# bmusic.co.uk **February** March April Tickets now on sale for Grammy Award winning singer Samara Joy

A host of comedians take to the B:Music stages in February with Stewart Lee and Ed Byrne amongst many more. Transatlantic Sessions return to Symphony Hall after last year's spectacular performance, and the B:Classical Season is in full-force with China Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra at the fore. Sampad Asian Spring graces the Town Hall stage again in March, showcasing South Asian culture through dance.

The much-loved film 'Paddington' comes to Symphony Hall accompanied by the London Concert Orchestra playing Nick Urata's calypso-infused score live. One of April's highlights is Grammy Award winner, Samara Joy, who joins us for what promises to be a dazzling performance.

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.

Toscana Strings

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Join us before the performance in the Symphony Hall eatery, **B:Eats**, where we're 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

# **Feb**



#### 80s Live

#### Fri 2 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Direct from London's West End, we will be heading down the Atlanta Highway, so bring your jukebox money and get ready to Jitterbug.

The show includes hits
'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun,'
The Edge of Heaven,' Love Shack,'
'Living on a Prayer,' The Final
Countdown,' Don't You Want Me?',
'Never Gonna Give You Up',
'It's Raining Men' and the list
goes on.

#### Jonathan Pie: Heroes & Villains

Fri 2 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 16+

Jonathan Pie: Hero or Villain? A question often asked and one that Pie hopes to answer in his brand-new live show.

Join him as he celebrates the UK's greatest heroes (Nurses / Gary Lineker / 24-hour off license proprietors) and takes a verbal blowtorch to its villains (The Tories / Cyclists).



#### Sax In The City with The Notebenders

Sat 3 Feb | Sat 16 Mar | Sat 13 Apr

Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1:30PM

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

# **Feb**



#### Thank You For The Music

Sat 3 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The ultimate tribute to ABBA. This international smash-hit tribute show brings all ABBA's number one hits to the stage in a production like no other combining the unmistakable harmonies, colourful costumes, and dazzling performances by our all-star cast.

#### Stewart Lee: Basic Lee

Sat 3 Feb | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+

Returning to Symphony Hall, Birmingham after selling out in 2023!

After a decade of groundbreaking high concept shows involving overarched interlinked narratives, massive sets and enormous comedy props, Lee enters the postpandemic era in streamlined solo stand-up mode. One man, one microphone, and one microphone in the wings in case the one on stage breaks. Pure. Simple, Classic, Basic Lee.







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experience for audiences and artists, please look at our available



roles at bmusic.co.uk/recruitment

# Poetry Jam Live's 11th Birthday!

Thu 8 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 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.

# **Feb**



#### On I Bang: Miles Jupp

Thu 8 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 16+

Miles is embarking on his first stand-up tour since 2017. 'On I Bang' is a tale about surprise, fear, love, luck and qualified medical practitioners.

#### **Ed Byrne: Tragedy Plus Time**

Fri 9 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+ (content warning - discussions of death)

Attributed to Mark Twain, humour is defined as Tragedy Plus Time. Come and join Ed as he tests that formula by mining the most tragic event in his life for laughs.





# Jimeoin: The Craic! Fri 9 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age restriction: 14+, recommended 16+

A hilarious evening of world class stand-up from live comedy's internationally acclaimed trish master!

You've seen him on 'The Royal Variety Performance', 'Live at the Apollo', 'Sunday Night at the Palladium', 'Conan O'Brien' or perhaps online where he has clocked up hundreds of millions of views of his comedy clips... but NOTHING beats seeing **Jimeoin** live.

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# **Feb**



# Mischief & Mystery in Moominvalley

Sat 10 Feb Justham Family Room & Jane How Room 11AM & 1PM

Discover the world of the Moomins where anything is possible.

Be sure to pack your imagination and join us on an unforgettable journey to Moominvalley where everyone is welcome, nature thrives, and adventures are plentiful.

# Transatlantic Sessions

Sat 10 Feb | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

#### **Transatlantic Sessions**

return for 2024, exploring and celebrating the rich musical traditions that connect Scotland, Ireland and the US.

An annual focal point of Celtic Connections, the exclusive line-up combines guest singers and the celebrated house band. Together they interweave original material with age-old tunes and songs as they explore shared roots and find new common ground.





#### **Sea Power**

Sat 10 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Dynamic, anthemic and endlessly creative indie rock from the acclaimed Cumbrian sextet. **Sea Power** are a rare force. You don't want to miss this.

#### Ex Cathedra 2023/24 Baroque Passion: Music of Heartbreak & Healing

Sun 11 Feb | Town Hall | 4PM

Bittersweet, sinuous and yearning for resolution, this is heart-rending music that tells of sacrifice and healing.

We share in Mary's sorrow at the foot of the cross in Scarlatti's dazzling 'Stabat Mater', feel the anguish as Jephte's daughter weeps at her fate, and find solace in the glorious optimism of Bach's 'Komm, Jesu, komm'.

With the Ex Cathedra Consort & Continuo, Andrew Skidmore (cello) and Jeffrey Skidmore (conductor).



# **Feb**

# Candace Bushnell: True Tales of Sex, Success, and Sex and the City!

Sun 11 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age restriction: 18+

Saucy memoirs of a cultural icon – the acclaimed one-woman show by the creator of TV's iconic Sex and the City. Whether you're a Carrie or a Miranda, a Charlotte or a Samantha, grab yourself a seat, pour yourself a Cosmopolitan, and join us in toasting the provocative, literary phenomenon's life story.



#### **ABC: The Lexicon of Love**

Mon 12 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The classic album performed in its entirety plus the band's other greatest hits! Martin Fry's timeless 'The Lexicon Of Love' went straight to number one upon release. Fusing dance floor finesse with a post-punk attitude, the album spawned timeless tracks such as 'Poison Arrow', 'The Look Of Love' Tears Are Not Enough', and 'All Of My Heart'.





#### Girls' Night In: The Round ft. Kezia Gill, Jade Helliwell, Demi Marriner and Jess Thristan

Tue 13 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space 8PM

After the resounding success of their inaugural tour, **Girls Night In: The Round** returns for a second run. The highly-anticipated tour is headline by the formidable quarter of singer-songwriters.



# 3:Eats

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

B:Eats will be offering children's meals for £1 throughout the school holiday.

The eatery will run the week-long promotion from Mon 12 Feb to Fri 16 Feb where children's meals will cost just £1 when purchased alongside a full-priced adult meal.

# B:Enchanted by Birmingham Classical

# Season 2023/24

See bmusic.co.uk/bclassical for details of

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



#### Armonico Consort and Rachel Podger: The Forgotten Scarlatti

Mon 12 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Favourite Bach and Vivaldi concertos played by the most famous baroque violinist of our time, and newly-discovered choral masterpieces from Francesco Scarlatti described by le Figaro as "the classical music find of the century".

#### Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra: Fairytales and Legends

Thu 15 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Lose yourself in the romance of Rachmaninov's much-loved Second Piano Concerto with **Nikolai Lugansky** and be captivated by vivid and magical musical tales. Perfect for Valentine's Day... almost!



#### Royal Northern Sinfonia with Julian Bliss

Wed 21 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Julian Bliss is one of the world's finest clarinettists – don't miss the chance to hear him in Mozart's ever-popular Clarinet Concerto, a regular Classic FM favourite. Beethoven's mighty Eroica Symphony closes this exciting concert.

**ECHO Rising Stars** Join the stars of tomorrow in an hour-long concert and enjoy coffee, tea and cake included in your ticket (Sunday mornings only).

#### Sebastian Heindl (organ):

Charlie Chaplin The Gold Rush Sun 4 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Axelle Fanyo (soprano):

Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

#### Sean Shibe (guitar):

Sun 24 Mar

Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM

#### Júlia Pusker (violin):

Sun 28 Apr

Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 11AM



#### China Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra with Tamsin Waley-Cohen

Mon 11 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

East meets West as acclaimed British violinist Tamsin Waley-Cohen joins the China Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra.



Fri 29 Mar | Symphony Hall | 2PM

This anniversary performance includes chorale preludes, motets, congregational hymns and readings to offer a rich experience.



#### Paul Lewis: Schubert Piano Sonatas 4 Thu 11 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM Arguably the finest Schubert interpreter o

Arguably the finest Schubert interpreter of his generation" (Gramophone magazine), Paul Lewis reveals the magic of Schubert's last three sonatas.



#### Leonkoro Quartet

Mon 15 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Praised for their stage presence, fiery vitality and musical empathy, the award-winning **Leonkoro Quartet** play one of Beethoven's all-time great string quartets.



#### **Dresden Philharmonic**

Tchaikovsky's Pathétique

Tue 16 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM Stanislav Kochanovsky guest conducts a

Stanislav Kochanovsky guest conducts a concert of heightened emotion that begins with Mussorgsky's shimmering Dawn over Moscow River and ends with Tchaikovsky's heartwrenching Pathétique Symphony.





#### **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.

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Don't miss **Thomas Trotter**'s future recitals at both Town Hall and Symphony Hall.

Mon 12 Feb | Town Hall | 1PM
Mon 26 Feb | Town Hall | 1PM
Mon 11 Mar | Town Hall | 1 PM
Celebrating International Women's Day

Mon 25 Mar | Town Hall | 1PM Hallelujah with Lichfield Cathedral Choir & Thomas Trotter

Mon 8 Apr | Symphony Hall | 1PM Mon 22 Apr | Town Hall | 1PM Lunchtime Organ Concert with Peter Holder, Westminster Abbey

Book 3 or 4 organ concerts and get **10% off** Book 5 or 6 organ concerts and get **15% off** Book 7 or more organ concerts and get **20% off** 

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# Feb



#### The Gilmour Project

Wed 14 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+, U18s accompanied by an adult

A 5-piece, All-Star ensemble, **The Gilmour Project** quickly gained a reputation for flipping the 'Tribute Band' script on its head, with exploratory performances of iconic and deep cut Pink Floyd classics, David Gilmour-centric and solo compositions, and pulling other surprise classic rock masterpieces out of their hats.

# Tchaikovsky & Beethoven with the CBSO

Wed 14 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Love is in the air for this Valentine's Day concert featuring Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet and Beethoven's Symphony No.2. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further CBSO concerts can be found at cbso.co.uk





#### Midday Mantra: Indian Classical

Sat 17 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1pm

As one of the oldest musical traditions celebrated today, Indian Classical music is a spectacle not to be missed. Known for its hypnotic and peaceful nature, Indian Classical music often leaves listeners in a blissful state, so join Sampad South Asian Arts and Heritage and B:Music for this captivating Midday Mantra.



#### Fireman Sam Live! The Great Camping Adventure

Sat 17 Feb | Town Hall | 3:30PM

Norman wants to go on an adventure to impress his friends, so when two famous animal explorers arrive in Pontypandy, he decides to follow them into the mountains. But when Norman discovers a rare red squirrel, one of the explorers decides to take the glory for themselves, leaving Norman stranded in a cave. Now it's up to **Fireman Sam** to save the day and ensure everyone is safe on their camping adventure!

# **Feb**



#### The World According to Kaleb

Mon 19 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Kaleb has captured the hearts of viewers around the world with his often-frustrating quest to teach Jeremy Clarkson a thing or two about farming, as well as his extremely amusing comments on life, the universe and everything. First and foremost a farmer, Kaleb is now learning something new himself and stepping outside of his beloved Chippy to treat audiences to a rip-roaning riot of a show.

#### **Barbara Dickson**

Tue 20 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Legendary Scottish singer, songwriter, musician and actress Barbara Dickson has announced her Farewell Tour with her full band. Commenting on the announcement Barbara reflects 'I played my first headline tour with full band in 1977. Now, in 2024, I've decided to make this one my last. A memorable occasion and a suitable celebration is required. Come and join us to make this tour the most special of all.'





#### **Rhiannon Giddens**

Thu 22 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

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

Two-time Grammy Award winning singer and instrumentalist, **Rhiannon Giddens** has made a singular, iconic career out of stretching her brand of folk music, with its miles-deep historical roots and contemporary sensibilities, into just about every field imaginable.

#### Rick Wakeman: Return of The Caped Crusader

Fri 23 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Rick Wakeman will perform a set of Yes classics and Journey. To The Centre Of The Earth on Return Of The Caped Crusader.





#### Daniel Sloss: Can't

Fri 23 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 16+

Don't miss the all-new show by Scotland's own international comedy superstar! His previous smash-hits include 'HUBRIS' (the biggest global comedy show for most of 2021 as reported in Pollstar) and the acclaimed, ground-breaking 'X'.

#### Ross Noble: Jibber Jabber Jamboree

Sat 24 Feb | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance: 15

Jibber Jabber Jamboree marks Ross Noble's 21st solo stand-up tour. To celebrate this milestone, he invites you to join him for an evening of the sort of inspired nonsense that has demented his place as the supreme master of stream of conscious freewheeling stand up.



# Alice Roberts: Crypt Mon 26 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

This final instalment of Alice

Roberts' acclaimed trilogy delves into life, death, and disease in the Middle Ages and beyond.

Alice explores archaeological evidence of brutality in medieva England, the impact of incurable epidemics in Europe, and modern science's revelations from the Mary Rose shipwreck.



#### Primary School Assembly Bangers Live!

Tue 27 Feb | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 7:30PM

Join James for an evening of pure nostalgia, stepping back in time for some joyous singalong tunes to take you back to your Primary School days. You won't have to sit cross legged on the school hall floor, but you will be encouraged to sing along!







#### Seth Lakeman: 'Kitty Jay' 20th Anniversary Tour

Wed 28 Feb | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 14+

2024 marks the 20th anniversary of Seth's Mercury award winning album 'Kitty Jay' and Seth will be performing with a band including long-time collaborators Benji Kirkpatrick, Ben Nicholls, Cormac Byrne and Alex Hart.

#### **Lucinda Williams**

Fri 1 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Three-time Grammy Award winner, **Lucinda Williams** has been carving her own path for more than three decades now.

The American rock, folk, blues and country music singer and songwriter has been performing since the late 70s.





#### Asian Spring: A Celebration of Dance

Sun 3 Mar | Town Hall | 4PM

A Celebration of Dance. Asian Spring, Sampad South Asian Arts and Heritage's annual celebration of dance is back for 2024!

Join hundreds of local dancers for an afternoon filled with graceful movements, vibrant colours and captivating beats. From the fluidity of Kathak to the energy of Bhangra, experience the rich tapestry of South Asian culture through dance.

#### Ben Fogle: Wild

Tue 5 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Ben Fogle's new show Wild brings to life on stage, stories and tales of hope, possibility, and positivity.

From his extraordinary encounters with the human and natural world, Ben will take you on a journey with inspiring and uplifting tales of self-discovery, that will leave you enchanted, enlightened, and entertained.





#### **The Pretenders**

Wed 6 Mar | Symphony Hall | 8PM

In the wake of their critically acclaimed new album 'Relentless', the **Chrissle Hynde**-fronted band are coming to Symphony Hall in March.

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".

#### Tony Blackburn: Sound Of The 60s Live

Thu 7 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

An evening of 60s classics performed by the Sounds Of The 60s All Star Band & Singers, hosted by Radio 2's legendary DJ, **Tony Blackburn**.





#### 10cc: The Ultimate Ultimate Greatest Hits Tour 2024 – plus special guest Paul Canning

Fri 8 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

50 years on from their debut album, art pop and soft rock legends **10cc** are coming to Symphony Hall!

The band continue to be one of our most loved and remain a critics favourite.



#### Women In (E) Motion: Black Voices x Agaama x Emily Saunders

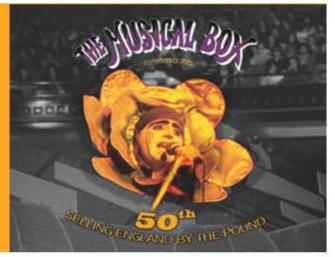
Sat 9 Mar | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 3PM

In celebration of International Women's Day, Europe's finest female a cappella quintet Black Voices join Agaama and Emily Saunders to pay tribute to some of the most iconic women in music. Don't miss this programme of muchloved songs and original music performed by some of the best talent in Birmingham.

#### The Musical Box

Sat 9 Mar | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

The Musical Box is a Quebec based band which for the last 30 years, had the sole mission of re-creating in all its glory the live experience of an early Genesis concert, including the use of vintage instruments and thanks to Tony Banks and Mike Rutherford, the original slides used by Genesis.



#### **Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis**

Sat 9 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Ben Portsmouth brings you his jaw-dropping tribute to The King of Rock and Roll. Ben, from Berkshire, is a singer, songwriter, musician and actor ('Autopsy: The Last Hours of Elvis 2014' & 'Elvis: Are You Lonesome Tonight 2020') and most notably an internationally renowned Elvis Tribute Artist.





#### **Dudley Goes To Symphony Hall**

Sun 10 Mar | Symphony Hall | 11:30AM & 4PM

Two concerts and a series of foyer performances from the young people who attend school and live in the borough of Dudley. The event is co-ordinated by Dudley Performing Arts and will feature 100s of children singing or playing musical instruments. Performances will include large scale choirs, individual soloists, wind bands, string ensembles, guitar and keyboard groups, special school orchestra and projects for beginner instrumentalists.

#### Sasha Velour: The Big Reveal Live Show

Tue 12 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Critically acclaimed gender-fluid drag queen, visual artist, speaker, illustrator, and newly minted author **Sasha Velour** has been a force in the international drag scene long before her scene-stealing, rose-petal-filled win on season nine of the Emmy Award-winning RuPaul's Drag Race.



#### **Tony Hadley: The Big Swing Tour**

Wed 13 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Tony Hadley will perform some of the greatest swing songs from a classic era of music, alongside some stylish reworkings of his own classic hits.

The Big Swing Tour 2024 will see Tony perform songs by the likes of Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, and Frank Sinatra; alongside solo songs as well as Spandau hits like 'True' and 'Gold' that introduced the world to his iconic voice.

#### Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company: Andalucia

Fri 15 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The award-winning Daniel Martinez Flamenco
Company presents its long-awaited second
production Andalucia, a stunning flamenco
production accompanied by a chamber prohestra.





#### **Fastlove**

Fri 15 Mar | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

Fastlove has quickly become a worldwide phenomenon, bringing to life a respectful and moving tribute to the late great George Michael with original band members.

If you have seen Fastlove or are simply a George Michael fan, this is a show not to be missed.

#### **Dirty Dancing Live in Concert**

Sat 16 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Film rated 15

The timeless love story of Baby and Johnny will be brought to life in concert form to celebrate the soundtrack that defined a generation.

The 80s classic will be performed by a live band and singers live to-film on a huge screen.





#### **Justin Hayward**

Sun 17 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

**Justin Hayward OBE** has enjoyed a career which is now in its fifth decade.

He is best known as the vocalist, lead guitarist and composer for the iconic Moody Blues, recording world renowned albums and hit songs.



#### Just My Imagination

Sun 17 Mar | Symphony Hall

Get ready to dance, sing, and groove to the timeless hits of Motown legends
The Temptations, as Just My Imagination - the ultimate celebration of one of the most acclaimed bands in popular music history comes to Symphony Hall.

#### The Circus of Horrors: Dr Hazes Cabaret of Curiosities

Tue 19 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7PM

Age restriction: 16

The 2024 production is the ultimate tribute to Dr Haze the undead ringmaster and the creator of the Circus of Horrors who leaves behind a legacy of bizarre and daring entertainment.



# From The Jam: 'All Mod Cons' 45th Anniversary Tour

Fri 22 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

From The Jam will be performing the whole All Mod Cons album in full along with more hits and fan favourites of The Jam.

# Baroque to Broadway with the CBSO & Danielle de Niese

Fri 22 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30pm

Celebrate the evolution of music, from Handel to Hammerstein, Piazzolla to Piaf, and everything in between!

More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further CBSO concerts can be found at cbso.co.uk





#### **Gipsy Kings**

Sat 23 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes will be bringing their Catalan rumba, flamenco, and salsa party back to the UK in March 2024!

#### Samagamma

Sun 24 Mar | Town Hall | 5:30PM

Embark on a cultural odyssey with Chitraleka Dance Company's spectacular student showcase.

Immerse yourself in the rich traditions and expressive storytelling of Bharatanatyam, as our talented students grace the stage with their exquisite performances.



#### Michael Ball

Mon 25 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Michael Ball is Britain's leading musical theatre star, a double Olivier Award-winning, Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum recording artist and a hugely popular radio and TV presenter. For over 30 years he has been at the top of his game, starring in musical theatre productions including Les Miserablés, Hairspray and Sweeney Todd in the West End and on Broadway.

#### **Cara Dillon: Coming Home**

Wed 27 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

In the world of music, few luminaries shine as brightly as Cara Dillon.

This Irish singer seldom fails to leave audiences spellbound with her breathtaking voice and emotional delivery and has remained at the very pinnacle of the folk genre for over two decades.





#### Tchaikovsky Classics with Birmingham Royal Ballet

Thu 28 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Join Birmingham Royal Ballet and the Royal Ballet Sinfonia as they celebrate the music of legendary composer Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky, composer of the glorious scores for The Sleeping Beauty, "Swan Lake" and "The Nutcracker" - the jewels of ballets classical repertory.



#### Midday Mantra: A Celebration of Holi

Sat 30 Mar | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 1PM

Celebrate the beginning of Spring with a colourful Holi celebration. This Hindu festival is recognisable by the vibrant powder that is thrown and recognises the triumph of good over evil. Sampad South Asian Arts and Heritage and B:Music will be throwing their own Holi celebration, with music, dancing and fun

#### Karl Jenkins' 80th Birthday Concert

Sat 30 Mar | Symphony Hall | 3PM

A global survey in 2011 showed composer Sir Karl Jenkins to be among the most performed living composers.

In this 80th birthday concert, he conducts The Armed Man and other favourites pieces including Palladio, Adieumus and extracts from his new hit album One World.



# STEVIE WONDER

#### The Stevie Wonder Celebration

Sat 30 Mar | Town Hall | 7:30PM

This international hit show brings you four decades of Stevie's classic hits and tracks from his vast songbook. You'll hear wonderfully delivered and truly authentic renditions of his songs including Superstition, Sir Duke, Higher Ground, Master Blaster, Signed Sealed Delivered, I Just Called To Say I Love You Living In The City and many more.

#### **Leigh Francis**

Sun 31 Mar | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance

Under 14s to be accompanied by an adult

Join **Leigh Francis** live at Symphony Hall! Joining him will be his favourite characters, all brought to life in a live environment for the very first time ever.

From Keith Lemon, Bear and Avid Merrion to 'David Dickinson', 'Ant and Dec' and Myrtle, this tour will be packed full of hilarious sketches and audience interaction!

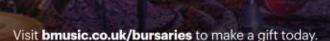


# **Fund a Bursary**

B:Instrumental in a young person's development and open up a world of music making to those who would otherwise be unable to take part.

With the support of generous bursary donors, we can offer a young person the chance to take part in our award-winning talent development programme **B:and Together** for free.

B:Music gives the children a positive space where they can express themselves and nurture their individual talents. Parent



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# Apr



#### **Rumours of Fleetwood Mac**

Wed 3 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Channeling the spirit of Fleetwood Mac at their very best, Rumours of Fleetwood Mac offers a unique apportunity for fans, both old and new, to rediscover the songs and performances that have ensured Fleetwood Mac's place as one of the most loved groups of all time.

#### Giovanni: Let Me Entertain You

Thu 4 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

The Strictly Come Dancing champion and BAFTA winner is the epitome of live entertainment.

Giovanni will be joined by a world class cast of professional dancers and West End performers to bring you an unforgettable experience. A show of non-stop action - prepare to be entertained.



#### Paddington™ in Concert

Fri 5 Apr | Symphony Hall | 3PM

Film rated PG

Watch the award-winning 2014 film on a giant HD screen, accompanied by the London Concert Orchestra playing Nick Urata's calypso-infused score live!

Based on Michael Bond's much-loved books, cherished by families since 1958, the charming story follows the misadventures of a young bear from Peru who travels to London in search of a home.



#### The Residents

Fri 5 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance Under 14 accompanied by an adult 18+

Constantly defying classification, **The Residents** have been regarded as icons in the world of experimental music for fifty years.

#### There's a Monster in Your Show

Sat 6 Apr - Sun 7 Apr | Town Hall | various times

Age Guidance 2+ but children of all ages welcome

Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures for big imaginations are leaping from page to stage, as the beloved 'Who's in Your Book?' series makes its debut as a brand-new musical show.





#### **Kidz Bop: Never Stop Live Tour**

Sat 6 Apr | Symphony Hall | 5PM

Sing and dance along with the **Kidz Bop** Kids as they perform today's biggest hits, live on stage including 'As It Was', 'About That Time', 'Anti-Hero', 'Green Green Grass', 'Trustfall' and many more. This is the ultimate pop concert for kids (and the entire family), so don't miss out on making memories that will last a lifetime!



Mon 8 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Nitin Sawhney CBE, recipient of the Ivor Novello 2017 Lifetime Achievement award, is one of the most distinctive and versatile musical voices around today.

As a touring artist Nitin has played across the globe to include prestigious venues such as Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera House.





#### Frank Sinatra: The Retirement Concert, starring Richard Shelton, with the Syd Lawrence Orchestra

Wed 10 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The acclaimed 1971 Retirement Concert, faithfully recreated by **Richard Shelton**, the world's finest dramatic interpreter of Frank Sinatra, and the **Syd Lawrence Orchestra**, one of the most enduring and popular UK big bands of all time.



#### Daniel O'Reilly: Out of Character

Fri 12 Apr | Town Hall | 8PM

Age restriction: 16

Daniel O'Reilly is still boasting one of the largest, strongest, most loyal and fastest growing social media followings. He has had many characters, but for this live show he's going 'Out Of Character' as he brings the laughs and looks back on the mischief, the mistakes and the madness of his career so far.

#### The Billy Joel Songbook

Sat 13 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The Billy Joel Songbook pays homage to one of the most iconic musicians, singer-songwriters and composers of the 20th Century, and will once again see Elio and his incredible band celebrating the legendary US musician with a unique blend of pop, rhythm and blues, iazz and rock 'n' roll.





#### **Lemar: Closer Tour**

Sun 14 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Lemar will take fans on a journey through his illustrious career, featuring chart-topping hits, fan-favourites, and tracks from his latest album, 'Page in My Heart' as he is joined by his exceptional band in Birmingham Town Hall,



# Champagne for Lulu

Mon 15 Apr | Symphony Hall 7:30PM

Since 15 year-old **Lulu** stormed into the UK charts with her iconic hit, 'Shout', she has established herself as a pioneer of popular culture and now, 60 years later prepares to celebrate her milestone 75th birthday year with fans on her "Champagne For Lulu" tour.

# The Queen's Cartoonists

Fri 19 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Pulling from over 100 years of animation from around the world, **The Queen's Cartoonists** bring animated films to life, perfectly synchronizing their performances with the films projected on stage.







#### Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2024

Sat 20 Apr | Town Hall | 2:30PM & 7:30PM

Experience an unforgettable evening of thrilling adventure up on the big screen! The Banff Mountain Film Festival features a brand-new collection of short films filled with extreme journeys, untamed characters and captivating cinematography!

#### Jethro Tull: The Seven Decades

Sat 20 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

With Ian Anderson as ever central to the performance, this tour will encapsulate the seven decades in which **Jethro Tull** have written and performed music. Through their 23 studio albums, they have continued to push the boundaries of their music.





#### NewlyWeds: The Honeymoon Tour

Sun 21 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

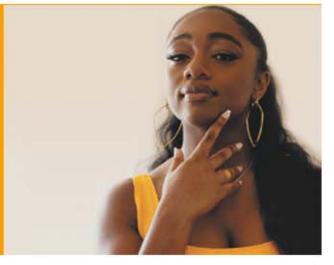
Age restriction: 16+

The nation's favourite newlyweds, Jamie Laing and Sophie Habboo come to Symphony Halli NewlyWeds: The Tour will see Jamie and Sophie, sharing their hilarious experiences navigating married life leaving no stone unturned.

#### Samara Joy

Thu 25 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

With her Grammy Award winning and chart-topping album, Linger Awhile, 23-year-old Samara Joy makes her case to join the likes of Sarah, Ella, and Billie as the next mononymous jazz singing sensation recorded by the vanacable Vanue Records





#### **Closet Confessions Live**

Fri 26 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance 16+

The dynamic duo are back, sharing even more laugh-out-loud confessions and sizzling hot takes. Sunday Times bestselling author, journalist, and TV presenter Candice Brathwalte, along with presenter, actor, and TikTok comedy sensation Coco Sarel, are bringing their hit podcast, 'Closet Confessions', to Town Hall

#### **Lost in Music**

Fri 26 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Join us as we recreate the magical 70s and let us take you on a musical journey straight to the heart of disco! Relive some of the greatest songs of all time from artists such as Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Earth, Wind & Fire, Sister Sledge and Chic.





#### **Average White Band**

Sat 27 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

The Average White Band, one of the best soul and funk bands of all-time, are on their farewell tour!

Formed in London in 1972, the six-piece band somewhat incongruously, given their Scottish roots, took the influences of their R&B heroes such as Marvin Gaye, James Brown and Donny Hathaway and developed their own authentic sound which was eagerly adopted by black audiences in the US and elsewhere.



#### **Bear Grylls: The Never Give Up Tour**

Sat 27 Apr | Symphony Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance Suitable for all ages U14s accompanied by an adult

The global adventurer, Award-winning TV host and number 1 best-selling author finds his way to Symphony Hall to inspire and captivate audiences of all ages with stories of adventure and survival.

### African Fusion Feat. Abel Selaocoe and the CBSO

Sun 28 Apr | Symphony Hall | 3PM

This genre-defying performance from South African cellist **Abel Selaocoe** seamlessly blends musical styles – incorporating improvisation, singing and body percussion. More information about B:Music's resident orchestra and further **CBSO** concerts can be found at **cbso.co.uk** 





#### Stardew Valley: Festival of Seasons

Sun 28 Apr | Town Hall | 7PM

mmerse yourself in the melodies of nature, as a chamber orchestra brings to life the music of Stardew Valley!

Stardew Valley: Festival of Seasons is an intimate, immersive live concert featuring fresh arrangements of the most cherishe songs from the game's mesmerizing soundtrack.

#### Hollie McNish: The Lobster Tour

Sun 28 Apr | Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space | 7:30PM Age Guidance 14+ Includes adult content

Hollie McNish is back with a brand new book, 'Lobster and Other Things I'm Learning To Love'. A Sunday Times bestselling writer whose live readings are not to be missed, expect strong language and adult content, gift-wrapped in gorgeously crafted poetry.





#### **Charles Esten**

Tue 30 Apr | Town Hall | 7:30PM

Age Guidance U14s accompanied by an adult

Charles Esten explores life, love, and the passing of time through the lens of a travelled and tested everyman, who has never lost his innate sense of wonder, or his wide-open soul over the course of his debut album, 'Love Ain't Pretty'.

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**Strictly Come Dancing:** The Professionals

Thu 2 May & Fri 3 May Symphony Hall

An Audience with Aggers and Tuffers

Mon 6 May Town Hall





The Classic Tales of YES

Sat 1 June Symphony Hall

Britpop Classical featuring Simon Fowler (Ocean Colour Scene) and more

Sat 8 June Symphony Hall





Anton Du Beke and Giovanni Pernice: Together

Fri 12 July Symphony Hall

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