

MARLOWE THEATRE

SPRING
SEASON
2025

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,
photo by Brinkhoff/Mögenburg.



The Marlowe Theatre Youth Company
2023/24, photo by David Oxberry.

WELCOME TO OUR SPRING SEASON

Our new brochure is packed full of shows for all the family to enjoy, from iconic musicals like *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* to the return of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* in a brilliant staging of CS Lewis's classic book, full of drama and magic.

We have contemporary works too, with a new stage version of former Children's Laureate and best-selling author Malorie Blackman's *Pig Heart Boy*.

In the Studio, our specially commissioned Christmas show *My Pet Star* is the perfect treat for your littlest family members, whilst English Touring Opera's *The Vanishing Forest* gives young people the perfect introduction to opera up close.

Working with a professional director and creative team, and alongside our in-house technicians, our Youth Company Performance Ensemble perform Roald Dahl's uproarious comedy *The Twits* as their annual production in the Studio. We're proud to have such a brilliant company of young people developing their theatre-making skills with us – do come and see the stars of the future in action!

From plays to musicals, comedy to ballet, there's something for everyone this season and we're looking forward to welcoming you very soon.



Deborah Shaw
Chief Executive

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Beauty and the Beast

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A Marlowe Theatre and Evolution Productions co-production

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Written and directed by **Paul Hendy**

Join us for a fairytale extravaganza!

Don't miss our spectacular pantomime *Beauty and the Beast*, starring Maisie Smith (*EastEnders*, *Strictly Come Dancing*), children's favourite, Phil Gallagher (CBeebies' *Mister Maker*), and Marlowe Legend, Ben Roddy. They will be joined by children's TV stars, Richard David-Caine (*Horrible Histories*) and Tyler Collins (*Swashbuckle*), alongside Joseph Hewlett (*Madagascar the Musical*) and West End star Jocasta Almgill (*Dreamgirls*, & *Juliet*).

The show will be produced by the same award-winning team behind the five-star smash hit, *Aladdin*, which won Best Script, Best Contribution to Music and Best Dame at the UK Pantomime Awards 2024.

"Innovative brilliance... comedy gold!" ★★★★★ THE REVIEWS HUB

"Rivals the Royal Variety." BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE

(Reviews from *Aladdin* 2023)

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**FRI 22 NOV 2024 -
SUN 12 JAN 2025**
MAIN HOUSE

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)

-  Marlowe members
-  Discovery Tickets
-  Groups
-  Schools
-  Under 16s

 **BSL Interpreted**
Sat 30 Nov 2.30pm
Sun 29 Dec 2.30pm

 **Relaxed**
Tue 3 Dec 1pm

 **Audio Described**
Sun 8 Dec 1pm

 **Captioned**
Sun 8 Dec 1pm & 5pm





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A Marlowe Theatre production

MY PET STAR

Based on the book by **Corrinne Averiss** and **Rosalind Beardshaw**
Directed and adapted by **Lily Dyble**

A brand-new family musical about kindness, friendship and caring for others.

When a young girl finds a little star that has fallen from the sky, she decides to look after it, giving it the love, time and care that the star needs to get its sparkle back.






The more they share with each other, the more the star begins to glow. But when the star has been nursed back to health, how easy will it be to let go?

Based on the book by BAFTA-winning writer Corrinne Averiss and award-winning illustrator Rosalind Beardshaw, this original Marlowe Theatre production is adapted for stage and directed by Lily Dyble, with music by Zara Nunn and designs by Caitlin Abbott. Packed with original songs, *My Pet Star* is the perfect introduction to theatre.

**SAT 7 DEC 2024-
SAT 4 JAN 2025**
STUDIO

From £14

Discounts (selected performances)

-  Marlowe members
-  Discovery Tickets
-  Groups
-  Schools
-  Under 16s

CAP **Captioned**
Sun 15 Dec 11am & 1.30pm

 **BSL Interpreted**
Sun 22 Dec 1.30pm

RP **Relaxed**
Mon 30 Dec 11am

AD **Audio Described**
Sat 4 Jan 1.30pm

 **Content guidance**
Recommended 3yrs+





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PHILHARMONIA BRASS AT CHRISTMAS

WED 18 DEC 2024

A joyous evening of seasonal music.

Back by popular demand, the Philharmonia's dazzling brass players take the spotlight in this programme of carols, festive favourites and more.

PHILHARMONIA AT THE MOVIES

SAT 15 FEB 2025

Michael Seal conductor

Enjoy a night at the movies with music from your favourite films.

The Philharmonia's impressive recording catalogue includes a huge variety of film scores - tonight, they swap the screen for the stage in a concert of thrilling music from films such as *Mission Impossible*, *Casino Royale*, *E.T.*, and many more.

MARIN ALSOP AND JENEBA KANNEH-MASON

FRI 25 APR 2025

Marin Alsop conductor

Jeneba Kanneh-Mason piano

Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No. 2

Shostakovich Symphony No. 10

The inimitable Marin Alsop takes to the podium in Canterbury for the first time.

Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto is arguably the most popular in classical music history. Jeneba Kanneh-Mason made her Philharmonia debut with the piece in 2022, and now brings her talent to Canterbury.

TCHAIKOVSKY'S SYMPHONY NO. 6

TUE 20 MAY 2025

Martyn Brabbins conductor

Johan Dalene violin

Mozart Overture, *The Abduction from the Seraglio*

Korngold Violin Concerto

Tchaikovsky Symphony

No. 6, 'Pathétique'

The Philharmonia closes the season with Tchaikovsky's 'Pathétique' Symphony.

Enjoy a brilliant overture from Mozart's charming farcical singspiel, then transport yourself to the golden age of Hollywood as Swedish-Norwegian virtuoso violinist, Johan Dalene performs Erich Wolfgang Korngold's Violin Concerto.

Entitled "the passionate symphony", Tchaikovsky No. 6 closes the concert and our season.





LIVE AT THE MARLOWE

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

Our hugely popular night of live comedy is back, featuring some of the country's biggest stars of the future.

Our January line-up will feature a headline set from critically-acclaimed stand-up comedian Jen Brister. She'll be joined by the winner of English Comedian of the Year Josh Pugh, as well as rising star and Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer nominee Paddy Young. The evening will also be hosted by star of BBC Radio Four and winner of the Spirit of the (Edinburgh) Fringe Award in 2022 Aurie Styla.

The line-up for the other shows will be announced later in the year, but previous headliners have included Alan Davies, Phil Wang, Sara Pascoe, Joel Dommett, Ed Gamble and Tom Allen.

Please note that line-ups are subject to change.

**SAT 18 JAN, FRI 21 MAR,
SAT 26 APR & SAT 26 JUL 2025**

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY TIM RICE MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER



JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Lyrics by **Tim Rice**

Music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber**

Starring X-Factor winner Joe McElderry as the roof-raising Pharaoh.

The smash hit London Palladium production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* comes to Canterbury.

The multi-award-winning show from Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber has been performed hundreds of thousands of times including multiple runs in the West End and on Broadway, international tours in over 80 countries worldwide and has become one of the world's most beloved family musicals.

Featuring much loved pop and musical theatre classics, including *Any Dream Will Do*, *Close Every Door*, *There's One More Angel In Heaven* and *Go, Go, Go Joseph*.

Book your dream ticket today!

"Sensational." ★★★★★ SUNDAY EXPRESS

WED 22 JAN-SUN 2 FEB 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Tue-Sat evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Sun 1pm & 5pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Groups



Audio Described

Sun 26 Jan 1pm



Captioned

Sun 26 Jan 5pm



BSL Interpreted

Thu 30 Jan 7.30pm



Content guidance

Recommended 4yrs+





DEAR EVAN HANSEN

Book by **Steven Levenson**

Music and Lyrics by **Benj Pasek and Justin Paul**

Today is going to be a good day. And here's why...

Meet Evan: an anxious high school kid who wants nothing more than to fit in. The thing is, on his way to fitting in, he didn't tell the whole truth. And now must give up on a life he never dreamt he'd have. As events spiral and the truth comes out, Evan faces a reckoning with himself and everyone around him.

Packed with some of the biggest musical theatre songs of the last decade, *Dear Evan Hansen* has a score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (Oscar-winning composers for *The Greatest Showman*), book by Steven Levenson and multiple awards including a Tony Award for Best Musical, Olivier Award for Best New Musical and Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Score.

With direction by Adam Penford, this brand-new production marks the first time that the Broadway and West End phenomenon will tour the UK & Ireland.

Presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

"The musical of its generation, for all generations." BBC RADIO 2

TUE 4-SAT 8 FEB 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



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Content guidance

Recommended 12yrs+





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GHOST THE MUSICAL

Book and lyrics by **Bruce Joel Rubin**

Music and lyrics by **Dave Stewart** and **Glen Ballard**

Oh My Love, My Darling... I've hungered for your touch.

The timeless love story, the Oscar-winning film and now a musical classic – the global smash hit *Ghost the Musical* comes to Canterbury – starring Rebekah Lowings as Molly, Josh St. Clair as Sam and Jacqui Dubois as Oda Mae Brown.

Walking back to their apartment late one night, a tragic encounter sees Sam murdered and his beloved girlfriend Molly alone and utterly lost. Sam, trapped between this world and the next, tries to communicate with Molly in the hope of saving her from grave danger...

Ghost the Musical features The Righteous Brothers' *Unchained Melody* alongside songs co-written by Eurythmics' Dave Stewart.

Experience all the romance and magic of the classic story brought thrillingly to life on stage. Believe again!

TUE 18-SAT 22 FEB 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



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Audio described

Thu 20 Feb 7.30pm





THE ALTERNATIVE COMEDY SHOW

THU 20 FEB, THU 17 APR
& THU 15 MAY 2025
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 Theatre is sponsored by Harwood Building Control.

8pm / £16



Dance Consortium presents

EUN-ME AHN DANCE COMPANY: DRAGONS

FRI 28 FEB & SAT 1 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

A joyful riot of dance, music and non-stop movement.

Dragons by avant-garde South Korean choreographer Eun-Me Ahn brings together modern and traditional dance styles from across Asia.

Eun-Me Ahn's kaleidoscopic production introduces five young guest performers from Malaysia, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia and Taiwan. All born in the year 2000, they appear as holograms, sharing their hopes and fresh perspectives on how past and future can coexist. They interact on the stage with Eun-Me-Ahn and her company of seven South Korean performers with vivid and colourful projections bringing forests and clouded skies to life, whilst an evocative soundtrack seamlessly blends contemporary pop and electronic music with a traditional score.

7.30pm / From £16



Post-show Q&A

Fri 28 Feb, free





Theatre Royal Bath Productions and Jonathan Church Theatre Productions

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Written by **Robert Bolt**

Directed by **Jonathan Church**

The powerful figures who shaped English history are brought vividly to life in this award-winning play.

Robert Bolt's classic play of power and conscience set in the Tudor Court of Henry VIII stars Martin Shaw as Sir Thomas More – scholar, ambassador, Lord Chancellor and friend to King Henry VIII.

When Henry demands a divorce from Catherine of Aragon, the staunchly Catholic Thomas is forced to choose between his loyalty and his own conscience, committing an incredible act of defiance for which he eventually pays the ultimate price...

One of the UK's best-loved actors on stage and screen, Martin Shaw is known to millions for his television roles in *Judge John Deed*, *Inspector George Gently* and *The Professionals*. His recent West End stage appearances include *Hobson's Choice*, *The Best Man* and *Twelve Angry Men*.

"The story is a gripping one... Martin Shaw is superb, playing More with both gravitas and a lightness of touch." DAILY TELEGRAPH

TUE 4-SAT 8 MAR 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



Schools



Captioned

Thu 6 Mar 2.30pm



Content guidance

Recommended 8yrs+





THE SHARK IS BROKEN

Written by **Ian Shaw** and **Joseph Nixon**

Direct from the West End and Broadway, this Olivier-award nominated five-star play celebrates movie history, diving into the choppy waters of Hollywood's first blockbuster.

FADE IN: The open ocean, 1974. Filming is delayed... again. The lead actors – theatre veteran Robert Shaw and young Hollywood hotshots Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider are crammed into a too-small boat, entirely at the mercy of foul weather and a faulty mechanical co-star. Alcohol flows, egos collide, and tempers flare on a chaotic voyage that just might lead to cinematic magic... if it doesn't sink them all.

Step aboard the Orca and into the production of *The Shark is Broken*, a "profound dive behind the scenes of the making of *Jaws*" (Daily Telegraph). This new play is "hilariously brilliant and pure genius" raves the Sunday Express and stars Ian Shaw (*War Horse*, *Common*) as his father, Robert Shaw.

"Ian Shaw gives one of the most exhilarating theatrical performances of the year." ★★★★★ EVENING STANDARD

"A theatrical-cinematic stroke of genius." ★★★★★ DAILY TELEGRAPH

TUE 11-SAT 15 MAR 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



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Discovery Tickets



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Captioned

Thu 13 Mar 2.30pm



Content guidance

Recommended 14yrs+

Photo of the original West End cast.





CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Written by **Richard M. Sherman** and **Robert B. Sherman**

The most fantasmagorical musical of all time!

A brand-new production of this much-loved family favourite stars Liam Fox (*Emmerdale*) as Grandpa Potts. Directed by Thom Southerland (*Titanic, Parade*), choreographed by Karen Bruce (*Strictly Come Dancing, The Bodyguard*) and designed by Morgan Large (*Newsies, Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*), this ravishing musical is bursting with unforgettable songs by the Sherman Brothers including *Toot Sweets, Hushabye Mountain, Truly Scrumptious* and of course the Academy Award-nominated title song, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*.

Based on Ian Fleming's timeless story and later made into the famous 1968 film, in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* we meet inventor Caractacus Potts who restores a broken-down old racing car with the help of his children. Soon the family discover the car has magical powers and they end up on a fantastical adventure to far off lands. Their heart-warming journey makes *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* a fun-filled hit for all the family.

TUE 1-SAT 12 APR 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7pm

Wed, Thu, Sat & Sun matinees 2pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



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Audio Described

Sun 6 Apr 2pm



BSL Interpreted

Thu 10 Apr 2pm



Captioned

Fri 11 Apr 7pm



Content guidance

Recommended 5yrs+





ENGLISH TOURING OPERA

A season inspired by Shakespeare.

BELLINI'S THE CAPULETS AND THE MONTAGUES

English Touring Opera returns with a beautiful bel canto opera, telling the tale of two lovers, doomed by the conflict between their families.

Italian composer, Vincenzo Bellini's *The Capulets and the Montagues* (*I Capuleti e i Montecchi*) is a re-working of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Loyalty and love are put to the test amidst political violence, set to exquisite 'bel canto' (literally meaning beautiful singing) operatic music that brings the story's tragedy to the fore.





WED 23 APR 2025


MAIN HOUSE


7.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)

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-  Discovery Tickets
-  Groups
-  Schools

 **Content guidance**
Recommended 12yrs+

 **Pre-show talk**
Wed 23 Apr, 6.30pm, free

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THE VANISHING FOREST

MON 21 APR 2025

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This family opera is part of English Touring Opera's response to climate change following last year's production of *The Great Stink*.

Do you remember what happened that strange night in the Forest of Arden? Puck does. It's been a while since *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Athens is changing. The forest is being chopped down, and as each tree vanishes, more magic disappears from the land.




The Vanishing Forest follows the events of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as Puck joins forces with Cassie and Mylas, children of Duke Theseus and Hippolyta, to educate and inspire children on the issue of deforestation with Shakespearean-infused song, puppetry and adventure.

Recommended 7-11yrs.

11am & 2pm

£10

Discounts (selected performances)

-  Marlowe members
-  Discovery Tickets
-  Groups

Please note this show is not part of the Multi-Buy offer.

The Capulets and the Montagues will be performed in Italian with English captions. The other performances will be sung in English with English captions.

SHAKESPEARE SONGS

TUE 22 APR 2025

STUDIO

Join English Touring Opera for an intimate performance of Shakespeare-inspired songs in our Studio.





Alongside *The Capulets and the Montagues* in our Main House, ETO continue their Shakespearean season with a collection of songs from across the centuries inspired by his work.

In a theatrical staging by a chamber ensemble, this new production explores the timeless appeal of Shakespeare's words and characters.

7.30pm

£20.50

Discounts (selected performances)

-  Marlowe members
-  Discovery Tickets
-  Groups
-  Schools

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Recommended 12yrs+



SCIENCE MUSEUM LIVE

MON 21 APR 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Brand new for 2025. The Science Museum is going on tour!

Experience the brand-new stage show which will ignite your curiosity, fuel your imagination and inspire you in new and exciting ways. This unmissable family production is sure to capture the imagination of young and old alike and teach you something new.

12.30pm & 3.30pm / £20





Matthew Bourne's **SWAN LAKE**

The next generation.

New Adventures return with their audacious, rule-breaking reinvention of Tchaikovsky's masterpiece. *Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake* caused a sensation when it premiered almost 30 years ago. It has now become the most successful dance theatre production of all time, creating new audiences and inspiring generations of young dancers. In celebration, *Swan Lake* will take flight once more in a major new revival for the next generation of dancers, and for audiences who will experience it for the very first time.

Thrilling, bold and witty, this genre-defining event shattered convention by replacing the female corps-de-ballet with a menacing male ensemble.

Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake took the dance theatre world by storm, becoming the longest running full-length dance classic in the West End and on Broadway. It has since been performed across the globe, collecting over thirty international accolades including an Olivier and three Tony Awards.

"The show that changed the dance landscape forever."

★★★★★ THE OBSERVER

TUE 29 APR-SAT 3 MAY 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



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Audio Described

Thu 1 May 7.30pm



Content guidance

Recommended 5yrs+





David Pugh & Cunard present the Newcastle Theatre Royal production

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE* (*SORT OF)

Written by **Isobel McArthur** after Jane Austen

The five-star comedy sensation direct from the West End.

Direct from its triumph in the West End where it won the Olivier Award for Best Comedy and the Evening Standard Award, *Pride and Prejudice* (*sort of)* is a unique and audacious retelling of Jane Austen's most iconic love story.

Men, money and microphones will be fought over in this irreverent but affectionate adaptation where the stakes couldn't be higher when it comes to romance. This multi-award-winning production features a string of pop classics including *Young Hearts Run Free*, *Will You Love Me Tomorrow* and *You're So Vain*.

It's the 1800s. It's party time. Let the ruthless matchmaking begin.

"Riotously funny... gloriously entertaining... frankly sensational."

★★★★★ VARIETY

"Austen would have loved this smart, laugh-out-loud show."

★★★★★ VARIETY

TUE 6-SAT 10 MAY 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



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CHICAGO



CHICAGO

Written by **John Kander, Fred Ebb** and **Bob Fosse**

The “sexiest musical ever” (Metro) is back.

Murder, greed, corruption, exploitation, adultery and treachery... all those things we hold near and dear to our hearts. So begins the international multi-award-winning musical, *Chicago*.

Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, *Chicago* is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer, who murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago’s slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines.

Created by the musical theatre talents of John Kander, Fred Ebb and legendary choreographer Bob Fosse, *Chicago*’s sexy, sassy score has one show-stopping song after another, including *Razzle Dazzle*, *Cell Block Tango*, and *All That Jazz*. With six Tony Awards, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy and thousands of standing ovations, *Chicago* truly is “superb” (Daily Telegraph).

MON 12-SAT 17 MAY 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Groups



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Audio Described

Thu 15 May 7.30pm



Content guidance

Recommended 12yrs+





CALAMITY JANE

The whip-crackin' musical comedy classic is a rollin' on over the plains to Canterbury!

Based on the much-loved Doris Day movie, this new production stars the multi-award-winning West End actress and singer Carrie Hope Fletcher (*Cinderella*, *Les Misérables*) as the fearless, gun slingin' Calamity Jane.

She'll charm you hog-eyed though, especially when trying to win the heart of the dashing Lieutenant Gilmartin. But when the men of Deadwood fall hard for Chicago stage star Adelaid Adams, Calamity struggles to keep her jealousy holstered.

With the sure-fire classic songs *The Deadwood Stage* (*Whip-Crack-Away*), *The Black Hills of Dakota*, and the Oscar-winning *Secret Love*, this production is directed by Nikolai Foster, co-directed and choreographed by Nick Winston with musical supervision by Olivier, Grammy and Tony Award winner Catherine Jayes.

What are you waiting for, you wild coyotes? Grab a posse, whip-crack-away and book now!

TUE 27-SAT 31 MAY 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



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Captioned

Thu 29 May 2.30pm





A Children's Theatre Partnership, Unicorn Theatre and Sheffield Theatres production

PIG HEART BOY

Based on the novel by **Malorie Blackman**
Adapted by **Winsome Pinnock**
Directed by **Tristan Fynn-Aiduenu**

This brilliant novel is brought to life in a brand-new adaptation.

Is it better to have a pig's heart that works... than a human heart that doesn't?

Cameron is thirteen, and all he wants is to be normal – have friends, go to school, and dive to the bottom of his local swimming pool. But he desperately needs a heart transplant and time is running out. When he's finally offered a new heart, Cameron must choose how far he'll go to get his life back.

From the multi award-winning writer Malorie Blackman OBE, author of *Noughts and Crosses*, *Pig Heart Boy* is brought to life in a brand-new adaptation by Winsome Pinnock, and is directed by Tristan Fynn-Aiduenu.

WED 4-SAT 7 JUN 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Wed 7pm
Thu & Fri 10.30am & 2pm
Sat 2pm & 7pm

From £16

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



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BSL Interpreted
Fri 6 Jun 2pm



Content guidance
Recommended 9yrs+





KINKY BOOTS

Book by **Harvey Fierstein**

Music and lyrics by **Cyndi Lauper**

Fall head over heels for this all-new musical.

The Broadway and West End sensation, *Kinky Boots the Musical*, is strutting back to Canterbury in a brand-new production starring *Strictly Come Dancing*'s Johannes Radebe and rising star Dan Partridge.

This joy-filled sensation, based on a true story and hit movie, features Tony and Grammy winning music and lyrics by pop icon Cyndi Lauper, a life-affirming book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein and is directed by Nikolai Foster (*Grease, An Officer and a Gentleman*).

After inheriting his family's failing shoe factory and with a relationship on the rocks, life is proving to be very challenging for Charlie Price. That is until he meets Lola, a drag queen whose sparkle and unsteady heels might just hold the answer to saving the struggling business.

Kinky Boots the Musical is guaranteed to RAISE YOU UP and celebrate everybody's individuality.

Please note, Johannes Radebe will not be performing in the following performances:
Wed 11 Jun, 2.30pm & Thu 12 Jun, 2.30pm

TUE 10-SAT 14 JUN 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

Prices from £17

Discounts (selected performances)



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Groups



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Audio Described

Wed 11 Jun 7.30pm





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ALAN BLEASDALE'S **BOYS FROM THE BLACKSTUFF**

by James Graham

Bill Kenwright Ltd presents the Liverpool's Royal Court and National Theatre production

Alan Bleasdale's

BOYS FROM THE BLACKSTUFF

Adapted by **James Graham**

James Graham's powerful new adaptation of Alan Bleasdale's BAFTA award-winning TV series.

Gizza job. Go on, gizzit.

80s Liverpool. Chrissie, Loggo, George, Dixie and Yosser are used to hard work and providing for their families. But there is no work and there is no money. What are they supposed to do? Work harder, work longer, buy cheaper, spend less? They just need a chance.

Life is tough but the lads can play the game. Find jobs, avoid the 'sniffers' and see if you can have a laugh along the way.

Boys from the Blackstuff is directed by Kate Wasserberg and comes to Canterbury direct from the National Theatre and the West End.

"The audience hangs on every syllable."

★★★★★ DAILY MAIL

TUE 24-SAT 28 JUN 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



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Groups



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Captioned

Thu 26 Jun 2.30pm

28



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THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

Written by **Richard O'Brien**

The legendary rock 'n' roll musical returns to Canterbury!

Ready to thrill you with fun and naughty moments, Richard O'Brien's legendary rock 'n' roll musical, *The Rocky Horror Show* returns to Canterbury as part of a new world tour.

Having been seen by over 35 million theatregoers, *The Rocky Horror Show* is the story of two squeaky clean college kids Brad and his fiancée Janet. When by a twist of fate, their car breaks down outside a creepy mansion whilst on their way to visit their former college professor, 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 the biggest party and features timeless classics, including *Sweet Transvestite*, *Dammit Janet*, and of course, the pelvic thrusting show-stopping *Time Warp*.

MON 7-SAT 12 JUL 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Mon-Thu evenings 8pm

Fri & Sat evenings 5pm & 8.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



Schools



Content guidance

Recommended 14yrs+





Chris Harper Productions

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Based on the novel by **C.S Lewis**

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime as the West End smash hit returns!

Step through the wardrobe into the magic kingdom of Narnia where a world of wonder awaits.

Join Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as they meet new friends, face dangerous foes and learn the lessons of courage, sacrifice, and the power of love.

Watch the classic novel *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* come to life on stage in this spectacular production which is guaranteed to delight all ages.

"A huge-hearted show."

★★★★★ METRO

"A fantastical family treat."

★★★★ THE TELEGRAPH

TUE 15-SAT 19 JUL 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7pm

Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



Schools



Captioned

Fri 18 Jul 7pm



BSL Interpreted

Sat 19 Jul 2pm



Content guidance

Recommended 6yrs+





CIRQUE: THE GREATEST SHOW

WED 23 JUL 2025

MAIN HOUSE

**Where musical theatre
meets circus.**

It's time to step into the light. Escape with us for a night like no other, where we take you into a world where the very best of musical theatre showstoppers meets jaw-dropping circus spectacle.

A world that explodes into colour as everyone's favourite West End and Broadway hits combine with breath-taking, amazing performances, incredible contortionists, and thrilling feats of agility and flair.

7pm / From £17



DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE

FRI 15-SUN 17 AUG 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Olivier award-winner for Best Family Show 2024!

Dare to experience the dangers and delights of *Dinosaur World Live* in this roarsome interactive show for all the family.

Grab your compass and join our intrepid explorer across uncharted territories to discover a pre-historic world of astonishing (and remarkably life-like) dinosaurs. Meet a host of impressive creatures, including the Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Microraptor and Segnosaurus! Don't miss this entertaining and mind-expanding Jurassic adventure, live on stage.

Fri 2pm, Sat 11am, 2pm & 4.30pm, Sun 11am & 2pm

From £16



BSL Interpreted

Sun 17 Aug 2pm



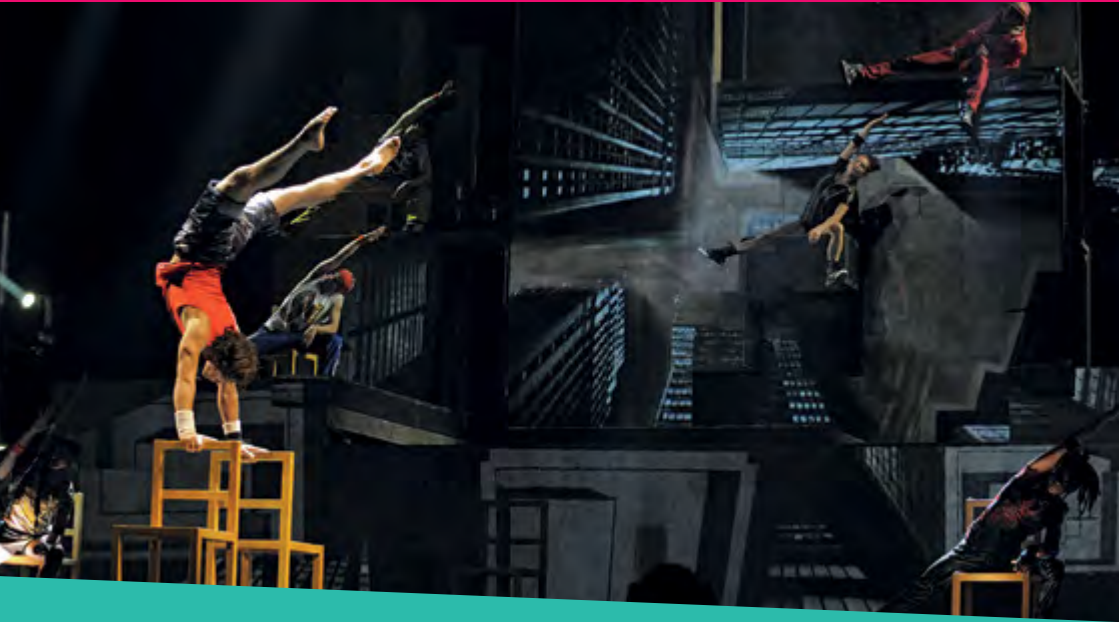
Content guidance

Recommended 3yrs+



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Dance Consortium presents

CIRQUE ÉLOIZE: ID RELOADED

Directed and created by **Jeannot Painchaud**

Mixing urban dance, daring stunts and dazzling acrobatics.

iD Reloaded inspired by *iD*, Cirque Éloize's ground-breaking and breath-taking West End and International hit, is an intoxicating blend of circus arts and urban dance: b-boying/b-girling, breakdance, hip-hop and more.

The scene is set in the heart of a city, in a public space where people seek refuge and a chance to shed their anonymity; a place where identity is forged and individuality is expressed.

Set to a pulsating and stimulating soundtrack by composers Jean-Phi Goncalves (Beast) and Alex McMahon, directed and created by Jeannot Painchaud, *iD Reloaded* is a thrilling piece of work, full of attitude, energy and invention.

"Mixes circus and urban dance to cracking effect - the skill and excitement levels are sky-high." THE GUARDIAN

"This truly thrilling modern circus show from the Canadian-based troupe was as nail-biting as it was beautiful." THE TELEGRAPH

(Reviews from *iD*)

FRI 19 & SAT 20 SEP 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Fri evening 7.30pm

Sat matinee 3pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



Schools





TWIGGY THE MUSICAL

Written and directed by **Ben Elton**

A brand-new production from author, actor, stand-up and writer Ben Elton.

A thrilling musical rollercoaster ride charting the meteoric rise to fame of world-renowned model, singer and actress Twiggy - featuring some of the greatest pop-hits from the 60s and 70s!

See the remarkable rise of Twiggy from a leafy suburb to the fashion capitals of the world - from Neasden to Broadway and Hollywood - and experience the extraordinary highs and lows of the rags to riches tale of a British icon.

This brand-new musical from the writer of the smash hits *We Will Rock You* and *Blackadder*, features the timeless songs *The Air That I Breathe*, *You Don't Own Me*, *Your Love Keeps Lifting Me Higher and Higher*, *The In Crowd*, *Stuck In The Middle With You*, *Downtown*, *Somebody To Love* and *Just One Look*.

Don't miss your chance to see the true story of one of the world's first supermodels and her extraordinary life in front of the lens.

TUE 23-SAT 27 SEP 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



Schools



Audio Described

Thu 25 Sep 7.30pm





Tina

THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

TINA - THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

Written by **Katori Hall**

The West End mega-hit comes to Canterbury as part of its first ever national tour.

From humble beginnings in Nutbush, Tennessee, to her triumphant transformation into a multi award-winning global superstar, Tina Turner didn't just break the rules, she rewrote them, winning 12 Grammy Awards.

Set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of her iconic hits, including *The Best*, *What's Love Got To Do With It?* and *River Deep, Mountain High*, discover the heart and soul behind the Queen of Rock 'n' Roll. Experience her inspiring story as this exhilarating celebration reveals the untold story of a woman who dared to dream fiercely, shatter barriers and defy the bounds of age, gender and race to conquer the world.

Presented in association with Tina Turner, written by Olivier Award and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Katori Hall (*The Mountaintop*) and directed by the internationally acclaimed Phyllida Lloyd (*Mamma Mia!*), this five-star show is "simply the best" (Daily Mail).

TUE 28 OCT-SAT 8 NOV 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evenings 7.30pm

Wed, Thu & Sat matinees 2.30pm

From £28

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



Audio Described

Wed 5 Nov 7.30pm



Content guidance

Recommended 14yrs+





BALLET BLACK: SHADOWS

Cassa Pancho's award-winning, neo-classical ballet company, present a double bill of new work.

Cassa Pancho's Ballet Black returns with the darkly comic adaptation of international bestselling novel, *My Sister, The Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite. When Korede gets a call from her sister Ayoola, she knows what to do. It's the third boyfriend Ayoola has killed in 'self-defense,' and the third mess Korede has to clean up. Things change, when Ayoola starts dating the doctor Korede has loved for years. Korede can't let him be the next victim – but saving him might mean betraying her sister...

The second piece of the double bill is from Brooklyn-born, award-winning choreographer, Chanel DaSilva who is known for using the power of the arts to inspire change. Her work has been commissioned by renowned companies and DaSilva made history as the first Black woman to choreograph for The Joffrey Ballet. Her work delves into what it means to be human, with a focus on driving positive change. For her debut ballet for Cassa Pancho's Ballet Black, DaSilva explores the intense practice of shadow work and how it can reveal our true selves.

TUE 18 NOV 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Evening 7.30pm

From £17

Discounts (selected performances)



Marlowe members



Discovery Tickets



Groups



Schools





PADDY YOUNG: IF I TOLD YOU I'D HAVE TO KISS YOU

FRI 31 JAN 2025
STUDIO

Join Paddy for his second UK tour.

The 2024 Chortle Award Best Newcomer winner and 2023 Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer heads out on his second UK tour.

Recommended 16yrs+

8pm / £18.50



STEWART LEE VS THE MAN-WULF

MON 10 FEB 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Lee unleashes his inner Man-Wulf in this brand-new show.

Stewart Lee is in danger of being left behind. He's approaching sixty and his once BAFTA award-winning style of stand-up seems obsolete. But can Lee unleash his inner Man-Wulf to position himself alongside comedy legends?

Recommended 14yrs+

7.30pm / £31



JACK DEE: SMALL WORLD

WED 12 FEB 2025
MAIN HOUSE

One of Britain's favourite comics.

Culture wars, the environment, British foreign policy and social justice: these are just a few of the topics that Jack spectacularly fails to address (or even mention for that matter) in his brand-new show.

Join Jack as he guides you through his varied life and career.

Strictly 14yrs+

7.30pm / £33.50

SYDNE CHRISTMAS: MY WAY TOUR

THU 13 FEB 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Sydnie Christmas heads out on her debut UK tour.

Fresh from her victory as the winner of *Britain's Got Talent 2024*, Sydnie Christmas is thrilled to announce the *My Way Tour*, her debut UK tour.

Sydnie captivated the judges and audience on *Britain's Got Talent* with spellbinding performances. Amanda Holden described her as "spellbinding" and Simon Cowell rated her performance "an 11 out of 10".

Strictly 14yrs+

7.30pm / From £35.50



CHRIS MCCAUSLAND: YONKS!

FRI 14 FEB 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Chris is hitting the road again with another masterclass in stand-up.

You might have seen him on *Strictly Come Dancing*, *Would I Lie to You* and *Have I Got News For You*. He's been called an "overnight success" - even though he's been doing this for yonks!

Recommended 16yrs+

7.30pm / £28





CHLOE PETTS: HOW YOU SEE ME, HOW YOU DON'T

FRI 21 & SAT 22 FEB 2025
STUDIO

The rising star is back on the road with a brand-new hour... and this time she's getting personal.

Between her newly found trolls, oldly found school bullies, and an excellent relationship with her food tech teacher, Chloe brings her trademark laddishness to tell you who she really is, all while her Head Girl badge glistens upon her chest.

Recommended 14yrs+

8pm / £19



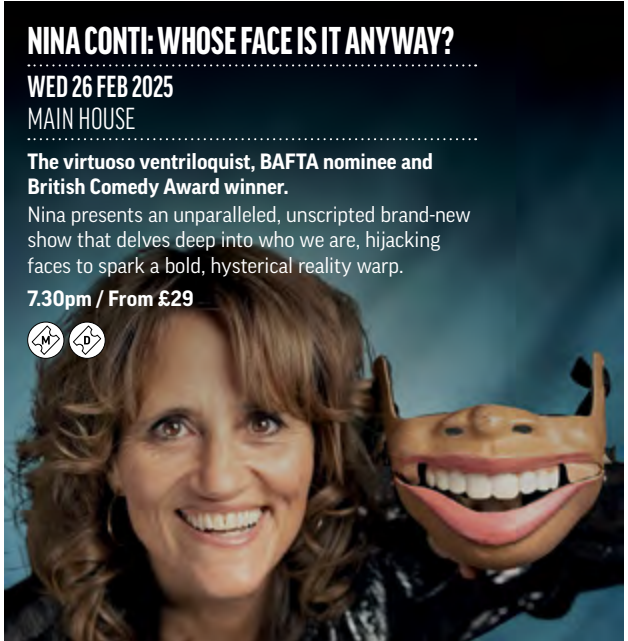
JAZZ EMU: KNIGHT FEVER

FRI 28 FEB 2025
STUDIO

For the first time ever, The Guardian's breakout comedy act of 2023 will be touring his hotly anticipated show.

Musical supernova Jazz Emu will be bringing his brand-new show, alongside his full live band, The Cosmique Perfection. This tour will feature brand new songs, and an appearance from the King himself.

8pm / £27.50



NINA CONTI: WHOSE FACE IS IT ANYWAY?

WED 26 FEB 2025
MAIN HOUSE

The virtuoso ventriloquist, BAFTA nominee and British Comedy Award winner.

Nina presents an unparalleled, unscripted brand-new show that delves deep into who we are, hijacking faces to spark a bold, hysterical reality warp.

7.30pm / From £29



MILTON JONES: HA!MILTON

SUN 2 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

A whole new show of daftness. You know it makes sense.

This is not a musical. Milton Jones is tone deaf and has no sense of rhythm, but at least he doesn't make a song and dance about it. He has more important things to discuss. Like giraffes... and there's a bit about tomatoes.

7.30pm / £36



AL MURRAY: GUV ISLAND

SUN 9 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

The pub landlord is back by popular demand.

Standing up so you don't have to take it lying down anymore, the pub landlord is back to make sense of the questions you probably already had the answers to.

7.30pm / From £33.50





AN AUDIENCE WITH AGGERS & TUFFERS

SUN 16 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Cricket legends Aggers and Tuffers are ready to bowl you over!
With a collective career of over five decades, Aggers and Tuffers have remained connected to the sporting world as commentators, media personalities, and even participants of some of the nation's favourite TV shows.

7.30pm / From £28



BEN FOGLE: WILD

MON 17 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Join the award-winning broadcaster, Sunday Times best-selling author and epic adventurer for a wildly entertaining show.

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.

7.30pm / £35.50



HARRY HILL: NEW BITS AND GREATEST HITS

SUN 23 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

The Badger Parade is back on!
Join Harry on his Diamond Jubilee lap of honour as he celebrates 60 glorious years of fun, laughter and low level disruption! SO GET ON BOARD THE LAUGHTER TRAIN!

Strictlyly 9yrs+

7.30pm / £33.50

GIOVANNI PERNICE: THE LAST DANCE

WED 26 & THU 27 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

The Italian maestro of dance takes centre stage in *The Last Dance*.

A mesmerising production that transcends the boundaries of live performance, the *Strictly* champion and BAFTA winner will be taking to the stage with his company of world class performers.

Recommended 8yrs+

**Evenings 7.30pm
Thu matinee 2.30pm
From £29.50**



BSL Interpreted
Thu 27 Mar 2.30pm





BEN PORTSMOUTH: THIS IS ELVIS

TUE 25 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Ben Portsmouth brings you his jaw-dropping tribute to the King of Rock 'n' Roll!

With global success in over 20 countries including sell-out performances on the same Vegas stage as Elvis, you won't want to miss the world's leading Elvis performer.

Recommended 16yrs+

2.30pm & 7.30pm / From £34



JASON DONOVAN: DOIN' FINE 25

FRI 28 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

A spectacular celebration of his remarkable career in music, theatre, film and TV.

Journey through 35 years of hits on stage and screen via Jason's energetic and unique live performance style.

7.30pm / From £35



KAREN HAUER & GORKA MARQUEZ: SPEAKEASY

SUN 30 MAR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Strictly favourites Karen and Gorka take to the Marlowe Theatre stage for one night only.

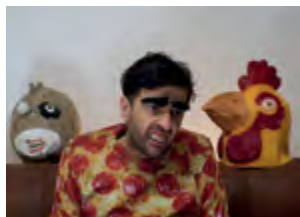
Expect exhilarating live music and breath-taking choreography with Karen and Gorka's newest offering. Unlock the door to an undercover world of elegance and iconic dance flavours.

From the clandestine New York Speakeasy to the sultry Havana dance floors, and from the Burlesque Cabaret Clubs of the mid 1900's to the glittering mirror balls of Studio 54, *Speakeasy* will be a delicious dance experience.

Mambo, Salsa, Charleston, Foxtrot and Samba the night away with our electrifying cast of world-class dancers, vocalists and musicians.

7.30pm / From £28





SPENCER JONES

FRI 28 MAR 2025

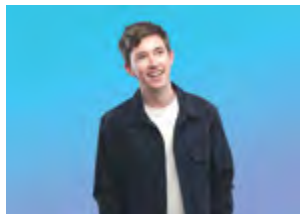
STUDIO

The star of BBC's *The Mind of Herbert Clunker* comes to you on tour with his irresistibly eccentric show.

Star of BBC's *Mister Winner*, twice BAFTA nominated and twice Edinburgh Comedy Award nominated. Expect some prop-based tomfoolery, chickens rapping over looped songs, visual gags and a very angry cockerel.

Recommended 16yrs+

8pm / £17.50



JAKE LAMBERT: THE SUNSHINE KID

FRI 4 APR 2025

STUDIO

Jake Lambert is going on his first national tour.

Described as "a joke machine" by The Telegraph, the show will see the comedian talk about trying to navigate his way through everyday life.

Strictly 14yrs+

8pm / £15.50



Marlowe Theatre Youth Company

THE TWITS

By **Roald Dahl** adapted for the stage by **David Wood**

THU 10-SAT 12 APR 2025

STUDIO

The circus is in town, and we invite you to witness the hilarious downfall of revolting couple, Mr. and Mrs. Twit!

Join our Youth Company Performance Ensemble as they take on Roald Dahl's children's literary classic, in a high-energy, highly inventive new production, created with the support of a professional creative team and developed through improvisation and ensemble theatre-making techniques.

The Twits uses a marvelous mix of comedy, storytelling through movement and audience participation to tell a tale of mischief and revenge, shot through with themes of kindness, friendship and hope.

Sponsored by Paul Roberts Canterbury

This amateur production of *The Twits* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

Fri & Sat evenings 6.30pm

Thu & Sat matinee 1pm

£10 / £5 Under 16



Post-show Q&A

Thu 10 Apr, free



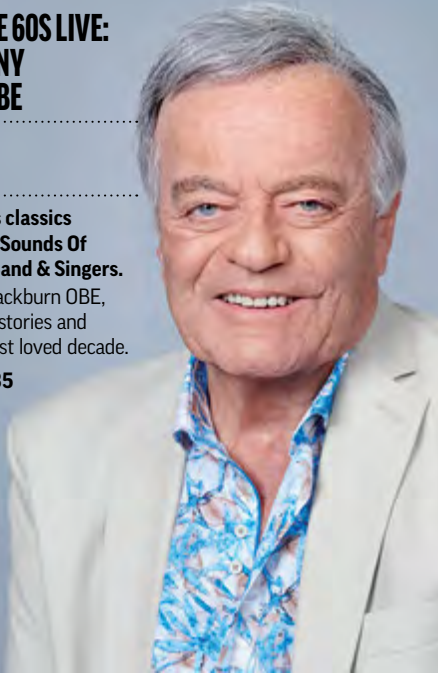
SOUNDS OF THE 60S LIVE: HOSTED BY TONY BLACKBURN OBE

TUE 22 APR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

An evening of 60s classics performed by the Sounds Of The 60s All Star Band & Singers.

Hosted by Tony Blackburn OBE, the show features stories and songs from the most loved decade.

7.30pm / From £35



HENNING WEHN: ACID WEHN

THU 24 APR 2025
MAIN HOUSE

German Comedy Ambassador Henning Wehn takes an unbiased look at climate change.

After all, everyone loves talking about the weather. Rain or shine, all will be fine. Or maybe it won't. Who knows?! Come along. Or else.

Recommended 16yrs+

7.30pm / £28.50



NIKITA KUZMIN: MIDNIGHT DANCER

WED 21 MAY 2025
MAIN HOUSE

The rising Star of Strictly Come Dancing brings his first ever solo tour.

Nikita is joined by a sharp and chic cast of talented dancers and vocalists in a show like no other, jam-packed with the hits we all know and love.

7.30pm / From £24



DARA Ó BRIAIN: RE:CREATION

THU 22 & FRI 23 MAY 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Dara Ó Briain is hitting the road with a brand-new tour show.

As one of the UK's best-loved stand-up comedians and television presenter, Dara is best known in the UK for hosting BBC's *Mock the Week* for 16 years.

Strictly 14yrs+

7.30pm / £33.50



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OMID DJALILI: NAMASTE

SAT 24 MAY 2025

MAIN HOUSE

The Persian comedy powerhouse performs his critically-acclaimed new show.

Omid Djalili performs his critically-acclaimed new show *Namaste* where he peacefully bows to his inner anger and unleashes a torrent of comedic vitriol upon the current state of this dangerously messed up planet.

Recommended 16yrs+

7.30pm / £31



NICK MOHAMMED IS MR SWALLOW: SHOW PONY

SUN 1 JUN 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Ted Lasso star, Nick Mohammed returns as his critically-acclaimed alter-ego Mr. Swallow with a brand-new show.

Show Pony will cover everything from not having his own sitcom to not having his own sitcom... and everything in between.

Recommended 14yrs+

7.30pm / £31



ALJAZ & JANETTE: A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

SUN 25 MAY 2025

MAIN HOUSE

The brand-new show from *Strictly* favourites Aljaz & Janette!

Aljaz and Janette have graced UK stages across the country for over 6 years always delivering great shows with spectacular jaw-dropping dances.

A Night to Remember is finally here. It promises to deliver an even greater dancing experience than ever before. They return with their very own live band, fronted by boogie woogie legend Tom Seals, and a terrific ensemble cast of dancers and singers.

2.30pm & 7.30pm / From £28



RUSSELL KANE: HYPERACTIVE

MON 2 & TUE 3 JUN 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Russell is out on the road with his brand-new, high-energy tour.

Whirlwind, FitBit-breaking comedian, presenter, actor and author Russell Kane is out on the road again, setting it on fire with his unique recipe of sharp wit and "storming physical comedy" (Mail on Sunday).

Strictly 14yrs+

7.30pm / £33.50



CHRIS HADFIELD: A JOURNEY INTO THE COSMOS

SUN 8 JUN 2025

MAIN HOUSE

A rare opportunity to be inspired by one of the world's most remarkable explorers.

Join Colonel Chris Hadfield – acclaimed astronaut, test pilot, spacewalker, spaceship commander, and best-selling author – for a captivating journey into the vast universe.

7.30pm / From £29



DIANNE & VITO: RED HOT AND READY

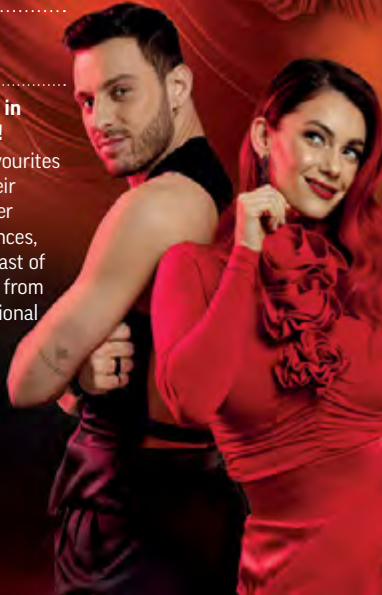
SUN 15 JUN 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Strictly's superstars lead in a brand-new stage show!

Bringing together fan-favourites Dianne and Vito, with their incredible ability to deliver show-stopping performances, they will be joined by a cast of multi-disciplined dancers from around the world, sensational vocalists and a live band. *Red Hot and Ready* is the ultimate high-voltage dance extravaganza.

6pm / From £34.50



JIMMY CARR: LAUGHS FUNNY

FRI 4 & SAT 5 JUL 2025

MAIN HOUSE

Jimmy Carr is going back on tour.

If you like fast-paced, edgy one-liners then get ready to be happy. Jimmy Carr is back with his brand-new show.

Jimmy Carr: Laughs Funny will be 90 minutes of solid jokes, no interval.

Recommended 16yrs+

7pm & 9.30pm / £38

GUENTHER STEINER: UNFILTERED LIVE

SUN 13 JUL 2025

MAN HOUSE

Buckle up and fasten your seatbelts.

A hugely entertaining all-areas-access conversation spanning a decade inside Formula 1, with former Haas F1 team principal Guenther Steiner, star of Netflix's smash hit docuseries *Drive to Survive*.

Uncompromising, brutally funny and searingly honest, this is Guenther at his very best, telling his story as only he can.

7.30pm / From £38



JOOLS HOLLAND AND HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA

SUN 20 & MON 21 JUL 2025

MAIN HOUSE

A genuine British musical legend.

Featuring Gilson Lavis and guest vocalists Ruby Turner, Louise Marshall and Sumudu Jayatilaka. The Rhythm and Blues phenomenon returns to Canterbury.

7.30pm / From £44



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LONDON SYMPHONIC ROCK ORCHESTRA

FRI 25 JUL 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Join the London Symphonic Rock Orchestra for an evening of iconic rock hits delivered in the most spectacular way.

Boundary breaking pioneers fusing the omnipotent power of the orchestra with innovative technology and the raucous rebellion of rock.

Strictly 14yrs+

7.30pm / From £36



STEPHEN BAILEY: TART

FRI 19 SEP 2025
STUDIO

Rising star Stephen Bailey returns to the stage!

Stephen Bailey returns to the stage following the huge success of his sold-out 2024 tour with his brand-new live show. "A rising star" (The Sun), Stephen has appeared on every light entertainment show and come second on every celebrity quiz show.

Recommended 16yrs+

8pm / £20.50

JOSH WIDDICOMBE: NOT MY CUP OF TEA

SUN 14 SEP 2025
MAIN HOUSE

Co-host of *The Last Leg* and *Parenting Hell*, hugely popular stand-up comedian Josh Widdicombe is back on tour.

By now he has almost certainly mastered the art of stand-up, either that or he has wasted the last 15 years of his life. Come along and decide for yourself.

Strictly 14yrs+

7.30pm / £33.50



BJÖRN AGAIN

SAT 4 OCT 2025
MAIN HOUSE

The only ABBA tribute band globally to have been endorsed by the original members of ABBA.

Designed as a tongue-in-cheek, light-hearted ABBA tribute, the show has achieved worldwide cult status with critical acclaim.

7.30pm / From £28



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Dates:

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Tue 7 Jan 2025

Wed 5 Feb 2025

Wed 12 Mar 2025

Fri 18 Apr 2025

Sat 24 May 2025

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£12.50 (£8 Marlowe members)

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Discounts*

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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.






We want the Marlowe Theatre to be enjoyed by everyone. We have a range of accessible facilities and events to support your visit:

 Up to 10 **wheelchair** positions available over all three levels of our Main Space and up to six wheelchair spaces in our Studio. **Lift access** to every floor. Please let our Box Office know if you are unable to use the stairs, so we can arrange a plan for you in the event of an evacuation.

 Our **hearing loop system** uses radio frequencies to amplify sound from the stage. Personal induction loops are available for use with a hearing aid, and for those who do not wear a hearing aid or do not have the telecoil (T) setting, headphones are available.


 **Assistance dogs** are welcome at our theatre. If you would like to bring your dog into the show, please contact our Box Office to find the best seating. If you need a dog-sitter, please get in touch at least one day in advance of your visit.

P We offer a limited number of **Blue Badge parking spaces**, mobility scooter parking and a drop-off point with step-free access to the main foyer. Please contact our Box Office team at least one day in advance of your booking if you need to gain vehicle access to our theatre and see our website for more information.

Accessible performances

We offer four types of accessible performance. Look out for these symbols:

AD **Audio Described Performances**
Live commentary of our shows is available via a personal headset. This service aims to bring theatre to life for our blind and partially sighted audience members.

 **British Sign-Language Interpreted Performances**
An interpreter stands on or aside the stage and interprets the spoken word and sound effects for Deaf customers who use BSL.

CAP **Captioned Performances**
Subtitles are displayed on large screens, usually either side of the stage.

RP **Relaxed Performances**
A relaxed and inclusive atmosphere where everybody can enjoy the show the way they need to, with helpful changes made to the show and auditorium to make it more accessible for sensory and communication needs.

Anything missing? If there is anything else we can do to improve your visit, please contact us on **01227 787787** or email **boxoffice@marlowetheatre.com**.

SUPPORT US

Why support us?

The Marlowe Theatre 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 Theatre 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 Marlowe Theatre.

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Kathy and Paul Dacre
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James and Jane Loudon
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Support from statutory bodies, charitable trusts and foundations helps Marlowe Theatre fund essential capital works, learning and participation, outreach and artistic programming.



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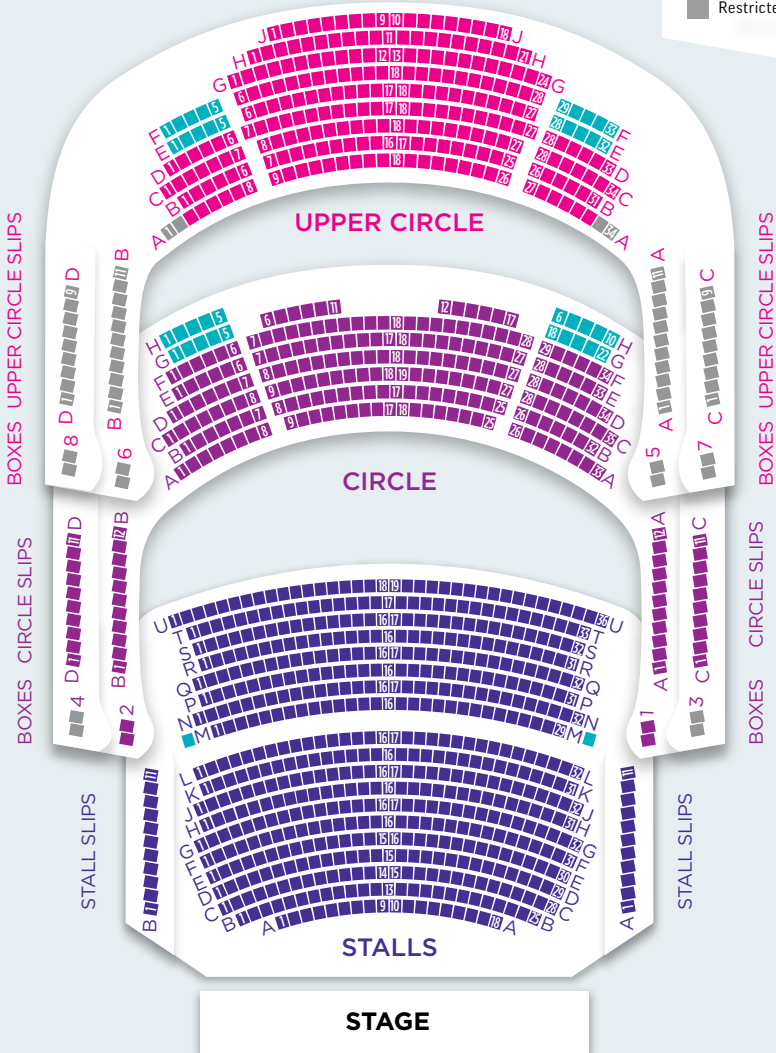
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SEATING PLAN MAIN HOUSE

Access key

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



SEATING PLAN STUDIO

The Studio (on the first floor at the Marlowe Theatre) 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.

SEASON DIARY SPRING 2025



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

FRI 22 NOV 2024–
SUN 12 JAN 2025

MY PET STAR

SAT 7 DEC 2024–SAT 4 JAN 2025

PHILHARMONIA SEASON 24/25

WED 18 DEC 2024, SAT 15 FEB,
FRI 25 APR & TUE 20 MAY 2025

LIVE AT THE MARLOWE

SAT 18 JAN, FRI 21 MAR,
SAT 26 APR & SAT 26 JUL 2025

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

WED 22 JAN–SUN 2 FEB 2025

PADDY YOUNG: IF I TOLD YOU I'D HAVE TO KISS YOU

FRI 31 JAN 2025

DEAR EVAN HANSEN

TUE 4–SAT 8 FEB 2025

THE ILLEGAL EAGLES

SUN 9 FEB 2025

STEWART LEE VS THE MAN–WOLF

MON 10 FEB 2025

JACK DEE: SMALL WORLD

WED 12 FEB 2025

SYDNIÉ CHRISTMAS: MY WAY TOUR

THU 13 FEB 2025

CHRIS MCCAUSLAND: YONKS!

FRI 14 FEB 2025

GHOST THE MUSICAL

TUE 18–SAT 22 FEB 2025

THE ALTERNATIVE COMEDY SHOW

THU 20 FEB, THU 17 APR
& THU 15 MAY 2025

CHLOE PETTS: HOW YOU SEE ME, HOW YOU DON'T

FRI 21 & SAT 22 FEB 2025

NINA CONTI:

WHOSE FACE IS IT ANYWAY?
WED 26 FEB 2025

EUN-ME AHN DANCE COMPANY: DRAGONS

FRI 28 FEB & SAT 1 MAR 2025

JAZZ EMU: KNIGHT FEVER

FRI 28 FEB 2025

MILTON JONES: HAMILTON

SUN 2 MAR 2025

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

TUE 4 MAR–SAT 8 MAR 2025

AL MURRAY: GUV ISLAND

SUN 9 MAR 2025

THE SHARK IS BROKEN

TUE 11–SAT 15 MAR 2025

AN AUDIENCE WITH AGGERS & TUFFERS

SUN 16 MAR 2025

BEN FOGLE: WILD

MON 17 MAR 2025

HARRY HILL:

NEW BITS AND GREATEST HITS

SUN 23 MAR 2025

BEN PORTSMOUTH:

THIS IS ELVIS

TUE 25 MAR 2025

GIOVANNI PERNICE:

THE LAST DANCE

WED 26 & THU 27 MAR 2025

JASON DONOVAN: DOIN' FINE 25

FRI 28 MAR 2025

SPENCER JONES

FRI 28 MAR 2025

KAREN HAUER & GORKA

MARQUEZ: SPEAKEASY

SUN 30 MAR 2025

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

TUE 1–SAT 12 APR 2025

JAKE LAMBERT:

THE SUNSHINE KID

FRI 4 APR 2025

THE TWITS

THU 10–SAT 12 APR 2025

ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES

MON 14–SAT 19 APR 2025

SCIENCE MUSEUM LIVE

MON 21 APR 2025

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA:

THE VANISHING FOREST

MON 21 APR 2025

SOUNDS OF THE 60S LIVE:

HOSTED BY TONY BLACKBURN OBE

TUE 22 APR 2025

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA:

SHAKESPEARE SONGS

TUE 22 APR 2025

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA:

BELLINI'S THE CAPULETS

AND THE MONTAGUES

WED 23 APR 2025

HENNING WEHN: ACID WEHN

THU 24 APR 2024

MATTHEW BOURNE'S SWAN LAKE

TUE 29 APR–SAT 3 MAY 2025

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE*

(*SORT OF)

TUE 6–SAT 10 MAY 2025

CHICAGO

MON 12–SAT 17 MAY 2025

ROB BECKETT: GIRAFFE

SUN 18 & MON 19 MAY 2025

NIKITA KUZMIN:

MIDNIGHT DANCER

WED 21 MAY 2025

DARA Ó BRIAIN: RE:CREATION

THU 22 & FRI 23 MAY 2025

OMID DJALILI: NAMASTE

SAT 24 MAY 2025

ALJAZ & JANETTE:

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

SUN 25 MAY 2025

CALAMITY JANE

TUE 27–SAT 31 MAY 2025

NICK MOHAMMED IS

MR. SWALLOW: SHOW PONY

SUN 1 JUN 2025

RUSSELL KANE: HYPERACTIVE

MON 2 & TUE 3 JUN 2025

PIG HEART BOY

WED 4–SAT 7 JUN 2025

CHRIS HADFIELD:

A JOURNEY INTO THE COSMOS

SUN 8 JUN 2025

KINKY BOOTS

TUE 10–SAT 14 JUN 2025

DIANNE & VITO:

RED HOT AND READY

SUN 15 JUN 2025

BOYS FROM THE BLACKSTUFF

TUE 24–SAT 28 JUN 2025

JIMMY CARR: LAUGHS FUNNY

FRI 4 & SAT 5 JUL 2025

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

MON 7–SAT 12 JUL 2025

GUENTHER STEINER:

UNFILTERED LIVE

SUN 13 JUL 2025

THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

TUE 15–SAT 19 JUL 2025

JOOLS HOLLAND AND HIS RHYTHM & BLUES ORCHESTRA

SUN 20 & MON 21 JUL 2025

CIRQUE: THE GREATEST SHOW

WED 23 JUL 2025

LONDON SYMPHONIC ROCK ORCHESTRA

FRI 25 JUL 2025

DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE

FRI 15–SUN 17 AUG 2025

JOSH WIDDICOMBE:

NOT MY CUP OF TEA

SUN 14 SEP 2025

CIRQUE ÉLOIZE: ID RELOADED

FRI 19 & SAT 20 SEP 2025

STEPHEN BAILEY: TART

FRI 19 SEP 2025

TWIGGY THE MUSICAL

TUE 23–SAT 27 SEP 2025

RHOD GILBERT AND THE GIANT GRAPEFRUIT

FRI 3 OCT 2025

BJÖRN AGAIN

SAT 4 OCT 2025

TINA –

THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

TUE 28 OCT–SAT 8 NOV 2025

BALLET BLACK: SHADOWS

TUE 18 NOV 2025

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