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2023 | August
September
October

**Actor and Musician
Damian Lewis
comes to Town Hall**

This August, September and October sees a varied and exciting programme of performances on B:Music stages at Town Hall and Symphony Hall – there is truly something for everyone!

Now in its third year, **B:JazzFest** returns this August showcasing the best local talent alongside national stars on the iconic B:Music stages such as **Olivia Murphy**, **K.O.G Sound System** and **Romarna Campbell**. We celebrate all things brass this September with **Brass in a Day** from Have A Go Brass in the B:Eats café to world-renowned brass bands **Cory Band** and **Black Dyke Band** and actor-turned-musician, **Damian Lewis**, is set to perform his new album at Town Hall. October sees the new **B:Classical 2023/24** programme starting with celebrating Birmingham City Organist, **Thomas Trotter's 40th Anniversary** with a one-of-a-kind performance at Symphony Hall.

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.

Matt Goss performed an unmissable night of his biggest hits on 5 Apr 23 at Symphony Hall.

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B:Eats

Join us before the performance in the 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



Aug



The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain

Wed 2 Aug | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Join us to experience the talent of hundreds of teenage musicians, as they breathe new life into orchestral music and remind us of the power and beauty of being truly alive.

Live at
B:Eats



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Live at B:Eats this Summer Holiday

performances will run every Wednesday through August and into early September between 1pm and 2pm at the B:Eats café.

Kids Eat for £1

B:Eats will be offering children's meals for **£1** when purchased alongside a full-priced adult meal throughout the summer holiday.

Running from Wed 26 July – Sat 2 September 2023

B:Jazz Fest

B:Music is proud to present the 2023 **B:JazzFest**

**CHARLOTTE KEEFFE'S
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NOW QUARTET** FREE

Tue 8 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**GABRIELLA LIANDU
& NISHLA SMITH**

Tue 8 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 7:30PM

**SHANTY TOWN:
A TRIBUTE TO RUTH
KOKUMO NOAH** FREE

Wed 9 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**OLIVIA MURPHY'S
JAZZ ORCHESTRA**

Wed 9 Aug | Symphony Hall Stage | 7:30PM



7-11 Aug 2023

**DAVID IJADUOLA'S
LUCUMI PROJECT** FREE

Thu 10 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

**ROMARNA
CAMPBELL**

Thu 10 Aug | Symphony Hall Stage | 7:30PM

ARUN GHOSH FREE

Fri 11 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 5PM

K.O.G SOUND SYSTEM

Fri 11 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 8PM

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The National Children's Choir of Great Britain 25th Anniversary Concert

Sat 12 Aug | Town Hall | 2:30PM

Come and listen to the beautiful voices of the children of **The National Children's Choir of Great Britain**, as the choir celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

Nashville Sounds In The Round: Gasoline & Matches, Luke Flear, Matt Hodges & Robyn Red

Sat 19 Aug | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11:30AM

Hosted by Two-time British Country Music Association 'Duo of the Year' **Gasoline & Matches**, artists are invited to tell the stories behind their songs in a Bluebird Café style 'In The Round' session.



The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Tue 22 Aug – Sat 26 Aug | Town Hall | various times

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, **The Tiger Who Came to Tea** returns on tour. The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger! Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised! **All dates will be presented in a fully relaxed format.** All shows on Saturday 26 August will have BSL interpretation.

THE PURRFECTION FAMILY TREAT!

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

A musical play adapted & directed by **DAVID WOOD**
based on the book by **JUDITH KERR**



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B:Surprised



You never know what's going to happen at your next B:Music event. **Matt Goss** performed an unmissable night of his biggest hits on 5 Apr 23 at Symphony Hall alongside taking some shots with the audience!

Don't miss the next great event.
Check out B:Music's full listings at [bmusic.co.uk](https://www.bmusic.co.uk)

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Loose Women Live

Fri 1 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult 18+

Let loose with **Kaye Adams, Nadia Sawalha, Judi Love** and **Jane Moore** for an evening filled with laughter, hot topics, fun and surprises – as they share their stories and secrets live and in-person.

Supersonic Kids Gigs

Sat 2 Sep | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

Recommended for children under 10.

Created by the UK's premiere experimental music festival, **Supersonic Kids Gigs** are designed for families as a way of introducing children to experimental music – BIG sounds for little people!



Richard Herring's Leicester Square Theatre Podcast

Fri 8 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+

Richard Herring has enjoyed phenomenal success as a writer and performer and is an innovator in the world of podcasts. Join the "Podfather" (Guardian), and "The UK's online comedy pioneer" (The Times) as he chats with hilarious star guests.

169th British Open Brass Band Championships

Sat 9 Sep | Symphony Hall | 10AM

The 169th British Open Brass Band Championships presents the top British brass bands and European Champions Valaisia competing for the coveted Open title.



Big Big Train: The Journey Continues

Mon 11 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Leading progressive rock band **Big Big Train** visit Birmingham's Town Hall as part of 'The Journey Continues' tour with their chart topping 7 piece band and 4 piece brass section.

Brass in a Day



Brass in a Day 2023 will allow people to encounter and engage with brass music at any level. From the very first-timers to seasoned professionals, everyone is welcome!

Have A Go Brass

Sun 10 Sep | 10AM

B:Eats Eatery



Brass Gala 2023 featuring Cory Band, Black Dyke and Services for Education Brass Ensembles

Sun 10 Sep | 3PM

Symphony Hall



National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain Children's Band – pre-gala concert performance

Sun 10 Sep | 2PM

Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space



Tuba Loving Care – post-gala concert performance

Sun 10 Sep | 5PM

Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space





Highlights of our Free Jazz Fridays performances this summer.

Steve Ajao
8 Sep

The Shirley Smart Trio
15 Sep

Walsall Jazz Orchestra
22 Sep

Tomorrow's Warriors
29 Sep

Katy Minter
13 Oct

Every Friday at 5pm at the Jennifer Blackwell Stage.

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Please note there is a 2 tickets per order limit.

Free Jazz Fridays

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Sep



Simon Brodtkin: Screwed Up

Thu 14 Sep | Town Hall | 8PM

Age Guidance 14+

Fresh from his sold out, critically acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe run and becoming the most viewed British comedian of all time on TikTok, world famous prankster and Lee Nelson creator **Simon Brodtkin** is back with an outrageous new stand up show.

Verdi Requiem with Kazuki Yamada & the CBSO

Thu 14 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30pm

Some say that Verdi's Requiem is the most thrilling opera he never wrote, but one thing's for certain: with Kazuki Yamada conducting, it'll raise the roof. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further CBSO concerts can be found at cbsoco.uk



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Damian Lewis

Fri 15 Sep | Town Hall | 8PM

British actor, presenter and producer **Damian Lewis** might be best known for Band of Brothers, Emmy & Golden Globe winning performances in Homeland and for portraying Henry VIII of England in Wolf Hall – but did you know he's a rather talented musician too!

His album *Mission Creep* is a thoughtful collection of rootsy, rock and jazz-tinged songs that reveals a deep love of music, and a deep need to communicate. The album's origin story begins when Lewis, after leaving school, swapped the rigorous day-to-day regime that had dominated his life for 10 years for something altogether less structured. He took to the road with his guitar and went busking through continental Europe. This experience has stayed with Damian ever since and is reflected in his debut album.



Andy & The Odd Socks

Sat 16 Sep | Town Hall | 12PM & 4PM

Straight off the TV and onto the live stage, **Andy and the Odd Socks** bring their brilliant madcap mix of songs, slapstick and silliness to life with a show to entertain families of all ages.

Sheku Kanneh-Mason with Kazuki Yamada & the CBSO

Sat 16 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7PM

You must have heard of **Sheku Kanneh-Mason**, the brilliant young British cellist who's transforming the way we listen to classical music. Tonight he stars in Shostakovich's gripping First Cello Concerto – the dark heart of a concert that begins with Beethoven and ends with Walton's explosive First Symphony.



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Slay Queenz

Mon 18 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+

Join the latest three winners of **RuPaul Drag Race UK** for an exclusive spectacular of side-splitting laughs, jaw-dropping vocals and eye-popping outfits. Starring **Krystal Versace** (Series 3 Winner), **Danny Beard** (Series 4 Winner) and **Blu Hydrangea** (UK vs The World Winner) as they sashay on down to Town Hall for one night only!



Miriam Margolyes: Oh Miriam! Live

Mon 18 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Join us on another unforgettable adventure through the extraordinary life and strong opinions of **Miriam Margolyes**, live on stage in her biggest tour yet to mark the launch of her new book.

Alexander O'Neal: Time To Say Goodbye

Thu 21 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

After nearly five decades in the business, it is with great excitement that **Alexander O'Neal** announces the Time to Say Goodbye: Farewell World Tour. The beloved soul star is hitting the road one final time.



Grayson Perry: A Show All About You

Fri 22 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 16+

Grayson Perry, white, male, heterosexual, able bodied, English, southerner, baby boomer and member of the establishment takes a mischievous look at the nature of identity in his new show that will make you laugh, shudder, and reassess who you really are.

Kae Kurd: Kurd Immunity

Fri 22 Sep | Town Hall | 8PM

Age Recommendation 16+

After his sell out debut 2021 national tour *The Spoken Kurd*, one of the UK's fastest rising comedy stars returns in 2023 with *Kurd Immunity*. Smart, sharp, and brilliantly funny, **Kae Kurd** is a young British-Kurdish stand up making a serious name for himself.



Mics In Effect: Panjabi MC Live Alongside the Tru-Skool Live Band

Sat 23 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7PM

British-Asian music has long been considered as the trendsetting music scene for South-Asian music worldwide. Steeped in a tradition of east-west fusion, this organic sound, has inspired generations of music producers from around the globe, whilst also creating a wave of iconic British-Asian musical exports.



Toscana Strings: Wind in the Willows and Ferdinand the Bull – Stories Set To Music

Sun 24 Sep | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space
10:30AM & 1PM

Two family favourites brought to life through music, dance and a little help from the audience. Perfect for all the family. Performed by former **Birmingham Royal Ballet** soloist **Laura Tye**, string quintet **Toscana Strings** and narrated by **Sophie Price**.

The Analogues: Hello Goodbye (The Very Best of the Studio Years)

Sun 24 Sep | Symphony Hall | 8PM

The Analogues are a group of Dutch musicians who have been lauded over the past few years for their integral live renditions of Beatles albums, the music that The Beatles never performed live on stage.



Lunchtime Organ Concert with Thomas Trotter

Mon 25 Sep | Symphony Hall | 1PM

Birmingham City Organist, **Thomas Trotter**'s fortnightly lunchtime concerts last around an hour and showcase the organ's sublime delicacy and awesome power – as well as his own technical wizardry – alongside **Roger Owens** on the piano.

JP Cooper

Tue 26 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Acclaimed British singer and songwriter **JP Cooper**, whose debut album *Raised Under Grey Skies*, including the huge global hit *September Song*, and sophomore album *SHE*, introduced an artist of great depth with a voice and songs to match, returns from a triumphant sold-out US tour. With support from Jerub.



Classics at the Movies with the CBSO

Fri 29 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30pm

Film soundtracks or famous symphonies? Either way, they're even better live! You know the moment at the cinema when you realise that you've heard that tune before, but you can't quite put your finger on it? Well, tonight, we reveal all, in the sensational surround-sound of the full CBSO. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further CBSO concerts can be found at cbso.co.uk



Maximum Rhythm and Blues with The Manfreds: The 60th Anniversary Tour

Sat 30 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Join legendary pioneers of UK Rhythm and Blues, **The Manfreds** as they celebrate a remarkable 60 years and see **Paul Jones** and **Mike D'Abo** on tour together for the very last time alongside long standing members **Tom McGuinness**, **Rob Townsend**, **Marcus Cliffe** and **Simon Currie**.



Paul Carrack

Sat 30 Sep | Symphony Hall
7:30PM

The legendary Sheffield-born singer, songwriter and former frontman of **Ace**, **Squeeze** and **Mike & The Mechanics** has an impressive back-catalogue of hits to his name; including *How Long*, *Tempted* and *The Living Years*. His uniquely soulful voice is a must for his millions of fans around the world. He is constantly in demand as a session keyboardist, having recorded and toured with Elton John, Van Morrison, Roger Waters and BB King, and most recently with Eric Clapton. Paul is undoubtedly a key figure in British pop history, an all-rounded musical talent. Moreover, as his devoted fans know all too well, a **Paul Carrack** show is truly something very special.



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Thomas Trotter – Celebrating 40 years as Birmingham City Organist

Fri 6 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

As Birmingham City Organist since 1983 – only the seventh post-holder since 1834 – **Thomas Trotter** has had a major influence on Birmingham's musical life, and this concert celebrates a remarkable 40th anniversary with a typically captivating programme.

ECHO Rising Stars: Sonoro Quartet

Sun 15 Oct
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

The Belgian **Sonoro Quartet** have been making waves throughout Europe with a busy schedule of over 40 concerts a year, coupled with a host of radio broadcasts and competition successes, not least, recognition at the Bartók World Competition for string quartets.



Multipiano Ensemble – Rachmaninov for two pianos

Thu 16 Nov | Town Hall | 7:30PM

MultiPiano describe themselves as a “unique modular piano ensemble” and it's easy to see why: from one piano with four hands to several pianos in a variety of multi-hand combinations, they are as fascinating to watch as they are to hear.

Armonico Consort and Rachel Podger: The Forgotten Scarlatti

Mon 12 Feb 2024 | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Rachel Podger is one of today's most dynamic Baroque violinists. She joins period instrument specialists **Armonico Consort** in concertos by Bach and Vivaldi, and Armonico add two major choral discoveries by Francesco Scarlatti.



National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

Tue 24 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Symphony Hall is thrilled to welcome the **National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine** as part of its biggest UK tour to date. One of the most distinguished European orchestras, it's achieved world-wide recognition through its many international tours. Hear them in Beethoven and Sibelius.

Lang Lang: The Goldberg Variations

Fri 27 Oct | Symphony Hall | 8PM

Lang Lang is one of the world's great figures in modern classical music, an artist who has had a profound effect as a pianist, educator and philanthropist, as well as an influential ambassador for the arts.



ECHO Rising Stars: Axelle Fanyo

Sun 25 Feb 2024
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

Taking her French-African descent and the jazz, gospel and soul music of her childhood as inspiration, soprano **Axelle Fanyo's** 'Heritage' programme explores the influence of cabaret on classical music.

China Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra with Tamsin Waley-Cohen

Mon 11 Mar 2024 | Symphony Hall | 7.30PM

The **China Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra** represents the rich history of Shenzhen on the world stage blending music from East and West with Tan Dun's *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* and music for violin played by acclaimed British violinist **Tamsin Waley-Cohen**.



Thomas Trotter 40th Anniversary

On a rare sunny day in May, B:Music had the opportunity to sit down with **Thomas Trotter**, Birmingham's City Organist at Town Hall before he rehearses for his upcoming **40th Anniversary Concert** in October. He sits in front of the towering organ. The Hall is empty and sunlight streams through Town Hall's large windows.

"I always wanted to play the piano, and my first introduction to music was having piano lessons at the age of five," Thomas recalls with fondness. "Then I graduated to the organ when I was eleven. I've never looked back. I've enjoyed every minute of it."

When asked what attracted him to the organ in the first place, he chuckles: "Well, first of all, you can make a lot of noise on it, and small boys always like making a lot of noise," he says. "I think it was the different colour possibilities, the variety of tone. And I love the fact that there was more than one keyboard. This one's got four. I loved all that technical side of it, but I suppose ultimately it was the sound and versatility of the instrument that attracted me the most."

It is when we ask about the organ and its intricacies that Thomas becomes animated. "Until I pull out a stop, we don't get any sound. And then if I pull out that stop—" Thomas turns around to face the instrument, expertly pulls out a stop at random and the organ sings, echoing across the Hall. "I can add to it," he reaches over, pulls another stop with expert precision and free-spirited



nonchalance. "You've got a tremendous variety, and it's up to the organist to combine those sounds in the most suitable way for whatever music they're playing."

Though the Town Hall organ is where he started, Thomas' domain extends to Symphony Hall where on Fri 6 Oct he will celebrate his 40th Anniversary as the Birmingham City Organist with a captivating programme including an exclusive commission from Cheryl Frances-Hoad.

"People ask me: what's the difference between playing the organ at the Town Hall and the organ at Symphony Hall? And I say, well, the Town Hall organ is like driving a vintage Rolls Royce and Symphony Hall is like driving a sparkly new Ferrari, if you like. They can do the same things, but the experience of playing them is different."

At the time of the interview even Thomas himself had not seen the new commission yet. "I won't be getting the piece until July, so I can't really tell you anything about it. You will just have to come to the concert to hear it for yourself!"

Celebrate Thomas Trotter's 40th Anniversary as the Birmingham City Organist on Fri 6 Oct at Symphony Hall. Check out B:Music's full listings at bmusic.co.uk

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Symphonic Universe

Sun 1 Oct | Symphony Hall | 3PM

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. You'll hear dazzling live interpretations of the music that helped create pivotal moments in movies including *The Avengers*, *Star Wars*, *Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Iron Man* and many more.

Judy Collins

Sun 1 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

In her 50-plus years in music, **Judy Collins** has always exhibited impeccable taste in songcraft. Now, in her 6th decade as a singer and songwriter, Judy is experiencing a profound level of growth and prolific creativity.



Gyles Brandreth Can't Stop Talking!

Tue 3 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 12+

Gyles Brandreth just can't stop talking. The jumper-loving *This Morning* star, who keeps popping up on *Pointless*, *QI*, *Would I Lie To You?*, *Sunday Brunch*, and *The One Show*, is back – and he's unstoppable.



Tom Davis: Underdog

Fri 6 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

Age Guidance 14+

Sweet, sweet soul **Tom Davis** is best known for hit shows *King Gary*, *The Curse*, *Murder In Successville*, *Live At The Apollo* and his hugely popular podcast *Wolf and Owl* with *Romesh Ranganathan*.

Howard Jones with Support Blancmange

Sat 7 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Howard Jones became a household name in the '80s and '90s with global hits including *Things Can Only Get Better*, *No One is to Blame*, *What is Love?*, *Pearl in the Shell*, *Like To Get To Know You Well* along with his debut *New Song* which are all etched into pop culture history.



The Ultimate Boyband Party Show

Sat 7 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The **Ultimate Boy Band Party Show** is a tribute show celebrating the music of the very best boy bands of the 90s. These five bad boys with the power to rock you promise an unparalleled night of non-stop nostalgia in this exciting new theatre tour.

Jason Byrne: The Ironic Bionic Man

Sun 8 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Strictly 14+

We can rebuild him! **Jason Byrne** is, officially Bionic, "ironically" of course, as Jason, the accident-prone, general unfortunate gob**** (to no want of his own) is now, half man, half machine.



An Audience with Lucy Worsley on Agatha Christie

Mon 9 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Following a sell-out tour in 2022, the Queen of History, **Lucy Worsley**, is heading back out on the road to share stories from the fascinating life of the Queen of Crime, **Agatha Christie**.



Simon Reeve: To The Ends Of The Earth

Mon 9 Oct | Symphony Hall
7:30PM

Simon Reeve is an author and TV presenter, and one of the world's most adventurous travelers. His unique brand of documentary filmmaking combines travel and adventure with current affairs, history, wildlife, culture and conservation.

Lunchtime Organ Concert

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Gary Numan

Tue 10 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Revered songwriter and renowned musician **Gary Numan** has announced a very special acoustic tour. These unique concerts will see Gary perform select songs from his vastly acclaimed repertoire giving fans a chance to experience a whole new sound in an intimate acoustic setting.



Belinda Carlisle

performed at Symphony Hall
with her The Decades Tour
on 3 Feb 23.

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Choir!Choir!Choir!
Fri 13 Oct | 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 – it's comedy, it's interactive, and it's all about the audience.




Alfie Boe
Sat 14 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

As a young boy, Lancashire-born **Alfie Boe** (from the fishing port of Fleetwood) dreamed of a career as a singer. Turning his dreams into reality, Alfie has enjoyed a hugely successful career both in his native Britain and across the pond. Having conquered the world's most prestigious opera stages, Alfie led the cast of *Les Misérables* in the role of Jean Valjean in the West End and played the lead role in *Finding Neverland* on Broadway. In 2012, Alfie stole the show at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace with a medley of hits from his illustrious career.





Tom Seals
Sat 14 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Pianist and vocalist **Tom Seals** has performed in over 100 countries & on some of the world's biggest stages including Ronnie Scott's in London, Birdland Jazz Club on Broadway and Dubai Opera House.

Ex Cathedra 2023/24
Rachmaninoff 150: 'Vespers'
Sun 15 Oct | Town Hall | 4PM

Powerful, passionate, hypnotic – in a time of turmoil and amid the shock of war, Rachmaninoff turned to the choral heritage he held dear, and created one of the most awe-inspiring vocal masterpieces.


Squid
Mon 16 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

Teeming with melodic epiphanies and layered sounds, **Squid's** second album *O Monolith* is a musical evocation of environment, domesticity and self-made folklore. Like its predecessor, 2021's critically acclaimed, UK number 4 album *Bright Green Field*, it is dense and tricky – but also warmer and more characterful, with a meandering, questioning nature.

An Evening with Adrian Edmondson
Tue 17 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+

Live on stage, **Adrian Edmondson** will take audiences from his days breaking the rules at his brutal boarding school to the comedy circuit of the eighties when he finally found his place in the world.




Uncanny: I Know What I Saw
Wed 18 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

Age Guidance 10+ (Parental Discretion advised)

Join **Danny Robins**, creator of the smash hit BBC Radio 4 paranormal podcasts *Uncanny*, *The Battersea Poltergeist* and *The Witch Farm* and award-winning West End play *2:22 – A Ghost Story*, for the biggest investigation into the paranormal – ever.



Sophie McCartney: Tired & Tested

Thu 19 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

Age Guidance 16+

From perky tits, to killing nits, join award-winning comedian **Sophie McCartney** as she ventures into the perilous world of parenthood in this rollicking new stand-up show set to test pelvic floor muscles to the max(i)pad.

Rodrigo y Gabriela

Sat 21 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

GRAMMY Award winning duo **Rodrigo y Gabriela** grew up on an eclectic mix of classic rock, heavy metal and flamenco, a rare alchemy of influences that still informs their work today.



The Waterboys

Sun 22 Oct | Symphony Hall
7:30PM

Few bands have as great a live reputation as **The Waterboys**. From their mid-1980s "big music" period through the influential mix of Celtic, gospel and country on their classic Fisherman's Blues tours, **The Waterboys** have consistently blended tightness, inspiration and improvisation to reach heights of performance few other acts can. Their music shows no sign of fading, and the best place to experience it is played by the originators in a concert hall. Come and feel the fire!



Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra: 80th Anniversary Concert

Sun 22 Oct | Town Hall | 3PM

Join the BPO and singers from across the West Midlands for a joyful celebration of the orchestra's 80th anniversary, featuring Elgar's 'The Music Makers' and Beethoven's 9th (Choral) Symphony.

James Martin Live

Mon 23 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Celebrity chef **James Martin** is turning up the heat with a brand-new tour for 2023. Expect fun, laughter, food and even some live music in this exclusive gastronomic experience.



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Sixties Gold The 60's Explosion Tour

Tue 24 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Experience the magic of the 1960s as Sixties Gold returns to The Grand with **Herman's Hermits**, **Steve Ellis**, **Gerry's Pacemakers** and more.



Holly Johnson

Wed 25 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance U14 to be accompanied by an adult

Join iconic singer and songwriter **Holly Johnson** of Frankie Goes to Hollywood for an evening packed with Frankie hits and tracks from his own smash hit solo career.

Fascinating Aïda: The 40th Anniversary Show!

Thu 26 – Fri 27 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

14+ (includes bad language and sexual references)

Celebrating 40 years on the road in 2023, **Dillie, Liza** and **Adèle**, Britain's raciest and sassiest musical cabaret trio, are bringing their brand-new show to theatres across the UK. Uniquely charming, with diamond-sharp satire, filthy, hilarious, belligerent, political, poignant and outrageous, this indomitable trio are still the mistresses of their craft.



Nashville Sounds In The Round

Thu 26 Oct | The Justham Family and Jane How Hosting Rooms
7.30PM

Birmingham's premier country songwriter night! Hosted by two-time British Country Music Association 'Duo of the Year' Gasoline & Matches, artists are invited to tell the stories behind their songs in a Nashville style songwriter round.



Tailenders

Thu 26 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+

Broadcaster and Radio 1 Breakfast Show host **Greg James**, musician and former Maccabees guitarist **Felix White** and England's greatest cricketer **Jimmy Anderson** will take their alternative (and sometimes musical) look at cricket on the road across the UK this autumn.

Spider-Man into the Spider-Verse Live In Concert

Sat 28 Oct | Symphony Hall | 3PM

For the first time ever, the Academy Award® winning film **Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse**, is set to come to Symphony Hall! This masterpiece of film animation will be shown on a huge HD screen and will be accompanied by a unique fusion of live orchestra, turntables and percussion playing the music from the score and soundtrack.



John Robins: Howl

Sat 28 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 16+

Edinburgh Comedy Award winning comedian and ARIA award-winning broadcaster **John Robins** embarks on his first stand-up tour since 2019. If you've seen him before you know what to expect; rage, anxiety and a lot of laughs.



Roald Dahl and The Imagination Seekers

Sun 29 Oct | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space
11AM & 1PM

Age Guidance 5+

All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but children's minds too! Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of TaleTenders can save the stories – and they need your help...



retro event spectacles



The Jazz & Gospel B:and Together Showcase

B:Music funded music-making project **B:and Together Jazz and Gospel** participants showcased their skills to a packed house on 14 Apr 23. They blew us away and we couldn't be prouder!

Learn more about B:Music's projects at bmusic.co.uk

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An Evening with Anton Du Beke & Friends

Sun 29 Oct | Symphony Hall | 5PM

Strictly Come Dancing legend and judge, **Anton Du Beke**, takes to the stage with his show in 2023. With his live band, a guest singer and his dancers, expect a fabulous evening of song, dance and laughter.

Toyah Willcox & Robert Fripp's Sunday Lunch: Live

Sun 29 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Toyah Willcox and **Robert Fripp** are bursting out of the kitchen and going on tour with Toyah's full 'Posh Pop' band. An evening of 'Sunday Lunch' reminiscing and full rock classics, familiar from their hit YouTube series, with Robert on guitar.



Jen Brister: The Optimist

Mon 30 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 16+

Jen Brister is a critically acclaimed stand up comedian, writer and actor. She is a regular performer on the UK and international comedy circuits.

Halloween Silent Movie Special: The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1923)

Tue 31 Oct | Town Hall | 7PM

Age Guidance 12+

Halloween Centenary screening of the spooky-horror film **The Hunchback of Notre Dame!** This unique performance will be accompanied by live improvisation on the Town Hall's mighty Hill pipe organ by the UK's celebrated classic silent film organist **Donald MacKenzie**.



Sneak Peek


at shows coming soon

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Lindisfarne
Wed 1 Nov
Town Hall

Peace
Sat 4 Nov
Town Hall
Age Guidance 14+
(Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult)



**Gareth Malone:
Sing-Along-A-Gareth-2**
Sat 18 Nov
Town Hall

The Bootleg Beatles
Tue 12 Dec
Town Hall




An Evening of Burlesque
Tue 12 Dec
Town Hall
Age Guidance 18+





**Toscana Strings:
The Snowman and The Nutcracker –
Stories Set To Music**
Sun 17 Dec
Town Hall

**Get it on!
One night of Glam Rock**
Sat 20 Jan 2024
Town Hall



Wet Wet Wet & Go West
Mon 22 Jan 2024
Symphony Hall

Do You Believe In Ghosts?
Fri 2 Feb & Sat 3 Feb 2024
Town Hall
Age Guidance 12+ advised



Stewart Lee
Sat 3 Feb 2024
Symphony Hall
Age Guidance 14+

Barbara Dickson
Tue 20 Feb 2024
Town Hall



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

Start planning your festive fun with fantastic events heading to Town Hall and Symphony Hall this December!



The Muppet Christmas Carol: Film with Live Orchestra

Mon 4 Dec
Symphony Hall

Age Guidance PG

Love Actually In Concert: Film with Live Orchestra

Tue 5 Dec
Symphony Hall

Age Guidance Strictly 15+



Candlelit Carols

Sun 17 Dec
Symphony Hall

All I Want for Christmas

Fri 22 Dec
Symphony Hall

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Black Voices: Christmas Extravaganza

Thu 7 Dec
Town Hall

Folk Rock Pioneers Steeleye Span In Concert

Thu 14 Dec
Town Hall



Christmas Carol Singalong

Sat 23 Dec
Symphony Hall

The Music of Zimmer vs Williams

Sat 30 Dec
Symphony Hall



Sophie Ellis-Bextor

Thu 14 Dec
Symphony Hall



New Year's Eve Special: BBC Radio 2 Sounds of the 80s: The Live Tour

Sun 31 Dec
Symphony Hall

Age Guidance 16+

B:Music Meets...

Learn more about some of the artists gracing the Symphony Hall and Town Hall stages through a series of interviews with B:Music.

"I went to the **Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Orchestra** performance in 2012 at Symphony Hall which was really cool. That was the first live jazz performance I'd seen of that kind. I learnt so much about arrangements, on-stage interaction between band members and the sound was just phenomenal as well. That's one that really sticks out."

Ashley Allen, in conversation with B:Music ahead of his performance back in March 2023.



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By phone: 0121 780 3333
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Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays except when there is an event, where we will open 2 hours before the start of a performance.

Town Hall's Box Office is open 1 hour 30 minutes before the start of a performance except for all family and organ concerts, where we will open 1 hour before the start of a performance.
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How to reach us:

Symphony Hall is located in Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2EA

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B:The Future



Become a part of our mission to inspire a love of live music and to support the artists of the next generation.

B:Aspirational

B:Music welcomed 7 young aspiring future community workshop leaders through our **B:Aspirational** project. Through music workshops, work experience placements with our highly-skilled production and technical teams and free tickets to see performances at Symphony Hall and Town Hall, **B:Music** aims to help students in schools across the West Midlands in what are considered levelling up areas to gain industry knowledge and experience the full spectrum of what our venues – and the Arts – can offer.

B:and Together

The free and accessible creative music-making programme, **B:and Together** has three strands – **B:and Together Jazz and Gospel** Saturday workshops, **B:and Together Summer School** and **B:and Together education outreach**. With the aim of giving young people the opportunity to make music together, learn from a diverse group of industry professionals and connect with their local communities, **B:and Together** celebrated the hard work of primary and secondary school participants on our very own Symphony Hall Stage on **Mon 19 June**.

St.E.P Up

St.E.P Up is B:Music's free and accessible DJing and Production Course for autistic/neurodivergent children aged 11 to 16 learning in mainstream schools, with the aim of offering an alternative route to develop skills in music technology including DJing, production and live sound recording. Students are also invited to work experience and employment with **B:Music's** own technical and production teams. B:Music recently welcomed a number of new casual staff members who have come directly through this new work experience scheme!

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