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February
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Laugh out
loud with
Lloyd Griffith
at Town Hall

This February, March and April, we're thrilled to showcase an array of performances on B:Music stages at Town Hall and Symphony Hall.

From KT Tunstall's soulful vocals to Lloyd Griffith's distinct humour, February sees a varied and exciting programme. The Birmingham Classical Season is now in full swing with Paul Lewis gracing the Town Hall stage this March, and we welcome April with the return of Giovanni Pernice and Billy Ocean. Visit bmusic.co.uk to see more information on what is coming to Birmingham's Town Hall and Symphony Hall over the next few months and beyond.

Tomorrow's Warriors performed at the Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space on 16 September 22. See bmusic.co.uk for their next performance.

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B:Eats

Join us before the performance in the new Symphony Hall eatery, **B:Eats**, where we're now serving our daytime menu full of Brummie surprises alongside some breakfast, brunch, lunch, and sandwich classics, while our evening menus offer a contemporary take on some firm favourites and some quick bite options – **B:Eats** is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the incredible views of Centenary Square before the performance.

More information can be found on bmusic.co.uk/your-visit/beats



Take a listen
to the music of
**February,
March
and April**

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The Planets: CBSO & Kazuki Yamada

Wed 1 & Thu 2 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM & 2:15PM

Mars, Venus, Jupiter... everyone has their favourite bit of *The Planets*, but there's more to Holst's masterpiece than just good melodies, and in the hands of **Kazuki Yamada** and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, this great British classic will become a journey to the outer limits of the imagination itself! Full listings of further CBSO concerts can be found at bmusic.co.uk

Poetry Jam X

Thu 2 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 7PM

We Don't Settle and B:Music present: Poetry Jam's X birthday celebration! It's been 10 years since our wonderful community of lyricists and alchemists of poetry and spoken word gathered to support us in manifesting the monthly event that is known as Poetry Jam.



Belinda Carlisle

Fri 3 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The glamorous singer-songwriter, **Belinda Carlisle**, has indelibly touched the hearts of pop fans around the world with her unique blend of gutsy vocals, emotively charged melodies and picturesque lyrics.

David O'Doherty: Woah is me

Sat 4 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Here he comes again, trotting on to the stage with all of the misplaced confidence of a waiter with no pad. There'll be lots of talking, some apologising and some songs on a glued together plastic keyboard from 1986.



Ex Cathedra: Byrd's Great

Sun 5 Feb | Town Hall | 4PM

William Byrd was one of the greatest composers of the European Renaissance. This sumptuous performance – with viols, cornetts and sackbuts – will be a wonderful celebration of the 400th anniversary of a composer who could have written *Ex Cathedra's* manifesto: "since singing is so good a thing, I wish all would learn to sing."



Julian Siegel Jazz Orchestra 'Tales from the Jacquard'

Tue 7 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:45PM

BBC Jazz Award winning saxophonist **Julian Siegel** brings the **Julian Siegel Jazz Orchestra** to Birmingham Symphony Hall to celebrate his acclaimed album 'Tales from the Jacquard' (Whirlwind Recordings).

Beats & Pieces Big Band

Wed 8 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 7:45PM

Think of big bands and you're most likely to think of the halcyon days of mid-twentieth-century jazz and the likes of Duke Ellington and Count Basie. This would infer that big band music is an obsolete format, a relic from decades of yore. Founded in 2008 and directed by conductor, composer, arranger, and producer Ben Cottrell, **Beats & Pieces** give the lie to that notion.



Smith & Brewer

Thu 9 Feb
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 6:30PM

Smith & Brewer, a close harmony singing, guitar playing Americana duo, will be appearing in a special pre-show performance.

Transatlantic Sessions

Thu 9 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

One of Celtic Connections' most enduring and beloved institutions, **Transatlantic Sessions** celebrates its 20th edition, once again drawing deep on the kindred traditions of Scotland, Ireland and the US, while continuing to break new ground. With guests **Martha Wainwright**, **Amythyst Kiah**, **Karen Matheson** and **Liam Ó Maonlai**.

Free Jazz Fridays: MYJO (Midlands Youth Jazz Orchestra)

Fri 10 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

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



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#MusicConnectsUs



A conversation with **Sally Rea Morris** and **Steve Marks** of **Gasoline & Matches.**

Sally: We met back in 2010 in a music shop in Birmingham! I was looking at acoustic guitars and having a conversation with one of the guys in the shop just talking music, and Steve heard me mention my favourite artist **Butch Walker**.

Steve: It caught my attention, because Butch is such a great musician, but was a little more unheard of at the time so to hear someone saying his name instantly made me want to meet this girl!

Sally: Back then I was hosting a popular open mic night, so I invited Steve to come along. We started singing covers every now and then and musically we matched quite well. It wasn't long after that I found out I was moving to America and would be leaving the country for some time.

Steve: Knowing Sally was going away, I wanted to create a special memory, so we booked in with a friend of mine to record an EP before she left. She taught me the songs that morning, and we literally learnt, recorded, and even performed them on the evening all in a day! Just a stone's throw from **Symphony Hall at The Yard Bird**.

Sally: I ended up spending more time in America than planned. Fast forward a little, and we reconnected around 2015 and formed **Gasoline & Matches!** We actually came up with the name on a road trip in America! I had bought loads of the soundtrack CDs for the TV show 'Nashville' to keep us entertained on the journey, and the cover of **Buddy & Julie Miller's** song came on, and Steve was like "Gasoline & Matches would be a great band name!" I agreed, and it stuck!

Steve: 2022 saw our mutual favourite artist **Butch Walker** do his first stateside tour in 6 years. We brought tickets and planned to go to Nashville to see a show. I had previously spoken with Butch on a few occasions regarding musical equipment and just friendly stuff.



I decided that this was the perfect moment to propose, in front of huge audience of course! I reached out to Butch and we spoke of my plan, which he was happy to help plan out. The evening rolled around. Butch played an amazing show and during his encore he called me out, handed me his mic and I dropped to one knee. Of course, the crowd loved every second and I lost count of how many Americans I high fived... a wonderful moment!

"Music plays a huge part in our relationship. Being with a musician isn't an easy ride. The late nights, the long journeys, the frustrations of writing and rehearsing and essentially being married to music."

"I think there's a lyric in the song Faithfully by Journey that is 'loving a music man ain't always what it's supposed to be' and that rings true for any musician. Doing music with your partner is pretty special and we wouldn't want it any other way."

Hear **Gasoline & Matches** on Spotify and catch them live at **Nashville Sounds in the Round**, the bi-monthly acoustic country gig on the **Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space** at Symphony Hall.

Tell us your #MusicConnectsUs love story on Instagram @bmusic_ltd & Facebook @bmusicltd



Licence to Thrill: The Very Best of Bond with the CBSO

Fri 10 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The CBSO brings all the glitz and glamour of 007 to Symphony Hall as they celebrate Britain's best-loved secret agent and the soundtracks that have accompanied his heroic swagger for six decades. From *GoldenEye* and *A View to a Kill* to *Skyfall* and *Spectre*, this concert is guaranteed to leave you shaken... and stirred!

An Evening of Music and Dance with Birmingham Royal Ballet and The Royal Ballet Sinfonia

Sat 11 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Birmingham Royal Ballet's world-class dancers join the **Royal Ballet Sinfonia** for a glorious gala selection of works hand-picked especially by Carlos Acosta, BRB's Director, and the Royal Ballet Sinfonia.



Lunchtime Organ Concert with Thomas Trotter

Mon 13 Feb | Town Hall | 1PM

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.

The Musical Box: Lamb Lies Down on Broadway

Tue 14 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The greatest rock opera ever created, *The Lamb Lies Down on Broadway*, the final collaborative effort between the legendary **Peter Gabriel** and **Genesis**, is to be revived one last time... The end of an era.



Free Jazz Fridays: Dominic Pipkin and the Ikos Trio

Fri 17 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

Dom Pipkin specialises in the sounds of the Crescent City (New Orleans), a city that has hosted his playing many times. He leads an all-star band "The Ikos" and has shared stages with Dr John and Allen Toussaint.



Daniel Sloss

Fri 17 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Daniel's previous ground-breaking, global smash-hits include 'HUBRIS' (the world's biggest solo comedy touring show for most of 2021 as reported in Pollstar) and 'X' (his acclaimed tour de force about sexual assault.) **16+**

Family Jam

Sat 18 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 10:30AM

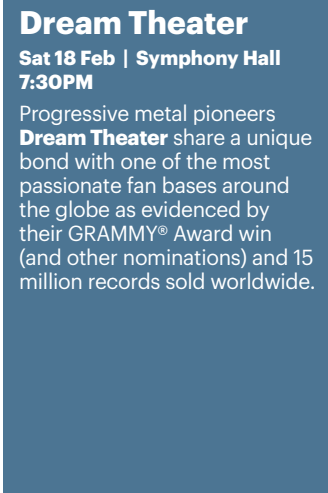
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Dream Theater

**Sat 18 Feb | Symphony Hall
7:30PM**

Progressive metal pioneers **Dream Theater** share a unique bond with one of the most passionate fan bases around the globe as evidenced by their GRAMMY® Award win (and other nominations) and 15 million records sold worldwide.





John Barrowman

Mon 20 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

John Barrowman is an Entertainer with a capital E. He sings, he dances, he acts, he presents, he judges – he is a unique talent in the British entertainment industry. The “I Am What I Am” tour celebrates his career highlights, leading audiences on a magical journey through the best of musical theatre.

Lissie: Crossing Canyons Tour

Mon 20 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Lissie's *Carving Canyons* finds the acclaimed singer-songwriter digging deep to carry on through life's many uncertainties. The singer-songwriter's fifth album is her most personal expression yet, with twelve songs that chart the ripples caused by heartbreak and loneliness as well as what happens when the soul perseveres amidst pain. With **Cat Clyde** (main support) and **Hannah Ashcroft** (opening support).



Nashville Sounds In The Round: Gasoline & Matches, Kylie Price, Eric & Jensen & Emily Faye

Thu 23 Feb | Justham Family Room | 7:30PM

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



Free Jazz Fridays: Lucy-Anne Daniels

Fri 24 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

Having grown up with the vibrant sounds of gospel and jazz, **Lucy-Anne Daniels** is a vivid storyteller and creative improviser whose rich vocals effortlessly weave her through an array of styles.



Lloyd Griffith: One Tonne of Fun

Sat 25 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

After Lloyd's last tour was interrupted by 'you know what' and ended up lasting 8 years or so, he's back with a brand-new, fresh stand-up show for 2023. This is Lloyd's biggest tour to date, and he is pumped/really needs you to come. Since school Lloyd has always been a show off, doing anything he can to make people laugh, and 20-odd years later, nothing's changed.

Sam Sweeney

Sun 26 Feb | Jane How Room | 7:30PM

Nominated four times, and winner in 2015, of Musician Of The Year BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, **Sam** is a veteran of the mighty Bellowhead, former and inaugural artistic director of the National Youth Folk Ensemble, founder member of the acclaimed instrumental trio Leveret, and "one of the defining English fiddle players of his generation" at the forefront of the revival in English traditional music.



KT Tunstall

Mon 27 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

BRIT Award winning and Grammy-nominated artist **KT Tunstall** has announced a UK tour in support of her new album. 'NUT' is the culmination of a seven-year project," Tunstall says. "It's the final part of a trilogy of records that has spanned probably the most extreme and profound period of change in my life. The personal arc of these three records has been pretty extraordinary for me." The Scottish singer-songwriter is back and touring the UK in 2023.



Lunchtime Organ Concert with Thomas Trotter

Mon 27 Feb | Town Hall | 1PM

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.

His fortnightly lunchtime concerts last around an hour and showcase the organ's sublime delicacy and awesome power – as well as his own technical wizardry – in some of the most inventive programmes you're ever likely hear.



B:Eats



Kids Eat for £1 at B:Eats this February Half Term

B:Eats will be offering children's meals for £1 throughout the February half term.

The eatery will run the week-long promotion from **Mon 20 Feb to Fri 24 Feb** where children's meals will cost just £1 when purchased alongside a full-priced adult meal.

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Free Jazz Fridays: Ashley Allen

Fri 3 Mar | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

Ashley Allen is a keyboardist, composer, producer and songwriter who currently resides in Birmingham. In 2020 he released his latest album which caused a huge buzz in the UK scene and on the Amazon and iTunes charts.

Turin Brakes

Fri 3 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Turin Brakes released Mercury Prize shortlisted the Optimist LP in March 2001 (achieving gold status in the UK), followed up by 2003's Ether Song which featured the top 5 hit single Pain Killer (Summer Rain). The band has since moved on to rack up seven top 40 singles, seven top 40 albums and over a million record sales worldwide.



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Levellers: Acoustic Tour

Sat 4 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Five years after they set out on their hugely acclaimed 2018 Acoustic Tour, and released its companion album *We The Collective*, **The Levellers** will embark upon a brand new Acoustic Tour in 2023.

Age Guidance: Under 14s to be accompanied by an adult



Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company: Art of Believing

Sat 4 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Experience vibrant and authentic flamenco music and dance from the spectacular **Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company**. Their production 'Art of Believing' recently won the prestigious Herald Angel Award and is bursting with truly stunning flamenco music, bringing to Birmingham the passion and fire of Andalucia.

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Season 2022/23

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KIDS GO FREE
£5 FOR 16-25 and
MULTIBUY packages



Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra

Mon 6 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** play Strauss's epic Alpine Symphony under the baton of Nikolaj Szeps-Znaider who is also the soloist in Bruch's ever-popular Violin Concerto. The concert will include spectacular projections of photography of the Alps, illustrating the stages in the symphony's journey.

Vanessa Porter

Sun 19 Feb
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

Vanessa Porter has been lighting up festivals across Europe with her dynamic performances, unleashing an astounding array of instruments in wide-ranging repertoire. Steve Reich's Nagoya Marimba is the centrepiece of this kaleidoscopic concert which Vanessa performs with her sister Jessica as the Porter Percussion Duo.



Armenian State Symphony Orchestra

Thu 23 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

At just 18, the **Armenian State Symphony Orchestra** is possibly Europe's youngest national orchestra and its youthful energy will be evident in Tchaikovsky's dramatic Fourth Symphony. In Jennifer Pike, they have a dazzling soloist and you're in for a treat with the Violin Concerto by Aram Khachaturian.



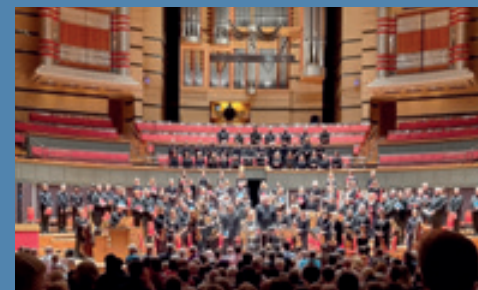
Paul Lewis – Schubert Piano Sonatas No.2

Tue 7 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Acknowledged as one of the world's foremost interpreters of Schubert, Beethoven and central European classical repertoire, **Paul Lewis** is the recipient of prestigious awards. His inspirational journey continues with three contrasting Schubert piano sonatas.



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Good Friday St Matthew Passion with Ex Cathedra

Fri 7 Apr | Symphony Hall | 2PM

For many years, Ex Cathedra's visionary director **Jeffrey Skidmore** has led his superb chamber choir and Baroque orchestra in Symphony Hall's Good Friday Bach Passion. In recent seasons they have incorporated chorale preludes, motets, congregational hymns and readings to offer a richer experience.

Iceland Symphony Orchestra

Fri 21 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The **Iceland Symphony Orchestra** made their Symphony Hall debut in 2020 as part of their 70th anniversary tour, and their creative energy and distinctive character made it one of the highlights of the season. The irrepressible Sir Stephen Hough joins them for Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto in a programme of great musical monuments.



James Newby

Sun 23 Apr
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

There's a real buzz around **James Newby**. Already a significant voice in Lied singing, he's a BBC New Generation Artist, regular recitalist at Wigmore Hall and Oxford Lieder Festivals and a member of Staatsoper Hannover. Among armfuls of prizes are the prestigious Kathleen Ferrier Award and Richard Tauber Prize for best interpretation of Schubert Lied.

Pavel Haas Quartet

Fri 28 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

"In this repertoire, they are simply matchless today" said the Sunday Times of the **Pavel Haas Quartet's** recording of Dvořák. They've been ranked in the Top 10 greatest string quartets of all time by the BBC Music magazine, alongside the Amadeus, Borodin and Alban Berg Quartets. Catch them at Town Hall in quartets by Schubert and Dvořák.





Urzila Carlson: It's Personal

Sun 5 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Welcome to the days of mind your own business and don't comment on others' business. Not their gender, sexuality, body, hair, education or career. Also, welcome to the days of total oversharing on social media, but STILL: mind your own business. We want to talk about things and want everyone to know IT'S PERSONAL!

Jurassic World in Concert: Film with Live Orchestra

Tue 7 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Watch **Jurassic World** on the big screen accompanied by Live Orchestra. Featuring director Colin Trevorrow's hugely successful 2015 movie, with the **International Film Orchestra** performing composer Michael Giacchino's thrilling musical score live to picture.



Beth Hart

Thu 9 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Grammy nominated singer-songwriter **Beth Hart** brings her 'Thankful' tour to the UK this autumn, touring with a full band. Audiences can look forward to a breath-taking emotionally charged live show, which will feature songs from her latest albums *War In My Mind* and *Fire On The Floor*.

B:Music Rise Up Ensemble

Fri 10 Mar | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

This year's **Rise-Up** jazz ensemble is formed of 6 young, female musicians aged 16 to 25 – a singer, saxophonist, pianist, drummer, double bassist, and clarinetist. Now in its second cohort, Rise-Up is a unique, free-to-access, talent development opportunity and is a positive step towards achieving a 50/50 gender split in the jazz sector.



Dick And Dom In Da Bungalow Live

Sat 11 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Grab a pint and get ready for the messiest night out in the UK! 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 on tour! **This event is aimed at adults.**

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BIMM Performances

We welcomed some of the talented **BIMM Birmingham** students studying modern music to perform at **B:Eats**.

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Lunchtime Organ Concert with Thomas Trotter: The Pride of Birmingham

Mon 13 Mar | Town Hall | 1PM

Join historian Anthony Peers and Birmingham City Organist Thomas Trotter as they present a history of Birmingham's famous Town Hall.

Neighbours: The Celebration Tour

Thu 16 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Join **Alan Fletcher** and **Jackie Woodburne** (Karl and Susan Kennedy), **Stefan Dennis** (Paul Robinson), **Ryan Moloney** (Toadie Rebecchi), **Annie Jones** (Jane Harris) and **April Rose Pengilly** (Chloe Brennan) as they share never before heard stories, look back at footage from across the years and answer questions in discussion with a live host.



SOLD OUT



Free Jazz Fridays: John Law – Re-Creations

Fri 17 Mar | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

John Law, a prize-winning classical prodigy on piano, turned away from classical piano studies to pursue jazz and improvised music when he was 23 and has been involved in, and acclaimed for, a wide variety of contemporary jazz and classical projects.



Nathan Carter and his band

Fri 17 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Join us for a very special St Patricks Day celebration! **Nathan** has recorded six number one albums in Ireland and has had a top 20 UK album release with the CD 'Beautiful Life'. Nathan's latest album 'The Best of the First Ten Years' released in November 2020 went straight to Number One in the Irish Album Charts.



Josh Pugh

Fri 17 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Dave's Edinburgh Comedy Award Nominee, star of Dave's Hypothetical and Question Team, tour support for Joe Lycett and 'almost certain future star', **Josh Pugh**, takes us through the past two years of his life, trying to have a baby and accidentally losing Captain Tom's birthday cards in his own unique and hilarious style.



Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2023

Sat 18 Mar | Town Hall | 2:30PM & 7:30PM

Embark on a thrilling night of adventure with a brand-new collection of short films from the world's most prestigious mountain film festival! There are two shows, each with an entirely different selection of films – the blue film programme (matinee) and the red film programme (evening show). Please visit the B:Music website for the full programmes.

Choir!Choir!Choir! The Epic 80's Singalong!

Tue 21 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Choir! Choir! Choir! is a show where the crowd is the star. Every show, **Nobu Adilman** and **Daveed Goldman** create something electric with the audience. There are no auditions – show up and they'll teach you original harmonies to songs you love. It is a night that sparks into something so much greater than the sum of its parts. People shout, people dance, and people SING!



Suede

Tue 21 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Suede kick-started the Brit pop revolution of the '90s, bringing English indie pop/rock music away from the swirling layers of shoegazing and dance-pop fusions of Madchester, and reinstating such conventions of British pop as mystique and the three-minute single.



Wallace and Gromit: The Wrong Trousers – with live brass band

Sat 25 Mar | Town Hall | 2:30PM

2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the Academy Award® winning short film *Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers* and the WFEL Fairley Band are delighted to announce that they have teamed up with Aardman to exclusively bring the film, with soundtrack performed by live brass band, to audience across the UK. Enjoy a family-friendly set from the band before enjoying their live accompaniment to the film on the big screen.

Darren Hayes: Do You Remember Tour

Sun 26 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7PM

As the lead singer and songwriter of duo **Savage Garden**, Australian born **Darren Hayes** quickly dominated the pop landscape achieving an impressive 10 UK Top 40 hits from 'I Want You', 'To The Moon and Back', to 'I Knew I Loved You' to U.S Billboard number ones including the timeless 'Truly Madly Deeply'.

U14s to be accompanied by an adult



SOLD OUT

Lunchtime Organ Concert with Daniel Moutl

Mon 27 Mar | Town Hall | 1PM

Renowned concert organist, recording artist and film presenter, Daniel Moutl has been described as "one of the finest organists of our time" (The Organ).



Gordon Buchanan

Tue 28 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

After a sell-out tour last year, **Gordon Buchanan** is going back on the road. One of the most prominent wildlife presenters and filmmakers working today, Gordon's journey is a remarkable story to tell.

From the Jam

Fri 31 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

From The Jam are led by **Bruce Foxton** (Original bass player and songwriter with The Jam) and **Russell Hastings** who will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of The Jam's final 1982 farewell tour 'Beat Surrender'. **18+**

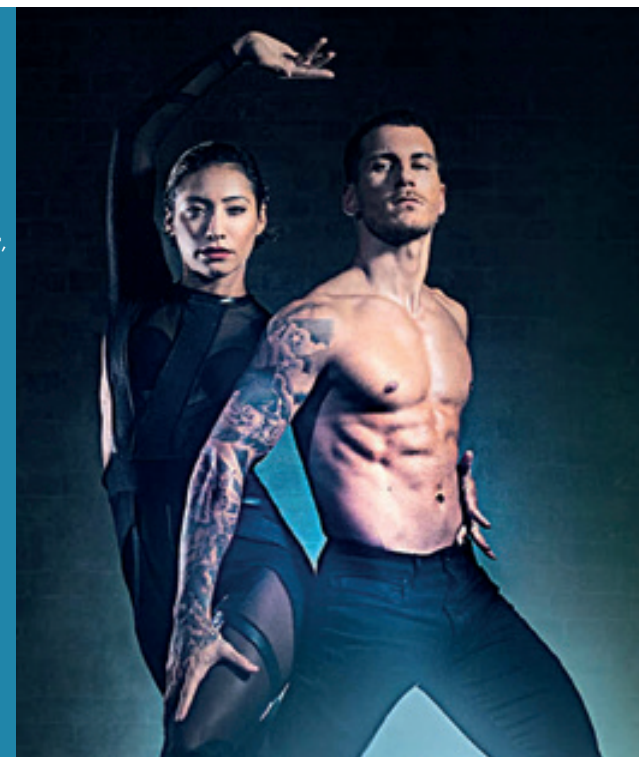


Firedance: Gorka Marquez & Karen Hauer

Fri 31 Mar | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

The Rhythm, The Passion, The Chemistry reignites for 2023! Strictly Stars **Karen Hauer**, **Gorka Marquez** and their scintillating cast return with FIREDANCE, featuring fresh flavours and super-charged choreography.

Join the stars in a captivating dance off inspired by *Romeo & Juliet*, *Moulin Rouge*, *Carmen*, *West Side Story* and featuring an eclectic mix of Latin, Rock and Pop music.



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Jazzlines Ensembles
Now in its tenth year, the **Jazzlines Ensembles** were founded by experienced jazz musicians and educators **Sara Colman** and **Percy Pursglove**.

These fortnightly workshop sessions for 11–19 year olds are **FREE** to attend and cater for all abilities. Find out more at bmusic.co.uk/make-music

Don't miss the next great event by checking the listings at bmusic.co.uk

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Sax In The City with The Notebenders

Sat 1 Apr | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1:30PM

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Lunchtime Organ Concert with Lichfield Cathedral Choir

Mon 3 Apr | Symphony Hall | 1PM

The superb voices of Lichfield Cathedral Choir join Birmingham City Organist Thomas Trotter in a glorious lunchtime concert.



Nadiya & Kai: Once Upon a Time

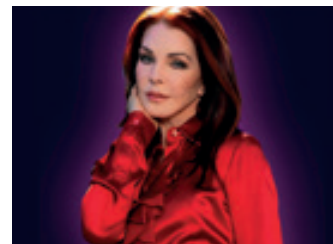
Tue 4 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Once Upon a Time is a fairy tale like no other. It is the brand-new dance show starring Strictly superstars **Nadiya and Kai**, for the first time on stage together. Our two stars have created a stunning show that highlights their different backgrounds, showcasing their incredible ballroom journeys whilst shining a spotlight on their love affair with dance.

The Matt Goss Experience, with MG Big Band and the Royal Philharmonic

Wed 5 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Join legendary **Bros** frontman, **Matt Goss**, in an unmissable night of his biggest hits, new original music, and a personal tribute to one of the greatest songwriters ever, **Cole Porter**, in an evening of unashamed swing, glitz and swagger by one of the UK's best showmen.



An Evening with Priscilla Presley

Wed 5 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Priscilla is the former wife of Elvis Presley, as well as co-founder and former chairwoman of Elvis Presley Enterprises, the company that turned Graceland into one of the top tourist attractions in the USA. In intimate conversation with Radio and TV presenter **Edith Bowman**, will be sharing personal stories from her illustrious career, life and marriage to the King of Rock n Roll.



Ward Thomas

Thu 6 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Ward Thomas are an English modern country-pop duo, composed of twin sisters Catherine and Lizzy Ward Thomas from Hampshire. They will return to UK stages, performing songs from their remarkable fifth album. *Music In The Madness* is both a harmony-soaked balm for shattered souls and an uplifting reminder of what really matters.

Garth Marenghi's TerrorTome

Fri 7 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Garth Marenghi, the cult comedy character created by **Matthew Holness**, announces a 21-date extension across the UK in support of his now Sunday Times Bestselling book 'TerrorTome'.



Giovanni Pernice: Made In Italy

Sat 8 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Strictly Come Dancing 2021 champion and dance heart-throb **Giovanni Pernice** invites you to join him on a journey to his homeland for his brand new 2023 production of 'Made in Italy'. Joined by an outstanding ensemble of some of the best dancers and singers from the Ballroom and theatre world, this show promises to be a fantastic night out!



Haters Roast

Sun 9 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The **Haters Roast** is coming to the UK for the very first time in Spring 2023 for The Shady Tour, a drag comedy spectacular hosted by The Vivienne, winner of RuPaul's Drag Race UK Season 1. The nationwide tour features nine of the world's most loved Drag Race stars from across the UK, the US and Canada.



Hey Duggee Live!

Mon 10-12 Apr | Town Hall | various times

Hey Duggee The Live Theatre Show is going to be HUGE and will feature Duggee and the Squirrels plus many more of your favourite characters! Betty wants to make costumes, Happy wants to sing, Tag wants to make music, Norrie wants to dance, Roly wants jelly and they all want you to join them at the Clubhouse. **Hey Duggee - The Live Theatre Show** is produced by **Cuffe & Taylor** and **Kenny Wax Family Entertainment** under license from **BBC Studio**



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Ryan Adams

Tue 11 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Multi-Grammy nominated; singer-songwriter **Ryan Adams** comes to Symphony Hall. The concert will feature Ryan, his guitars and a piano in an acoustic tour-de-force – playing songs across his awe-inspiring catalogue. During Spring 2022's East-Coast US run he performed a stunning 168 songs over five nights in shows that averaged two hours and forty minutes.

B:Music: Talent Development Showcase

Fri 14 Apr | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

Our Gospel and Jazz bands will be showcasing all the pieces that they have been learning in rehearsals! At B:Music we aim to look at how the history of Jazz music in the UK has evolved and how it has shaped the new British jazz sound of today.



Fishermans Friends

Fri 14 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

They have nine albums to their name, two feature films, a stage musical, a book, a TV documentary, they've played for royalty and to tens of thousands of fans in sell-out tours year in year out... No, it's not The Beatles, it's not Slade, Take That or One Direction – it's The Fisherman's Friends!

Paul Simon's 'Graceland' reimagined by The London African Gospel Choir

Fri 14 Apr | Town Hall | 8PM

Paul Simon's 'Graceland,' reimagined by the incredible **London African Gospel Choir**. Don't miss this astounding & uplifting reinterpretation of Paul Simon's classic album.





Horrible Christmas
Three actors from **Birmingham Stage Company's** *Horrible Christmas* visited some of Birmingham's landmarks ahead of their Festive shows at Symphony Hall – in true *Horrible Histories* style.

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Lunchtime Organ Concert with Thomas Trotter

Mon 17 Apr | Town Hall | 1PM

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.

Test Match Special Live: The Ashes

Tue 18 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Join **Jonathan 'Aggers' Agnew** and Australia bowling legend **Glenn McGrath** for an evening of stories, memories, and predictions ahead of a massive Ashes summer.



RuPaul's Drag Race UK Series 4 Tour

Tue 18 Apr | Symphony Hall | 8PM

The tour will feature ALL 12 queens from the series so prepare to spend an evening with Baby, BlackPeppa, CheddarGorgeous, CopperTop, DakotaSchiffer, DannyBeard, JonbersBlonde, JustMay, LeFil, PixiePolite, SmintyDrop and Starlet.

Fran Lebowitz

Thu 20 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

In a cultural landscape filled with endless pundits and talking heads, **Fran Lebowitz** stands out as one of our most insightful social commentators. Lebowitz will be live in conversation, sharing her invariably cutting take on anything and everything.



Axel Blake: In Style

Sat 22 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Guidance 16+

Britain's Got Talent 2022 winner **Axel Blake** is heading out on the road with his new show, 'In Style'.

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Billy Ocean

Mon 24 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Billy Ocean is Britain's biggest black recording star, with worldwide record sales of over thirty million and six top ten singles on both sides of the Atlantic. He also holds a Grammy award for best male R&B Vocal Performance, the Ivor Novello Award for International Achievement, and in 2020 was awarded an MBE for services to music.

Carmina Burana: CBSO & Kazuki Yamada

Thu 27 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Sex, drink and roasted swans – choral music isn't meant to be this much fun! But the medieval monks who wrote the words to Carl Orff's Carmina Burana don't seem to have been too bothered. Kazuki Yamada unleashes the full symphonic sound of the CBSO and three great Birmingham choirs!



Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox: Life In The Past Lane Tour

Sat 29 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Postmodern Jukebox's Life In The Past Lane Concert Tour is a celebration of the greatest 20th century musical genres, fused with the recognizable hits of our own modern era, for the perfect patina of "vintage" and "modern."

Sneak Peek

 at shows coming soon

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Daniel O'Donnell

Thu 11 May
Symphony Hall

Carrie Hope Fletcher: An Open Book

Mon 29 May
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Sun Records, The Concert: 70th Anniversary

Sun 4 June
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Sat 29 Jul
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An Evening with Anton Du Beke & Friends

Sun 29 Oct
Symphony Hall



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Anastacia

performed at Symphony Hall on 1 Nov 22 as part of her 22nd Anniversary Tour.

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Free Jazz Fridays



Free jazz on the Jennifer Blackwell Stage at Symphony Hall every Friday at 5pm.

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How to reach us:

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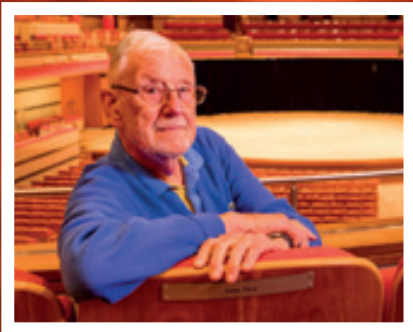
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We're giving free tickets to see performances at Symphony Hall and Town Hall as well as work experience with our highly skilled production and technical team, leading to apprenticeship opportunities at our world-class venues. They will gain further industry experience by preparing a live event at B:Music in the summer, including planning their own marketing, stage plan and music for the event.

We are very proud to be providing industry and cultural experiences for students in our neighbouring boroughs and we look forward to working with them more in the future.



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