about a 'normal day' at the venue.

A normal day for me would start with making sure the kitchen is ready and all food prep is done for the concert that day. We change our concert menus depending on our audience profiles so Chris, my Sous Chef, will be busy making sure we have all we need to serve our guests. I work closely with Claire, our food and beverage manager, and together we brief the team before service and the bars open. I regularly catch up with Nicole to plan what is happening in the weeks ahead. I love my job and what we are creating here. I cannot wait for our

doors to open and to be serving amazing food in this iconic venue.

### What is your favourite thing on the relaunched menu at B:Eats?

It has got to be our Brummie bacon cakes! They are a Brummie delicacy that many people are yet to discover. They are a massive hit with our staff so far and our hope is to become the home of these delicious cakes. The recipe is inspired by my grandfather who was a chef in the army and served in World War II. As a child I would read his recipe books and he is the main reason I became a chef. To honour my grandfather is such a special thing for me and I hope to make him proud!

### What was your favourite gig at Symphony Hall or Town Hall?

My favourite gig by far was jazz singer Gregory Porter. His voice is incredible, and it was an amazing gig.

Visit **B:Eats** ahead of world-class entertainment at Symphony Hall.



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**Emeli Sandé**  
performed at Town Hall,  
a B:Music venue, on 30 May 22  
on her Brighter Days Tour.

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## Aug



### Sarah Millican: Bobby Dazzler

Wed 3, Thu 4 & Fri 5 Aug | Symphony Hall | 8PM

The hilarious Sarah Millican is back on tour with a Bobby Dazzler of a new stand-up show. Sarah has spent the last year writing jokes and growing her backside. She cannot wait to get back on the road and make you laugh. **16+**

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

### Nashville Sounds In The Round: Gasoline & Matches, Alyssa Bonagura, Kenny Foster, Arbor North & Jessie G

Wed 17 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 7:30PM

Birmingham's premier country songwriter night 'Nashville Sounds In The Round' returns to the iconic Symphony Hall in partnership with B:Music!



### Birmingham 2022 Festival Presents **On Record**

Since the start of the festival, On Record has presented conversations with Birmingham musicians, promoters, managers and entrepreneurs who have all contributed to local, national and international music culture.

**On Record: In Conversation with James Indigo | Wed 10 Aug | 7:30PM**

**On Record: Live! Sanity | Sun 14 Aug | 3PM**

**On Record: In Conversation with Lloyd Blake | Tue 16 Aug | 7:30PM**

*On Record will take place in the Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space, the Justham Family Room and Jane How Room.*





# B:Jazz Fest

B:Music is proud to present the **B:Jazz Festival**

**NEIGHBOURHD WLVS**  
Mon 22 Aug | The Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**BEX BURCH +  
LEAF CUTTER JOHN**  
Tue 23 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**JAZZLINES  
TUTOR ENSEMBLE**  
Tue 23 Aug | The Spotted Dog | 8PM

**FREE JAZZ TRIO**  
Wed 24 Aug | The Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**TRISH CLOWES**  
Wed 24 Aug | SH Flipped Stage | 7:30PM



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**BYRON WALLEN  
(BLACK FLAG)**  
Wed 24 Aug | Symphony Hall Stage | 9PM

**SHANNON BARNETT**  
Thu 25 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**DANIEL CASIMIR  
QUINTET**  
Thu 25 Aug | Symphony Hall Stage | 7:30PM

**DAVID FERRIS  
ENSEMBLE**  
Fri 26 Aug | The Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**ALINA BZHEZHINSKA  
(HIPHARP COLLECTIVE  
& KHOSA COLE)**  
Fri 26 Aug | Symphony Hall Stage | 7:30PM

THE **ROAR-SOME** CREW ARE **BACK** FOR A **BRAND NEW** ADVENTURE!



FRECKLE PRODUCTIONS IN ASSOCIATION WITH NIKE THEATRE PRESENTS  
**ZOG**  
AND THE FLYING DOCTORS  
BASED ON THE BOOK BY  
JULIA DONALDSON & AXEL SCHEFFLER  
MUSIC & LYRICS BY JOE STILGOE · ADAPTED & DIRECTED BY EMMA KILBEY

**LIVE ON STAGE**



**Tue 23 Aug – Sun 28 Aug | Town Hall | various times**

Zog, super keen student turned air-ambulance, still lands with a crash-bang-thump. Together with his Flying Doctor crew, Princess Pearl and Sir Gadabout, they tend to a sunburnt mermaid, a unicorn with one too many horns and a lion with the flu. However, Pearl's uncle, the King, has other ideas about whether princesses should be doctors, and she's soon locked up in the castle back in a crown and a silly frilly dress!

With a bit of help from some friends and half a pound of cheese, can Pearl make her uncle better and prove princesses can be doctors too?

Based on Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's bestselling sequel, Freckle Productions (Zog, Stick Man, Tiddler & Other Terrific Tales, Tabby McTat) bring the creative team behind Zog, Emma Kilbey and Joe Stilgoe, back together for this truly modern take on the classic fairy tale.

Most suitable for ages 3+ but all ages welcome.

Take a listen  
to the music of  
**September**

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## RuPaul's Drag Race UK SERIES 3 DRAG RACE UK TOUR



### Rupaul's Drag Race UK: Season 3 Tour

Thu 1 Sep | Symphony Hall | 8PM

Drag Royalty will sashay across the stage for The Series Three Tour of RuPaul's Drag Race UK. Expect a night of endless extravaganza as ALL 12 queens from Series Three of RuPaul's Drag Race UK werk their way across the country.

Under 14's to be accompanied by an adult **18+**

### Massed Male Voices of Cornwall

Sat 3 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The Cornish Federation of Male Choirs will present a Grand Charity Concert in 2022. There are 370 choristers from 25 member choirs who will perform a concert not to be missed.



### Got 2 Sing Choir 10th Anniversary Celebratory Concert

Sun 4 Sep | Symphony Hall | 2PM & 7PM

Back by popular demand, a wall of sound awaits you as Got 2 Sing Choirs unite from across the Midlands to bring you the best of their most memorable songs from the last 10 years.



### Vir Das: Wanted

Tue 6 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Vir Das, fresh off an Emmy-nomination, brings his brand new Wanted world tour to the UK from a run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival 2022 – a show about freedom, a journey into foolishness, and a perspective that takes you across the world. **16+**



### Tavares plus support

Tue 6 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Grammy-award winning R&B singing group Tavares – best known for their infectious sound and close harmony, are proud to announce a 'Greatest Hits Tour 2022'.



### Tim Peake: My Journey to Space

Wed 7 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Fasten your seatbelts and get ready for an awe-inspiring ride. Tim Peake is a European Space Agency astronaut. In December 2015, he became the first British astronaut to visit the International Space Station to conduct a spacewalk (and run a marathon!) whilst orbiting Earth.



CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMASH HIT TV SHOW WITH THE ORIGINAL CAST LIVE ON STAGE!



### Fame UK Reunion 2022: 40th Anniversary

Thu 8, Fri 9 & Sat 10 Sep  
Town Hall | 7:30PM

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the smash hit TV series Fame, no less than seven original cast members are giving three Reunion Concerts for charity, **exclusively in Birmingham**: Valerie Landsburg (Doris), Lee Curreri (Bruno), Carlo Imperato (Danny), P.R. Paul (Montgomery), Cynthia Gibb (Holly), Loretta Chandler (Dusty) and Jesse Borrego (Jesse) promise you the best party of the year!

### Fastlove: A Tribute to George Michael

Thu 8 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Direct from London's West End, this is the world's favourite George Michael Celebration! Few shows have reached the dizzy heights of Fastlove, now touring in 18 countries, selling over 250,000 tickets worldwide.





## The 168th British Open Brass Band Championships Gala

Sat 10 Sep | Symphony Hall | 10:30AM

The British Open is the oldest brass band contest in the world and the top 15 British bands continue this great tradition, alongside the invited European champions, by competing for the coveted 'Open' title.

## National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain Children's Band

Sun 11 Sep | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1PM

As part of their 70th anniversary celebrations, and following a headlining performance at Town Hall with the Band of the Royal Marines for the European Brass Band Festival in April, B:Music is proud to present the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain Children's Band.



## Brass Band Gala 2022 featuring Cory band & Black Dyke Band

Sun 11 Sep | Symphony Hall | 2:30PM

Join us at Symphony Hall for the annual Brass Gala featuring the 2022 EBBC European Champions, Cory Band, who will be returning to Symphony Hall after a triumphant performance in April at the European Brass Band Festival.

## Justin Hayward

Mon 12 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Justin Hayward's career is now in its fifth decade. He is best known as the vocalist, lead guitarist and composer for the iconic Moody Blues, whose hits include the masterful 'Nights in White Satin', 'Tuesday Afternoon', 'Question', 'The Voice' plus other classic, era and genre-defining hits.



## Agnes Obel

Mon 12 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Critically acclaimed composer, singer and pianist, Agnes Obel has announced a new European tour. Fans will hear brand new songs, alongside a set list comprised of songs from Obel's award-winning and platinum-selling album Philharmonics, Aventine, and Citizen of Glass.



## Peggy Seeger and Calum MacColl – First Farewell Tour

Tue 13 Sep | Justham Family Room & Jane How Room | 7:30PM

Making a very welcome visit to Birmingham on her rescheduled 'First Farewell Tour', the charismatic Peggy Seeger – singer, songwriter, feminist, icon, Ewan MacColl's partner and muse – is the undisputed queen of folk and political song.

## Chris de Burgh & Band: The Legend of Robin Hood Tour

Tue 13 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Chris de Burgh will be celebrating his album 'The Legend of Robin Hood', as well performing many of his greatest hits. 45 years since the release of his eponymous album 'Spanish Train and Other Stories', he has sold over 50 million albums and sold-out performances worldwide.



## Don McLean – 50th Anniversary of American Pie

Wed 14 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The American Troubadour has had Top 20 singles worldwide with 'American Pie', 'Vincent', 'Cryin', 'And I Love You So', 'Wonderful Baby', 'Since I Don't Have You', 'It's Just The Sun' & 'If We Try'.

## David Essex

Thu 15 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Internationally renowned singer, composer and actor David Essex OBE has announced his first major tour in over four years. David Essex has enjoyed a remarkable career that has combined concerts, records, theatre, composing, films and television with striking success.



## Loudon Wainwright III In Concert with support

Thu 15 Sep | Town Hall | 8PM

For the past fifty-two years, Loudon Wainwright III has carved out a distinguished career as one of our most original singer-songwriters, a six-string diarist with material that is by turns, tongue-in-cheek, tender and always deeply personal.





## Kim Wilde: Greatest Hits Tour, Plus Special Guests China Crisis

Fri 16 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Kim Wilde and her incredible band are returning to Birmingham, with support from China Crisis on her Greatest Hits Tour, following the Worldwide success of Here Come The Aliens.

## Daniel Howell

Sat 17 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Daniel Howell is back, as stressed and depressingly dressed as ever, with his epic new solo comedy stage show "We're All Doomed!".



## Nashville Sounds in the Round: The Weekend Sessions

Sat 17 Sep | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11:30AM

Birmingham's premier country songwriter night 'Nashville Sounds In The Round' returns to the iconic Symphony Hall in partnership with B:Music!



## The Billy Joel Songbook

Sun 18 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Hugely acclaimed singer-songwriter and pianist **Elio Pace** is returning to thrill audiences with the ultimate uptown experience. Elio and his incredible band will transport the audience through a catalogue of Joel's music, performing more than 30 hits including *She's Always A Woman*, *We Didn't Start The Fire*, *Piano Man* and many more.



PERFORMED BY  
**ELIO PACE**  
AND HIS BAND



## Steve Hackett Genesis Revisited – Foxtrot at Fifty + Hackett Highlights

Sun 18 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:45PM

Hot on the heels of his most successful solo tour ever, Steve Hackett announces his Steve Hackett Genesis Revisited – Foxtrot at Fifty + Hackett Highlights tour for 2022.

## A1: The A Game

Mon 19 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

A1, the Brit award winning, British-Norwegian band had their first breakthrough in The U.K in 1999 and went on to have many international number 1 hits.



## Bret McKenzie

Thu 22 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

McKenzie – known for such modern musical treasures as comedy duo Flight of the Conchords and The Muppets movie reboots – has a new solo record coming out filled with songs that ARE NOT COMEDY SONGS! **14+**

## Dick and Dom In Da Bungalow Live

Fri 23 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

20 years after the hit BBC show 'Da Bungalow' first burst on to our screens, quadruple Bafta award winners Dick & Dom are bringing their own special kind of mayhem live to Birmingham!



## Space Spectacular

Sun 25 Sep | Symphony Hall | 3PM

A thrilling concert of your favourite music from deep space and beyond in a galaxy of sight and sound with a Spectacular Star Wars finale.



## Monkey Puzzle & Peter and The Wolf with Toscana Strings

Sun 25 Sep | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 10:30AM & 1PM

A reading of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's wonderful story about a butterfly helping a little monkey find his mum. Accompanied by music and dance, the audience will learn new moves for each animal they meet along the way!

## Lunchtime Organ Concert with Thomas Trotter

Mon 26 Sep | Town Hall | 1PM

Mon 10 Oct | Town Hall | 1PM

Mon 24 Oct | Town Hall | 1PM

Join Thomas Trotter at Town Hall for a lunchtime recital at the magnificent Town Hall organ. Birmingham City Organist since 1983, Thomas Trotter is one of the world's top-ranking virtuoso organists and was awarded the 2020 Queen's Medal for Music.



## Madeleine Peyroux

Tue 27 Sep | Town Hall | 8PM

Peyroux continues to record, perform, and challenge the confines of jazz through such albums as 'Half the Perfect World' (2006), 'Standing on the Rooftop' (2011), and 'The Blue Room' (2013).

## The 80s Show

Wed 28 Sep | Town Hall | 8PM

The greatest tribute to the greatest decade, brings you the best 80s party on the planet! Featuring only the best musicians and singers around with female sax and percussionist this band are hard to tell the difference from the record.



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to the music of  
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## Boyzlife

Sat 1 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Boyzlife is the supergroup formed by long time pals Keith Duffy and Brian McFadden who previously appeared as members of '90s and '00s boybands Boyzone and Westlife, respectively.

## Ricky Ross: Short Stories Vol.2

Sun 2 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Ricky Ross, songwriter and lead singer for Deacon Blue, one of Scotland's best loved and most successful bands, returns to the stage with his solo tour in support of his brand-new album, 'Short Stories Vol 2'.



## Calum Scott

Tue 4 Oct | Town Hall | 7PM

With the arrival of his 2018 debut album 'Only Human', U.K. based singer-songwriter Calum Scott landed at No. 1 on the iTunes album chart in over 20 countries around the world, amassing over 7.5 billion total global streams and counting.

## B:Classical 2022/23: Paul Lewis – Schubert Piano Sonatas: 1

Thu 6 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

"Arguably the finest Schubert interpreter of his generation," said Gramophone magazine. No wonder then that Paul Lewis has returned to Schubert again and again throughout his recording and concert career.



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## Henning Wehn: It'll All Come Out In The Wash

Fri 7 & Sat 8 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

Watch German Comedy Ambassador Henning Wehn give everything a good rinse and witness him wring sense out of the nonsensical. An unbiased look at a certain virus might be inevitable but Henning has no agenda; he just happens to be always spot on. **16+**



## Laura Jurd & The Big Friendly Album Band

Sun 9 Oct | Justham Family Room & Jane How Room | 3PM

With big, friendly tunes and grooves-a-plenty, acclaimed trumpet player and composer Laura Jurd brings music influenced by Celtic folk traditions to life alongside a brass-fuelled party band of world-class instrumentalists.

## Sir Bryn Terfel: Songs and Arias

Sun 9 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:40PM

The Welsh bass-baritone, Sir Bryn Terfel performs an evening dedicated to the world of "Songs and Arias".



## Uriah Heep - 50th Anniversary Tour Lockdown to Rockdown

Mon 10 Oct | Symphony Hall | 8PM

Uriah Heep's longevity is a testament to the band's excellent music, prolific song-writing and tireless efforts. The mighty Heep are cut from the same cloth of legends; their career spans over 50th years and it has been a roller coaster.

## Jongleurs Legends

Tue 11 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Buckle up for a comedy rollercoaster ride that will leave you breathless from laughter! Jarred Christmas has had audiences around the world howling over his hysterical and relatable past experiences, all are punctuated by his quick wit and impeccable comic timing.



## Essential 80s featuring Paul Young, T'Pau and Hue and Cry

Tue 11 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7PM

The decade of fun and flamboyancy, the era of music videos and some of the most enduring popstars in the world! Essential 80s brings the very best live compilation of chart topping 80s artists to the stage this Sep for a nostalgic tour of everyone's favourites!



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# retrospective

## Ballet and Brunch

A collaboration with Birmingham Royal Ballet on 2 Apr 22

Look out for more special collaborations in the future at [bmusic.co.uk](http://bmusic.co.uk)

## Oct



### Will Young

Sat 15 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

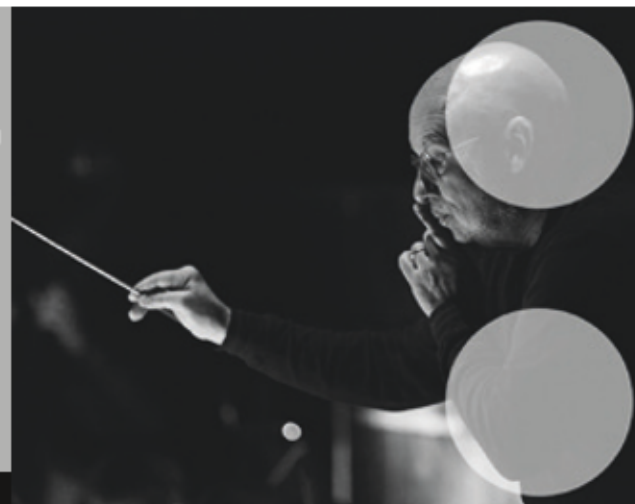
Will Young originally shot to fame after winning Pop Idol 2002 but has since gone on to defy the critics by releasing four multi-platinum selling albums, being voted the UK's Favourite Artist twice and receiving critical acclaim for hit singles such as 'Leave Right Now' and 'All Time Love'.

### B:Classical 2022/23: Brno Philharmonic Orchestra

Sun 16 Oct | Symphony Hall | 3PM

The roots of the BRNO Philharmonic Orchestra go back to the 1870s, when the young Leoš Janáček endeavoured to establish a Czech symphony orchestra in Brno. The works of the famous twentieth-century composer constitute the core of the orchestra's repertoire.

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### Vonda Shepard – Greatest Hits Tour

Sun 16 Oct | Symphony Hall Stage | 8PM

Vonda Shepard first shot to fame through her long running appearances, performances and musical accompaniment on the smash hit US TV show Ally McBeal.

### The Proclaimers: Special Guest John Bramwell

Mon 17 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Strikingly individual, twin brothers Craig and Charlie Reid emerged 35 years ago with their debut album This Is The Story and Top 3 single Letter from America.







## Al Stewart with his band The Empty Pockets

Tue 18 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The Scottish-born singer-songwriter has released nearly 20 introspective and lyrically powerful records featuring brilliant backing musicians such as Jimmy Page, Phil Collins, Richard Thompson, and Peter White.

## Milton Jones: Milton Impossible

Wed 19 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

One man. One Mission. Is it possible? No, not really. Milton reveals the truth about being an international spy, before being given a disappointing new identity which forced him to appear on Mock the Week, Live at the Apollo.



## Howard Jones

Thu 20 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The acoustic shows will highlight a fresh take on Howard's best-known hits and will provide a rare and intimate opportunity for the audience to hear first-hand about the inspiration behind Howard's beloved material, plus fascinating recollections from his international touring career.

## Beth Nielsen Chapman: Crazytown Tour

Fri 21 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

If you are going to a Beth Nielsen Chapman concert, get ready to laugh and cry and, well, just fasten your seat belt. One thing you can count on is one great song after another and some fascinating stories woven between them.



## Last Podcast on the Left

Sat 22 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Last Podcast on the Left barrels headlong into all things horror – as hosts Ben Kassel, Marcus Parks and Henry Zebrowski cover dark subjects spanning Jeffrey Dahmer, werewolves, Jonestown, iconic hauntings, the history of war crimes, and more. **14+**



## Family Jam

Sat 22 Oct  
Jennifer Blackwell  
Performance Space | 10:30AM

Are you ready to make instant music? Warm up your voice and grab an instrument! This session is about exploring the aural skills that Jazz and Folk musicians share across the globe. For the next Family Jam session, please visit [bmusic.co.uk/jazzlines-family-jam](http://bmusic.co.uk/jazzlines-family-jam)



## Tony Hadley – Live with an Orchestra

Sun 23 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

One of the most renowned voices in British music, Tony Hadley, has announced a UK tour for 2022, celebrating a remarkable 40 years in music with his former band Spandau Ballet, live with an Orchestra.



## Soweto Gospel Choir present Freedom

Sun 23 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Winner of the 2019 Grammy Award for Best World Music Album for their latest album 'Freedom', a collection of songs which celebrate and commemorate South Africa's democratic movement's struggle for freedom, Soweto Gospel Choir now bring their Freedom concert to Town Hall.

## Sixties Gold: The All Hits Show!

Mon 24 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The Tremeloes featuring Chesney Hawkes; Herman's Hermits; The Marmalade; Spencer James, lead singer of The Searchers, Gerry's Pacemakers plus, special guest from the USA Gary Puckett.





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## Disney's Hocus Pocus: Film plus Orchestra

Tue 25 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Come and see Hocus Pocus with a full orchestra performing its soundtrack live to picture, giving the audience the opportunity to see the film in a fresh and unique setting! **PG**

## Dr Richard Shepherd: 'Unnatural Causes'

Tue 25 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Meet the forensic pathologist, Dr Richard Shepherd. A detective in his own right, who has solved the mystery of sudden and unexplained deaths as he takes to the road in 2022, following his hugely successful 2021 theatre tour.



## Marc Almond

Wed 26 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Marc will be singing songs from his last top 20 album, 'Chaos and a Dancing Star', plus many favourites from his extensive catalogue and his biggest hits. Marc always has surprises up his sleeve.

## Ladysmith Black Mambazo

Thu 27 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

For sixty years Ladysmith Black Mambazo have sung powerful, uplifting songs that emote the struggles and passion of South Africa. Nelson Mandela called Ladysmith "South Africa's cultural ambassadors".



## Levison Wood: The Art of Exploration

Fri 28 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Join critically acclaimed author and explorer Levison Wood as he takes to the stage for his third UK tour, The Art of Exploration.



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UNIVERSE**  
THE MUSIC OF  
**THE AVENGERS, GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY  
STAR WARS AND BEYOND**

## Symphonic Universe

Fri 28 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Take a bold leap into another dimension with Symphonic Universe: The Music of The Avengers and Beyond, a new show that is out of this world. **Listen to the music of Iron Man, Batman, Black Panther, Captain America, Man of Steel, The Dark Knight Rises, Spider-Man, Thor: Ragnarok, X-Men** with presenter **Ali Plumb**, conductor **Lee Reynolds** and the **London Concert Orchestra**.

## The Feeling plus support

Sat 29 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The Feeling will be playing all the hits live including 'Love It When You Call', 'Sewn' and 'Fill My Little World', plus music from the new movie 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'.



## Classical Spectacular<sup>®</sup>

Sat 29 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

A magnificent combination of the very best in classical music with lights and lasers. The dazzling special effects bring to life the scenes and moods evoked by each glorious piece including Also Sprach Zarathustra, O soave fanciulla from La bohème, Nessun Dorma, Land of Hope and Glory and many more with conductor **Robert Emery** and the **London Concert Orchestra**.





## MILKSHAKE! Live – Milkshake! Monkey's Musical

Sun 30 Oct | Town Hall | 12PM & 3:30PM

Milkshake! Monkey is back and can't wait to put on a spectacular NEW Show for you all, joined by some of his favourite Milkshake! friends plus two Milkshake Presenters creating the most dazzling show you have ever seen!

Join Paddington, Daisy & Ollie, Milo, Noddy, Pip and Posy, Blue's Clues & You! and of course Milkshake! Monkey for an unforgettable family time at Milkshake Monkey's Musical!

Learn the amazing songs and dances with your favourite Milkshake! friends and watch as the music, the lights, the costumes and the stage brings Milkshake! to life. With great Milkshake! friends, anything is possible.

This brand-new show has plenty of laughter, audience interaction and great fun to get everyone up on their feet! It's a family show not to be missed!

\*Produced by Mark Thompson Productions by arrangement and in partnership with Channel 5 Broadcasting.

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**B:Music CEO Nick Reed**  
photographed by Johnathan Williams  
in seat B22 dedicated this summer to the  
Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Festival.



# Tall Stories Presents **The Gruffalo**

Based on the picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

Tue 27 Dec – Sun 15 Jan 2023 | Town Hall | various times



Performed by a company of deaf and hearing actors using spoken English, visual storytelling and BSL.

## A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood...

Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Searching for hazelnuts, Mouse meets the cunning Fox, the eccentric old Owl and the high-spirited Snake. Will the story of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from ending up as dinner for these hungry woodland creatures? After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo – is there?

Songs, laughs and monstrous fun for children aged 3 and up and their grown-ups, in the much-loved show that's toured Britain and the world!



# THE GRUFFALO

BASED ON THE PICTURE BOOK BY

**JULIA DONALDSON AND AXEL SCHEFFLER**

LIVE  
ON STAGE



# Free Jazz Fridays



Free jazz in the Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space at Symphony Hall every Friday at 5pm.

To check who is performing next, please visit [bmusic.co.uk/housewarming-sessions](https://bmusic.co.uk/housewarming-sessions)

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## Sneak Peek at shows coming soon

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**Stewart Lee:  
Basic Lee**

Thu 26 – Fri 27 Jan 2023  
**Symphony Hall**

**Belinda Carlisle:  
The Decades Tour with  
The Christians**

Fri 3 Feb 2023  
**Symphony Hall**



**Giovanni Pernice:  
Made in Italy**

Sat 8 Apr 2023  
**Town Hall**

**BAT:  
The Official  
Meat Loaf Celebration**

Sun 21 May 2023  
**Symphony Hall**



**Carrie Hope Fletcher:  
An Open Book**

Mon 29 May 2023  
**Symphony Hall**



# It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

A preview of some of the fantastic events heading to Town Hall and Symphony Hall this Festive season



## Love Actually in Concert: Film with Live Orchestra

Tue 13 Dec | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Love Actually, the star-studded rom-com that has become a Christmas classic, will tour the UK in winter 2022 with a full orchestra performing its soundtrack live to screen. **15+**



## A Dickensian Christmas

Fri 23 Dec | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Toast the Christmas spirit with Charles Dickens and celebrate the very best of Victorian carols, classics and a selection of readings from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

## Collabro

Wed 14 Dec | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with the world's most successful musical theatre vocal group, COLLABRO.



## Christmas Spectacular

Sat 24 Dec | Symphony Hall | 3PM

Christmas Spectacular is a cracker of a show with music, dance, lights and spectacle. The Symphony Hall will spring to life with high kicks, festive fun and special effects.



## Muppet Christmas Carol

Wed 14 Dec | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Disney's *The Muppet Christmas Carol* will be presented live in concert this winter across the UK, featuring its musical score performed live to the film.



## The Gruffalo

Tue 27 Dec – Sun 15 Jan 2023 | Town Hall  
various times

Join Mouse on a daring adventure through the deep, dark wood in Tall Stories' magical, musical adaptation of the classic picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

## Jools Holland: Special Guest Vic Reeves

Mon 19 – Tue 20 Dec | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The tour follows the release of Jools Holland's latest star-studded album, 'PIANOLA. PIANO & FRIENDS', which came out in November 2021 and features musical luminaries David Gilmour, Sir Tom Jones, Jamie Cullum, Joe Bonamassa and many more.



## The Music of Zimmer vs Williams

Fri 30 Dec | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The London Concert Orchestra perform the best scores celebrating the two greatest film composers of all time in one fabulous programme.





## City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO), resident orchestra at Symphony Hall, a B:Music Venue



### The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra is the flagship of musical life in Birmingham and the West Midlands and one of the world's great orchestras.

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With a far-reaching community programme and a family of choruses and youth ensembles, it's involved in every aspect of music-making in the Midlands and at its centre is a team of 90 superb professional musicians.

## More than just classical...



### A New World: Kazuki Yamada and Nicola Benedetti

Tue 20 September | Symphony Hall | 7.30PM

When we say you're going to 'be moved' in this concert, we're not exaggerating! In the first half, star violinist Nicola Benedetti performs Mendelssohn's passionate and dramatic Violin Concerto – a true audience favourite which may just bring a tear (or two) to your eye. And in the second half, the gorgeous and instantly recognisable New World Symphony by Dvořák will fill the concert hall with beautiful music, leaving you truly uplifted and refreshed.

### Human Nature: The Rite of Spring

Sat 24 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Loud, fast, and shocking enough to cause an actual riot at its first performance (yes, really!), prepare to be thrilled by **Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring** and make sure to listen out for the moments that have inspired some of the most dramatic movie soundtracks of all time. In the first half, experience a brand-new choral epic, inspired by evolution and human impact on the natural world.



### The Sea: CBSO and Mirga Gražinytė-Tyla

Wed 28 Sep | Symphony Hall | 2:15PM

Sit back, relax, and let us whisk you away to the coast – from the dark and stormy waves of **Britten's Four Sea Interludes** to the shimmering reflections of **Debussy's La Mer** – you'll almost be able to smell the sea air. In complete contrast, a symphony inspired by the 1961 horror film **The Exterminating Angel** offers more drama than you'll know what to do with – this concert is going to be quite a journey!

### Sheku Kanneh-Mason plays Haydn

Thu 6 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7.30PM

This concert is perfect for your first (or fifty-first) visit to the concert hall, with a selection of joyful music sure to put a smile on your face. **Haydn's Cello Concerto** is filled with bright and breezy melodies that you'll be humming as you head home, while **The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra** does just what it says on the tin. And it's a particularly wonderful occasion when cellist **Sheku Kanneh-Mason** (of royal wedding fame) joins the orchestra on stage!





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