

# B:Music

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**The Lion Inside**  
finds his roar at  
**Town Hall this May**

**B:Music** The Birmingham music charity responsible for Town Hall and Symphony Hall



The B:Music stages at Town Hall and Symphony Hall are set to host some iconic artists this summer. From **Paloma Faith** to **Dionne Warwick**, **The Shires** to **Richard Marx**, alongside events for families such as **The Lion Inside** and **Disney in Concert**, there's something for everyone!

Ten years to the day since their winning performance on Britain's Got Talent, **Collabro** will reunite for one night only in a 10th anniversary concert, while the Symphony Hall foyer plays host to an exhibition from the **Abbey Road Music Photography Awards**. The **Czech National Symphony Orchestra** is set to close the B:Classical 2023/24 season with what promises to be a phenomenal programme, but keep an eye out... The next Classical season is just around the corner.

Visit **[bmusic.co.uk](https://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.

**Levi Brown** and **Eve Austin** at the premiere of 'This Town', the new BBC drama series from the creator of 'Peaky Blinders', **Steve Knight**, held on 19 March 2024 at Town Hall.

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# B:Eats



**B:Eats** at Symphony Hall serves food and drink in the heart of Birmingham, it's the perfect place to relax and enjoy the incredible views of Centenary Square. Join us before a show and enjoy our pre-concert menu or grab a quick bite. There are a variety of options to choose from including our brand new Brummie Butter Chicken Thali or our Red Lentil and Vegetable Dhal. Explore our menu full of Brummie surprises, sandwich classics, quick-bite options and contemporary takes on firm favourites at [bmusic.co.uk/beats](http://bmusic.co.uk/beats)

# May



## Poetry Jam Live!

**Thu 2 May**  
**Thu 13 June**  
**Thu 4 July**

**Justham Family Room  
& Jane How Room | 7PM**

Since 2013, Poetry Jam has opened its doors every first Thursday of the month, and has grown in love, attendance and adoration ever since. It's a monthly open mic platform to jam, perform and click with a community of creatives.

## Strictly The Professionals

**Thu 2 May – Fri 3 May | Symphony Hall | 2:30PM & 7:30PM**

Join a dazzling performance of a dozen of the world's best professional dancers supported by incredible singers and a live band, all performed within the wonderful world of glamour and sparkle that fans know and love from the smash hit series, Strictly Come Dancing.





# May



## Toscana Strings: Monkey Puzzle & The Wind in the Willows

Sun 5 May | Jennifer Blackwell  
Performance Space  
10:30AM & 1PM

Former soloist with Birmingham Royal Ballet **Laura Tye** and award-winning string quintet **Toscana Strings** perform two family favourite stories; Monkey Puzzle and Wind in the Willows. Perfect for all the family.

## Kelly Jones

Sun 5 May | Town Hall | 7PM & 9:15PM

Age Guidance: Under 14s accompanied by an adult 18+

**Kelly Jones** is a songwriter in the tradition of the Kinks' Ray Davies, a storyteller who empathizes with the day-to-day existence of blue-collar people. Jones has earned seven number one U.K. albums since Stereophonics debuted in the late 90s, and has released his own recordings including 2020's acoustic album 'Don't Let the Devil Take Another Day'.



## Paloma Faith

Sun 5 & Mon 6 May | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The award-winning singer, songwriter, actor and TV personality, as well as one of the UK's best-loved musical artists celebrates her next era in style following the release of her sixth studio album, 'The Glorification of Sadness'.

## An Audience with Aggers and Tuffers

Mon 6 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: 14+

Get ready for a sensational evening of laughter and captivating stories as legendary cricket greats **Aggers and Tuffers** step up to bat at Town Hall. Whether you're a devoted cricket fan eager for insider stories or just looking for a fun evening out, don't miss your chance to catch these two stars live in action!



Highlights of our  
Free Jazz Friday  
performances.

**Nye Banfield Quartet**

10 May

**B:and Together Takeover**

24 May

**Royal Birmingham  
Conservatoire Jazz Orchestra  
& Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra**

14 June

**Julien Durand's Dreamscapes**

28 June

**Tomorrow's Warriors x  
Music for Youth Takeover**  
5 July, Centenary Square

**Nick Dewhurst Band:  
Fusion Line Quartet**

12 July

**Fridays at 5pm at the Jennifer Blackwell  
Performance Space.**

See full listings at  
[bmusic.co.uk/free-jazz-fridays](https://bmusic.co.uk/free-jazz-fridays)

Please note: these events are free and unticketed.

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# Free Jazz Fridays



# May



## Thompson Twins' Tom Bailey

Fri 10 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The **Thompson Twins** are widely regarded as one of the most iconic bands of the 1980's and provided the soundtrack to many people's lives during that incredible era of music. Join member **Tom Bailey** at Town Hall playing the iconic 'Into The Gap' album in full, with more classic tracks!

## Midday Mantra: Tagore Special

Sat 11 May | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1PM

Celebrating South Asian song and spoken word, this **Midday Mantra** is aptly four days after Rabindranath Tagore's birthday. Expect poetry, readings and music during this relaxed afternoon with **Sampad South Asian Arts and Heritage** and **B:Music**.



## Dionne Warwick: Don't Make Me Over

Sat 11 May | Symphony Hall  
7:30PM

Join **Dionne Warwick** on stage and in person while she takes you on an unforgettable journey through her fascinating life story and one of the most successful music careers of our times. Dionne is joined on stage by interviewer **Dave Wooley** who directed and wrote the award winning 'Don't Make Me Over' documentary, her band plus a multimedia set up with LED screen.

## Tom Davis: Underdog

Sat 11 May | Town Hall | 8PM

Age restriction: Strictly 14+. Contains strong language and adult themes. Children will not be admitted even if accompanied by an adult.

Embarking on his biggest tour to date with his brand-new show, 'Underdog', **Tom Davis** will be exploring life as the longshot. His return to stand up should not be missed.



## A great night out starts with the B:Music team!

As Head of Production & Technical Kat's team don't get the show on the road as much as get the shows onto the stage! Kat loves seeing a venue full of people enjoying a performance, knowing it will never be repeated in exactly the same way, and getting to be part of creating those experiences every day.

Kat was surprised by the variety of the **B:Music** programme when she joined the organisation and has enjoyed the full range, from **Rag N Bone Man** to **A Muppets Christmas Carol: Film with Live Orchestra**. But her love of music extends beyond her job, not only has Kat sung on stage with **Take That** and **Lulu**, but her team have a makeshift band that have been known to entertain the wider organisation! Kat advises people starting their career to get as much experience as possible, at any level, because learning on the job in real situations is the most valuable experience there is. **Kat - Head of Technical and Production**

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# B:You

# B:Eats Spring Menu Pays Homage to Classic Birmingham Favourite

"It's something that we've always wanted to add on to the menu after the success of the Brummie Bacon Cake," says Chef Lee. We're at **B:Eats**, the Symphony Hall eatery located at the heart of Centenary Square. Chef Lee is joined by Chef de Partie Ross and Kitchen Porter Baljeet.

The eatery is set to release a new Spring menu soon with some exciting additions. "We wanted to have traditional Birmingham dishes on the menu to represent the city. We've always wanted to put a proper thali on the menu. With new members Amal and Nikhil recently joining, we've got a team who can help us produce a truly authentic dish using traditional methods.

I didn't want to put something on that wasn't going to be good enough. We leaned heavily on Baljeet and Amal especially, in terms of their influences and experience. We're really looking forward to it."

With a new menu comes learning new techniques in the kitchen. "The way the marinade is prepared for the chicken, for example, is nothing we've ever done before," Chef Lee and Chef Ross note.

"We've had to source ingredients that we've never used before which has been interesting. It's been good to see how it's been made properly. I've never felt confident making a proper, authentic curry myself," Chef Lee confesses. "And because I've never really used the ingredients myself, it's not as if I can just watch a YouTube video and do it. I wanted to do it properly."



Chef Lee emphasizes the importance of his team when it came to creating the new menu. "If you ever want to see someone speed-make samosas, just watch Baljeet. She can make thousands. That's another thing. The samosas that are going with the dish – Baljeet's taught us how to do that from scratch which has been amazing."

**"My younger son did an art degree. He's an art professor in university now and when [Lee and Ross] are both cooking, when I look at them, I think: 'This is their art.'" – Baljeet**

"It's just like when I'm cooking at home as well," Baljeet adds. "Sometimes I'll just bring like a little bit for Lee to try." "That's where it's come from. Baljeet's made some samosas at home and brought some in. They were amazing. And then I've gone "right, they're going on the menu in some way". It's called a thali, isn't it?"

Baljeet nods. "You make lots of dishes like a balti chicken, then a dhal, then sabji, the vegetables, then the roti. Then there's the side dishes, chutney and pickle. When you put them all on one plate, it's called thali. This is what we're trying to make."

It's all about working together in the kitchen to pull off these different elements of the menu. "We've got Amal and Nikhil, they're both from South India. Baljeet's from Punjab. We wanted to lean heavily on how to make it authentically and properly and their ideas creating this menu. From the marinade of the chicken to the sauce itself, to the roti, to the samosa – everything is made in house. We're doing everything from scratch. And you can really tell when you get it. There's a lot of effort put into it. I think there's a lot of enjoyment gone into making this as well. Ross and I, we've never done this type of thing before. It's been interesting to get to grips with them and kind of take a bit of a back seat and watch the masters do it. We're really excited. I think this is the best menu we've done so far."

**The Spring menu is available now at B:Eats, Symphony Hall.**





# May



## JaackMaate's Happy Hour

Mon 13 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: 16+

**JaackMaate's Happy Hour Podcast** is back with yet another stage show nobody asked for. If you thought The Round Sheep Tour was questionable, wait for what critics are calling "the tricky second tour". Join Jack, Stevie, Robbie & Alfie as they head out on a magical quest that makes Lord of the Rings look like an uneventful trip to an industrial estate.

## London Symphonic Rock Orchestra

Mon 13 May | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Boundary breaking pioneers fusing the omnipotent power of the orchestra with innovative technology and the raucous rebellion of rock, **London Symphonic Rock Orchestra** deliver iconic rock hits in the most spectacular way.



## Lee John of Imagination: Flashback Greatest Hits 2024

Wed 15 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance:

U14s accompanied by an adult  
With record sales in excess of 30 million+ albums, the incomparable, award winning **Lee John** of 80's crossover soul hit-makers **Imagination** is coming to Town Hall, reflecting an incredible musical career of songs spanning 4 decades.



## Celebrating Sanctuary: Iryna Muha & Volodymyr Vasylenko (Ukraine)

Thu 16 May | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1PM

**Iryna Muha** is a Ukrainian born musician and singer, also one of the founder members of the 4 piece band Muha, formed in 2006. She will be joined for this performance by outstanding Ukrainian accordionist, **Volodymyr Vasylenko**. Bringing a unique collaboration and enthralling fusion of Eastern European Contemporary Folk music.



# Abbey Road Studios is coming to Birmingham!

Monday 13 May – Friday 14 June | Symphony Hall

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AWARDS 2024

## Are you a photographer or interested in music photography?

In an exciting new venture, **Abbey Road Music Photography Awards** have teamed up with **B:Music** to showcase some of the amazing nominees and winners from the 2023 competition in an exhibition at the **B:Beats Café** in **Symphony Hall, Birmingham**. Join us for a month-long celebration of the art of music photography alongside panel talks, masterclasses, music gigs, initiatives and more...

To find out more about the programme of activities and how to get involved head to [bmusic.co.uk/abbey-road-studios](https://bmusic.co.uk/abbey-road-studios)

Abbey Road Music Photography Awards returns for its third year in late May, with six open categories to enter. The competition closes mid-July. Could you be our Undiscovered Photographer of the Year?

Head to [mpa.photo](https://mpa.photo) and shine a light on the photographers and scenes of Birmingham.



## Rise Up by Jason Sheldon

(Junction 10), 2021

Jason Sheldon (Junction 10), is a Walsall-based photographer who specialises in photography for the music industry. His clients include world famous artists, venues, and promoters and his work has been published worldwide in magazines, newspapers and tour merchandise. Jason was shortlisted for the *Zeitgeist* award at the inaugural Music Photography Awards in 2022, for his picture titled *Rise Up*, taken at Symphony Hall.

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# May



## The Shires

Thu 16 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM

**The Shires'** achievements speak for themselves: three consecutive UK Top 3 albums, four #1 UK Country albums, 100 million+ streams, two Gold-certified records, and countless sold-out headline shows. Their authenticity saw them embraced by the Nashville scene immediately, leading to two CMA Awards.

## Amadeus: Film with the CBSO live

Fri 17 May | Symphony Hall | 7PM

The classic movie, live in concert. Amadeus is more than just a historical drama with the best soundtrack of all time – it's a comedy, a mystery, and a tense psychological thriller. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further **CBSO** concerts can be found at [cbso.co.uk](http://cbso.co.uk)



## Wild Isles Live

Fri 17 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Join us for an unforgettable evening of natural wonder on the big screen. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the British Isles, featuring highlights from the acclaimed BBC series, with never-before seen footage and insight from visionary documentary producer Alastair Fothergill.

## Sax In The City with The Notebenders

Sat 18 May | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1:30PM

B:Music welcomes back the Ladywood-based community big band to Symphony Hall to uplift with their unique mix of jazz and calypso music.



## Help I Sexted My Boss

Sat 18 May | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: 16+

**William Hanson** and **Jordan North** are unlikely best friends. William's a posh etiquette expert, and Jordan's an expert in all things common. In this hit comedy podcast, their worlds collide as they help you navigate the everyday problems of modern life.



## Richard Marx plus support Rumer

Sun 19 May | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Grammy-winning singer, songwriter, producer and best-selling author **Richard Marx** is coming to Symphony Hall. The concert will see Richard play hits from his 40+ year career, featuring fan favourites, new songs, and a few special surprises.



# Czech National Symphony Orchestra Beethoven and Dvořák

Tue 21 May | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM



*'There's really nothing like the sound – and sight – of a symphony orchestra...'*

**Copland** Appalachian Spring  
**Beethoven** Piano Concerto No 5 'Emperor'  
**Smetana** Vltava  
**Dvořák** Symphony No 8

**A concert of symphonic blockbusters seems the perfect way to end the 2023/24 Birmingham Classical season. And whether you're a regular attender or fancy trying a classical concert for the first time, we promise full-blooded orchestral magnificence in some of the best known works by each of the featured composers.**

Just 30 years old, the Czech National Symphony Orchestra is one of Europe's top symphonic ensembles and we're delighted to welcome them back to Birmingham where they first appeared in 1997.

The Orchestra's magnificent home in Prague – the Smetana Hall – is named after the famous Czech composer whose popular 'Vltava' is an evocative trip along the eponymous river, from babbling brook to broad river. The pastoral scenes, rapids and folk dancing at a river-side wedding are so vivid, you could almost be there. Then cross to the wide open landscapes of America and music from Copland's ballet Appalachian Spring which includes the famous Shaker melody 'Simple Gifts' (Lord of the Dance).

The 'Emperor' is Beethoven's best loved piano concerto – grand and imposing, subtle and delicate. It's played by **Mark Bebbington**, "truly a remarkable pianist" in the words of The Times, whose recordings and performances have met with worldwide acclaim.

There's really nothing like the sound – and sight – of a symphony orchestra, and it all comes together in a wonderful symphony from the orchestra's homeland. Dvořák's Eighth is filled with irrepressible joie de vivre, plenty of Czech national character and folk melodies, and the sounds of nature that surrounded the country home where he wrote this work.

The orchestra is conducted by **Steven Mercurio**, a former pupil of Leonard Bernstein (subject of the recent Netflix blockbuster 'Maestro'). He took over as Musical Director from the renowned Czech conductor Libor Pešek in 2019.

**Written by Fiona Fraser**

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# Lunchtime Organ Concerts with Thomas Trotter

Declared as “one of the greatest players of this, or any, age” by the Choir and Organ magazine, **Thomas Trotter** is among the world’s most celebrated organists and has elevated the tradition of the virtuoso organist to new heights.

**Mon 13 May | Town Hall | 1PM**

**Mon 3 June | Town Hall | 1PM**

Lunchtime Organ Concert with  
Thomas Trotter: Simon Gledhill  
Organ Duets

**Mon 17 June | Town Hall | 1PM**

Lunchtime Organ Concert with  
Thomas Trotter: Summer Requests

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# May



## Nashville Sounds in the Round

**Mon 20 May | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 7:30PM**

Birmingham’s premier country songwriter night ‘Nashville Sounds In The Round’ in partnership with B:Music! Hosted by multi award-winning **Gasoline & Matches**, artists are invited to tell the stories behind their songs in a Bluebird Café style ‘In The Round’ session, stripping the songs back to their origins and transporting the audience right back to the writing rooms.

## Josh Pugh: Existin’ La Vida Loca

**Fri 24 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM**

Age Guidance: 14+

Brand new stand-up show from Edinburgh Award nominated viral sensation **Josh Pugh**. Josh returns following a sell-out debut UK and Ireland Tour with a show about enjoying yourself and doing your best.



## The Lion Inside

**Sat 25 – Sun 26 May | Town Hall  
various times**

Age Guidance: 3+

A joyous new stage adaptation of the heart-warming tale about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar based on the best-selling story by Rachel Bright & Jim Field.

Featuring puppetry, music and song directed by Sarah Punshon (‘The Jungle Book’), with music and lyrics by Eamonn O’Dwyer (‘Brief Encounter’).

## The Zombies

**Tue 28 May | Town Hall | 7:30PM**

Celebrating 60 Years on Tape – from ‘She’s Not There’ to ‘Different Game’, marking the anniversary of their remarkable and influential recording career. Expect plenty of surprises on the night for another first of its kind show for this iconic band, whose career has now spanned over 6 Decades!





## The Fulltone Orchestra, Carly Paoli and Aled Jones

Sat 25 May | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Prepare to be swept away on a stunning music journey as the majestically large **Fulltone Orchestra**, led by **Anthony Brown**, scores a huge night of music from classical favourites and cinema, presented by national treasure **Aled Jones**. Picture this: a stunning and breathtaking orchestra, extraordinary voices; Classical Brit Nominee **Carly Paoli** and Welsh National Opera's **Gareth Dafydd Morris**, and the timeless hits of classical and cinematic 'hall of fame' music resonating in the air! The sheer spectacle of this night will leave you delighted, your senses heightened, and a desire to relive the magic again and again!



# Jun



## The Classic Tales of YES

Sat 1 June | Symphony Hall | 8PM

The Classic Tales of YES promises to include many iconic tracks from the **YES** back-catalogue covering fifty-plus years and, possibly, music from the new album 'Mirror To The Sky'.

## All Killa No Filla: Live! with Kiri Pritchard-McLean & Rachel Fairburn

Sat 1 June | Town Hall | 8PM

Age Guidance: 16+

The smash-hit true crime comedy podcast heads to Town Hall! To celebrate ten years of talking murder, oversharing, and rapidly veering off topic, the two hilarious and outspoken stand-ups at the top of their game host a night of serial killer discussion. Legends assemble!



## National Open Youth Orchestra

Sun 2 June | Town Hall | 3PM

Join twenty-five brilliant young disabled and non-disabled musicians for an uplifting classical concert experience combining acoustic, electronic and accessible instruments. Expect bold performances of audience favourites and instruments you may never have heard before such as the Clarion which some musicians play with head movement.

## Final Symphony II: Music from FINAL FANTASY

Sun 2 June | Symphony Hall | 3PM

The full 80-piece CBSO plays music from FINAL FANTASY V, VIII, IX and XIII. Epic doesn't cover it...

More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further **CBSO** concerts can be found at [cbso.co.uk](http://cbso.co.uk)



## Richard Thompson: Ship To Shore

Mon 3 June | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

**Richard Thompson's** musical influence cannot be overstated. Having co-founded the groundbreaking group Fairport Convention as a teenager in the 60s, he and his bandmates invented the distinctive strain of British Folk Rock.





## Between the Covers

**Tue 4 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM**

Age Guidance: Under 16s accompanied by an adult  
Between The Covers Live! BBC Two's flagship book show is taking to the stage! Join the nation's favourite TV book club in this live version of the successful series that brings books to life.

Some of our best loved **Between The Covers** stars **Kacey Ainsworth**, **Jo Brand** and **Stephen Mangan** will be joined by the Bestselling author of 'Star of the Sea', **Joseph O'Connor**, who will tell all on his books and writing habits.

## Brian Butterfield's Call of Now

**Wed 5 June | Town Hall | 8PM**

Age Guidance: U14's accompanied by an adult 18+  
Imparting all his business knowledge from his decades spent within the business world, working as everything from Lord Mayor's Croupier to Circus Horse Dentist, Brian believes that every failure is just an opportunity to learn a new lesson. Having opened, and closed several businesses, Brian has learnt over 1000 lessons. And most importantly, the secrets to success.



## Collabro 10th Anniversary Reunion Concert

**Fri 7 June | Symphony Hall  
2:30PM & 8PM**

Ten years to the day since their winning performance on Britain's Got Talent, **Collabro** will reunite for one night only in a stunning 10th Anniversary Concert. After being crowned winners of Britain's Got Talent Series 8 with one of the largest majorities ever, **Collabro** went on to have their first number one album, 'Stars', which became the fastest selling record that year. Since then, the boys have amassed over two million record sales worldwide with seven major album releases, four of which were on their own record label. They have also completed seven major tours of the UK, most recently their Farewell Tour in 2022.



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## Fanna-Fi-Allah Sufi Qawwali

Fri 7 June | Town Hall | 7PM

For over two decades, the **Fanna-Fi-Allah Sufi Qawwali** ensemble has been the preeminent torchbearer of traditional Sufi Qawwali music on a global scale. Upholding the art form in its most authentic and time-honored tradition, Fanna-Fi-Allah serves as a vital cultural conduit between the East and the West, championing a message of universal tolerance that is imperative for our current era.

## Bhangra Symphonica

Sat 8 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Two musical worlds collide in a Classical and Bhangra explosion! Bhangra rock band, **Kismet**, and **Orchestra of the Swan** join forces for this thrilling fusion of music and dance, storytelling and mesmerising spirituality, that brings together the irresistible energy of Bhangra beat and Western rock with a soundscape of classical strings.



## Britpop Classical

Sat 8 June | Symphony Hall | 8PM

A host of 90's luminaries from the defining music of the decade – Britpop – will join forces in Birmingham Symphony Hall, which will see them performing their hits and more iconic songs from the era with full live orchestra.

Featuring **Simon Fowler** (Ocean Colour Scene), **John Power** (Cast / The La's), **Mark Chadwick** (Levellers), **Saffron** (Republica) and **Mark Morriss** (The Bluetones).

## John Lydon

Sun 9 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: 12+

He's a legend and an icon, a revolutionary and an immortal. **John Lydon** – aka Johnny Rotten – changed the face of music and sparked a cultural revolution. The frontman and lyricist of the Sex Pistols and Public Image Ltd (PiL) caused a political earthquake and transformed music for good.



## Disney in Concert: The Sound of Magic

Tue 11 June | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Age restriction: Strictly 5+, under 14s to be accompanied by an adult.

This symphonic celebration will see renowned **Novello Orchestra** bring to life the soundtracks and characters from the Walt Disney Animation Studios and more on the concert hall and big screen in a live-to-film concert like never before.

## Punt and Dennis: We Are Not A Robot

Wed 12 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: 14+

**Hugh Dennis** and **Steve Punt** are back on tour for the first time in 10 years. Older but not really much wiser, they are returning to what they do best; sitting in traffic jams wondering if a different route would have been better, and then in the evening, presenting their new live show.



## Shalamar: The Greatest Hits Tour

Fri 14 June | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

**Shalamar** have not lost any of the charisma or performing power over the years and certainly pack a punch when it comes to live shows. The Greatest Hits Tour will be a feast of non stop "banging tunes" complemented with silky smooth ballads from the golden voice of Howard Hewett – one of the greatest singers of all time.

## Clinton Baptiste: Roller Ghoster!

Fri 14 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: 14+

Britain's most celebrated clairvoyant medium psychic from Peter Kay's 'Phoenix Nights' returns with his hilarious one-man show featuring his trademark audience readings, the story of his meteoric rise and some spooky treats to make your hair stand on end.







## An Audience With Highgate Gospel Choir: The Legacy Project Live

Sat 15 June | Town Hall | 7PM

A mesmerising spectacle unveiling the harmonious melodies of the esteemed Highgate Gospel Choir, a gem in the crown of the U.K. Prepare to sway and harmonise to the nostalgic melodies of **The Highgate Gospel Choir** at a memorable event celebrating one of Birmingham's most renowned vocal ensembles.

## K S Chitra Rewind UK Tour

Sun 16 June | Town Hall | 5PM

Are you ready to be mesmerized by the one and only Padma Bhushan Dr. KS Chithra? She was awarded India's third highest civilian honour Padma Bhushan in 2021 and Padma Shri in 2005 for her valuable contributions towards the Indian musical fraternity.



## Alfie Boe

Sun 16 June | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: U14 accompanied by adult

Alfie's homage to rock, 'Open Arms - The Symphonic Songbook' sees the tenor rework versions of rock's finest tracks such as Bon Jovi's 'Livin' On A Prayer', Metallica's 'Nothing Else Matters', Bryan Adams' 'Summer of '69, & many more, into simply spectacular symphonic masterpieces.

## Bat for Lashes

Tue 18 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult

**Natasha Khan** is a British Pakistani artist, currently living in London. Khan is primarily a musician, singer and songwriter and has been a professional recording artist under the moniker "**Bat For Lashes**" for the past 15 years.



## Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets - Set The Controls Tour

Tue 18 June | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Formed in 2018, **Nick Mason's Saucerful Of Secrets** are **Nick Mason, Gary Kemp, Guy Pratt, Lee Harris** and **Dom Beken** and they play **Pink Floyd's** celebrated and significant early body of work. This includes tracks from the era of 1967's 'The Piper At The Gates of Dawn' through to 1972's 'Obscured By Clouds' which has included a much lauded rendition of the 23 minute epic 'Echoes'.



## An Evening with Anna Lapwood

Thu 20 June | Town Hall | 7PM

Hailed as "the dream ambassador for classical music" by Gramophone, organist **Anna Lapwood** is bringing a mix of her favourite traditional classical and contemporary music arranged for organ together in one sublime concert, performing music from composers including Hanz Zimmer, Claude Debussy, Olivia Belli and Philip Glass.

## Red Hot Chilli Pipers featuring the Red Hot Chilli Dancers

Fri 21 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM

There has never been anything quite like **The Red Hot Chilli Pipers**, the past twenty years have seen them become the most famous bagpipe band on the planet... ever! Bagpipers with attitude, drums with a Scottish accent and a show that leaves people with warm hearts and smiles on their faces.



## Celebrating Sanctuary: Refugee Week Takeover

Sat 22 June  
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 10AM

Celebrating Sanctuary has more amazing World Music artists to bring you in our Lunchtime Concert series. Continuing throughout the year with local, national and international musicians, originating from around the world.

## Rocketman Film with Live Orchestra

Sat 22 June | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: Film Rating 15

The critically acclaimed, Oscar® award winning epic musical fantasy charting the life of the legendary Elton John, Paramount Pictures' **Rocketman**, will be presented live in concert with a full orchestra performing its iconic soundtrack live to picture. The film will be projected onto a huge ultra-HD screen, whilst the orchestra on stage brings to life the stunning soundtrack - the music of Elton John.







## The Notebenders: 20th Anniversary Concert

Sat 22 June | Town Hall | 7:30PM

From humble beginnings in Ladywood in 2004, legendary saxophonist Andy Hamilton created **The Notebenders** community big band. Joining the band are some of their renowned alumni, leaders past and present, and future stars in the current line-up. Guest artists include **Gary Crosby, Soweto Kinch, Romarna Campbell, Marcus Joseph,** and **Just Friends** featuring **Ralf DeCambre, Dutch Lewis, Eddie Powell** and **Wayne Scott.**

## The Best of John Williams

Sun 23 June | Symphony Hall | 3PM

An awe-inspiring concert celebrating the iconic scores of **John Williams** from Star Wars, Harry Potter, Indiana Jones and more, with the **London Concert Orchestra.**



## Nadiya and Kai Behind the Magic

Mon 24 June | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

**Nadiya and Kai** are back with their brand-new show **Behind the Magic** as they invite you back into their world and go behind the scenes to witness how the magic comes together. Together with their talented cast they will highlight the influence of some of the 20th century's greatest legends, creatives and artists alike, whose lasting impact is still felt today. Fabulous outfits, wonderful music and of course, sensational dancing!



## Gladys Knight: The Farewell Tour

Tue 25 June | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The great ones endure, and **Gladys Knight** has long been one of the greatest. Very few singers over the last 50 years have matched her unquestionable artistry. Known for her collection of classic hits such as 'Midnight Train To Georgia', Gladys Knight is one of music's icons, and her contribution to pop culture unparalleled.

## Luke Kidgell: Happy Hour

Fri 28 June | Town Hall | 6:30PM

Age Guidance: Recommended age 16+, coarse language and adult themes.

After his sold out International 'Cheers to that!' tour, **Luke Kidgell** is back on the road with his brand-new show 'Happy Hour'. Luke has amassed over 3.5 million fans online for his viral stand up videos, often showcasing outrageous and quick witted crowd interactions.



## Madam Butterfly with CBSO & Kazuki Yamada

Sat 29 June | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Puccini's Madam Butterfly unfolds one of opera's most heart-rending tragedies of love betrayed.

More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further **CBSO** concerts can be found at [cbso.co.uk](http://cbso.co.uk)

## Troy Hawke: The Greeters Guild

Sat 29 June | Town Hall | 8PM

Age Guidance: 14+

Everyone's favourite 1930's throwback greetings and compliments aficionado **Troy Hawke** returns with his brand new show. A journey which started with a non-consensual customer service shift outside TK MAXX in Macclesfield has lead him around the world and directly into the orbit of the world's biggest sporting figures.





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### Nils Frahm: Music For Birmingham

Tue 2 July | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: Under 14s accompanied by an adult

When it comes to defining the space between classical and electronic music, hardly any other name is mentioned as often as that of the Berlin-based pianist, composer and producer **Nils Frahm**. His unconventional approach to an age-old instrument and his sonic alchemy of ambient textures and atmospheric electronica has won him many fans around the world.

### Music for Youth

Thu 4 July – Sat 6 July | Symphony Hall  
Various times

Join us for a three-day feast of live music! Hear performances from the next generation of young musicians, from jazz, soul and funk groups to choirs, orchestras and much more. The festival is open to the public and takes place at Symphony Hall, Town Hall and CBSO Centre, with a Fringe stage in Centenary Square. The full festival line-up will be announced on 1 June.



### The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

Sun 7 July | Town Hall | 6PM

To mark the 80th birthday of composer Karl Jenkins, we present one of his best loved works: 'The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace'. **Phoenix Singers** and **Midlands' Hospitals Choir**, joined by **Cantores Beati**, all under the leadership of **James Llewelyn Jones**, bring you this moving work, at a time when we all need to hear its message of peace. With **Gemini Brass** and organist **Richard Dawson**.







## Anton Du Beke and Giovanni Pernice: Together

**Fri 12 July | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM**

After the hugely successful Him and Me Tour, the nation's favourite double act, Anton Du Beke and Giovanni Pernice, are back with their brand new show – Together! Strictly Come Dancing's **Anton and Giovanni** will bring you more fun, more dance, more song, and even more entertainment.

## Stand By for Action! 2: Gerry Anderson in Concert

**Sat 13 July | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM**

Step into the timeless world of Gerry Anderson's TV shows in a brand new 2024 celebration as a full orchestra brings iconic theme tunes and music to life. Feel the pulse of Thunderbirds, the mysterious allure of Stingray, and the futuristic vibes of Space: 1999.



## Randy Feltface: First Banana

**Sat 13 July | Town Hall | 3PM & 7:30PM**

Age Guidance: Under 14 accompanied by an adult 18+

The first banana appeared on earth 10,000 years ago. Randy Feltface believes humanity has been in a downward spiral ever since. The only logical solution is a brand-new hour of comedy from a felt-faced comedian with an axe to grind.



## Miriam Margolyes: Oh Miriam!

**Fri 19 July | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM**

Age Guidance: 14+

BAFTA winning actor, voice of everything from Monkey to the Cadbury's Caramel Rabbit, creator of a myriad of unforgettable characters from Lady Whiteadder to Professor Sprout, Miriam is one of the most recognisable actresses working today. Join us on another unforgettable adventure through the extraordinary life and strong opinions of **Miriam Margolyes**.

## Midday Mantra: Sampad's Summer Party

**Sat 20 July  
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1PM**

Party South Asian style with **Sampad South Asian Arts and Heritage** and **B:Music** at the finest Summer party in Birmingham! We'll be celebrating the sunshine with upbeat music, dance and a few Summer surprises.



## Pop Voices present 'Let's Celebrate'

**Sat 20 July | Town Hall | 3PM**

Created in 2013, by choir director Anya Small, **Pop Voices** brings together amateur singers ranging from age six to 80-years young, many of whom had never sung in public before, and the result is magical. This will be an evening of uplifting and foot-tapping favourites as 300+ adults and children of Pop Voices accompanied by a live band and special guests will raise the Town Hall Roof once more.





## Naseebo Lal

Sat 20 Jul | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Witness for the first time the legendary **Naseebo Lal** at Symphony Hall! Experience the enchanting melodies and soul-stirring vocals of Pakistan's music icon in a mesmerizing live concert like never before. Prepare to be transported down memory lane of musical bliss as Naseebo Lal takes the stage with her timeless hits, charismatic presence and experience her paying homage to legends such as Noor Jehan the original Melody Queen.

## Cirque

Sat 27 July | Symphony Hall | 3PM

It's time to step into the light. Escape with us for a night like no other, where we take you into a world where the very best of musical theatre showstoppers meets jaw-dropping circus spectacular. A world that explodes into colour as everyone's favourite West End and Broadway hits combine with breath-taking, amazing performances, incredible contortionists, and thrilling feats of agility and flair. It's the brand-new variety spectacular everyone is talking about. Welcome to **Cirque**: the award-winning, smash-hit sensation that is fun for all the family.



# Sneak Peek

 at shows coming soon

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## Toad on the Road: An Evening with Neighbours Star Ryan Moloney

Tue 3 Sep  
Town Hall

## Legend: The Music of Bob Marley

Sat 7 Sep  
Town Hall



## Ben Elton: Authentic Stupidity

Mon 9 Sep  
Symphony Hall  
Age Guidance 16+

## Samantha Fish

Fri 4 Oct  
Town Hall

Age Guidance 14s and under to be accompanied by an adult



## Jools Holland And His Rhythm And Blues Orchestra

Wed 27 & Thu 28 November  
Symphony Hall



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

“**Beyond the Bricks of Brum** was like a dream to me. The ultimate high point in my career. Performing at the concert venue in the place where I’m from with the BBC Symphony Orchestra. It was – still feels like a dream now. To hear my music played by 90 musicians and also to share the stage with **Black Voices**...

When I was growing up, that was one of the first shows I went to see with my dad at Symphony Hall. I remember seeing **Black Voices** and thinking what an amazing group of singers, you know? And to then be on a stage with them? It was just a whole full circle moment.”

**AGAAMA**, in conversation with B:Music ahead of their performance alongside **Black Voices** and **Emily Saunders** in celebration of International Women’s Day 2024.



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