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Welcome!

With Spring in the air, and a spring in our steps, it's my pleasure to welcome you to a new season of theatre at The Princess Theatre and Arts Centre, Burnham-on-Sea. This season we invite you to immerse yourselves in the magic of live music, dance, theatre and comedy. Our venue is set to invite audiences of all ages. Whether you're a seasoned theatre-goer or experiencing the magic for the very first time, there's something here for everyone.

We are incredibly excited to be welcoming Nick Wallis in May, for his intriguing talk on the topic of "The Post Office Scandal" a national talking point and his knowledge of

the subject shows no bounds. We are eagerly anticipating his visit!

The Princess will be host to some of Burnham Book Festival's talks and performances once again this year and we look forward to welcoming a whole host of authors, musicians, speakers and visitors to the theatre.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Paul and Carol Hellend all the very best for the future as they close the doors to Hellend's Kitchen at the end of May. The Princess Theatre staff, volunteers and customers will truly miss you both.

Julie Hook – Theatre Manager



Traditional Fish & Chips

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STARLIGHT DANCE
Dance & Musical Theatre School



SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH MAY
DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATRE | ADULTS £15
CONCESSIONS £13

In a small quiet town Bill and Lady Felicia were getting ready for their exciting day ahead. With a business attitude, a flare for a rare find and a tiny china teacup, what could possibly go wrong at Château des étoiles? With a team of art-takers, unique paintings arriving in gallery display order and the finest tea flowing, what could possibly go wrong at Château des étoiles? With hidden painting pixies, war time love and pretty pictures from charming country tea gardens, what could possibly go wrong at Château des étoiles? They say these things come in threes so here thy warning and whatever you do DO NOT drop that painting.



SATURDAY 11TH MAY 7.30pm
LIVE MUSIC | ALL TICKETS £13.50

Join Richard Lennox in an evening of virtuoso piano magic featuring everything from Bach to the Beatles, Musical Theatre and Rock and Roll.
With guest Vocalist Francesca Bowkett





**SUNDAY 12TH MAY 7.30pm |
CURRENT AFFAIRS | ALL TICKETS £15**

Following the astounding and rightful public outrage, (brought to the fore by ITV's 'Mr Bates vs The Post Office series) Nick Wallis – series consultant on the ITV Drama – now expertly chronicles the very latest twists and turns of the whole affair on this one-of-a-kind tour.

In just two short hours, this show takes you on a highly emotional and thoroughly informative journey – unveiling even more shocking details and stories around this gripping, unbelievable and outrageous scandal.

This is the true story of how hundreds of innocent people fought to clear their names after being pursued by the Post Office through the criminal courts. Proud pillars of their communities were stripped of their jobs and livelihoods. Many were forced into bankruptcy or borrowed from friends and family to give the Post Office thousands they did not owe. The really unlucky ones were sent to prison.

On this one-of-a-kind tour Nick takes to the stage to share the twists and turns of the saga and he's heading to The Princess Theatre and Arts Centre in Burnham-on-Sea this spring – with special guest Tim Brentnall. Tim Brentnall managed the Roch Post Office in Pembrokeshire and faced a false accounting conviction in 2010. His conviction was overturned by the Court of Appeal on July 19th 2021



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BURNHAM BOOK FESTIVAL

Burnham Book Festival

FRIDAY 17th MAY - SUNDAY 19th MAY FESTIVAL | EVENTS VARY

Burnham Book Festival is back! Jam-packed with talks, workshops and local authors there's something for everyone at this year's festival on 17th, 18th & 19th May. With a range of talks, workshops, meet & greets and live entertainment we cannot wait to welcome you all to The Princess Theatre and Arts Centre once again for another fantastic year. For the full programme of events please visit our website.

Friday 17th May

Meet The Authors 12pm | The Mendip
Britains Favourite Birds 3pm |
The Pizey Room
The Quest for Folk and Dance 4.30pm
The Pizey Room
The Rum Jungle 4pm | The Mendip
Adge Cutler: The Bard of Somerset
6pm | The Pizey Room
Mangled Wurzels 7.30pm |
The Princess Theatre

Saturday 18th May

Horror Writing Workshop 10am
The Pizey Room
Drake's Wake 10.30am | The Mendip
Meet The Authors 12pm | The Mendip
Pirates & Privateers 1.30pm |
The Mendip
Writing Nature 2pm | The Pizey Room
History Repeats Itself 3pm |
The Mendip
Roman Holiday 3.30pm | The Pizey Room
Meet The Authors 4.30pm | The Mendip
The Black Path 5pm | The Pizey Room
The Quarrymen Combo from 6.30pm |
The Princess Theatre

Sunday 19th May

Self-Publishing On Amazon 10am | The Mendip
Mysteries of Crime Writing 10.30am | The Pizey Room
So you wanna be a poet? 12pm | The Mendip
How to Promote Your Book 12.30pm | The Pizey



**FRIDAY 17TH MAY 6PM | TALK
ALL TICKETS £6**

Richard Jones, publisher of Adge King Of The Wurzels (Bristol Books) pays tribute to The Bard Of Somerset. Richard Jones founded Tangent Books in 2004, specialising in Bristol music, politics, art and counter-culture.



FRIDAY 17TH MAY 7.30PM | LIVE MUSIC | ALL TICKETS £13

The Mangledwurzels are a three-piece Scrumpy & Western band from Somerset celebrating the works of the Bard Of Avonmouth Adge Cutler, and The Wurzels. More than just a Wurzels tribute band The Mangledwurzels play Wurzels songs old and new, blended with self-penned titles and pop standards 'Mangled' in true Wurzels tradition!

The Mangledwurzels are Hedge Cutter on lead vocals, Seth Pitt on guitar, kick drum and vocals, and Jethro Too! on bass, keyboards and vocals. Together they've provided performances intimate enough for the smallest of pubs and clubs, and big enough for a large indoor and outdoor festivals and shows.

Buy tickets to both the Mangledwurzels and Adge Cutler: The Bard Of Somerset at the same time for just £15



SATURDAY 18TH MAY 6.30pm & 8pm | LIVE MUSIC | £25



Come see the Quarrymen in Conversation at 6.30pm followed by the live band performance at 8pm for a reduced ticket price, at Burnham Book Festival 2024!

Rod Davies and Colin Hanton, original members of John Lennon's first band, will play alongside Henry Duff Lowe (son of their old pianist, John Duff Lowe) and prolific Beatles author David Bedford in this

must-see event for all Beatles fans and music lovers. Performing music that inspired and influenced the world's most famous group, Burnham Book Festival is incredibly excited to bring you a night of entertainment and nostalgia, with skiffle and early rock n' roll from: The Quarrymen.



FRIDAY 24TH MAY 8pm | COMEDY | ALL TICKETS £15 | AGE 16+

Whether you're a comedy enthusiast or just looking for a good time, The Comedy Network promises to be an unforgettable night of fun. With Rich Wilson, Priya Hall and Paul Savage

SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2.30pm | FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT | TICKETS ADULTS £16 CHILDREN £13

The High Jinx show is back on tour for 2024 with another jam-packed show filled with amazing magic, incredible illusions and crazy circus thrills that are sure to leave you amazed, puzzled but above all entertained.

Presented by the extraordinary and multi-skilled performer, Michael Jordan and Supporting cast! Get ready to embark on a thrilling journey into the realm of wonder and enchantment as Michael showcases his incredible talents in magic and circus arts. Direct from the iconic Blackpool Tower Circus and the prestigious "International Festival de Magie," Michael effortlessly blends mesmerising magic with awe-inspiring feats of juggling and daring stunts.





SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 7.30pm
TRIBUTE ACT | ALL TICKETS £22.50
CELEBRATING SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF CLIFF AND THE SHADOWS

Simon Goodall and the Bourne Again Shadows are widely acclaimed as the most authentic sounding Cliff/Shadows tribute act (even Sir Cliff has said so!)

With Cliff classics like Summer Holiday, The Young Ones and Please Don't Tease; and Shadows' instrumental hits such as Apache, Wonderful Land and Foot-Tapper, you will be tapping your feet down memory lane! But don't take our word for it.

'Simon is without doubt the best 'Cliff Sound-alike' in the business'.
 Sir Cliff Richard



FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 8pm | COMEDY
| ALL TICKETS £15 | AGE 16+

Start your summer off right with The Comedy Network. Steve Hall, Danny Clives and Bella Hull take to The Princess Theatre stage for the final comedy club of 2024.



SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 7.30pm | LIVE MUSIC | ALL TICKETS £24

The Club 80's Live show will take you on a rollercoaster ride back through one of the greatest eras of music. Hits by Cyndi Lauper, Culture Club, Guns & Roses, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Erasure, Bon Jovi, Wham, Deacon Blue! and many, many more are crammed into a non-stop, musical trip, back-combed, to the time that fashion forgot.



**THURSDAY 27TH JUNE 8pm | TRIBUTE ACT
ALL TICKETS £20**



The UK #1 Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute Show bring you "The Green River Tour" celebrating Creedence Clearwater Revival's #1 Album "Green River" and their #1 hit single "Bad Moon Rising". Experience a two-hour nostalgia trip back to 1969, the heady days of Woodstock and one of the most important musical periods in history, along

with all the greatest hits including "Proud Mary", "Have You Ever Seen The Rain", "Fortunate Son" and many more. Selling out venues internationally, they were invited to perform at The O2 Arena VIP Lounge in 2018 for guests at Fogerty's show.





**SATURDAY 6TH & SUNDAY
7TH JULY | MUSICAL THEATRE
| TICKETS ADULTS £18 UNDER
18s £16**

The streets will be filled by the smell of rebellion when BEES Junior cast presents Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.*, adapted from the award-winning full-length musical and featuring all your favourite songs.

Matilda, an astonishing little girl lives with cruel parents who find her to be a nuisance, a lousy little worm, and a bore. When Matilda enters her first term at school, she captures the attention of Miss Honey, a kind teacher, and the two form a wonderful friendship. Unfortunately, the school is ruled by a mean headmistress

named Miss Trunchbull, who hates children! Will Matilda's cleverness and courage be enough to withstand the reign of Miss Trunchbull?

Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.* tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT 10% OFF UNTIL 31ST MAY

**FRIDAY 12TH JULY 7.30pm |
TRIBUTE ACT | ALL TICKETS
£15**

With Live Acoustic Guitars, Flawless Harmonies, A truly impressive outing for all, accompanied by special guest star tributes. All the hits are performed in the original keys that The Everly Brothers recorded in their early years, so you don't lose any of that magic that the Everly's created!





FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 7.30pm | TRIBUTE ACT | ALL TICKETS £22

CASH Revisited promises to be a musical experience you won't forget in a hurry and represents the closest you'll ever get to seeing "The Man In Black" live on stage! This two-hour journey through the musical milestones of his career presents the very biggest and best loved hits from Cash's huge repertoire including 'Cry Cry Cry', 'Big River', 'I Walk The Line', 'Folsom Prison Blues', 'Ring of Fire', 'A Boy Named Sue', 'A Thing Called Love' the immensely powerful 'Hurt', and many more...

The show boasts a fabulous live band called Starkville who could entertain you for the entire two hours. They perform popular songs by artists to whom Cash himself gave a prime-time TV spot, and in some cases their biggest break, as guests on his TV show. Hit songs by Derek and The Dominoes, and Credence Clearwater Revival, feature alongside Johnny's long-time friends and Sun Records label mates, Roy Orbison and Carl Perkins.





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Open Art Studio



Tuesday | 10am | £4

A gathering of people: all having a good chat and a laugh. Open to all disciplines, a real opportunity to create art without pressure. The theatre opens its doors every Tuesday morning. Choose your medium and bring your own materials. But be prepared to enjoy yourself. Offering the freedom to express yourself by whatever means you wish to.

Community Choir Wednesday

10.15am – 12.00pm | Term Time Only | £5

Our Community Choir meet on Wednesday mornings during term times. A warm and inviting space for everyone! No auditions required—just bring your enthusiasm and love for singing.



Kurling - Thursday

11:00am – 1:00pm All ages and abilities welcome
£3 per person

The great indoor game based on Ice Curling involves “stones” on castors with the usual twin ends and lots of friendly competition.





The Princess Theatre and Arts Centre has a range of versatile spaces that are available to hire throughout the year. Whether you're a theatre company wanting to take to the stage or a business looking for a conference space, we have something to suit all needs. To enquire please contact theatre@burnham-highbridge-tc.gov.uk

Volunteers

Do you have some spare time and a passion for the local community & the arts?

Our volunteers are the ambassadors of our theatre, performing various duties and most importantly ensuring a friendly, welcoming atmosphere for our audience. For more information, or an application form, please contact enquiries@burnham-highbridge-tc.gov.uk

Visit us:

Parking:

There is limited free parking at the theatre, the nearest public car park is Oxford Street Car Park, Oxford Street, TA8 1EL – parking is free after 6pm.

Accessibility:

We have a hearing loop installed in the auditorium and four wheelchair spaces with companion seats. Guide, hearing and enabling dogs are welcome. Please let the Box Office know when booking so that suitable seats are allocated.

Booking fee:

Any booking fees are included in the advertised prices.

Terms of Sale:

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COMING THIS NOVEMBER

Music by
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHAM & GLENN SLATER

Book by
DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker
and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements.

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.co.uk



What's on

May 2024

Starlight Present: Art Attack
Richard Lennox: My Kind of Music
The Post Office Scandal — The Inside Story
Burnham Book Festival
The Comedy Network
Michael Jordan's High Jinx

June 2024

Simon Goodall and The Bourne Again Shadows
The Comedy Network
Club 80s
Creedence Clearwater Review — Green River Tour

July 2024

BEES Present: Matilda Jr
The Everly's & Friends

August 2024

Johnny Cash Revisited

Seating

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