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August
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**Indie folk singer-songwriter
Iron & Wine
comes to Town Hall**

Welcome to the latest B:Music brochure covering August to October events, we look forward to welcoming you to Town Hall and Symphony Hall in the coming months. Whether you are a returning visitor or new to our stages, our varied programme is sure to pique your interest.

From Brummie legend **Joe Lycett** to Grammy-nominated singer and actor **Chris Isaak**, a variety of artists will visit our iconic venues to entertain and inspire you.

Milton Jones and **Sarah Millican** will be joining us as part of the **Birmingham Comedy Festival** for a week of laughter in October across both venues. Alternatively, sit back, relax and enjoy something from our delicious menu as you enjoy **Live at B:Eats**, a series of free performances showcasing Birmingham's extraordinary talent, all with the perfect view of Centenary Square.

The **Birmingham Classical 2024/25** programme kicks off in October with a collection of concerts bringing music to the city from all over the globe. Don't miss the chance to experience classical music in a space that is widely considered to be one of the finest concert halls in the world.

If you're looking for a great night out, the B:Music stages are the places to be. We hope you'll join us for what promises to be an exciting few months ahead!

Visit **bmusic.co.uk** to find more information on what is coming to Birmingham's Town Hall and Symphony Hall over for the next few months and beyond.

Ensemble from Lordswood School 24 May 24.

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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. From the Smoked Salmon and Scrambled Egg on Toast to our house special, the Brummie Bacon Cake, explore our menu full of Brummie surprises, sandwich classics, quick-bite options and contemporary takes from firm favourites at bmusic.co.uk/beats

Aug



Poetry Jam Live!

Thu 1 Aug | Thu 19 Sep | Thu 3 Oct

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.

Curtis Stigers

Fri 2 Aug | Town Hall | 7:30PM

For the past 30 years, the singer, songwriter, saxophonist and guitarist has been making records that confound those who try to categorize his music or put him in a box. **Curtis Stigers'** new album 'This Life' is the answer to that question. It's a celebration of three decades of musical exploration, evolution and growth. It's a look back at 13 albums, thousands of concert performances and millions of miles on the road.



Live at B:Eats

Live at B:Eats this Summer

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Highlights of our
Free Jazz Friday
performances.

What If?: Namywa
2 Aug

Ashley Allen & Friends
4 Oct

Disco Manifest
18 Oct

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Please note: these events are free and unticketed.

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Free Jazz Fridays

Aug

Let's Get Together: Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra Celebration

Thu 8 Aug | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Join us for an unforgettable night with British trumpet virtuoso, **Mike Lovatt** and his 25-piece **Brass Orchestra** featuring star vocalists **Louise Clare Marshall** and **Matt Ford**! They take to the stage performing brand new musical arrangements associated with the legendary music of Ella and Frank. Immerse yourself in the sensational swing rhythms and enchanting melodies of the Great American Songbook. No ordinary big band, expect to hear the cream of the UK's top swing and orchestral musicians.



Discos for Grown Ups: Pop-up 70s 80s 90s Disco Party

Sat 10 Aug | Town Hall | 8PM

The legendary **Discos For Grown Ups** pop-up disco party is coming to the beautiful Town Hall for an incredible night of disco! Get glittered up for a fun, fab and feel-good night of dancing with people your own age to the best ever 70s disco, 80s pop and 90s dance classics!



Chris Isaak

Tue 13 Aug | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Over the course of his nearly forty-year career, Platinum-selling and Grammy-nominated singer & actor **Chris Isaak** has performed to sold-out crowds across the globe with his longtime band Silverstone. His music and film credits include thirteen critically acclaimed studio albums, twelve chart-topping singles along with several motion pictures, such as 'The Silence of the Lambs' and 'That Thing You Do'!



National Children's Orchestras of Great Britain: Main Orchestra's Force of Destiny Concert

Sun 18 Aug | Symphony Hall | 5PM

NCO are excited to present its Main Orchestra for the first time at Symphony Hall, for their 2024 summer concert! The young musicians of **National Children's Orchestras'** Main Orchestra are some of the UK's most remarkable young musicians.



For full listings of the upcoming events at Town Hall and Symphony Hall please visit bmusic.co.uk



Sarah Millican: Late Bloomer

Fri 30 Aug & Sun 1 Sep | Symphony Hall | 8PM

Age guidance: Not suitable for under 16s

When **Sarah Millican** was a bairn, she wouldn't say boo to a goose. Quiet at school, not many friends, no boobs til she was 16. Now? Now she is loud, with good friends, a cracking rack and goose booing all over the shop. In 'Late Bloomer', Sarah's brand-new stand-up show, she explores how one became the other. Plus, lots of stuff about dinners and lady gardens. Come along, laugh at her, with her, beside her.

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Centenary Square Summer Series

Centenary Square Summer Series is programmed by **Metropolis Music** & produced in partnership with **Cuffe and Taylor**. With ambitions to be one of the greenest events on the summer calendar, the series will be powered solely by the national grid and be single use plastic free.

B:Music are selling tickets for the Centenary Square Summer Series on behalf of **Live Nation UK**.

Age Guidance: Under 14s to be accompanied by an adult 18+ for all events



The Streets

Fri 23 Aug | Centenary Square | 5PM

The Streets, Billy Nomates, Sanity

Pioneers of UK garage, **The Streets** have cemented themselves as one of the most influential groups in British music culture since bursting onto the scene with seminal album 'Original Pirate Material' in 2002.

Jungle

Sat 24 Aug | Centenary Square | 5PM

Jungle, Mette, Ella Moore

Jungle is a music collective formed in 2013 by childhood friends **Josh Lloyd-Watson** and **Tom McFarland** who met in London. Their funk and soul-inspired sound quickly gained popularity and their debut self-titled album was released in 2014.



Cian Ducrot

Sun 25 Aug | Centenary Square | 5PM

Cian Ducrot, Talia Mar, Holly Rolfe

Pop singer/songwriter and producer **Cian Ducrot** intrigues with his reflective, melodic relationship songs. Following an appearance on The Voice U.K., he attracted a significant following on social media before making his full-length recording debut with the self-released started in college (mixtape) in 2020.

Ocean Colour Scene

Mon 26 Aug | Centenary Square | 5PM

Ocean Colour Scene, Lucy Spraggan, Eighty Eight Miles

Falling between the energetic pop/rock of mod revival and the psychedelic experimentations of Traffic, **Ocean Colour Scene** came to be one of the leading bands of the traditionalist, post-Britpop of the mid-'90s.



B:Inspired

Tawananyasha Riley Mamvura

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"I like to be what they call a free spirit," says 17 year old **Tawananyasha Riley Mamvura**, one of the recipients of **B:Music's Scholarship**, a new scheme for young musicians who have shown raw and exceptional talent on their instrument, but who may not have the financial means to develop their skills and achieve their potential. "I'm not someone who's really restricted to one genre of music. Because in music, learning never ends. If you stop learning, you stay stagnant."

At three years old, back in his home country of Zimbabwe, Riley was already playing the drums. "I believe I started playing when I was still in the womb," he says, carrying the same charm as when he joined his fellow **B:and Together Jazz and Gospel** band members on their takeover of the **Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space** a few days before our conversation.

Riley's journey into music can be traced back to his first mentor. "My dad has been the biggest

part of my music life. He's the one who mentors me, the one who leads me." In early 2023, Riley moved to the UK. "He was the one who actually introduced me to **B:Music's Summer School**."

"People always ask now: How are you so good? People don't look at how much time I put into the instrument and how many times my father reminded me: "Son, you have to work on this."

"I thank God for the team at B:Music. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be here right now. I wouldn't have had this opportunity. That's when I started to see what music can do. It's a lifestyle. Music is more than just listening. It's love. It's appreciation. It's communication. It's learning."

"I'm very happy that I got this scholarship. Not so many people are privileged to have that. This also gave me the opportunity to join the gospel and jazz sessions. Jazz is something that I only heard about. It's not something I've gone deep into or played. I feel like this scholarship is the best thing ever."

Thank you to the WED Trust and the Brian Shaw Memorial Trust for supporting this year's scholarship.



Find out how you can support B:Music's mission to inspire a love of live music through performance, participation and learning across Birmingham and beyond.



Scan to read the rest of the interview

Sep



Toscana Strings: Little Red Riding's H.O.O.D & Monkey Puzzle

Sun 1 Sep | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1PM

Former soloist with Birmingham Royal Ballet **Laura Tye** and award-winning string quintet **Toscana Strings** perform two family favourite stories; **Monkey Puzzle** and a very special **Little Red Riding's H.O.O.D**. This performance is a perfect introduction to music and dance with an informal atmosphere and joining in encouraged, everyone can enjoy these stories set to music.

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

Tue 3 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Joining the cast of 'Neighbours' as Toadfish Rebecchi in 1995, **Moloney** remains on our screens to this day. And now audiences get to reminisce alongside Ryan as he looks back across all of Toadie's biggest stories, reveals never before heard behind the scenes secrets, and shares his vision for some of the plots he has always wanted the lovable lawyer to be involved in.





Tim Peake: Astronauts – The Quest To Explore Space

Wed 4 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: At parents discretion (Scientific Content best suited for Age 12 and Up).

In **Astronauts: The Quest to Explore Space**, European Space Agency astronaut **Tim Peake** will recount stories from his own journey to space and bring to life iconic and ground breaking missions from the past. He'll reveal what spaceflight is really like: from the wondrous view of Earth, living in weightlessness, the unique dangers and unexpected moments of humour, to the years of training and gruelling psychological and physical pressures an astronaut must endure.



Fisherman's Friends

Thu 5 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Fisherman's Friends 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, Take That or One Direction – it's The Fisherman's Friends!



Kidderminster Male Choir

Fri 6 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

International star, **Aled Jones**, joins **Kidderminster Male Choir** as they celebrate their 120th Anniversary year. The Gala Concert also features the **Kidderminster Valentines**. Don't miss this eclectic mix of songs from Aled Jones and two excellent choirs.

Spider-Man: Across The Spider-Verse – Film with Live Orchestra, Turntables & Electronics

Fri 6 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: Film rating PG

Spider-Man™: Across the Spider-Verse Live In Concert and will see the film presented on a huge HD screen, accompanied by a range of musicians and instrumentalists performing music from the film's score and soundtrack live to picture.



Legend: The Music of Bob Marley

Sat 7 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

When you think reggae, there is only one name that comes to mind. The legend that was Bob Marley. **Legend: the Music of Bob Marley** is an unforgettable evening celebrating this musical icon in one fantastic stage show extravaganza.

170th British Open Brass Band Championships

Sat 7 Sep | Symphony Hall | 10AM

Join 18 of the world's finest brass bands as they compete to see who will be crowned the 170th British Open Champion – the oldest and most prestigious major contest accolade in the global banding movement. Each will perform a newly commissioned work by renowned Belgian composer Jan Van Der Roost.



Brass in a Day

Sun 8 September

2024

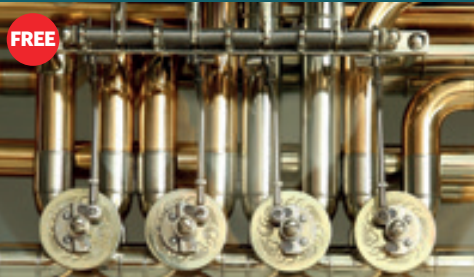


Brass in a Day 2024 will allow people to encounter and engage with brass music at any level. From very first-timers to seasoned professionals, everyone is welcome!

Have A Go Brass

Sun 8 Sep | B:Eats Café | 10AM

Have you ever wondered how a trombone works? What does a trumpet sound like up close? Come and find out the answers to these questions, have a go at playing and hear the best young brass musicians from across the UK showcase their talents and the wonders of these brass instruments.



FREE

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

Sun 8 Sep

Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 2PM

As part of their 20th anniversary celebrations, the **NYBBGB Children's Band** will be joining us for an afternoon of brass.



Brass Gala 2024

Sun 8 Sep | Symphony Hall | 3PM

Join us for the annual Symphony Hall Brass Gala featuring championship winners **Cory Band** and **Black Dyke Band**, who will be joined by young musicians from the **Services for Education Youth Brass Ensembles** and the **National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain**.



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Bella Mackie

Sun 8 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30pm

Join acclaimed freelance journalist, columnist and Sunday Times million copy number one best-selling author of *How To Kill Your Family*, **Bella Mackie** to celebrate the release of her new brilliantly funny and twisty mystery, *What A Way To Go*.

Ben Elton: Authentic Stupidity

Mon 9 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 16+

The undisputed godfather of modern stand-up is going back with his new show - 'Authentic Stupidity'. **Ben Elton** first exploded into the national consciousness back in the 1980's hosting Channel 4's groundbreaking 'Saturday Live' and he's been setting the standard for gag filled, taboo busting, tonsil rattling, mind expanding stand-up comedy ever since!



Candice Brathwaite: Manifesto

Mon 9 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+

Join us for an inspiring evening with critically-acclaimed, Sunday Times bestselling author, advocate, journalist and TV presenter, **Candice Brathwaite**, as she shares her revolutionary and inclusive approach to manifesting.

Engelbert Humperdinck

Tue 10 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

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

Engelbert boasts a career spanning over 50 years and with sales in excess of 140 million records, including 65 gold albums and 35 platinum, four Grammy nominations, a Golden Globe, and stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Las Vegas Walk of Fame, and Leicester Walk of Fame.



The Da Vinci Michelangelo Experience

Wed 11 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Join **Mark Rodgers**, Director of The Da Vinci Machines & Michelangelo Exhibitions for North America, on a unique journey through the glory of the Italian Renaissance with Davinci and Michelangelo as your guides! Featuring videos, 3-D animation, film clips and images of Michelangelo and DaVinci's many sketches, inventions, machines, sculptures, codices and paintings.



The Horne Section's Hit Show

Wed 11 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 12+
Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult 18+

They have two series of their own Channel 4 TV show, an iTunes-chart-topping podcast and now they're tuning up their instruments once more to tour the country: it's the **Horne Section's Hit Show!**

Celebrating Meat Loaf Featuring The Neverland Express + Caleb Johnson

Fri 13 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

This stunning concert is the only authentic reimagining of the legendary **Meat Loaf** and **Jim Steinman** song book performed brilliantly by world-class alumni of Meat Loaf's official band – the same musicians who brought his musical visions to life both in the studio and on stages around the world.



Professor David Wilson & Marcel Theroux: Killer Books

Fri 13 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 16+

Why do some novels inspire people to commit murder? With a 40-year career in criminal behaviour and host of many television crime shows, **David Wilson** is no stranger to what encourages murderers. David will be in conversation with novelist **Marcel Theroux** to discuss books that have motivated murder and discover how crime fiction can sometimes become crime fact.



Midday Mantra: Bollywood Special

Sat 14 Sep | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1PM

Featuring hits from your favorite films, sing and dance along to Bollywood music old and new with Sampad South Asian Arts and Heritage and B:Music.



Rob Lamberti Presents Perfectly George

Sat 14 Sep | Symphony Hall | 8PM

Featuring the incredible voice of **Rob Lamberti**, this show has wowed audiences around the country and Europe and lifted them to their feet, in a dynamic show that tactfully and appropriately celebrates the career of one of the most gifted performers of a generation.

From Wham! all the way through to the diverse eras of George's hugely successful solo career, including timeless hits like 'Careless Whisper', 'Faith', 'I'm Your Man', 'Club Tropicana', and so many more, the show tells the story of George Michael in the vast repertoire of songs that made him an icon to so many.

Bianca Del Rio

Sun 15 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 16+

Your favourite self-proclaimed "clown in a gown" returns to the stage with the same lightning-fast wit and razor-sharp tongue they've grown to love. **Bianca** is a pro at entertaining the masses, and audiences can look forward to an abundance of interaction between the comedic icon and her crowd.



Lloyd Cole

Mon 16 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

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

In September 2024, **Lloyd Cole** will be taking his One Man Show to Town Hall. It's him, 2 sets, no support, 2 guitars, and 40 years of songs. Join him for a fresh show that is quite different from anything he's done in the last few years.



Marc Almond

Mon 16 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Marc Almond is an internationally acclaimed music artist. He has sold over 30 million records worldwide and is an icon and influence to a generation of musicians. Marc and David Ball went on to record four albums and their single 'Tainted Love' broke all records as the track that remained the longest in the US Billboard Top 100 and received a Brit award for best single of that year.

Little Big Town

Tue 17 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

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

Little Big Town is a country vocal quartet whose members include **Kimberly Schlapman**, **Karen Fairchild**, **Jimi Westbrook**, and **Phillip Sweet**. After forming in the late 1990s, the country music band honed their craft for years by performing, recording and writing. Their dedication and perseverance paid off big when their 2005 album, 'The Road to Here', was certified platinum.



Kazuki Yamada conducts Beethoven 9

Thu 19 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30pm

The **CBSO** and Music Director, **Kazuki Yamada**, open their 'Season of Joy' with a spectacular concert. Stravinsky celebrates the beautiful variety of wind and brass, and it's simply strings for Strauss in the gorgeous 'Metamorphosen'. The second half will be truly magnificent with Beethoven's famous 'Choral Symphony', including the awe-inspiring 'Ode to Joy' in the final movement. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further **CBSO** concerts can be found at cbsoco.uk



Blade Runner Live

Sat 21 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Age guidance: Film rating 15

Experience Ridley Scott's multi Academy Award®-nominated cult classic, **Blade Runner** on a vast HD screen while Vangelis' synthesiser-led score is performed in-sync with the 1982 motion picture.

Joe Lycett's Art Hole Live

Sat 21 Sep | Town Hall | 8PM

Age restriction: 15+

Join **Joe Lycett** for a trip inside his 'Art Hole'. These shows will be brimming with surprises as Joe reads some of his favourite stories from the book, alongside the paintings that were inspired by them. He'll also tell some jokes and no doubt be asked some questions by a fancy interviewer and possibly you, the audience.



Paul Carrack

Sun 22 Sep | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

A musical legacy that spans five decades is something to celebrate, and when that legacy includes a timeless classic like 'How Long', the occasion becomes truly remarkable. **Paul Carrack**, the maestro behind this iconic song, is proud to bring the 'How Long' 50th Anniversary concert to Symphony Hall.

One of the most revered voices in music and a figurehead of soulful pop for decades, Paul Carrack remains Britain's best blue-eyed soul singer, writer and purveyor of songs that are deep in the DNA of pop history.



The Girls Bathroom Planet Tour

Mon 23 Sep | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: Strictly 16+

Voices of their generation, **Sophia** and **Cinzia**, are the internet's favourite best friends. Their chart-topping podcast, **The Girls Bathroom**, catapulted the duo to trailblazer status in the podcasting industry.

Carol Vorderman Live!

Tue 24 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+

"I'm just an old bird with an iPhone who's been on the telly for over forty years. Sixty-three and post-menopause, I hate bullies and charlatans, and I don't give a flying fig for what those people say about me." With characteristic outspokenness and irrepressible sense of humour **Carol Vorderman** will share stories from her unlikely pivot from daytime TV's queen of arithmetic to outspoken political activist.

Every ticket includes a copy of her brand-new book.



Nish Kumar: Nish, Don't Kill My Vibe

Sat 28 Sep | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+

Critically acclaimed comic, internationally famed meme and wonderfully nice gentleman, **Nish Kumar** is a comedian, and a bloody good one at that (Time Out). Nish has achieved huge success on the stand-up circuit with five rave reviewed solo stand-up shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. In this election year – with the country in turmoil – there's only one comedian who can kill the mood even further...

Expect jokes about climate collapse, income inequality and the emotional sensation of being a British Indian man who isn't going to vote for a British Indian Prime Minister. It's 80 minutes of sweet, sweet vibe killing, plus support act and interval.



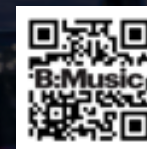
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Oysterband & June Tabor

Thu 3 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

After 45 years on the road, the legendary Canterbury-formed collective will be hanging up their touring boots and bringing their unique partnership with the English folk songstress to a worthy conclusion.

Samantha Fish

Fri 4 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

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

Over the course of her career as an award-winning artist, singer/songwriter/guitarist **Samantha Fish** has brought extraordinary power to her self-expression, capturing her inner world in combustible riffs, visceral rhythms, and spine-tingling vocal work. Although she is often cited as a blues artist, in truth her music could be said to incorporate multiple genres, including rock, country, funk, bluegrass, and ballads.



Life on Our Planet: Live in Concert

Fri 4 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Life on Our Planet is a ground-breaking new 8-part series created by Silverback Films in association with Steven Spielberg's **Amblin Television**. Narrated by Academy Award®-winner **Morgan Freeman**, it's the story of life's epic battle to conquer and survive on planet Earth live on the big screen, accompanied by the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra**.



Gareth Gates Sings Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons

Sat 5 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Gareth Gates, along with a stellar cast of West End performers, pay tribute to those four boys from Jersey with their unmistakable high pitched vocals and promises to be an electrifying homage to the iconic sounds of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

Nashville Sounds in the Round

Sat 5 Oct | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space 11:30AM

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.



Squeeze 50th Anniversary Tour

Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Squeeze are one of rock's vital institutions, a band who carved out a distinctive place in the pop firmament with their vibrantly melodic, perceptive songs. Those songs were written by **Chris Difford** and **Glenn Tilbrook**, the composers who have remained at the heart of Squeeze since its inception.

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ECHO Rising Stars: Benjamin Kruthof (cello)

Sun 6 Oct | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

With major competition victories and a host of important concerto appearances, it's hardly surprising **Benjamin Kruthof** has been recognised as "a name to watch" by Bachtrack and selected as a Rising Star by ECHO.

Enjoy coffee/tea and cake before the concert, included in your ticket.

Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine Beethoven's Second Symphony

Tue 8 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Established in 1902, the distinguished Ukrainian orchestra make their first visit to Birmingham to play Beethoven, Sibelius and Rossini, while internationally-renowned cellist Jiří Barta joins the orchestra's leader in Brahms's Double Concerto.



Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra of Tokyo

Rachmaninov's Second Symphony

Wed 23 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

It's over 30 years since the orchestra last played in Symphony Hall, so this concert is certain to be a major event. Alongside Rachmaninov's glorious Second Symphony and Beethoven's Violin Concerto is seductive ballet music by Akira Ifukube (best known for the Godzilla film scores).



Nuremberg Symphony Orchestra

Sun 17 Nov | Symphony Hall | 3PM

The master musicians of Nuremberg have the music of Brahms and Beethoven coursing through their veins. Expect a spirited and fresh performance of Beethoven's 'Emperor' Concerto with charismatic Leeds Competition winner **Federico Colli**, and Brahms's Symphony No 4 to conclude.



Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra

Sat 30 Nov | Symphony Hall | 3PM

Led by chief conductor Riccardo Frizza, the **Hungarian Radio Symphony Orchestra** is joined by the captivating pianist **Jeneba Kanneh-Mason**, a new star of the famous musical family. She plays Chopin's best-known concerto, and Beethoven's sparkling Seventh Symphony also features.

German National Orchestra: Official partner of the Berlin Philharmonic

Thu 16 Jan 2025 | Symphony Hall | 7PM

A blockbuster of a concert, highly recommended for newcomers and old hands alike! The stunningly talented musicians of the **German National Orchestra** and the **German-British Choir Academy** play Holst's lavish 'Planets' while **Wayne Marshall** conducts and plays 'Rhapsody in Blue'.



Prague Symphony Orchestra

Fri 7 Feb 2025 | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

For authentic performances of Czech music, look no further! The superb musicians of the **Prague Symphony Orchestra** are steeped in the music of Smetana and Dvořák which they are touring with **Petr Altrichter**, the orchestra's Chief Conductor since 1991. They're joined by the dazzling Venezuelan pianist **Gabriela Montero**, a soloist who's always warmly welcomed at Symphony Hall.

Vasily Petrenko & the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Sat 29 Mar 2025 | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Vasily Petrenko is quite simply one of the greatest conductors on the world stage right now. From the romance of Tchaikovsky to the thrill of Prokofiev, this is a concert not to be missed. Completing a stellar line-up, violinist **Esther Yoo** brings "tones of breath-taking beauty" (Sunday Times) to Bruch's much-loved Violin Concerto.



Lunchtime Organ Concerts with Thomas Trotter

Mon 23 Sep | Symphony Hall | 1PM

Lunchtime Organ Concert: Thomas Trotter at Symphony Hall

Mon 21 Oct | Town Hall | 1PM

Lunchtime Organ Concert: Celebrating Black History Month

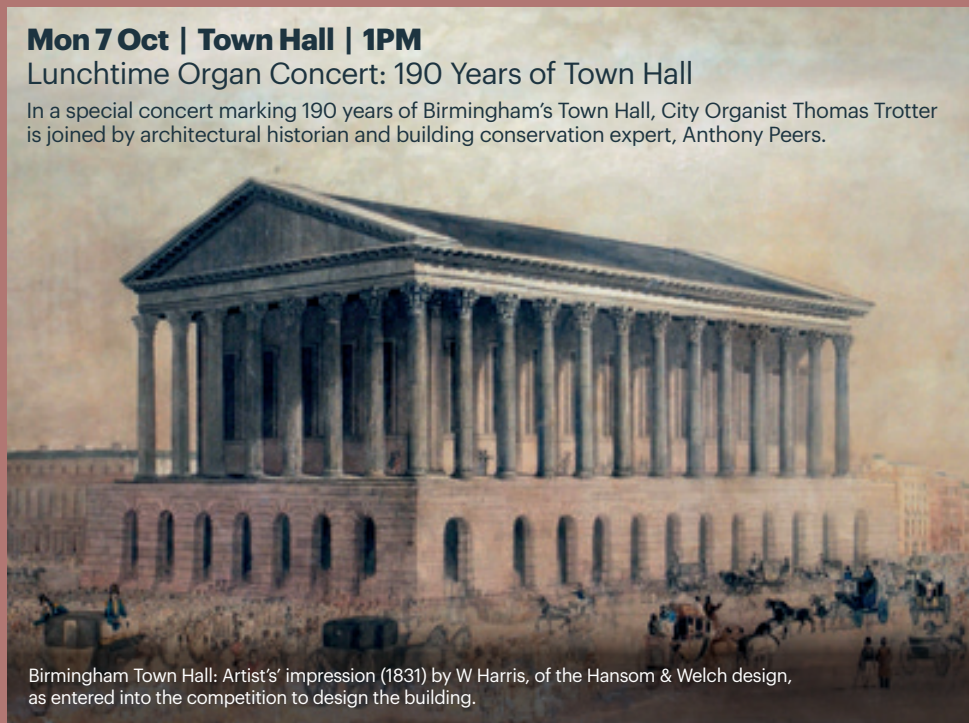
Mon 4 Nov | Town Hall | 1PM

Mon 18 Nov | Town Hall | 1PM

Mon 7 Oct | Town Hall | 1PM

Lunchtime Organ Concert: 190 Years of Town Hall

In a special concert marking 190 years of Birmingham's Town Hall, City Organist Thomas Trotter is joined by architectural historian and building conservation expert, Anthony Peers.



Birmingham Town Hall: Artist's impression (1831) by W Harris, of the Hansom & Welch design, as entered into the competition to design the building.

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Steve Hackett Genesis Greats, Lamb Highlights & Solo

Mon 7 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:45PM

Steve Hackett's timeless guitar-work was woven throughout **Genesis'** classic 70's catalogue of albums. Steve and his outstanding touring line-up of **Roger King** (keyboards), **Nad Sylvan** (vocals), **Jonas Reingold** (bass, backing vocals), **Rob Townsend** (saxophone, flutes, additional keyboards) and **Craig Blundell** (drums) are bringing many of these albums back to Symphony Hall. Joined by special guest, **Amanda Lehmann** on vocals.

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Milton Jones: Ha!Milton

Sun 6 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 16+

This is not a musical. **Milton Jones** is tone deaf and has no sense of rhythm, but at least he doesn't make a song and dance about it. You might know him from 'Mock the Week', 'Live at the Apollo' or Radio 4.

Maisie Adam: Appraisal

Tue 8 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

Age guidance: 15+

Fresh from 'Live At The Apollo', 'A League Of Their Own' and 'Have I Got News For You', **Maisie Adam** is five years into her job as a comedian now, so she's due an appraisal. Join her for the ultimate performance review.



Rachel Parris: Poise

Thu 10 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+

Rachel Parris is back presenting a dazzling new hour of her signature blend of stand-up and songs. The BAFTA-nominated comedian is best known for both her viral satirical segments on 'The Mash Report' and 'Late Night Mash' which have had over 100 million views.

Jason Byrne: No Show

Fri 11 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+

There's no show like a **Jason Byrne** No Show. No Show is a show with no comedy safety net. By the end of No Show you'll have experienced a once in a lifetime show or No Show.



Sarah Millican: Late Bloomer

Sun 13 Oct | Symphony Hall | 8PM

Age guidance: Not suitable for under 16s

When **Sarah Millican** was a bairn, she wouldn't say boo to a goose. Quiet at school, not many friends, no boobs til she was 16. Now? Now she is loud, with good friends, a cracking rack and goose booing all over the shop. In 'Late Bloomer', Sarah's brand-new stand-up show, she explores how one became the other.

Part of Birmingham Comedy Festival, Fri 4 to Sun 13 Oct.

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Sam Carter

Wed 9 Oct | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 8pm

Over his fifteen-year career, Midlands-born guitarist and songwriter **Sam Carter** has earned a reputation for vivid, heartfelt songwriting and captivating live performances. For this exclusive performance, Sam will be joined by bassist **Ben Nicholls** (Nadiene Shah, Seth Lakeman) and drummer **Evan Jenkins** (Van Morrison, Eric Clapton).

The Van Morrison Alumni Band

Wed 9 Oct | Town Hall | 8PM

The **Van Morrison Alumni Band** is a group of all-star musicians, who have between them accompanied **Van Morrison** in more than 1400 concerts around the world and have amassed more than 500 recordings credits on the singer's albums dating back several decades.



The Australian Pink Floyd

Fri 11 Oct & Sat 12 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: Under 14s to be accompanied by an adult 18+ Performing the music of **Pink Floyd** with note for note perfection, this critically acclaimed show always strives to reproduce the complete Pink Floyd experience and bring the music to new audiences. The show includes a stunning light and laser show, video animations, state of the art, high resolution LED screen technology and other special effects.

Leo Sayer: Still Feel Like Dancing?

Sat 12 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

British music legend **Leo Sayer** will be celebrating 50 years since the release of his debut album 'Just A Boy' and his upcoming autobiography of the same name. With this performance, Leo and his band bring boundless energy, exuberance and a hit packed show to some of his favourite venues across the country.



Ex Cathedra 2024/25: Bruckner, Palestrina & Allegri

Sun 13 Oct | Town Hall | 4PM

Bruckner's majestic motets and monumental Mass in E Minor form the centrepiece of this concert to mark his 200th birthday. Bruckner's sacred symphony draws inspiration from Renaissance Rome and the timeless elegance of Palestrina. Allegri's ever popular Miserere completes the programme. B:Music's Associate Artists **Ex Cathedra** and resident orchestra the **CBSO** join forces to present this unique event.



Mr Joe Jackson Presents: Two Rounds of Racket Tour

Mon 14 Oct | Town Hall | 7PM

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

The **Two Rounds Of Racket Tour** promises to be festive, fun, and unlike anything else music fans will see next (or any other) year. The show will be in two parts: a solo set by **Joe Jackson** of his original songs, and a set based on the album 'What A Racket'!

Carrie Hope Fletcher: Love Letters Live

Mon 14 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Arguably the most recognisable West End performer of her generation, author, actress, vlogger and award-winning sensation **Carrie Hope Fletcher** returns with 'Love Letters'. The show will see Carrie explore all forms of love from romantic to maternal, unrequited to obsessive, all told through a concert of musical theatre favourites.



Shaun Ryder

Wed 16 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

He's the wild man of rock who became a national treasure. **Happy Mondays** and **Black Grape** frontman **Shaun Ryder** is hitting the road for a new, spoken word tour. The star of more-TV-shows-than-anyone-has-a-right-to-feature-on – including 'Celebrity Gogglebox', and 'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here', among many others.

Jon Ronson's Psychopath Night

Thu 17 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 16+

Fifteen years has passed since he embarked on the adventure that became his ground-breaking and best-selling work, 'The Psychopath Test', and now renowned journalist, filmmaker, and author **Jon Ronson** reopens the case with exclusive anecdotes and fresh reflections, taking you on a thrilling exploration of madness and the elusive psychopathic mind.



Kenny Thomas: The Outstanding Greatest Hits Tour

Fri 18 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

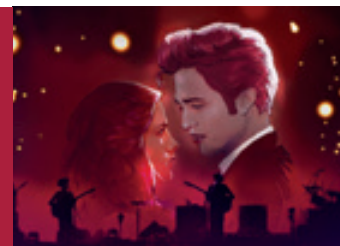
Multi-platinum selling and 2x Brit-Award nominated soul legend **Kenny Thomas** is coming back to Birmingham with **The Soul-String Collective**, celebrating the greatest hits from throughout his career which has seen him become a British soul music icon. Kenny Thomas stands as one of the UK's most successful soul singers of his generation over his thirty-year-plus career. Plus support from **Rumer**.

Twilight in Concert: The Film with Live Band

Sat 19 Oct | Symphony Hall | 5PM

Age guidance: Film Rating 12

The legendary romance fantasy film **Twilight** has been announced to tour the UK, just ahead of Halloween, in an in-concert format, live-to-film. It promises to be an impressive live cinematic experience, featuring a unique candlelit atmosphere.



CDC Dance Ltd presents Strength, Love & Sisterhood: A Memorial Dance Show for Lisa Thomas

Sat 19 Oct | Town Hall | 6PM

The Kings Heath based dance school is proud to present **CDC Dance Ltd's** memorial showcase for their principal's late sister, Lisa Thomas. Join them as they showcase the incredible talent of c. 170 dancers, from Tiddlers to Teens, with a vast array of dance styles – you don't want to miss this!



Richard Herring's Leicester Square Theatre Podcast

Sun 20 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+ (Strong language)

Richard Herring returns with his famous podcast, RHLSTP! Richard Herring has enjoyed phenomenal success as a writer and performer and is an innovator in the world of podcasts.



Oct



Soweto Kinch: White Juju

Sun 20 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Inspired by a year of turbulent racial politics, culture wars and the pandemic, **Soweto Kinch** produced 'White Juju' for jazz quartet and symphony orchestra. Joining the CBSO and taking the saxophone solo spot himself, Soweto brings us a brilliant, bold and important work which – though serious – he intends to be healing. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further **CBSO** concerts can be found at cbsoco.uk

Gilbert O'Sullivan

Mon 21 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

As creative now as ever, **Gilbert O'Sullivan** returns for a very special performance that will see him present songs from his latest top 30 album 'Driven', alongside classics such as 'Alone Again Naturally', 'Clair' and 'Nothing Rhymed' in an intimate and unforgettable setting.

He was the superstar who topped the UK and US single charts in the 70s with songs of endearing tunefulness, unabashed sentiment and existentialist musings. Today, the Irish singer-songwriter continues to be regarded with tremendous affection and his songs remain well-loved around the world.



Adam Ant

Tue 22 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Performing his classic chart-topping hits and personal favourites, **Adam Ant** says: "I'm really looking forward to the thrills and spills of playing live, again... there's nothing like it!"

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Afro Celt Sound System

Tue 22 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Afro Celt Sound System are among the pioneers of the contemporary world music scene. Their ground-breaking fusion of African, Gaelic and Bhangra influenced sounds has won the hearts and minds of audiences since the group's beginnings over 25 years ago.

With album sales now topping more than one and a half million, two Grammy nominations to date and tours all around the world, they are the legendary afro-celtic band bringing spirits and music from different cultures together for a breath-taking show.

Maximo Park

Wed 23 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

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

Maximo Park is a Tyne and Wear-based alternative rock band. The line-up of the band consists of **Paul Smith** on vocals, **Duncan Lloyd** on guitar, **Lukas Wooller** on keyboard, **Archus Tiku** on bass and **Tom English** on drums. Both of their albums have achieved double-platinum status and their debut album was nominated for a Mercury Music Prize in 2005.



Walter Trout

Thu 24 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+

All of us are broken. But no one is beyond repair. It's a philosophy that **Walter Trout** has lived by during seven volatile decades at the heart of America's society and blues-rock scene. Even now, with the world more fractured than ever – by politics, economics, social media and culture wars – the fabled US bluesman's latest album, 'Broken', chronicles the bitter schisms of modern life but refuses to succumb to them.



Beatle Mania!

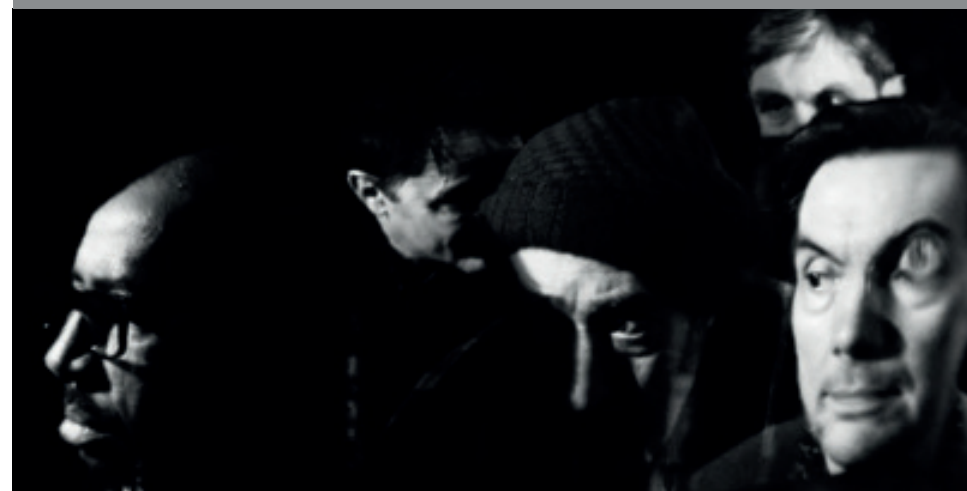
Fri 25 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Join Eleanor Rigby, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, Sgt. Pepper and the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** as they buy a Ticket to Ride in the Yellow Submarine on its Magical Mystery Tour along the Long and Winding Road from Penny Lane to Strawberry Fields. Expect all your favourite hits in a night which celebrates the best of **The Beatles**. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further **CBSO** concerts can be found at cbso.co.uk

Tindersticks

Fri 25 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Tindersticks are an English alternative rock band formed in Nottingham in 1991. They will be playing at Town Hall with a new album coming this year.



Charlie Cook's Favourite Book

Sat 26 Oct – Sun 27 Oct | Town Hall | various times

Based on the original book '**Charlie Cook's Favourite Book**' – written by **Julia Donaldson** and illustrated by **Axel Scheffler**. Come and delve into a range of books with Charlie Cook, brought to life with puppetry and enchanting songs, and perhaps you will be able to help his sister discover the wonderful world inside a book...

Produced by Little Angel Theatre, The Lowry and Rose Theatre. Charlie Cook's Favourite Book © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 2005 – Macmillan Children's Books.

The event on Sun 27 October at 3:30PM will be BSL interpreted.



The Pretenders

Sun 27 Oct | Symphony Hall | 8PM

The **Chrissie Hynde**-fronted band will be performing their critically acclaimed new album 'Relentless'. The new songs have been met with high critical praise, described by MOJO as "persistently brilliant songwriting ... surely how Chrissie Hynde always wanted **The Pretenders** to sound." The Observer heard "inspiring longevity", Record Collector applauded "the best Pretenders album in 20 years" in a five-star review, and Uncut Magazine labelled the album "the new prime of Chrissie Hynde". Plus support from **The Picturebooks**.

John Grant

Mon 28 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

John Grant has established himself as one of the great musical chroniclers of the American Dream, angled mostly from its flip side – from those who did not thrive.

Hard juxtaposition of beauty and cruelty makes for compelling listening on Grant's sixth album, a record that ties childhood trauma to hardened adult after-effects, twinning both to the political malaise of America 2024, a country being drawn to the precipice of its own destruction. "We were allowed to feel like we belonged for a couple of seconds," says Grant. "Not anymore."



Iron & Wine

Tue 29 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

'Light Verse' is **Iron & Wine**'s seventh full-length overall and fifth for Sub Pop Records. Fashioned as an album that should be taken as a whole, it sounds lovingly handmade and self-assured as a secret handshake. Track by track, its equal parts elegy, kaleidoscope, truth, and dare.



Sir Ranulph Fiennes: Mad, Bad and Dangerous

Wed 30 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age guidance: 14+
Spend an evening in the extraordinary company of **Sir Ranulph Fiennes OBE** – 'the world's greatest living explorer' – as he goes beyond his record-breaking achievements to explore the man behind the myth. Live on stage, Sir Ranulph will share stories from his legendary exploits and adventures, telling untold tales of the world's most extraordinary feats of daring and exploration.

Beyond the Barricade

Thu 31 Oct | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Beyond the Barricade, the UK's longest running Musical Theatre Concert Tour, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2024. Join the cast for two hours of the best of Broadway and the West End, featuring the songs that have made audiences return over and over again for 25 years. Enjoy numbers from 'The Phantom of the Opera', 'Jesus Christ Superstar', 'West Side Story', 'The Lion King', 'Blood Brothers', 'Miss Saigon', 'Hamilton' and many others, climaxing with a spectacular finale from, of course, 'Les Misérables'!



Jack Rhodes

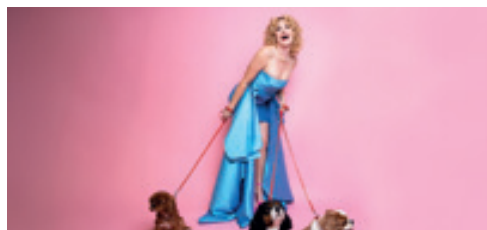
Thu 31 Oct | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Jack Rhodes isn't your typical magician. His unique blend of comedy, magic, and nonsense has amassed over 125 million views online and took him to the final of Britain's Got Talent 2024. Get ready for world-class sleight of hand and trickery, all delivered with Jack's signature self-deprecating humour!

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at shows coming soon

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Grace Campbell: Grace Campbell Is On Heat

Sat 9 Nov
Town Hall
Age guidance: 16+

Country Roads: A Country Music Celebration

Sat 23 Nov
Town Hall



Toscana Strings: The Snowman & The Nutcracker

Sun 1 Dec
Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space

An Evening of Burlesque

Thu 5 Dec
Town Hall
Age guidance: 18+



Love Actually In Concert: Film with Live Orchestra

Mon 16 Dec
Symphony Hall
Age guidance: Film rating 15

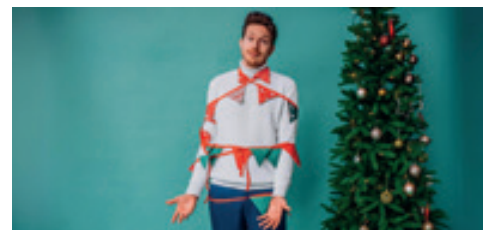


The Holiday In Concert: Film with Live Orchestra

Wed 18 Dec
Symphony Hall
Age guidance: Film rating 12A

The Amy Winehouse Band: Live in Concert

Wed 18 Dec
Town Hall



The Big Christmas Assembly

Thu 19 Dec
Town Hall

Dana and Grimethorpe Colliery Band: A Dana Good Christmas!

Sun 22 Dec
Town Hall



The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Thu 26 Dec – Sun 5 Jan 2025
Town Hall

B:Music Meets...

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"It's a privilege being a Notebender. We play at the Symphony Hall regularly and have also played at the Town Hall, the CBSO Centre and many other local as well as regional venues – all because of Andy Hamilton MBE."

The Notebenders' Angela Mayne, on the band's founder, legendary saxophonist Andy Hamilton MBE, ahead of their 20th anniversary concert on 22 June 2024.

"I came along to the first run through with **The Notebenders** and Andy was in attendance. When I came off, I got a real old-fashioned look from him that said: 'What's all that about?' From that day onwards, whenever he was playing a gig that I was attending he had me up there singing with him. Right then, in the old foyer. I remember appearing alongside Andy at that gig. That was one of my proudest moments."

The Notebenders' Fred Webb, referencing Symphony Hall before its transformation in 2021 that introduced new performance spaces, ahead of their 20th anniversary concert on 22 June 2024.



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