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SUMMER SEASON 2023

The Marlowe, winner of the UK Theatre Workforce Award



Backstage at The Marlowe, photo by Chris Duncan



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Welcome to our Summer season at The Marlowe.

Our programme is packed with world class theatre, musicals, dance, music, comedy and opera.

You'll find some intriguing connections between shows. Writer Danny Robins' fright-filled West End sensation *2:22 A Ghost Story* sits alongside his hit podcast *Uncanny*. If classic murder mysteries are more your cup of tea, then Lucy Worsley's insights into the extraordinary life of Agatha Christie is the perfect companion piece to Lucy Bailey's spine-tingling production of *And Then There Were None*. And environmental awareness runs right through the season.

Our Learning and Participation team are busy running workshops in schools and youth centres around Kent, beginning the search for young actors who will join our professional cast in Dawn King's play about climate change *The Trials*. Workshop auditions will be held in Ashford, Chatham, Dover, Ramsgate and Canterbury. See Page 48 for more details.

Behind the scenes, we are delighted to have been awarded the UK Theatre Workforce Award, gaining national recognition for The Marlowe's sector-leading programme of support for our staff. As Kent's biggest Performing Arts employer, we are playing our part in making Kent a great place to live, work and study.

We are also ramping up our support for young people making the transition from school to work or further education. We recently had over a hundred applicants for two new Technical Apprenticeships and this year we have provided nearly 30 work placements to local young people. Soon we'll be launching a major new initiative with East Kent College group, in a unique arts/education partnership.

We look forward to welcoming you through the doors of Kent's powerhouse for the performing arts!

Deborah Shaw
Chief Executive



Backstage at The Marlowe



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After listening to feedback, you can now book two tickets for 16-26-year-olds in the same transaction. We've also added Discovery Tickets to more performance dates than before!

Looking for some recommendations?

You might have read Shakespeare at school, but have you seen his characters come to life on stage?

> We recommend the Royal Shakespeare Company's *Julius Caesar*.

Ever heard the power of an opera singer projecting their voice across a whole theatre?

> English Touring Opera visit us in April.

Passionate about the fight against climate change?

> Don't miss the searing new play, *The Trials*.

Ever seen world-class dancers tell a story solely through the movement of their bodies?

> Discover Akram Khan's *Jungle Book reimagined*.

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See our website or contact our box office for a complete list of applicable shows. The multi-buy offer is subject to availability and is available on the top 4 prices, apart from *Live At The Marlowe* where it applies to the top two prices. The offer applies to tickets purchased in the same transaction and cannot be applied retrospectively or used in conjunction with any other offer. Offer applies to bookings of equal numbers of tickets for each show.



ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Julius Caesar

Julius Caesar. A divisive leader who holds awesome power.

Concerned that Caesar poses a threat to democracy, revolutionaries take the violent decision to murder him. They have no plan for what comes next. As the world spins out of control, chaos, horror and superstition rush in to fill the void. Civil war erupts and a new leader must rise: but at what cost?

The Royal Shakespeare Company returns with a fast-paced political thriller, directed by Atri Banerjee. Atri was listed in The Stage 25 as one-to-watch in 2022 and previously won Best Director at The Stage Debut Awards in 2019. His fresh interpretation of Shakespeare's timeless story forces us all to consider how far we would go for our political principles.

THU 20-SAT 22 APR 2023
THE THEATRE


Evenings 7.30pm
Thu & Sat matinees 2pm


Prices from £15*


Book your tickets early to get the best price. *Our prices change with demand. For the latest information call us or visit our website.

Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets
Groups
Under 16yrs

Schools £10 tickets (booking by phone or in person)

 Audio described performance
Sat 22 Apr 2pm

 Captioned performance
Sat 22 Apr 7.30pm

 BSL integrated performance
All performances

Show Talk Fri 21 Apr, post-show, free, BSL interpreted



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English Touring Opera



Times 7.30pm

Prices from £15*

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Sung in Italian with English subtitles.



Show multi-buy

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FRI 28 APR 2023

Handel's Giulio Cesare

One of Handel's most celebrated operas

Giulio Cesare (Julius Caesar), Rome's most powerful man meets his match in Egypt's legendary queen Cleopatra in this thrilling tale of love, intrigue and revenge.

Giulio Cesare is a majestic opera, filled with a treasure trove of great arias and music which crackles with immense dramatic intensity.

SAT 29 APR 2023

Rossini's *Il viaggio a Reims*

Rossini's comic masterpiece.

Sublime music and riotous comedy with a satirical edge combine in *Il viaggio a Reims (The Journey To Reims)*.

A group of the pampered and privileged arrive in a spa town on their way to a fabulous coronation, but lost luggage, politics, posturing and romance ensure that even the best-laid plans can go wrong.



RIDICULUSMUS THEATRE COMPANY

Beautiful People

THU 27-SAT 29 APR 2023
THE STUDIO

A hilariously funny dark comedy about aging and death.

In an age where death and grieving are medicalised out of existence, meet an incredibly old couple called Violet and Norman. Time is slow, but things speed up occasionally when it's time for coffee, or when a shady figure called Arthur arrives and stirs confusing memories of a love triangle.

8pm

Tickets £15

Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets
Groups

Schools £10 tickets (booking by phone or in person)

Recommended 13yrs+



An Evening With Anton Du Beke

TUE 2 MAY 2023
THE THEATRE

Strictly Come Dancing legend and judge, Anton Du Beke, takes to the stage.

With his live band, a guest singer and his dancers, expect a fab-u-lous evening of song, dance and laughter.

Anton will be performing some of his favourite songs and dances that have inspired his career throughout his life.

7.30pm

Prices from £27.50*

Discounts (on selected seats)
Marlowe members (5% off)



David Walliams' Demon Dentist

THU 4-SUN 7 MAY 2023
THE THEATRE

A brand-new family adventure from David Walliams.

Join Alfie and Gabz on this fabulous adventure, as they investigate the strange events happening in their home town! Children are leaving their teeth for the tooth fairy and waking up to find odd things under their pillows! Alfie and Gabz are determined to get to the bottom of the mystery – but no-one could have dreamt what they discover, when they come face to face with the demon dentist herself in this hilarious and thrilling story!

Don't miss this terrific tale from the West End producers of David Walliams' *Gangsta Granny* and *Billionaire Boy*, which were both nominated for an Olivier Award.

Thu 7pm
Fri 10.30am & 7pm
Sat & Sun 11am & 3pm

Prices from £12.50*

Discounts (on selected performances)

Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets (Thu & Fri)
Under 16yrs
Groups (Thu & Fri)

Schools £10 tickets (Thu & Fri, booking by phone or in person)

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BILL KENWRIGHT PRESENTS A THEATR CLWYD AND NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION

Home, I'm Darling

Directed by Tamara Harvey & Hannah Noone

Design by Anna Fleischle

Lighting Design by Lucy Carter

Sound Design by Tom Gibbons

Choreography by Charlotte Broom

Laura Wade's Olivier award-winning comedy.

How happily married are the happily married?

Every couple needs a little fantasy to keep their marriage sparkling. But behind the gingham curtains, things start to unravel, and being a domestic goddess is not as easy as it seems...

BAFTA-winner Jessica Ransom (*Doc Martin*, *Armstrong And Miller*, *Horrible Histories*) leads the cast in this thought-provoking new comedy by Laura Wade (*Posh/The Riot Club*) about one woman's quest to be the perfect 1950s housewife. This production reunites the entire original creative team led by Theatr Clwyd Artistic Director and Co-Director Designate of the Royal Shakespeare Company, Tamara Harvey.

"A cracking new play." MAIL ON SUNDAY

Recommended 12yrs+

TUE 9-SAT 13 MAY 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £15*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
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Discovery Tickets (Tue-Thu)
Groups (Tue-Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue-Thu,
booking by phone or in person)



BSL interpreted performance
Fri 12 May 7.30pm

Theatr Clwyd **National Theatre**



Breakin' Convention

The world's biggest festival of hip hop dance comes to Canterbury.

Breakin' Convention, the world's ground-breaking festival of hip hop dance is back with a fresh new line up!

Expect jaw-dropping and inspiring performances from internationally celebrated lockers Ghetto Funk Collective, Mover, and pole dance artist Yvonne Smink, in a festival that showcases local talent alongside global sensations.

Hosted and curated by UK hip hop theatre legend and *Breakin' Convention* Artistic Director Jonzi D, the festival also features DJs, graffiti artists and freestyle sessions taking place all over the building. Join us for this ultimate celebration of hip hop culture.

Run out of Sadler's Wells in London, *Breakin' Convention* has been leading the hip hop theatre revolution since 2004.

SAT 20 MAY 2023

THE THEATRE

7pm

Tickets £22

Book your tickets early to get the best price *Our prices change with demand. For the latest information call us or visit our website.

Discounts (on selected performances)

Marlowe members (5% off)

Discovery Tickets

Under 16yrs

Groups

Schools £10 tickets (booking by phone or in person)



ROALD DAHL'S
CHARLIE
AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
THE MUSICAL



Charlie And The Chocolate Factory: The Musical

The smash-hit musical based on Roald Dahl's iconic story.

Roald Dahl's *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory: The Musical*, the devilishly delicious tale of young golden ticket winner Charlie Bucket and the mysterious confectionary wizard Willy Wonka, is embarking on its first ever UK & Ireland Tour. This dazzling new production of the successful West End and Broadway musical will take you to a world of pure imagination.

Based on the novel by Roald Dahl and the Warner Bros. film, The Leeds Playhouse production of *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory: The Musical* features songs from the motion picture by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, as well as a host of new numbers. This sensational musical is choc-full of fantastical treats to dazzle your senses.

Don't miss out, grab your Golden Ticket now!

WED 24 MAY-SAT 3 JUN 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7pm

Wed, Thu, Sat & Sun matinees 2pm

Prices from £15*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets (Tue-Thu)
Groups (Tue-Thu)



Audio described performance
Sun 28 May 2pm



BSL interpreted performance
Thu 1 Jun 2pm



ATTICIST AND ELLIE KEEL PRODUCTIONS

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THU 25-SAT 27 MAY 2023

THE STUDIO

A contemporary thriller with ancient roots.

When a woman tells a lie to her girlfriend, a seed is planted that starts to grow in the darkness. Now roots are cracking up through the pavement and branches are coming in at the windows, and – as she starts to see things that no one else can – she becomes the focus of some seriously unwanted attention.

A new play about passion, power, and photosynthesis.

“A glorious tapestry of a play.” THE GUARDIAN

8pm

Tickets £15

Discounts (on selected performances)

Marlowe members (5% off)

Discovery Tickets

Groups

Schools £10 tickets (booking by phone or in person)

Recommended 14yrs+

This show contains distressing themes, scenes of a sexual nature, scenes of sexual violence, and strong language.



The Alternative Comedy Show

THU 1 JUN &

WED 20 SEP 2023

THE STUDIO

A celebration of comic ideas and originality.

From the sublime to the ridiculously surreal, this is a night of comedy at the cutting edge.

This unique show gives you the chance to see some of the most exciting and innovative comedians on the circuit.

May contain adult themes and language.

Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

8pm

Tickets £14

Discounts

Marlowe members (10% off during priority period. 5% off outside priority period)
Discovery Tickets



Sister Act

Brace yourselves, sisters – the habit is coming to Canterbury direct from London!

Don't miss this eagerly anticipated, brand-new production of the Broadway and UK smash-hit musical *Sister Act*.

All your prayers have been answered with a stunning cast, including TV and West End legend Lesley Joseph, West End sensation and *Hairspray* favourite Lizzie Bea and *Emmerdale* and *Waitress* star Sandra Marvin as Deloris, everyone's favourite nun on the run!

Featuring original music by Tony® and 8-time Oscar® award-winner Alan Menken (Disney's *Aladdin*, *Enchanted*) and songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco, this heavenly musical is joyous and uplifting in equal measure. *Sister Act* is the brilliant, must-see musical sent from above!

"The most joyful show I've seen all year, bar nun!"

★★★★★ THE SUN

"An irresistibly great time – thank God it's finally here."

★★★★★ INDEPENDENT

"One of the best things I've ever seen on stage."

★★★★★ DAILY STAR SUNDAY

MON 12-SAT 17 JUN 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £15*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets (Tue-Thu)
Groups (Tue-Thu)

CAP Captioned performance
Sat 17 Jun 2.30pm

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Discovery Tickets
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FRI 6 OCT 2023

Leia Zhu Plays The Lark Ascending

Chloé van Soeterstède
conductor

Leia Zhu violin

Schubert Symphony No. 5
Vaughan Williams The Lark
Ascending

Mendelssohn Symphony
No. 4, 'Italian'

**A concert taking us from
England to Italy.**

Already captivating audiences with her musical maturity, 16-year-old violinist Leia Zhu is a star in the making. Leia Zhu takes on one of the best-loved works in the repertoire: Vaughan Williams's *The Lark Ascending*.

Chloé van Soeterstède opens the concert with exuberant music from a 19-year-old Schubert, before whisking us off to Italy in Mendelssohn's sunny Fourth Symphony.

MON 18 DEC 2023

Philharmonia Brass At Christmas

**Join the Brass Ensemble for
a feast of festive favourites.**

There's something irresistibly Christmassy about the sound of brass instruments, their warm tones blending together like a choir of carol singers. The Philharmonia brass section have long been celebrated for their style, finesse and high-quality ensemble playing – as well as their infectious sense of camaraderie.

SUN 14 JAN 2024

Philharmonia At The Oscars

Stephen Bell conductor

**A concert packed full of music
from award-winning films.**

Join the Philharmonia for a night at the Oscars in this concert packed full of music from award-winning films. Spanning from black and white classics to recent blockbusters, the programme includes highlights from *Out Of Africa*, *Raiders Of The Lost Ark*, *Schindler's List* and many more.

SUN 25 FEB 2024

Tchaikovsky And Prokofiev With Esther Yoo

Emilia Hoving conductor

Esther Yoo violin

SIBELIUS Lemminkäinen
Suite: Lemminkäinen's
Return

PROKOFIEV Violin
Concerto No. 1

TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony
No. 5

**Renowned soloist Esther Yoo
performs Prokofiev.**

Yoo turns her attention to a Russian work written on the brink of the Revolution: Prokofiev's First Violin Concerto.

Emilia Hoving conducts Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 and exhilarating music by Sibelius – who was deeply influenced by Tchaikovsky.

SUN 5 MAY 2024

Santtu Conducts Dvořák And Tchaikovsky

Santtu-Matias Rouvali
conductor

Pavel Kolesnikov piano

DVOŘÁK Slavonic Dances
Op. 46 Nos. 1–3

TCHAIKOVSKY Piano
Concerto No. 1

DVOŘÁK Symphony No. 7

**The Philharmonia's Principal
Conductor is joined by top
pianist Pavel Kolesnikov.**

Pavel Kolesnikov reimagines Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto. Enjoy his refreshing take on one of the most ravishing of all piano concertos.

Santtu takes the helm for music that shows us two very different sides to Dvořák.

MON 5 JUN 2023

Santtu Conducts Beethoven

Santtu-Matias Rouvali
conductor

Eldbjørg Hemsing violin

Beethoven Overture:
Egmont

Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1

Beethoven Symphony No. 2

**Enjoy a captivating
programme of Beethoven
and Bruch.**

Acclaimed Norwegian violinist Eldbjørg Hemsing presents Bruch's resplendent first violin concerto.



Live At The Marlowe

**SAT 24 JUN, SAT 1 JUL
& SAT 7 OCT 2023**
THE THEATRE

7.30pm

Prices from £15*

Book your tickets early to get the best price. *Our prices change with demand. For the latest information call us or visit our website.

Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (10% off during priority period. 5% off outside priority period)
Discovery Tickets

Your chance to see top TV comics alongside the cream of the UK's emerging comedy talent.

July's line-up is headlined by *Mock The Week* and *Great British Menu* star, Ed Gamble. He will be joined by Daniel Foxx (Brighton Fringe Award Winner), Lara Ricote (Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer winner) and Aurie Styla (*ITV's Jonathan Ross' Comedy Club* and *Don't Hate The Playaz*).

The line-up for future shows will be announced later in the year, but previous headliners have included Tom Allen, James Acaster, Sara Pascoe and Nina Conti.

Contains adult themes and language. Line-ups are subject to change.

Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

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AKRAM KHAN COMPANY

Jungle Book reimagined

Akram Khan, one of the world's great dance artists, comes to Canterbury with his magical dance-theatre retelling of Kipling's classic, set against the backdrop of the climate crisis.

In a near-future world, a family is torn apart as they escape their homeland ravaged by the impact of climate change. Arriving alone in a deserted modern city, and with wild animals claiming the streets as their own, the child soon discovers unlikely allies in this strange new jungle.

Featuring an original score, ten international dancers and state-of-the-art animation and visuals, Akram and his team have reinvented the journey of Mowgli through the eyes of a climate refugee.

“Jungle Book reimagined feels like a blockbuster cinematic experience with a powerful message for us all. It's truly exceptional.”

★★★★★ THE STAGE

**WED 28 & THU 29 JUN
2023**

THE THEATRE

7.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets
Groups

Schools £10 tickets (booking by phone or in person)

Post Show Q&A

Wed 28 Jun, free



A SADLER'S WELLS & UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK PRODUCTION

Message In A Bottle

Directed and Choreographed by Kate Prince

Based on the songs of Sting

With ZooNation: The Kate Prince Company

A new dance-theatre show set to the music of Sting.

The peaceful village of Bebko is alive with joyous celebrations. Suddenly, under attack, everything changes forever. Three siblings, Leto, Mati and Tana, must embark on perilous journeys in order to survive.

Message In A Bottle is a spectacular new dance-theatre show from triple-Olivier award nominee, Kate Prince (*Everybody's Taking About Jamie*) inspired by and set to the iconic hits of 17-time Grammy award-winning artist Sting, including *Every Breath You Take*, *Roxanne*, *Walking On The Moon* and more. With a mix of exhilarating dance styles and breath-taking athleticism, *Message In A Bottle* tells a unifying and uplifting story of humanity and hope.

"It is a triumph. A big-hearted treat bursting at the seams with delights for music and dance fans.

Please, please do not miss this wonderful show."

★★★★★ SUNDAY EXPRESS

Contains some scenes of an adult nature.

TUE 4-SAT 8 JUL 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7pm

Thu & Sat matinee 2pm

Prices from £15*

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Discovery Tickets (Tue-Thu)
Groups (Tue-Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue-Thu, booking by phone or in person)



42nd Street

It's big... it's bright... it's a brand-spanking new production of the original showbiz musical!

Jonathan Church (*Singin' In The Rain*) directs the iconic song-and-dance spectacular featuring a hit parade of toe-tapping songs including *42nd Street*, *We're In The Money*, *Lullaby Of Broadway*, *Shuffle Off To Buffalo* and *I Only Have Eyes For You*.

Choreographed and designed by Olivier award-winners Bill Deamer and Rob Jones, *42nd Street* is a timeless and inspiring showbiz fairy tale that combines breath-taking tap dance routines, backstage intrigue, classic romance and delightful comedy to dazzling effect. It's simply irresistible!

42nd Street is a larger-than-life, massively entertaining celebration of musicals and the irrepressible spirit of Broadway that's guaranteed to lift anyone's spirits.

Don't miss it!

THU 13–SAT 22 JUL 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Thu, Sat & Sun matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £15*

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Groups (Tue-Thu)

Schools £15 tickets (Tue-Thu, booking by phone or in person)



Audio described performance
Wed 19 Jul 7.30pm



BSL interpreted performance
Thu 20 Jul 7.30pm



THE NATIONAL THEATRE

The Ocean At The End Of The Lane

Based on the novel by Neil Gaiman
Adapted by Joel Horwood

From the imagination of best-selling author Neil Gaiman comes the National Theatre's major new stage adaptation.

This 'spellbinding' (Daily Telegraph) spectacular from the producers of *War Horse* and *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time* is a thrilling adventure of fantasy, myth and friendship, taking audiences on an epic journey to a childhood once forgotten.

Returning to his childhood home, a man finds himself standing beside the pond of the old Sussex farmhouse where he used to play. He's transported to his 12th birthday when his remarkable friend Lettie claimed it wasn't a pond, but an ocean—a place where everything is possible...

"This knockout production is theatre at its best."

★★★★★ INDEPENDENT

Recommended 12yrs+

This production explores adult themes that some people may find distressing or frightening.

TUE 25–SAT 29 JUL 2023
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Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

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AD Audio described performance
Thu 27 Jul 7.30pm

CAP Captioned performance
Fri 28 Jul 7.30pm

 BSL interpreted performance
Sat 29 Jul 2.30pm



THE OFFICIAL
TAKE THAT MUSICAL
**GREATEST
DAYS**

The Official Take That Musical

Greatest Days

Story by Tim Firth

Featuring the music of Take That

Relight Your Fire with this sensational new production of Take That's smash-hit musical *Greatest Days*.

Greatest Days features more than 15 record-breaking Take That songs, alongside a heart-warming and hilarious story of love, loss and laughter from award-winning writer Tim Firth that will make your heart *Shine*.

Previously titled *The Band*, the show broke box office records and delighted audiences around the UK.

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Take That's first ever UK number 1 single *Pray* and coinciding with the summer 2023 release of the official movie of this smash-hit musical – *Greatest Days* is sure to be a night out at the theatre you will *Never Forget*.

“Will make you laugh, dance and sing your heart out.”

THE SUN

“An utter joy.”

★★★★★ DAILY MAIL

**MON 31 JUL–SAT 5 AUG
2023**

THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Groups (Mon-Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Mon-Thu,
booking by phone or in person)



ROCKEFELLER PRODUCTIONS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ROYO, AND IN ASSOCIATION WITH DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

Disney's

Winnie The Pooh

The New Musical Stage Adaptation

Created by Jonathan Rockefeller

Disney's iconic Winnie the Pooh, Christopher Robin and their best friends Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Roo, Rabbit, and Owl (oh... and don't forget Tigger too!) have come to life in a beautifully crafted musical stage adaptation.

Featuring the Sherman Brothers' classic Grammy award-winning music with further songs by A.A. Milne, this beautiful fresh stage adaptation is told with stunning life-sized puppetry through the eyes of the characters we all know and love, in a new story from the Hundred Acre Wood.

Created by renowned family entertainment creator Jonathan Rockefeller, this new adventure heads to the UK following a record-breaking New York premiere in 2021.

FRI 18-SUN 20 AUG 2023
THE THEATRE

Fri & Sat evenings 5pm
Sat & Sun mornings 11am
Sat & Sun matinees 2pm

Prices from £20*

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Discovery Tickets
Groups



BILL KENWRIGHT PRESENTS WILLY RUSSELL'S

Blood Brothers

Written by Willy Russell

Willy Russell's acclaimed musical is back!

The legendary *Blood Brothers* tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences.

Few musicals have received quite such acclaim as the multi-award-winning *Blood Brothers*. Bill Kenwright's production surpassed 10,000 performances in London's West End, one of only three musicals ever to achieve that milestone. It has been affectionately christened the 'Standing Ovation Musical', as inevitably it "brings the audience cheering to its feet and roaring its approval" (Daily Mail).

The superb score includes *Bright New Day*, *Marilyn Monroe* and the emotionally charged hit *Tell Me It's Not True*.

"Exhilarating... One of the best musicals ever written."

SUNDAY TIMES

TUE 22–SAT 26 AUG 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

Book your tickets early to get the best price. *Our prices change with demand. For the latest information call us or visit our website.

Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (10% off during priority period. 5% off outside priority period)
Discovery Tickets (Tue–Thu)
Groups (Tue–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue–Thu, booking by phone or in person)

CAP Captioned performance
Thu 24 Aug 2.30pm



A MARLOWE THEATRE PRODUCTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DONMAR WAREHOUSE

The Trials

By Dawn King

In the near future a jury of young people hold their elders to account for crimes against the planet.

The near future.

The climate crisis is unfolding, and our generation is being judged.

The jurors? Children. But are they delivering justice, or serving revenge?

“It’s easy for you to accuse me now but you don’t understand. Everyone lived like we did! Well maybe not everyone, everyone. But... I wasn’t any worse than anyone else.”

Premiered in the UK in a sell-out run at the Donmar Warehouse last summer, the baton is now passed to The Marlowe to create this new made-in-Kent production using the same environmentally sustainable principles. Check our website for updates and for news of the surrounding programme of events and talks.

Recommended 12yrs+

Auditions to find the young cast of 12 jurors will take place throughout May. To find out more about taking part check out The Trials Project page on our website.

**THU 31 AUG–SAT 2 SEP
2023**
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm

Sat matinee 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

Book your tickets early to get the best price. *Our prices change with demand. For the latest information call us or visit our website.

Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets
Under 18yrs
Groups

Schools £10 tickets (booking by phone or in person)

DONMAR



The Rocky Horror Show

Richard O'Brien's legendary rock 'n' roll musical celebrates 50 years of fun!

The longest continuous run of a contemporary musical anywhere in the world, *The Rocky Horror Show* has been seen by 30 million people and continues to delight audiences on its sell-out tour.

Follow two squeaky clean college kids – Brad and Janet. When by a twist of fate, their car breaks down outside a creepy mansion, they meet the charismatic Dr Frank'n'Furter. It is an adventure they'll never forget, filled with fun, frolics, frocks, and frivolity.

Directed by Christopher Luscombe, *The Rocky Horror Show* is ready to thrill you with fun and naughty moments, and features timeless classics including *Sweet Transvestite*, *Damn It Janet*, and of course, the pelvic-thrusting show-stopping *Time Warp*.

Recommended 14yrs+. Be warned, this show has rude parts!

MON 4–SAT 9 SEP 2023
THE THEATRE

Mon–Thu evenings 7.30pm

Fri & Sat matinees 5pm

Fri & Sat evenings 8.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discovery Tickets Groups (Mon–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Mon–Thu, booking by phone or in person)



A GHOST STORY

2:22 A Ghost Story

Written by Danny Robins

Directed by Matthew Dunster & Isabel Marr

The new stage phenomenon that has taken the West End by storm now comes to Canterbury.

Winner of Best New Play at the Whatsonstage Awards, this edge-of-your-seat, supernatural thriller is written by Danny Robins, creator of the hit BBC podcasts *Uncanny* and *The Battersea Poltergeist*, and comes fresh from record-breaking seasons at four West End theatres with a host of acclaimed star performances (including among others Lily Allen, Cheryl, Stephanie Beatriz, Tom Felton, Jake Wood and James Buckley).

It's a brilliantly funny and adrenaline-filled night where secrets emerge and ghosts may or may not appear... What do you believe? And do you dare discover the truth?

Cast to be announced.

"A modern classic." ★★★★★ SUNDAY TIMES

"A cracking supernatural thriller!" ★★★★★ TIME OUT

TUE 12–SAT 16 SEP 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discovery Tickets
Groups (Tue–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue–Thu, booking by phone or in person)



Captioned performance
Thu 14 Sep 7.30pm



DANCE CONSORTIUM PRESENTS

Ailey 2

Universally renowned for merging the spirit and energy of the finest early-career dance talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding and emerging choreographers.

Dance Magazine calls *Ailey 2* "second to none" and The New York Times declares, "There's nothing like an evening spent with *Ailey 2*, the younger version of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater."

For their return to the UK, *Ailey 2* brings an exciting repertory featuring Francesca Harper's futuristic *Freedom Series* (excerpt), Robert Battle's thrilling *The Hunt*, the incredible energy of William Forsythe's *Enemy In The Figure* (excerpt), and Alvin Ailey's beloved masterpiece *Revelations*.

Founded by Alvin Ailey, the company embodies his pioneering mission to establish an extended cultural community that provides dance performances, training, and community programs for all people. Since its 1974 inception, *Ailey 2* has flourished into one of the most popular modern dance companies, combining a rigorous touring schedule with extensive community outreach programs.

TUE 19 & WED 20 SEP 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
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Discovery Tickets
Groups

Schools £10 tickets (booking by phone or in person)

Post Show Q&A

Tue 19 Sep, free

Agatha Christie's

And Then There Were None

Directed by Lucy Bailey

"None of us will ever leave this island."

Ten strangers are lured to a solitary mansion off the coast of Devon. When a storm cuts them off from the mainland, the true reason for their presence on the island becomes horribly clear.

Directed by Lucy Bailey (*Witness For The Prosecution*, *Love From A Stranger*), this brand-new production of the best-selling crime novel of all time will keep you on the edge of your seat...

Don't miss Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*, coming to Canterbury this Autumn.

"Gripping entertainment."

★★★★ THE TIMES ON LUCY BAILEY'S *LOVE FROM A STRANGER*

"Bailey turns the screw with every scene."

★★★★ WHATSONSTAGE ON LUCY BAILEY'S *GASLIGHT*

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TUE 10–SAT 14 OCT 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discovery Tickets
Groups (Tue–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue–Thu,
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BSL interpreted performance
Wed 11 Oct 7.30pm



The Drifters Girl

Direct from the West End, *The Drifters Girl* comes to Canterbury as part of a major UK tour.

Nominated for Best New Musical at the 2022 Olivier Awards, this smash-hit show has audiences on their feet night after night with a phenomenal soundtrack packed full of iconic Drifters hits including *Saturday Night At The Movies*, *Save The Last Dance For Me*, and *Stand By Me*.

Discover the remarkable story of The Drifters and the truth about the woman who made them. From the highs of hit records to the lows of legal battles and personal tragedy, Faye Treadwell was the legendary manager of The Drifters who refused to give up on the group she loved.

Thirty years, and hundreds of hit songs later, there is no doubt that Faye Treadwell was and always will be, *The Drifters Girl*.

“A great night out.” ★★★★★ DAILY EXPRESS

“Joyously irresistible.” ★★★★★ SUNDAY EXPRESS

“Hit after hit in this sensational show.” SMOOTH RADIO

TUE 17–SAT 21 OCT 2023
THE THEATRE


Evenings 7.30pm
Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Tickets from £15*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets
Groups (Tue–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue–Thu,
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 Captioned performance
Fri 20 Oct 7.30pm



Life Of Pi

Based on the novel by Yann Martel

Adapted by Lolita Chakrabarti

Directed by Max Webster

Based on the best-selling book by Yann Martel, the critically acclaimed five-star hit show comes to Canterbury.

Winner of five Olivier Awards, including Best New Play! After conquering the West End and Broadway, the five-star 'theatrical phenomenon' (Telegraph) embarks on its biggest adventure yet.

Jaw-dropping visuals and world-class puppetry combine in a unique and 'breath-taking' (The Times) theatrical event that is 'a wonder to behold' (Daily Mail).

After an epic storm in the Pacific Ocean, Pi is stranded on a lifeboat with four other survivors – a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan, and a Royal Bengal tiger.

Based on the global phenomenon and winner of the Man Booker Prize, selling over fifteen million copies worldwide, *Life Of Pi* is the acclaimed and hugely popular adaptation of an epic journey of endurance and hope.

"It will make you believe in the power of theatre."

★★★★★ SUNDAY TIMES

MON 23-SAT 28 OCT 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm

Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)

Marlowe members (5% off)

Discovery Tickets

Groups (Tue-Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue-Thu, booking by phone or in person)



Dirty Dancing

The classic story on stage.

Dirty Dancing returns, exploding with heart-pounding music, breath-taking emotion and sensationally sexy dancing.

Seen by millions across the globe this worldwide smash-hit tells the classic story of Baby and Johnny, two fiercely independent young spirits from different worlds, who come together in what will be the most challenging and triumphant summer of their lives.

See the hit film come to life before your eyes with this fantastic, emotional and triumphant live stage show.

The iconic story features the hit songs *Hungry Eyes*, *Hey! Baby, Do You Love Me?* and the heart stopping *(I've Had) The Time Of My Life*, and an incredible cast of dancers.

"The stage version is phenomenon." SUNDAY MIRROR

Recommended 14yrs+

**TUE 31 OCT-
SAT 4 NOV 2023**
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm

Sat matinee 2.30pm

Fri performances 5pm & 8.30pm

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Discovery Tickets
Groups (Tue-Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue-Thu, booking by phone or in person)



A CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE PRODUCTION

Quiz

Starring Rory Bremner in the Coughing Major Millionaire Scandal.

Rory Bremner, Britain's top satirical impressionist, stars as Chris Tarrant in James Graham's thrilling, entertaining and provocative drama, *Quiz*, directed by Daniel Evans and Seán Linnen.

September 2001: the nation is gripped by a scandal that remains, to this day, a mystery. In an outrageously audacious heist, Charles Ingram, aka the Coughing Major, and his accomplices duped the world's most popular TV quiz show, *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, out of £1,000,000. Or did they? And if they did cheat, how did they really do it?

OK, let's go 50/50. You decide!

Nominated for two Olivier Awards including Best New Comedy, James Graham's smash-hit play, *Quiz*, transferred to London's West End with sensational reviews in 2018. And in 2020, millions tuned in to see the three-part ITV adaptation.

Quiz is a fictional imagination based on real events which took place in 2001 following an episode of *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?* It is not in any way connected with the makers of the programme or any of the individuals portrayed.

TUE 14–SAT 18 NOV 2023
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
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Discovery Tickets
Groups (Tue–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue–Thu,
booking by phone or in person)



BSL interpreted performance
Fri 17 Nov 7.30pm



Matthew Bourne's New Adventures

Edward Scissorhands

This magical dance production has carved a place in the hearts of audiences since its premiere in 2005.

Based on the classic Tim Burton movie and featuring the hauntingly beautiful music of Danny Elfman and Terry Davies, Bourne and his New Adventures company return to this witty, bittersweet story of an incomplete boy left alone in a strange new world.

In a castle high on a hill lives Edward; a boy created by an eccentric inventor. When his creator dies he is left alone and unfinished with only scissors for hands until a kindly townswoman invites him to live with her suburban family.

Can Edward find his place in the well-meaning community which struggles to see past his curious appearance to the innocence and gentleness within?

“Stunning! The wonders keep coming in Bourne’s magical version of the Tim Burton classic.”

★★★★★ THE OBSERVER

“Enchanting. The perfect treat for all the family.”

★★★★★ THE TIMES

TUE 23–SAT 27 JAN 2024
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
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Discovery Tickets
Groups (Tue–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Tue–Thu, booking by phone or in person)

AD Audio described performance
Thu 25 Jan 7.30pm





A MARLOWE THEATRE AND EVOLUTION PRODUCTIONS CO-PRODUCTION

Aladdin

Join us for our spectacular magical pantomime!

Don't miss our fun-filled, family pantomime *Aladdin*, starring Marlowe legend Ben Roddy, and a star-studded cast to be announced.

Once again, the show will be written and directed by Paul Hendy and produced by Evolution Productions and The Marlowe Theatre, the same team behind the 5-star Box Office smash-hits, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Jack And The Beanstalk* (which won 'Best Pantomime' and 'Best Director' at the UK Pantomime Awards 2021/22).

"Genuinely jaw-dropping!" ★★★★★ THE REVIEWS HUB

"Slick, fast-moving production!" ★★★★★ THE STAGE

"Why can't all pantomimes be this good?"

★★★★★ THEATRE SOUTH EAST

Reviews of *Sleeping Beauty*

"So funny I thought I was going to hyperventilate!"

★★★★★ THEATRE SOUTH EAST

"Comic genius!" KENT ONLINE

Reviews of *Jack And The Beanstalk*

**FRI 24 NOV 2023–
SUN 7 JAN 2024**
THE THEATRE

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets
Under 16yrs
Groups

Schools tickets on selected performances (booking by phone or in person)



BSL interpreted performance
Sat 2 Dec 2.30pm &
Thu 28 Dec 2.30pm



Audio described performance
Sun 10 Dec 1pm



Captioned performance
Fri 15 Dec 1pm & 7pm



Relaxed Performance
Thu 4 Jan 1pm

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THIS IS NOT A
PANTOMIME

PETER PAN GOES WRONG



Peter Pan Goes Wrong

The creators of *The Play That Goes Wrong* return with another catastrophic disaster!

Following their multi award-winning sell-out success with *The Play That Goes Wrong* and the BBC TV series *The Goes Wrong Show*, Mischief return with their riotous spin on a timeless classic, the West End smash-hit *Peter Pan Goes Wrong*.

The members of the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society are back on stage, battling technical hitches, flying mishaps and cast disputes as they attempt to present J.M Barrie's much-loved tale. But will they ever make it to Neverland?

Mischief's unique brand of hilarious, 'gut-busting' comedy (New York Times), has found universal appeal. Catch them at The Marlowe and brace yourselves for an awfully big adventure!

Recommended 8yrs+

**TUE 30 JAN-SUN 4 FEB
2024**
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7.30pm
Thu, Sat & Sun matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)
Marlowe members (10% off during priority period. 5% off outside priority period)
Discovery Tickets
Groups (Tue-Thu)
Under 16yrs

Schools £16 tickets (Tue-Thu, booking by phone or in person)



BSL interpreted performance
Sat 3 Feb 2.30pm

THE WIZARD OF OZ



The Wizard Of Oz

There's no place like The Marlowe next February.

Direct from The London Palladium, the sensational new production of one of the world's most beloved musicals comes to Canterbury.

Featuring the iconic original score from the Oscar-winning MGM film including *Over The Rainbow*, *Follow The Yellow Brick Road* and *We're Off To See The Wizard* with additional songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, this spectacular production of *The Wizard Of Oz* will be a truly magical experience for all the family.

Join Dorothy, Toto, and friends on an unforgettable adventure down the yellow brick road to the merry old land of Oz.

TUE 6–SUN 11 FEB 2024
THE THEATRE

Evenings 7pm
Thu, Sat & Sun matinees 2pm

Prices from £16*

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Discounts (on selected performances)

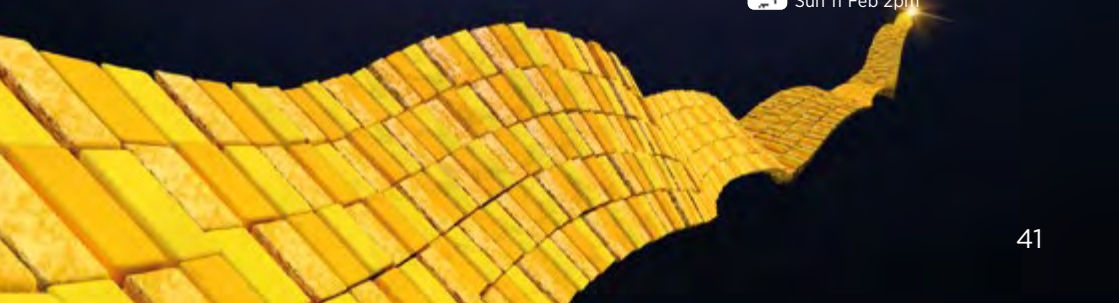
Marlowe members (10% off during priority period. 5% off outside priority period)
Discovery Tickets Groups (Tue–Thu)

Schools £10 tickets (Thu matinee, booking by phone or in person)

AD Audio described performance
Thu 8 Feb 7pm

CAP Captioned performance
Fri 9 Feb 7pm

 BSL interpreted performance
Sun 11 Feb 2pm





John Cooper Clarke

TUE 25 APR 2023
THE THEATRE

The 'people's poet' is back!

John Cooper Clarke became one of the most prolific artists of the Punk years. Today he performs as a stand-up solo poet, and will do just that with new collection – *I Wanna Be Yours*.

7.30pm

Prices from £32.50*



An Evening With Richard E Grant

TUE 16 MAY 2023
THE THEATRE

In his one-man show, Richard celebrates life's unexpected joys.

Richard will tell stories from his life, entwining tales from his extraordinary time in showbiz with uplifting reflections on love and loss, to celebrate his book, *A Pocketful Of Happiness*.

7.30pm

Prices from £28*

Discounts

Marlowe members (5% off)



Kate Rusby

SUN 14 MAY 2023
THE THEATRE

Join the 'first lady of folk' as she celebrates 30 years in music.

Audiences are sure to be thoroughly entertained by Kate's choice of much-loved classics from her back catalogue, together with a selection of fresh new songs from her most recent albums.

As ever, she will be joined on stage by her band, each a virtuoso in their own right and including her husband and producer Damien O'Kane.

7.30pm

Tickets £32.50

Discounts

Marlowe members (5% off)
Discovery Tickets



Johannes Radebe: Freedom Unleashed

WED 17 & THU 18 MAY 2023
THE THEATRE

Leave your inhibitions at the door and get ready for dance.

Freedom Unleashed sees the irresistible Johannes joined by some of the world's most talented dancers and singers in this melting pot of classic Latin and Ballroom routines mixed with exhilarating South African rhythms and huge party anthems.

7.30pm

Prices from £22.50*

Discounts

Marlowe members (5% off)



Dave Gorman: Powerpoint To The People

TUE 6 JUN 2023
THE THEATRE

Join the genius
behind comedy
Powerpoints for his
brand-new show

Dave Gorman, the man behind Dave TV's hit show *Modern Life Is Goodish* as well as *Are You Dave Gorman?* and *Googlewhack Adventure*, is back on the road with a brand-new live show, *Powerpoint To The People*.

Recommended 16yrs+
Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm
Tickets £30



Judi Love: The One Like Judi Love

WED 7 JUN 2023
THE THEATRE

Join Judi for an evening of
side-splitting real talk.

Bringing her fresh, unapologetic and charismatic personality to theatres, *The One Like Judi Love* is off on her first official tour! Expect unrelenting and hilarious anecdotes from Judi's life!

Recommended 14yrs+
Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm
Tickets £23



Jools Holland And His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

THU 8 & FRI 9 JUN 2023
THE THEATRE

Featuring Gilson Lavis and guest vocalists Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall.

The rhythm and blues phenomenon returns to Canterbury with special guests Pauline Black and Arthur 'Gaps' Hendrickson from The Selecter, and guest vocalists Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall.

7.30pm
Prices from £39*

Phil Wang: Wang In There, Baby!

SAT 10 JUN 2023
THE THEATRE

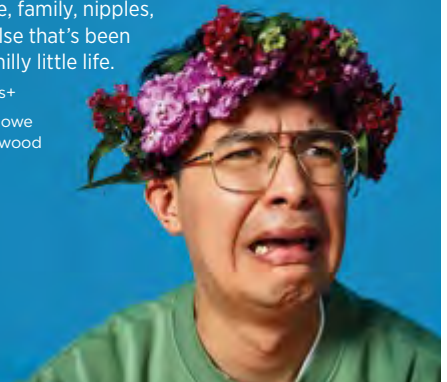
Phil is back with a brand-new show.

Hot off the heels of his critically-acclaimed Netflix special, Phil Wang is bringing his new show to Canterbury.

He's chatting race, family, nipples, and everything else that's been going on in his Philly little life.

Recommended 16yrs+
Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm
Tickets £24.50



The Proclaimers

SUN 6 AUG 2023

THE THEATRE

One of Scotland's best-loved music duo are back!

The Proclaimers songs are timeless, capturing a gamut of human emotions, written with poignancy, emotional honesty, political fire and wit.

7.30pm

Tickets £41



Gyles Brandreth: Can't Stop Talking

SUN 8 OCT 2023

THE THEATRE

Join the author and TV favourite for is hilarious one man show.

The jumper-loving *This Morning* and *Just A Minute* star, who pops up on *Pointless*, *QI*, *Would I Lie To You?*, *Sunday Brunch*, and *Celebrity Gogglebox*, has been babbling since he was a baby, and he's trying to work out why.

3pm

Tickets £28

Discounts

Marlowe members (10% off during priority period. 5% off outside priority period)



An Audience With Lucy Worsley On Agatha Christie

SUN 15 OCT 2023

THE THEATRE

Join the Queen of History as she shares stories from the fascinating life of the Queen of Crime.

Sharing her research based on the writer's personal letters and papers, Lucy will uncover the real Agatha Christie.

7.30pm

Tickets from £30*

Discounts

Marlowe members (10% off during priority period. 5% off outside priority period)
Discovery Tickets



Uncanny: I Know What I Saw

SUN 29 OCT 2023
THE THEATRE

The biggest investigation into the paranormal – ever.

Join Danny Robins, creator of *Uncanny*, the smash-hit BBC podcast as he brings to life stories of ghosts, UFO sightings and other strange encounters.

7.30pm

Prices from £23

Discounts

Marlowe members (10% off during priority period, 5% off outside priority period)
Discovery Tickets



Stewart Lee: Basic Lee

MON 29 JAN 2024
THE THEATRE

A brand-new show.

Stewart Lee enters the post-pandemic 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.

Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm

Tickets £29.50



Romesh Ranganathan: Hustle

THU 22 & FRI 23 FEB 2024
THE THEATRE

His brand-new show examining the human condition.

Join Romesh for his brand-new show as he examines the human condition... while providing no real answers.

Recommended 14yrs+

Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm

Tickets £33



Giovanni Pernice: Let Me Entertain You

TUE 27 & WED 28 FEB 2024
THE THEATRE

The ultimate showman returns!

Giovanni Pernice is back in 2024 for his brand-new live tour. The *Strictly Come Dancing* champion and BAFTA winner is the epitome of live entertainment.

A show of non-stop action - prepare to be entertained. Dancer, performer, showman... Giovanni is THE Entertainer!


"A Masterclass in entertainment"

★★★★★ ABERDEEN PRESS & JOURNAL

Recommended Byrs+

Evenings 7.30pm
Wed matinee 2.30pm
Prices from £29.50*

Discounts
Marlowe members (5% off)

 BSL interpreted performance
Wed 28 Feb 2.30pm



Ross Noble: Jibba Jabba Jamboree

MON 11 MAR 2024
THE THEATRE

Ross Noble's 21st solo tour.

Join Ross for an evening of the sort of inspired nonsense that has cemented his place as the supreme stream of conscious freewheeling stand up.

Recommended 15yrs+

Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm

Tickets £29



Jonathan Pie: Heroes And Villains

WED 13 MAR 2024
THE THEATRE

Brand new show from Pie. New for 2024. Take Cover.

Jonathan Pie is the exasperated news reporter whose videos have been seen across the world.

"Smarter, sharper, angrier and funnier" THE TIMES

Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm

Tickets £30



Sarah Millican: Late Bloomer

SUN 28 JUL 2024

THE THEATRE

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 boeing all over the shop.

Recommended 16yrs+

Comedy at The Marlowe is sponsored by Harwood Building Control

7.30pm

Tickets £36

BACKSTAGE TOURS

Learn about life backstage

Enjoy a fun and informative 90 minute tour of our theatre led by Marlowe staff members where you can learn all about life backstage.

At 11.30am on:

Monday 24 April 2023

Friday 2 June 2023

Friday 28 July 2023

Friday 25 August 2023

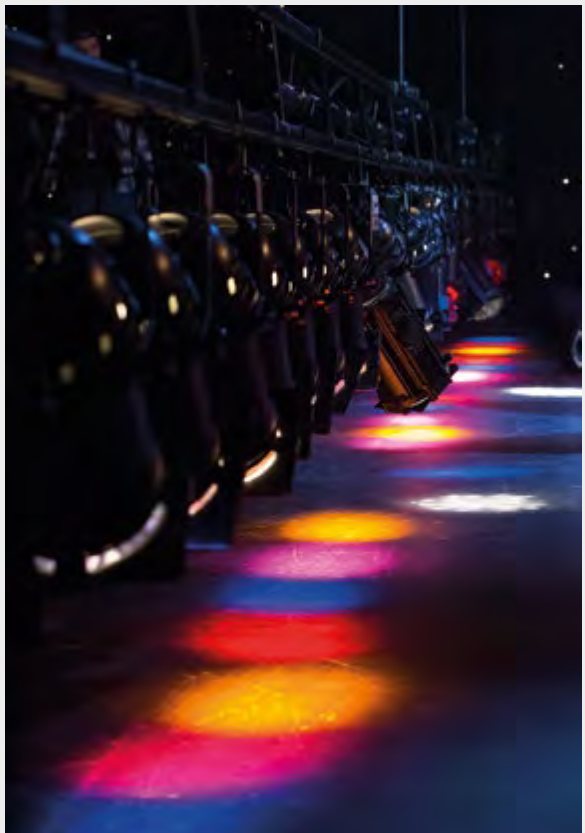
Standard ticket:

£12.50 (£8 Marlowe members)

Ticket including cake and coffee:

£18 (£13.50 Marlowe members)

Find out more at marlowetheatre.com



Book your tickets early to get the best price

*Our prices change with demand. For the latest information call us or visit our website.

Learning & Participation At The Marlowe

This season sees the continuation of our work in supporting creative talent, inspiring young people, and bringing communities together in Kent. We have been busy on a number of exciting projects which we would like to share some of the key ones with you here.

Community

The start of the year saw an intimate sharing of *Seagulls & Tangerines* in our Studio, a performance which explored the theme of home through personal stories, multilingualism and fun. Kent residents with lived experience of migration and a passion for performing devised the piece in PROJEKT ENCOUNTER, a programme of weekly workshops run by resident company PROJEKT EUROPA.

This spring, a local community cast of key female-identifying, non-binary leaders of organisations across Kent will be joining the cast of the Royal Shakespeare Company in a fresh production of *Julius Caesar*. From the Kent Refugee Action Network to Margate Pride, these leaders will come together to explore questions of gender in leadership. To find out more contacts us at getinvolved@marlowetheatre.com.

Education

Alongside the RSC's production in our Theatre, in our Studio, young people from 11 of our Associate Schools will be performing segments from their own scripts in *37 Plays*. The plays are inspired by the themes in *Julius Caesar*

and the project aims to nurture a passion for creating, performing, and studying theatre for students across the region.

Young people

Our Senior Youth Companies worked alongside our professional in-house team and wider industry creatives to perform a successful two-night run in our Marlowe Studio of their own devised pieces.

For further information on how to join our Youth Company and apply for our bursary places, please go to our website or email creativecompanies@marlowetheatre.com.

Throughout May we will be auditioning for the young cast of *The Trials*. As producers of the play, The Marlowe are looking to amplify the voices of young people across Kent in response to the climate crisis. After visiting over 30 schools and youth groups, and carrying out 40 free workshops, and 15 regional audition workshops, the cast of 12 jurors, who will hold the stage alongside three adult defendants, will be drawn from local talent - and we cannot wait to work with them.

If you are interested in getting involved in *The Trials*, you can find out more information on our website.

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Community Chorus for the RSC production of *Julius Caesar*, photo by David Oxberry



PROJEKT ENCOUNTER sharing of *Seagulls & Tangerines*, photo by David Oxberry

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tickets can be booked online at marlowetheatre.com, by calling our Box Office on 01227 787787 (Mon-Sat 10am-5pm), or by visiting the theatre in person.

Your visit

For information about how to get to the theatre and where to park, visit our website.

Our popular restaurant, The Green Room, is open during the day and for pre-theatre dining. For pre-theatre meals, we recommend that you book in advance, by calling 01227 935321 or by visiting our website.

Discounts

Discounts are subject to availability, are not available for every seat, and apply to selected performances only. Only one concession or discount can apply.

Discovery Tickets

If you're aged 16-26 years, you can take advantage of our popular Discovery Tickets scheme, which gives you the chance to try out a range of different productions for just £10 a ticket.

Terms and conditions

Tickets are sold subject to the right of The Marlowe and/or the visiting producer to alter or vary the advertised programme due to events or circumstances beyond our control. Prices are subject to change and alteration. For current ticket prices please visit our website.

We do not offer refunds unless a show is cancelled. However, tickets can be exchanged at our discretion for an alternative performance within the same run, subject to availability and up to five days before the performance. A fee will apply for this service.

Privacy policy

We take the protection of your data very seriously and we want you to receive communications from us that are informative and helpful. To read our privacy policy, visit our website.

If you have any questions or comments, please email us at info@marlowetheatre.com

ACCESS

We want The Marlowe to be enjoyed by everyone. We have a range of accessible facilities and events, but if there is anything else we can do to improve your visit, please get in touch.



Up to 12 permanent wheelchair positions are available over all three levels in The Theatre and up to six wheelchair spaces in The Studio.

Accessible toilets are on every floor, within reach of The Theatre and The Studio.

Lift access to every floor.

If you have any additional access needs, including assistance with evacuation, please contact the Box office.



We use an infrared system in The Theatre for deaf and hard of hearing customers. Sennheiser medallions are available for use with a hearing aid; for those who do not wear a hearing aid, Sennheiser headsets are available. When booking tickets, please ask our Box Office staff for advice on the best seating for these systems. We also offer a hearing loop for customers with a hearing aid in The Theatre and The Studio.



Assistance dogs are welcome in the building, The Theatre and The Studio. Let us know in advance if you need a dog-sitter and we will arrange this for you.



There is no parking available on site but we offer a limited number of parking spaces for customers who are Blue Badge holders. If you are a Blue Badge holder who cannot use nearby car parks and you need access to our site, you need to contact our Box Office team at least one day in advance of your booking on 01227 787787 or by emailing boxoffice@marlowetheatre.com. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is a drop-off point available with step-free access to the main foyer.

We have some limited spaces for mobility scooter parking.

Accessible performances

We offer a regular programme of accessible performances that include:



Audio-Described Performances A live commentary provided via personal headsets for blind or partially-sighted customers. AD performances will often be preceded by a touch tour (usually on stage).



British Sign-Language interpreted Performances An interpreter stands on, or aside the stage and interprets the spoken word and sound effects of the performance for d/Deaf customers who use BSL.



Captioned Performances Text is displayed on a screen, it includes the words spoken by the performers as well as character names and sound effects.



Relaxed Performances Ideal for anyone who prefers a more relaxed environment, including those on the autistic spectrum, with helpful changes made to the show and auditorium.



Chilled Performances A more casual theatre-going experience. It is okay to walk in-and-out and rules on noise are more relaxed. They do not include any changes to the show.

Our accessible performances are listed in this brochure and on our website. Please tell our Box office team if you are booking for one of these performances so that we can ensure you are in the most appropriate seating area.

Our system for booking accessible performances has changed.

We now operate a free access membership scheme that will enable you to book your access seats and events both online and in person. To join or find out more, please talk to our Box Office team or visit our website.

SUPPORT US

Why support us?

The Marlowe is an independent theatre run by a charitable trust (charity no. 1179882). We receive no public subsidy and invest all our profits back into the theatre.

The Marlowe is Kent's engine house for the performing arts and with your support, we will continue to bring world-class theatre to Canterbury and create work with young people, the communities of Kent and with regional, and national, artists.

We would like to thank all the individuals, grant funders and companies who support The Marlowe.

Marlowe members

Creative Circle

Wendi Atherton
Lynda Desmarais
Heather and Antonia Hardy
Mark and Liza Loveday
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Support from statutory bodies, charitable trusts and foundations helps the Marlowe fund essential capital works, learning and participation, outreach and artistic programming.



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We are grateful to HM Treasury, the DCMS and Arts Council England for the grant our independent theatre received through the Culture Recovery Fund.



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Businesses of all sizes and industry can benefit from a relationship with The Marlowe, enjoying increased brand profile, staff engagement and client hospitality opportunities, among other attractive rights and benefits.

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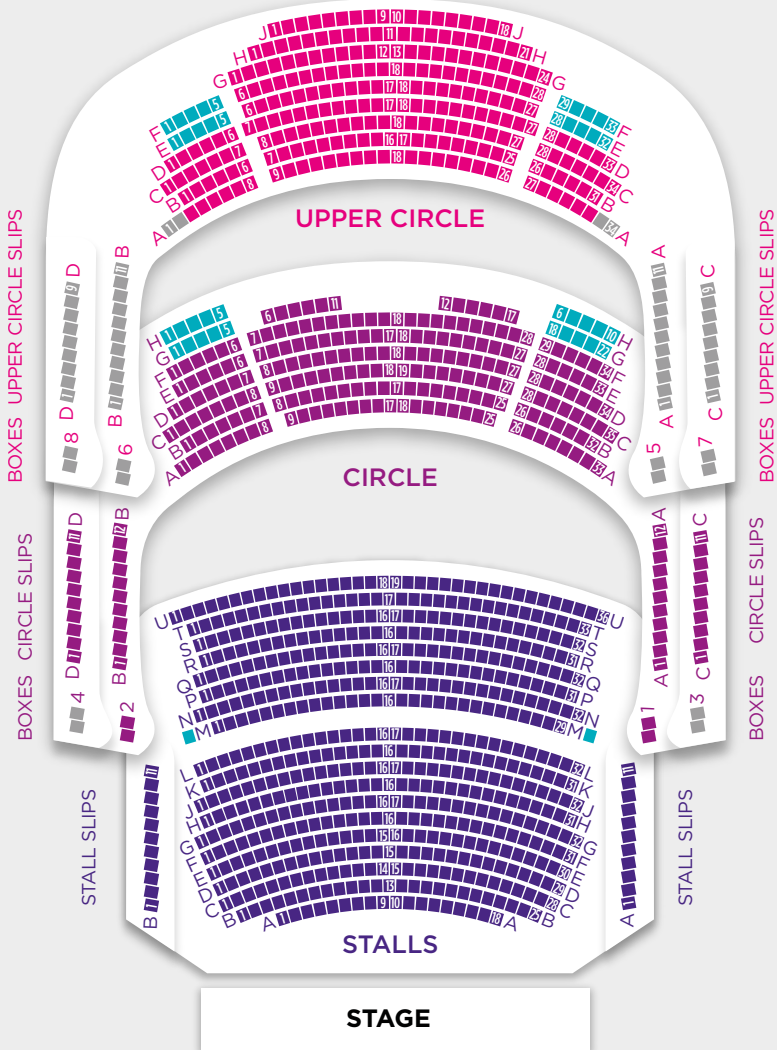
To find out more about how you can support The Marlowe please contact:

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SEATING PLAN THE THEATRE



SEATING PLAN THE STUDIO

The Studio (on the first floor at The Marlowe) is a flexible space, in which the layout will change depending on the event. To find out more about the seating layout for a particular production, please visit our website or phone our Box Office team.

- Indicates wheelchair positions (book in person or over the phone)
- Restricted view

THE MARLOWE SEASON DIARY

Julius Caesar

THU 20–SAT 22 APR 2023

John Cooper Clarke

TUE 25 APR 2023

Ben Portsmouth:

This Is Elvis

WED 26 & THU 27 APR 2023

Beautiful People

THU 27–SAT 29 APR 2023

English Touring

Opera

FRI 28 & SAT 29 APR 2023

An Evening With

Anton Du Beke

TUE 2 MAY 2023

Demon Dentist

THU 4–SUN 7 MAY 2023

Home, I'm Darling

TUE 9–SAT 13 MAY 2023

Kate Rusby

SUN 14 MAY 2023

An Evening With Richard E Grant

TUE 16 MAY 2023

Johannes Radebe:

Freedom Unleashed

WED 17 & THU 18 MAY 2023

Tom Davis:

Work In Progress

THU 18 MAY 2023

Breakin' Convention

SAT 20 MAY 2023

Charlie And The Chocolate Factory: The Musical

WED 24 MAY–

SAT 3 JUN 2023

Sap

THU 25–SAT 27 MAY 2023

The Alternative Comedy Show

THU 1 JUN &

WED 20 SEP 2023

Philharmonia Orchestra

MON 5 JUN, FRI 6 OCT &
MON 18 DEC 2023, SUN 14
JAN, SUN 25 FEB & SUN 5
MAY 2024

Dave Gorman:

Powerpoint To

The People

TUE 6 JUN 2023

Judi Love: The One Like Judi Love

WED 7 JUN 2023

Jools Holland And His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra

THU 8 & FRI 9 JUN 2023

Phil Wang: Wang In There, Baby!

SAT 10 JUN 2023

Sister Act

MON 12–SAT 17 JUN 2023

Live At The Marlowe

SAT 24 JUN, SAT 1 JUL

& SAT 7 OCT 2023

Jungle Book reimagined

WED 28 & THU 29 JUN

2023

Message In A Bottle

TUE 4–SAT 8 JUL 2023

42nd Street

THU 13–SAT 22 JUL 2023

The Ocean At The End Of The Lane

TUE 25–SAT 29 JUL 2023

Greatest Days

MON 31 JUL–SAT 5 AUG
2023

The Proclaimers

SUN 6 AUG 2023

Winnie The Pooh

FRI 18–SUN 20 AUG 2023

Blood Brothers

TUE 22–SAT 26 AUG 2023

The Trials

THU 31 AUG–SAT 2 SEP
2023

The Rocky Horror Show

MON 4–SAT 9 SEP 2023

2:22 A Ghost Story

TUE 12–SAT 16 SEP 2023

Ailey 2

TUE 19 & WED 20 SEP 2023

Tom Allen: Completely

FRI 22 & SAT 23 SEP 2023

Gyles Brandreth: Can't Stop Talking

SUN 8 OCT 2023

And Then There Were None

TUE 10–SAT 14 OCT 2023

An Audience With Lucy Worsley On Agatha Christie

SUN 15 OCT 2023

The Drifters Girl

TUE 17–SAT 21 OCT 2023

Life Of Pi

MON 23–SAT 28 OCT 2023

Uncanny: I Know What I Saw

SUN 29 OCT 2023

Dirty Dancing

TUE 31 OCT–

SAT 4 NOV 2023

Quiz

TUE 14–SAT 18 NOV 2023

Aladdin

FRI 24 NOV 2023–

SUN 7 JAN 2024

Matthew Bourne: Edward Scissorhands

TUE 23–SAT 27 JAN 2024

Stewart Lee: Basic Lee

MON 29 JAN 2024

Peter Pan Goes Wrong

TUE 30 JAN–

SUN 4 FEB 2024

The Wizard Of Oz

TUE 6–SUN 11 FEB 2024

Romesh

Ranganathan: Hustle

THU 22 & FRI 23 FEB 2024

Giovanni Pernice:

Let Me Entertain You

TUE 27 &

WED 28 FEB 2024

Ross Noble: Jibba Jabba Jamboree

MON 11 MAR 2024

Jonathan Pie: Heroes And Villains

WED 13 MAR 2024

Sarah Millican: Late Bloomer

SUN 28 JUL 2024

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Fri 31 Mar Champion, Supporter
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Tue 4 Apr Marlowe Friends

Tue 11 Apr General public



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