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#### **GENRES**

Our brochure is organised by month, with highlighted productions at the beginning of each month followed by each show in chronological order.

You will find shows of all genres in each month and they will be marked at the bottom of each entry. The genres are:

DANCE DRAMA

MUSIC MUSICAL

#### **ACCESS**

A full list of our accessible performances can be found at the back of the brochure. If you have any questions about a particular show, please contact our Ticket Sales team. Throughout the brochure we use the following key:

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Relaxed Performance

A warm welcome to our March to September 2023 brochure. We invite you to explore a host of live performances over the coming pages from musicals, drama and comedy to dance, opera and talks.

For fans of musicals we have Sister Act, Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story and the return of Eden Court's very own four-star musical, co-produced with Raw Material, The Stamping Ground, launching a Scottish tour.

Some classic plays are back on stage, including Abigail's Party and The Mousetrap, alongside new works such as Kidnapped and Dracula: Mina's Reckoning - both brought to us from National Theatre of Scotland. From the other national companies we welcome Scottish Opera with Bizet's Carmen and Scottish Ballet with A Streetcar Named Desire.

One of the shows I'm most looking forward to is Pride and Prejudice\* (\*Sort Of) in March. The show won the 2022 Olivier Award for Best Comedy and its Scottish writer, Isobel McArthur, recently received the Evening Standard Theatre Award for Emerging Talent. This affectionate adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, featuring classic pop songs, is exactly the kind of fun escapist show that many of us are looking for at the moment.

Eden Court's opening hours have changed in 2023 - now opening at 4pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and 11am the rest of the week. This change has been necessary due to the significantly increased costs that we, alongside all businesses, are experiencing in this climate. However, it in no way represents a closing of our doors to you, rather we aim to welcome even more people to Eden Court in 2023.

Our You Are Welcome campaign is designed to do just that. We are encouraging everyone in the community to use Eden Court as a Warm Space - where you can study, read, see an exhibition, let your mind wander or stay warm on cold days. We have a free,

bookable Community Table available for local groups to meet. We are also offering a lower ticket price (£5.50) for cinema and OneTouch Theatre shows for those on low income in receipt of benefits or whose financial situation is unstable and our Engagement programme offers a pay it forward scheme, which we use to provide access to those for whom price is a barrier. Finally, Eden Court Connect is our new artist support scheme available to Highlandbased artists, producers and creative industry professionals, offering a wide range of benefits, including discounted theatre tickets, networking events, mentoring sessions and rehearsal space.

I hope that you can find something to take part in and enjoy - through You Are Welcome, the shows in this brochure, the dozens of different films that are screened in our cinemas each month, or the range of classes on offer in our studios. Eden Court is proud of the role that it plays in the Highlands as your local arts centre we look forward to welcoming you in 2023.



Rebecca Holt Chief Executive, on behalf of the team at Eden Court

## MAR AR

300,000

people come through Eden Court's doors every year.

> Our work is supported by many Friends, Patrons, donors and partners. Eden Court is a registered charity and much of what we do on our stages and in our cinemas, studios and the community would not be possible without their commitment and generosity.

#### "Deserves the standing ovations it's getting nightly"

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

#### Pride and Prejudice\* (\*sort of)

MOSS EMPIRES LTD

Tue 14 - Sat 18

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.

It's the 1800s.

It's party time

Let the ruthless matchmaking begin.

WHERE Empire Theatre

TIME 13.30, 14.30 + 19.30

PRICE From £26.50

SUITABILITY All ages

DRAMA MUSIC

"Hilarity, romance, madness and utter theatrical joy. The whole house rose to its feet and cheered and cheered"

STEPHEN FRY

"Completely faithful to the book, it's also a raucously irreverent romp"

#### THE FIVE STAR COMEDY SENSATION

DIRECT FROM THE WEST END





#### The Classic **Rock Show**

CMP ENTERTAINMENT

Wed O1



Paving tribute to its favourite rock heroes. The Classic Rock Show thunders through legendary performances from the likes of Led Zeppelin, Dire Straits, The Who, Eric Clapton, AC/DC, Queen, The Eagles, Fleetwood Mac and many more.

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £35 SUITABILITY All ages



"A real gem of a rock show. Sore throat

guaranteed!" CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**Goldberg Variations:** Ternary Patterns for Insomnia

SCOTTISH ENSEMBLE + ANDERSSON DANCE

#### Mon 06

After playing to audiences around the world, Scottish Ensemble and Sweden's Andersson Dance bring their playful reworking of J.S. Bach's masterpiece, Goldberg Variations.

Fusing music and movement, this production brings a fresh visual dimension to a revered piece of music, allowing audiences to enjoy its humour, humanity and beauty in an entirely new way.



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £19 SUITABILITY All ages

DANCE



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30 PRICE £38.00 SUITABILITY 12+** 

#### The Three Amigos

J+C PROMOTIONS

Fri 03 + Sat 04

The Three Amigos – Jimmy Buckley, Robert Mizzell and Patrick Feeney – make a welcome return to Eden Court. Fans will be delighted as these stalwart entertainers perform the very best country and rock 'n' roll.



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.00** PRICE From £32 **SUITABILITY** All ages

#### CIRQUE: The **Greatest Show**

**ENTERTAINERS CIRQUE LTD** 

Thu 09 + Fri 10

Welcome to CIRQUE: the award-winning, smash-hit circus musical that is fun for all the family. Come on a truly wondrous journey as a monochrome life bursts joyously into kaleidoscopic colour.

Stars of the West End combine with incredible circus performers. The biggest hits from the greatest musicals of all time – from The Greatest Showman to Moulin Rouge, Hairspray to Rocketman the Musical – are brought to the stage in unique, spellbinding style.

Roll up, roll up and book your seats now for a night unlike any other.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 20.00** PRICE From £17.50 SUITABILITY 14+





#### Ray Bradshaw: Deaf Com 1

PHIL MCINTYRE LIVE LTD

#### Sun 12

Having toured the UK as John Bishop's handpicked support act. Ray also supported Frankie Boyle in 2019 and is a regular host of Scotland's most popular radio show, Breaking The News.

Ray is a CODA (like in the Oscar-winning film) and grew up with deaf parents. All of his shows are performed in both BSL and English.

"Funny and fascinating... one in six of us will lose our sense of hearing. Deaf Comedy Fam proves it doesn't mean you have to lose your sense of humour"

\*\* THE SCOTSMAN

"Lee remains one of the best stand-ups in the country" \*\*\* METRO

#### Stewart Lee: **Basic Lee**

Mon 13

After a decade of ground-breaking high concept shows involving overarched interlinked narratives, massive sets and enormous comedy props, 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.



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE £28 **SUITABILITY 14+** 

#### "One of the best poets we have"

MATT HAIG (ON HOLLIE MCNISH)

"A master of words. He plays them like music

KAE TEMPEST (ON MICHAEL PEDERSEN)





#### Hollie McNish with Michael Pedersen

#### Thu 16

Sunday Times bestselling author and poet Hollie McNish is joined by fellow poet Michael Pedersen reading from Boy Friends, his poetic memoir about friendship. Expect strong language and adult content wrapped in carefully and caringly sculpted poetry from their latest collections.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 19 00 **PRICE £13.50 SUITABILITY 14+** 

#### A Wee Journey

FARAH SALEH + OĞUZ KAPLANGI. IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PERFORMERS

#### **Tue 21**

A show for young people featuring an explosion of live music by twelve phenomenal string players. Scottish Ensemble and MishMash Productions join forces, inviting audiences to meet the personalities behind the instruments; celebrating how these twelve musicians fuse together as a dynamic ensemble. Through movement, storytelling and diverse classical, world and folk music, In Sync celebrates both individuality and trusting teamwork.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 19.30 PRICE £10.50 SUITABILITY 12+** 

#### "A powerful statement on the importance of free



#### Giovanni Pernice: Made in Italy

STRICTLY THEATRE COMPANY

**Sun 26** 

Join Strictly Come Dancing 2021 champion Giovanni Pernice on a journey to his homeland in Made in Italy. Joined by an outstanding ensemble of dancers and singers from the ballroom and theatre world, this Italian-themed show features an incredible soundtrack, stunning choreography and beautiful costumes.



WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 15.00 + 19.30 PRICE From £47 SUITABILITY All ages



#### The Wedding Singer

INVERNESS MUSICAL THEATRE

Wed 29 Mar - Sat O1 Apr

After the highly successful run of their last show Legally Blonde, Inverness Musical Theatre return with another dazzling, high-energy show: the romantic comedy The Wedding Singer. Based on the film of the same name, this musical embraces the lively 80s vibe of the movie - the music, choreography, fashion, pop culture and humour.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.30 + 19.30 PRICE £29 SUITABILITY 12+

MUSICAL LOCAL+SHOWCASE

#### Solar Bear Roadshow: The **Third Sister**

SOLAR BEAR

Fri 31

Punk's not dead... but what about her sister?

The Third Sister is the story of three teenage sisters and a past that refuses to die. It's a tale with a twist - creepy, mysterious and funny. Performed in English and British Sign Language.

WHERE Maclean Room **TIME 11.30** PRICE Pay what you can: £2/£4/£6/£8 SUITABILITY 12+





This event includes a screening of two short films, a workshop and performance.



#### James Ketchell: It's All Mental

SPEAKERS FROM THE EDGE

Fri 31

Record-breaking aviator, adventurer and author James Ketchell is the only person on the planet to have climbed Everest, cycled around the world AND rowed an ocean. Join him as he shares how his mind-set and mentality helps him achieve what can feel like unattainable goals.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 19.00 PRICE £18.50 SUITABILITY 14+** 



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# APIL

In 2022 we screened

310 films

from

38 countries

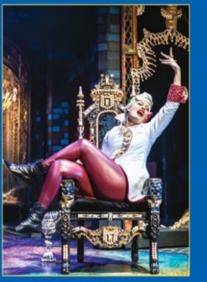
with

18 Scottish premieres

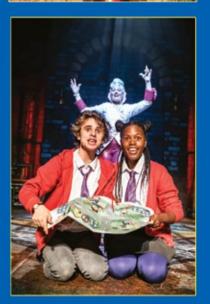
Our La Scala and Playhouse cinemas also played host to the 20th edition of the Inverness Film Festival, with an audience of over 2000 across the sixday event. The festival returns this year from 3 - 9 Nov.

## David Walliams DEMON DENTIST









"I LOVE IT! What an amazing show! I couldn't be prouder. It's such a thrill to see my story brought to life in such a brilliant way!"

DAVID WALLIAMS

#### **David Walliams' Demon Dentist**

BIRMINGHAM STAGE COMPANY

Fri 14 - Sun 16

#### **BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH FUN!**

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 dreamed what they'll 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! It's the funniest and most exciting show yet!

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 11.00, 15.00 + 18.30 PRICE From £20.00 **SUITABILITY** 5+

DRAMA CHILDREN FAMILY



## HIGHLIGHTS

#### **A** Streetcar **Named Desire**

SCOTTISH BALLET

Fri 21 - Sat 22

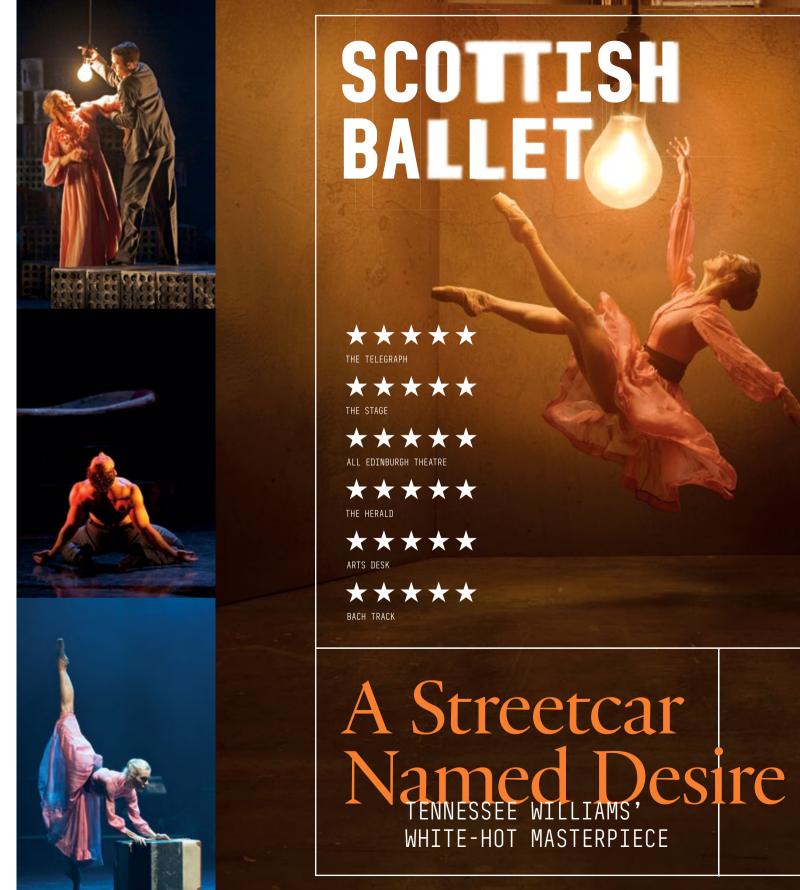
Scottish Ballet's hugely popular, award-winning production of A Streetcar Named Desire returns to Scotland for the first time since 2015. This astonishing take on Tennessee Williams' masterpiece is narrative ballet at its very best, with white-hot choreography, devastating drama, pitch-perfect period design and a sizzling score used to tell the iconic story.

In steamy 1940s New Orleans, fading Southern belle Blanche DuBois moves into her sister Stella's apartment. Stella's brutish husband Stanley sees that Blanche is not what she appears to be, and sets out to destroy her...

Scottish Ballet's stylish production breathes new life into the classic tale, with graceful waltzes at the DuBois family home, electrifying lindy jives in a Louisiana nightclub, and intense duets in the caged heat of Stella and Stanley's apartment.

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** Talk Ballet Fri 21 Apr 18.30 PRICE From £27.00 Talk Ballet £2 **SUITABILITY 12+** 

Content warning: please note this production includes themes of suicide, addiction, and domestic and sexual violence. For more information, please refer to the synopsis or contact Scottish Ballet.





#### NATIONAL THEATRE OF SCOTLAND

#### Kidnapped

NATIONAL THEATRE OF SCOTLAND

Wed 26 - Sat 29

A swashbuckling rom-com adventure.

Some are born great, some achieve greatness... and then there's Davie Balfour.

19-year-old Davie has never left home, never been kissed and never fired a gun. Armed with nothing but a hand-drawn map, he heads off on an adventure like no other – quickly realising that he has a lot of catching up to do...

This riotous re-telling of Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure novella is jam-packed with 20th century pop music and 18th century romance. Performed by a dynamic ensemble of actor-musicians, *Kidnapped* is a colourful coming-of-age story - shot-through with Stevenson's trademark blend of poetry, humour and heart.

Join Davie as he navigates murderous foes, Jacobite outlaws and the most inept crew of pirates this side of the Atlantic on a journey of eye-opening discovery and treasures untold.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 14.00 + 19.30 PRICE From £25.50 SUITABILITY 12+









Supported by Sir Ewan and Lady Brown Chris Grace Hartness

Based on the adventure novel by Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson

Adapted for the stage by Isobel McArthur with Michael John McCarthy (the writer and musical supervisor of the award-winning Pride and Prejudice\* (\*sort of)).

Directed by Isobel McArthur and Gareth Nicholls.

#### Susie McCabe: **Femme Fatality**

OFF THE KERB PRODUCTIONS LTD

Sat O1

Following a hugely successful and critically acclaimed Edinburgh Fringe run. Susie has supported Kevin Bridges, Frankie Boyle and Jason Manford on their tours. On screen she's appeared on Have I Got News for You, Frankie Boyle's New World Order and Question Time and now she's back on the road with her brand new show Femme Fatality.

"Should be considered a national treasure"

THE HERALD



WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 20.00 PRICE** £17.50 **SUITABILITY 14+** 



"Superbly crafted"

"Put quite simply... great science with hilarious hosts!"

\*\*\* PRIMARY TIMES

#### Morgan and West: Unbelievable Science

GAG REFLEX PRODUCTIONS

Mon O3

Captivating chemistry, phenomenal physics and bonkers biology abound in this fun for all the family science extravaganza! Magicians, time travellers and all-round spiffing chaps Morgan and West have a secret past – they are genuine, bona fide, legitimately qualified scientists, and are bringing their love of enlightenment to the stage!

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 14.00** PRICE From £14 SUITABILITY 7+



Springsteen

BARRY COLLINGS ENTERTAINMENTS

Wed O5

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE £31 **SUITABILITY** All ages

This fantastic eight-piece tribute to "The Boss" is ready to rock theatres across the country with songs such as Born In The USA, Glory Days, Dancing In The Dark, and some of Bruce's most recent hits, including Ghosts.

This incredibly talented group of musicians has won the hearts of fans and critics alike.



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30 PRICE** £29.50 SUITABILITY All ages

#### The Magnets: 80s Rewind Fri 07

The Magnets have revolutionised British a cappella by combining virtuosic beatboxing with glorious harmonies. From deep rhythms through to high harmonies, The Magnets faithfully recreate the classic hits of a timeless decade by leading you through songs from Prince, Huey Lewis and The News, Europe, Jocelyn Brown and many, many more in their own unique style.

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WHERE OneTouch Theatre
TIME 19.00
PRICE £17
SUITABILITY 12+

DRAMA

#### Stornoway, Quebec

THEATRE GULLEÓR IN ASSOCIATION WITH AN LANNTAIR

#### **Tue 11**

1888. Còignear glaicte ann an taigh-òsta ann an Quebec. Nam measg tha am Fògarrach Mhegantic agus tè a tha air a thòir. Western mu Shiaraich, le cèilidhean agus Colt .45s.

1888. A snowstorm traps five people in a saloon in remote Quebec. One is a bounty-hunter, another the most wanted man in Canada. Ceilidhs meet Colt. 45s in this wild Gaelic Western.



WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 19.30 PRICE £15 SUITABILITY 14+

OMEDY TALE

#### Darren McGarvey: The Social Distance Between Us Live

If the best people are in the best jobs, why is Britain such a bin fire? Orwell prize-winning author, BAFTA nominated broadcaster and celebrated hip-hop artist Darren McGarvey poses this awkward question and more. McGarvey's 60-minute high-wire act confronts the scandal of class inequality with passion, humility and an optimal dose of humour.

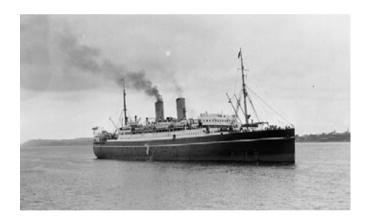


WHERE Empire Theatre
TIME 19.30
PRICE £30
SUITABILITY All ages
MUSIC

#### **Sun Records: The Concert**

Thu 27

In 1953, Elvis Presley walked through the doors of the Sun Record Company and recorded *My Happiness* and *That's When Your Heartaches Begin*. Revisit the recording studio and the legendary record label that brought you Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Rufus Thomas and scores more rockin' pioneers, as they come to life live on stage.



WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 19.30 PRICE From £19 SUITABILITY 12+

MUSIC

STORYTELLING

27

## In the Wake of Metagama: An Atlantic Odyssey in Story and Song

METAGAMA PRODUCTIONS LTD

**Sat 29** 

Award-winning writer Donald S Murray, musician and songwriter Liza Mulholland, Gaelic singer and actor Dolina MacLennan alongside a talented ensemble, carry you aboard the SS Metagama, 100 years since she departed the Isle of Lewis for the New World. The journey will take you through Canada, to 1920s Detroit and Prohibition, through the ebb and flow of fortunes on both sides of the Atlantic, and onto the present day.





#### Live Theatre On Screen

See the best theatre, opera and ballet broadcast live from around the world directly onto our cinema screens. You'll be guaranteed big screen spectacle, immersive sound and the best seats in the house.



NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE Life of Pi

THU 30 MAR. SUN O2 APR + TUE O4 APR



METROPOLITAN OPERA

Lohengrin SAT 18 MAR



THE ROYAL OPERA **Turandot** WED 22 + SUN 26 MAR



METROPOLITAN OPERA **Falstaff** SAT O1 APR



METROPOLITAN OPERA Der Rosenkavalier SAT 15 APR



THE ROYAL BALLET Cinderella WED 12 + SUN 16 APR



NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE GOOD THU 20 + SUN 23 APR



THE ROYAL OPERA The Marriage of Figaro THU 27 + SUN 30 APR



METROPOLITAN OPERA Champion SAT 29 APR



NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE **Best of Enemies** THU 18 + SUN 21 MAY



METROPOLITAN OPERA Don Giovanni SAT 20 MAY



THE ROYAL BALLET The Sleeping Beauty WED 24 + SUN 28 MAY



METROPOLITAN OPERA Die Zauberflöte SAT O3 JUN



THE ROYAL OPERA Il Trovatore **TUE 13 + SUN 18 JUN** 

Over

8,000

people saw The Stamping Ground at Eden Court in 2022.

Our first large-scale co-production in 11 years is a new musical featuring the songs of Runrig.

It will be returning to Eden Court and touring across Scotland in 2023.



WINNER: Best Music and Sound Critics' Award For Theatre in Scotland 2022

"Breathes compelling new life into (Runrig's) songs" \*\* THE TIMES

#### The Stamping Ground

**RAW MATERIAL + EDEN COURT** 

Fri O5 - Sat 13

Scotland's must-see new musical, featuring the hits of Runrig, returns for 2023!

When together-forever couple Euan and Annie return home, they're seeking a fresh start for their teenage daughter. But there's a heatwave in the Highlands and they soon find themselves lost in this once familiar place, now filled with more tourists than residents.

Filled with rousing new arrangements of Runrig's best-loved songs, The Stamping Ground is a story about love, life and the land.

An award-winning, uplifting new musical that thrilled critics and had audiences on their feet at its 2022 premiere in Inverness, don't miss The Stamping Ground's return back to where it all began.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.30 + 19.30 PRICE From £26 SUITABILITY All ages



"A big show with a huge heart, full of love, 33 wisdom and energy"

#### **Abigail's Party**

by Mike Leigh
LONDON CLASSIC THEATRE
Wed 17 - Sat 20

It was 1977, the year of skin-tight polyester, the Queen's Silver Jubilee and *Saturday Night Fever*. The Sex Pistols were storming up the charts, skateboarding was the latest craze and Angela Rippon danced with Morecambe and Wise.

And at Hampstead Theatre in London, Mike Leigh and his cast were putting the finishing touches to *Abigail's Party*, ferocious black comedy and landmark of twentieth century theatre.

In her suburban living room, Beverly prepares for the arrival of her guests. She and husband Laurence will play host to neighbours Angela, Tony and Sue. As the alcohol flows and the 'nibbles' are handed around, Mike Leigh's ruthless, achingly funny examination of 1970s British life begins...

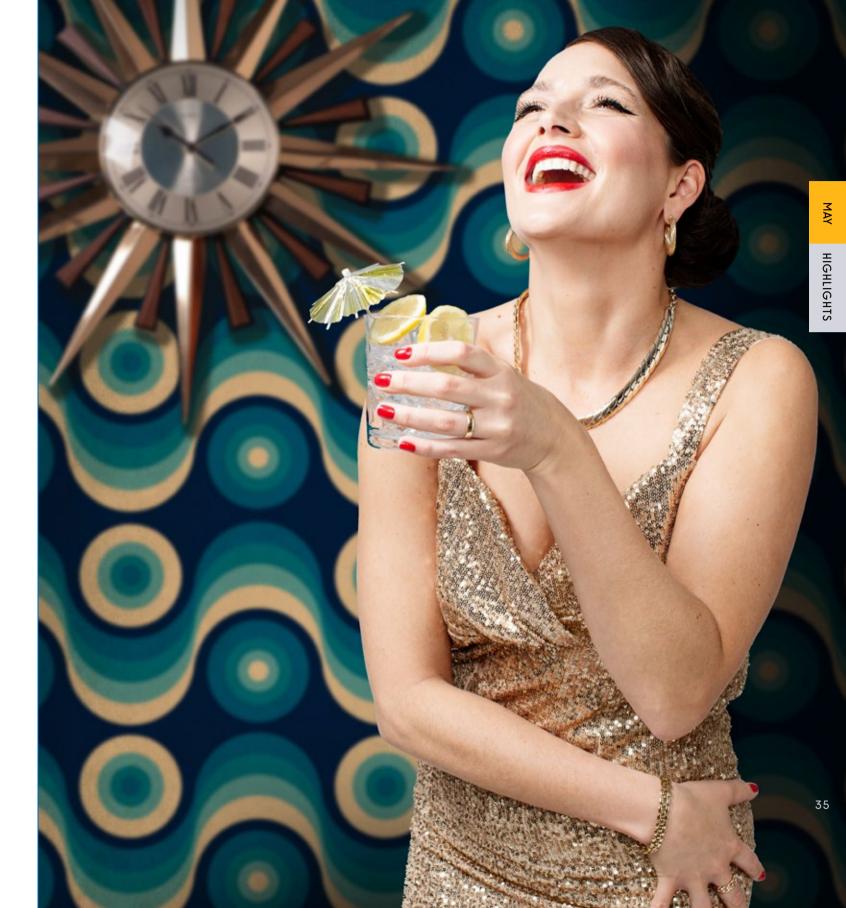
Abigail's Party was premiered at the Hampstead Theatre in 1977, with the role of Beverly being immortalised by Alison Steadman. A record 16 million people watched its broadcast on Play for Today, underlining its status as a true modern classic and national treasure.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.30 + 19.30 PRICE From £22.50 SUITABILITY 14+

DRAMA

COMEDY







#### **Bizet's Carmen**

SCOTTISH OPERA

Tue 23, Thu 25 + Sat 27

Georges Bizet's show-stopping fiery opera of jealousy, lust, and life outside the dictates of society is boldly updated in this new production.

With one hit melody after another – including the Habanera, Flower Aria and Toreador Song – *Carmen* has musical riches for all.

Director John Fulljames (*Nixon in China* 2020) sets the story amidst the unrest and upheavals of 1970s Spain, where an investigation into Carmen's murder unfolds alongside the rollercoaster of events that lead to her death. With a new English translation, this is *Carmen* as you've never seen it before!

With acclaimed Lithuanian mezzo-soprano Justina Gringytė in the title role and featuring four of Scottish Opera's 22/23 Emerging Artists - Zoe Drummond, Lea Shaw, Osian Wyn Bowen and Colin Murray - don't miss the chance to see the Company's ingenious twist on this timeless masterpiece.

Sung in English with English supertitles.

WHERE Empire Theatre
TIME 19.15
Pre-show talk Sat 27 May 18.00
PRICE From £31
Pre-show talk free but ticketed
SUITABILITY All ages







#### Access Carmen - Friday 26 May, 3pm

A shortened version with narrator, specially created for those who enjoy a more relaxed experience.

Tickets £10

#### Sister Act

JAMIE WILSON PRODUCTIONS LTD

Tue 30 May - Sat 03 Jun

#### Brace yourselves sisters - the habit is coming to Inverness!

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

All your prayers have been answered with a stunning cast, including TV and West End legend Lesley Joseph, Olivier Award-winner and star of *Tracy Beaker* Clive Rowe, 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 measures. A musical sent from above, Sister Act is the brilliant, must-see show which raises the spirits and warms the soul time after time.

WHERE Empire Theatre
TIME 14.30 + 19.30
PRICE From £38.50
SUITABILITY 7+

MUSICA





WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 11.30 + 16.30 PRICE £5.50 **SUITABILITY** 5+

#### Two in a Barrel

RUXY CANTIR AND SARAH ROSE GRABER. PRESENTED BY SCISSOR KICK.

#### **Wed 10**

Two guirky best friends, Riri and Moku, are confined to a barrel sitting on top of an island of rubbish. They love finding treasures in the waste making up their own world of adventures. Danger arises when the waste around them threatens to cover them altogether!



of the greatest live acts around right now... do yourself a favour and go"

AMERICANA UK

#### Blue Rose Code: Ten Years' **Grace Tour**

NOBLE SAVAGE

Fri 12

Blue Rose Code are one of Scotland's most dynamic and engaging live bands. Blending folk, Americana, jazz and pop influences into something truly unique, Ross Wilson's songs address universal themes in a deeply personal way that connects directly with the listener, ensuring every show is a memorable and truly uplifting experience.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 20.00 **PRICE £24.50** SUITABILITY All ages



#### Hebridean Treasure: **Lost and Found**

RIFE RAFE PRODUCTIONS

#### **Wed 17**

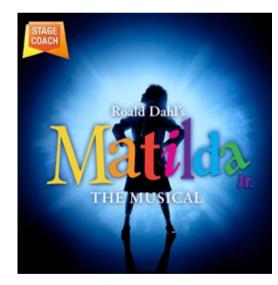
A captivating blend of song, dance and storytelling with live music to conjure up the ancient landscapes of the Scottish Isles and the inhabitant's deep connection with the rhythms of nature. The words of John Phillip Newell and the music of composer and Gaelic singer Mischa Macpherson weave around the compelling performance of Bharatanatvam dancer Kirsten Newell.

#### Matilda the Musical

STAGECOACH PERFORMING ARTS **INVERNESS** 

#### **Sun 21**

This is a story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.



WHERE OneTouch Theatre

**TIME 19.00** 

DRAMA MUSIC

PRICE £11 SUITABILITY 7+

WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 18.30 PRICE** £22.50 SUITABILITY All ages

MUSICAL LOCAL+SHOWCASE

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#### Who Killed My **Father**

SURROGATE PRODUCTIONS

Thu 25 - Fri 26

Growing up gay in a small town in France, Édouard endured the violence and homophobia of his alcoholic, rightwing father. Following an accident in the factory where he works, his father is left bed-bound and on morphine for the pain. Now, as Édouard confronts his father, he uncovers a startling connection between political decisions and his father's broken body.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 20.00 PRICE £15.50** SUITABILITY 16+





#### The Gallery at **Eden Court**

Our galleries work with artists to present a varied programme of exhibitions showcasing the work of both established artists and investing in those of the future.

OneTouch Gallery is a space curated by the Flow Photofest showcasing work from photographers from across Scotland and further afield.

Stalls Foyer and Second Floor Gallery are spaces where established artists can exhibit and sell their work.

**Blink Gallery** is our gallery space dedicated to the local community and the creative work that they produce.

#### **CALL TO ARTISTS**

We invite artists working in all mediums to submit artwork to be considered for our gallery spaces. This open call is designed to give an opportunity to Scottish artists and those based in Scotland to exhibit.

Email gallery@eden-court.co.uk and include an artist bio plus three or more images of current work (all new work must have been completed within the last two years).

15,000 people attended

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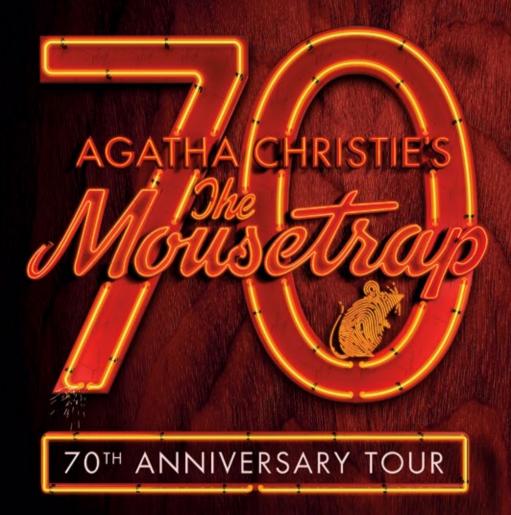
days of Under Canvas last summer.

Across our outdoor music festival we provided paid employment to **232** Highland artists, and served **3300** wood-fired pizzas and **18,000** drinks.

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## HAVE YOUDUNNIT?



## The Mousetrap: 70th Anniversary Tour

Mon 05 - Sat 10

Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* is the world's longest-running play. This thrilling West End production is THE genre-defining murder mystery from the best-selling novelist of all time... case closed!

As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. When a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover – to their horror – that a killer is in their midst! Which one is the murderer? Who will be their next victim? Can you solve this world-famous mystery for yourself?

For almost 70 years, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* has kept millions of people from every corner of the globe on the edge of their seats.

COULD YOU BE NEXT?

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.00 + 19.30 PRICE From £27.00 SUITABILITY 7+

DRAMA





#### Gary Meikle 2.5

GM COMEDY ITD

#### **Sun 11**

As always, Gary will draw material from his own real-life experiences, including his unique family dynamic and his rapid rise to online fame. Quickly putting his audiences at ease, a night of stand-up with Gary feels like a night in the pub chatting with friends!

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 20.00** PRICE £26 SUITABILITY 16+



#### **Kenton Cool - Everest:** The Untold Story

SPEAKERS FROM THE EDGE LTD

**Wed 14** 

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To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the first successful summit of Everest, Kenton Cool has created a new show to take audiences on a fascinating journey through the history of the highs and lows of summit attempts: from its first 'discovery' through to the perceived 'bucket list adventure' that it is considered today.

**TIME 19.30** PRICE £21 SUITABILITY 14+

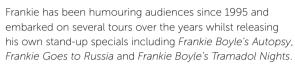
WHERE OneTouch Theatre



#### Frankie Boyle: Lap of Shame

LISA RICHARDS UK LTD

Thu 15 - Fri 16



With no topic off the table, get ready for this hysterical night and don't worry, Frankie doesn't hold back!



**WHERE** Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30 PRICE** £28.50 **SUITABILITY 16+** 

#### "Beyond the scowl, Boyle's rare brilliance triumphs" THE TIMES



WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 19.30 **PRICE** £10.50 SUITABILITY All ages

SPECIAL EVENT

MUSIC LOCAL+SHOWCASE

#### **Thanksgiving Concert**

ELSIE NORMINGTON FOUNDATION

#### **Sun 18**

The Elsie Normington Foundation invite you to an evening of uplifting music as they celebrate the creation of The Haven Centre - the Highland's first integrated respite and play centre for children and young adults with severe, complex needs and disabilities.

Join us for a fantastic musical celebration with performances from the brilliant Acclaim Choir plus many other Christian singers and musicians.

Hosted by David Meredith.



#### Concerts for a Summer's Night

SCOTTISH ENSEMBLE

Tue 20

Premiering last season to sold-out venues, this immediately popular series returns in 2023 – a counterpart to the Ensemble's other seasonal treat, Concerts by Candlelight. The venue is the Strathpeffer Pavilion and you'll be greeted with a welcome drink on arrival and a chance to chat to musicians afterwards. A perfect way to celebrate summer.

**WHERE** Strathpeffer Pavillion TIME 20.00 PRICE £21 SUITABILITY All ages

CLASSICAL MUSIC



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £35 **SUITABILITY** All ages

#### Rumours of Fleetwood Mac

CMP ENTERTAINMENT

Wed 21 - Thu 22

The world's finest tribute to Fleetwood Mac returns to the stage in 2023. A brilliant opportunity for fans, both old and new, to rediscover the songs and performances that have ensured Fleetwood Mac's place as one of the most loved groups of all time.

Personally endorsed by Mick Fleetwood.



#### **Tonight Belongs** to Us

TEX PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Sun 25

Back after the success of last year's Come So Far TFX presents Tonight Belongs To Us, a showcase of talent from our outstanding students. See everything from sensational musical theatre numbers, fascinating commercial dances and beautiful lyrical pieces all under one roof. TFX Performing arts company, the longest running theatre school in the Highlands, can't wait to be back in the Empire Theatre at Eden Court.

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.00** PRICE From £26 SUITABILITY All ages

LOCAL SHOWCASE





#### **Happy Feet**

TFX PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Sun 25

TFX is taking their littlest performers and putting them on the biggest stage. After a five-star review from last year's Time To Be Awesome, our young classes are back to amaze you. From as young as 3 years old they are taking to the Empire Theatre and showcasing a range of songs and dances to get you tapping those happy feet.

**WHERE** Empire Theatre **TIME 11.30** PRICE £17 **SUITABILITY** All ages

**Anything** for Love:

### The Meat Loaf Story

STEVE STEINMAN PRODUCTIONS LTD

Tue 27 - Wed 28

Following his 2022 sell-out tour, Steve Steinman will have you up on your feet dancing and singing out loud to Meat Loaf's greatest hits including: Anything For Love, Bat Out Of Hell, Paradise By The Dashboard Light, Took The Words Right Out Of My Mouth, Two Out of Three Ain't Bad, and many, many more.



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30 PRICE £37.50** SUITABILITY All ages

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WHERE OneTouch Theatre
TIME 19.30

Meet + Greet 17.00 + 18.00

**PRICE** £32.50

Meet + Greet £57.50

SUITABILITY 12+

SPECIAL EVENT

#### The Doctor Will See You Now

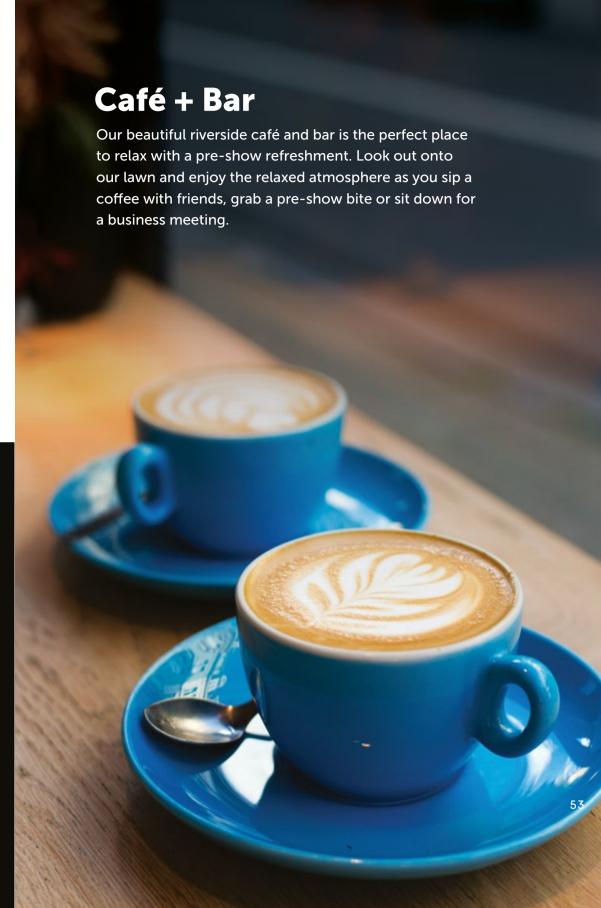
MAPLE TREE ENTERTAINMENT

Fri 30

Join Alan Fletcher (AKA Karl Kennedy), Ramsay Street's famous doctor, as he looks back and celebrates three decades of the hit TV series *Neighbours*.

Come on a journey through unforgettable storylines, bloopers, behind the scenes secrets and the emotional final weeks filming the show's finale... before Amazon Freevee decided to revive it in 2023!





In our CashBack Highlands programme in 2022 we worked with

549 participants

across

259 unique creative sessions

including creating performance opportunities at Eden Court.

CashBack Highlands is part of CashBack for Communities; a unique Scottish Government scheme that empowers young people to feel more confident, develop new skills and increase their aspirations.

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#### **Under Canvas**

EDEN COURT

#### Wed O5 Jul - Sat 26 Aug

Eden Court's award-nominated, family-friendly summer music festival will be returning for its fifth year in 2023, running throughout July and August under the iconic stretch-tents on our front lawn, right by the banks of the River Ness. The festival showcases Scottish traditional music, world music, local singer-songwriters, family-friendly activities and special events.

Enjoy world-class musicians, fresh wood-fired pizza, and local beers, gin and whisky from our pop-up bar in a lively festival atmosphere.

Bidh an fhèis chiùil samhraidh a tha air a meas cho mòr le teaghlaichean agus air a h-ainmeachadh airson duais, a' tilleadh gu Eden Court airson a' chòigeamh bliadhna aca ann an 2023, a' ruith tro mhìosan an Iuchair 's an Lùnastail anns na teantaichean mòra suaicheanta air an fhaiche air beulaibh an togalaich ri taobh bruachan Abhainn Nis. Bidh an fhèis a' taisbeanadh ceòl traidiseanta Albannach, ceòl cruinneil, seinneadairean is sgrìobhaichean-ciùil ionadail, gnìomhachdan freagarrach don teaghlach agus tachartasan sònraichte.

Feuch gun gabh sibh tlachd à ceòladairean aig ìre chruinneil, piotsa dèante air teine fiodha, agus leann, sineubhar is uisge-beatha ionadail bhon phrìob-bhàr againn, ann an suidheachadh fèise chàirdeil bheòthail.













"It's buddy brilliant"
THE SUN

#### Buddy-The Buddy Holly Story

THE WEST END AND BROADWAY SMASH-HIT MUSICAL

Wed 19 - Sat 22

#### SEEN BY OVER 22 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE

Forget feel good, Buddy – *The Buddy Holly Story* is FEEL GREAT! Experience the drama, passion and excitement as a multi-talented cast of actormusicians tell Buddy Holly's story, from his Texas rockabilly beginnings to international stardom and his legendary final performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, before his tragic death at the age of just 22.

Featuring two terrific hours of the greatest songs ever written, including *That'll Be The Day, Oh Boy, Rave On, La Bamba, Chantilly Lace, Johnny B. Goode, Raining In My Heart, Everyday, Shout* and many many more, this show is just *Peggy Sue*-perb!

WHERE Empire Theatre
TIME 14.30, 17.00, 19.30m + 20.30
PRICE From £30.50
SUITABILITY 3+

MUSICAL

## "The show you will never forget"

DAILY MAIL

"Pure unadulterated fun"
DAILY TELEGRAPH

most sparkling wits in the world" MONTREAL GAZETTE

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#### **Danny Bhoy: Now Is** Not A Good Time

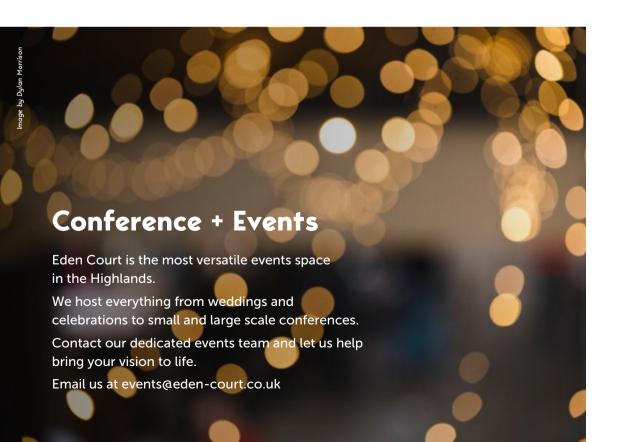
PHIL MCINTYRE LIVE LTD

#### Sun O2

It's been a long wait for the globe-trotting Scot and his evergrowing fanbase. But 2023 sees the return of Danny Bhoy to the UK stage with his brand-new show Now Is Not A Good Time.

Don't miss this internationally-renowned and critically-acclaimed comic, who regularly sells out tours all around the world with his unique brand of observational storytelling

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £26 **SUITABILITY** 15+





**WHERE** Empire Theatre TIME 10.00, 13.00 + 15.30 PRICE From £19 **SUITABILITY** All ages

CHILDREN FAMILY

#### Hey Duggee The Live Theatre Show

Sat 08 + Sun 09

**SQUIRRELS, GET READY!** Everyone's favourite big lovable dog Hey Duggee is touring for the first time EVER and here's your chance to see him!

There is so much to do to put on a show, but luckily Duggee has his theatre badge. Will you get yours too? A-Woof!

Join Duggee, the Squirrels, and many more of your favourite characters in this new, vibrant, interactive production bursting with music, puppets and barrels of laughs along the way. It's time for a Duggee Hug!

#### Positive Stories for Negative **Times**

**WONDER FOOLS** 

Sat 08 + Sun 09



Positive Stories for Negative Times is an international participatory project offering organisations who work with young people a process, newly commissioned plays and training by the best theatre artists working in the UK free of charge.

Produced by Wonder Fools in association with Traverse Theatre, Ayr Gaiety, Eden Court, Perth Theatre and Youth Theatre Arts Scotland with plays co-commissioned by Wonder Fools and Traverse Theatre.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 18.30** PRICE Pay what you can from £8 **SUITABILITY** 8+

SPECIAL EVENTS



#### **Study With Us**

Did you know we offer qualification courses in Film and Media, Dance and Drama?

For over a decade Eden Court has been proud to deliver SQA courses in Dance and Drama, and last year added an NPA in Film and Media to our portfolio.

Spaces are available via an online application process and school age learners from within the Highland region are prioritised. Subject to availability, spaces for adult learners, or learners from outwith Highland, are available for a fee.

Our courses take place in our state of the art studios and digital suite, running weekly from August – May, with intensive blocks of study in the holidays.

For more information and our 2023/24 application Timeline, please visit:

WWW.EDEN-COURT.CO.UK/GET-INVOLVED/QUALIFICATIONS

Have you explored Eden Court's studio programme? We have regular classes for all ages and abilities run by experienced and passionate practitioners and local freelancers.

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Eden Court is on track to reduce gas consumption by

in the year up to March 2023.

This has been primarily achieved by changing our habits and closely monitoring our building's energy usage. With the support of our dedicated Environment + Climate Crisis group, we are striving to become a more sustainable organisation by reducing our carbon footprint and developing staff and audience awareness.

### "Great fun. Highly recommended for all ages"

\*\*\*\* WHAT'S GOOD TO DO

"A spectacular interactive show!"

\*\*\* OK! MAGAZINE

#### Dinosaur World Live

NICOLL ENTERTAINMENT

Tue 01 - Thu 03

#### A DINO-MITE ADVENTURE DIRECT FROM THE WEST END!

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

Meet a host of impressive creatures, including the Tyrannosaurus Rex, a Triceratops, Giraffatitan, Microraptor and Segnosaurus!

A special meet and greet after the show offers all our brave explorers the chance to make a new dinosaur friend.

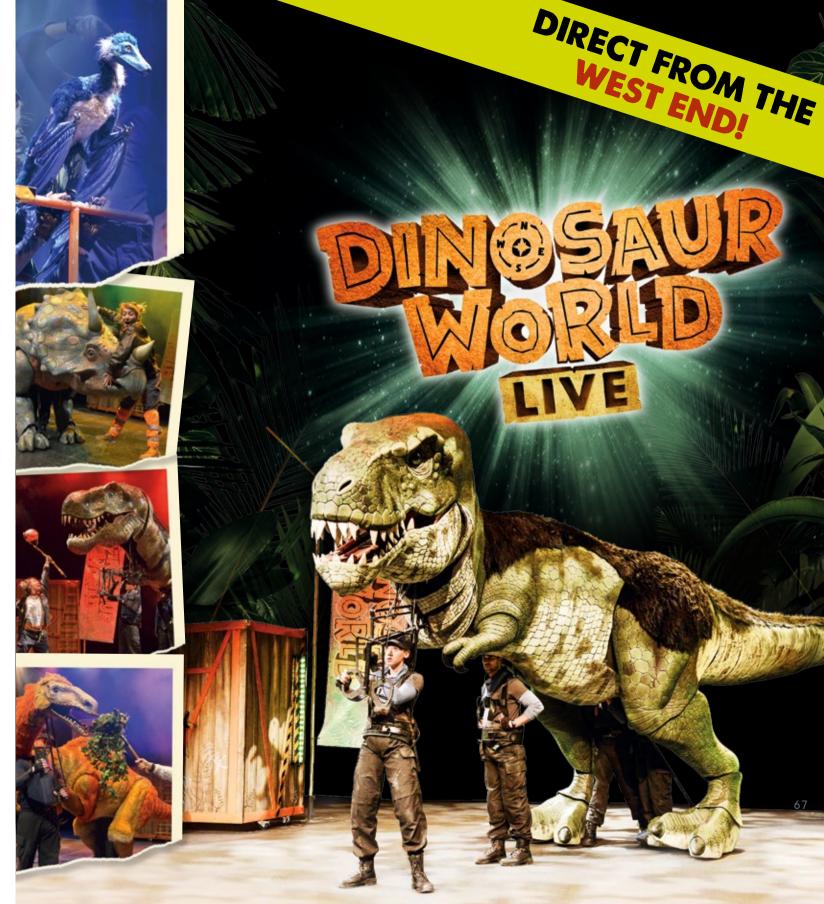
Don't miss this entertaining and mind-expanding Jurassic adventure, live on stage.

WHERE Empire Theatre
TIME 11.00 + 14.00
PRICE £15.50
SUITABILITY 3+

FAMILY

"The perfect family show. Educational and entertaining"

\*\* THE REVIEWS HUB





WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 19.30 PRICE £28.50 SUITABILITY All ages

MUSIC

#### Ireland The Show

JMG MUSIC GROUP

#### Fri O4

Now seen by a live audience of over 250,000, to nightly standing ovations and rave reviews, join us for *Ireland The Show*, featuring an all-star Irish cast of the Emerald Isle's most talented award-winning dancers, comedians, and musicians. If it's all things Irish you like, then this certainly the show for you.

"The ultimate music, song, dance and comedy celebration of a globally loved culture"

THE IRISH WORLD

## The Tortoise and the Hare: A Suitcase Story

KITCHEN ZOO

#### Fri 11

A fun family show that retells the classic fable with physical storytelling, clowning, audience interaction, live music, and a suitcase. You'll get to explore the interior world of the suitcase, get hands-on with crafts, and even receive a free activity sheet to take home!

Commissioned by ARC Stockton, Queens Hall Arts Centre and Gosforth Civic Theatre, and is supported by the Unity Theatre Trust.



WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 11.00 + 13.30 PRICE From £5.50 SUITABILITY 6+

CHILDREN

#### Madama Butterfly

OPERA BOHEMIA

#### **Sun 13**

Opera Bohemia comes to Eden Court with John Leo Wilkie's acclaimed chamber production of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*. A star cast is led by Scottish soprano Catriona Clark, with other cast members including Louise Collett, Seumas Begg, and Whitaker Mills. Performed in a special version for piano and violin and sung in Italian with English surtitles.



WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 16.00 PRICE From £20.50 SUITABILITY 12+

OPERA



"Probably the best traditional musicians you are ever likely to hear"

#### Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham

FIREFLY PRODUCTIONS

#### **Sun 27**

Together Aly Bain and Phil Cunningham have established themselves as the epitome of excellence in the world of traditional music. With their musical magic and quick-witted humour they will pull your emotional strings one moment and have you falling off the seat with laughter the next.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 19.30 PRICE £27 SUITABILITY All ages

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Eden Court's annual economic impact in the Highlands has been estimated to be

E12 million

per year.

This includes the indirect impact created by artists and visiting companies that contributes to the local economy.





#### Dracula: Mina's Reckoning

NATIONAL THEATRE OF SCOTLAND AND ABERDEEN PERFORMING ARTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH BELGRADE THEATRE, COVENTRY

Thu 28 - Sat 30

#### Protect your loved ains fae the claws o a beast

Under the buzzing lights of a psychiatric hospital in Aberdeenshire in 1897, Mina Murray recounts her encounters with the most terrifying of beasts: Dracula. A throng of patients listen with bated breath as they are transported to a world where immortality and ultimate power is possible, even for women - but with terrible consequences...

Not for the faint-hearted, Morna Pearson's adaptation of Bram Stoker's classic tale is filled with her trademark humour and taste for the strange and grotesque. This breathtaking gothic production transposes the action to Scotland amid the wild beauty of the landscapes of the northeast which originally inspired the novel. With an all-women and non-binary ensemble cast we witness the addiction, intoxication, and empowerment of Mina.

Miss this contemporary re-telling at your peril...

Based on the classic novel by Bram Stoker. Conceived by Morna Pearson and Sally Cookson, written by Morna Pearson, directed by Sally Cookson.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.30 + 19.30 PRICE From £24.50 **SUITABILITY 14+** 













WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £29.50 SUITABILITY All ages

#### **UK Pink Floyd Experience**

PRESTIGE PRODUCTIONS LTD

Sun O3

Celebrating 50 years of The Dark Side of The Moon, UK Pink Floyd Experience recreate the sights and sounds of the legendary band in concert, with iconic songs from seminal albums The Dark Side of The Moon, Animals, Wish You Were Here. The Wall and Echoes, A true celebration of all things Floyd!

#### Tim Vine: Breeeep!

BOUND AND GAGGED

Tue 05

It's Tim Vine and he's back with a brand new stand-up show! Come and enjoy a mountain of nonsense, daft one-liners, joyful songs, wobbly props, and ridiculous humour (plus utter drivel). Witness the stupidity. Then leave. All tickets nonrepundable.

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE £30 SUITABILITY 12+

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"Is there a more ludicrous comedian in Britain?" THE TIMES

#### Nathan Carter and his Band plus support Live 2023

KENNEDY STREET ENTERPRISES LTD

Wed 06 - Sat 09

The sensational Irish country singer Nathan Carter returns with his band and support acts, bringing his natural talent to Eden Court. Starting aged 4, Nathan began with a thriving career around his Liverpool home and soon became one of the highest selling artists in Ireland, with number-one albums and soldout shows across Ireland and the UK.



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £32 SUITABILITY All ages



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £18.50 **SUITABILITY 12+** 

#### **Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour**

SNOWLINE MEDIA LTD

Mon 11 - Tue 12

Witness two nights of thrilling adventure on the big screen with a brand new collection of short films filled with extreme journeys and captivating cinematography. The world's top adventure filmmakers explore the wildest corners of the planet, with different selections of films across two dates in the world's most prestigious mountain festival.



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £37 SUITABILITY All ages

#### "Fantastic" ELAINE PAIGE, BBC RADIO 2

#### The Simon and **Garfunkel Story**

MAPLE TREE ENTERTAINMENT LTD

#### **Thu 14**

Direct from London's West End and a SOLD-OUT international tour, The Simon and Garfunkel Story is back! Using original film footage, the international hit show features a full live band performing all the hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Homeward Bound and many more.

"Authentic and exciting" THE STAGE



RISING PR

#### Sat 16

Leading Irish country musician Derek Ryan and his band make a welcome return to Eden Court with new material from Derek's new album Pure and Simple, along with the classic such as Hold On To Your Hat, Down On Your Uppers and God's Plan.

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30 PRICE £33.50** SUITABILITY All ages





WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.30 | 19.30 PRICE From £25.50 SUITABILITY 14+

#### Sunshine on Leith

STARLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE

Wed 20 - Sat 23

Well-known for its high calibre productions, Starlight Musical Theatre is back with one of the most iconic shows in recent times, Sunshine on Leith. Written by Stephen Greenhorn, and with songs by The Proclaimers, this amateur production of Sunshine on Leith is a funny, yet uplifting story of family, friendship and love.



"She's the consummate comedian. A wonderful

"Stunning, riotously hilarious" THE SKINNY

#### Josie Long: Re-Enchantment

IMPATIENT PRODUCTIONS LTD

#### Thu 21

Join triple Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee, underdog Fringe hero, and delirious new mother Josie Long as she returns with a show about the changes wrought by time, passion, moving to Scotland, and loving the world under let's face it - difficult circumstances.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre **TIME 20.00** PRICE £20 SUITABILITY 14+

## LATER 2023 + 2024

ON SALE NOW

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#### The Bodyguard

Tue 3 - Sat 7 Oct

#### The award-winning, smash-hit musical The Bodyguard is back!

Former Secret Service agent turned bodyguard, Frank Farmer, is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker. Each expects to be in charge – what they don't expect is to fall in love.

A breathtakingly romantic thriller, *The Bodyguard* features a whole host of irresistible classics including One Moment in Time, I Wanna Dance With Somebody and, of course, the legendary I Will Always Love You.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.30 + 19.30 PRICE From £44

SUITABILITY 10+ (Contains strong

language, violence and sexual themes)

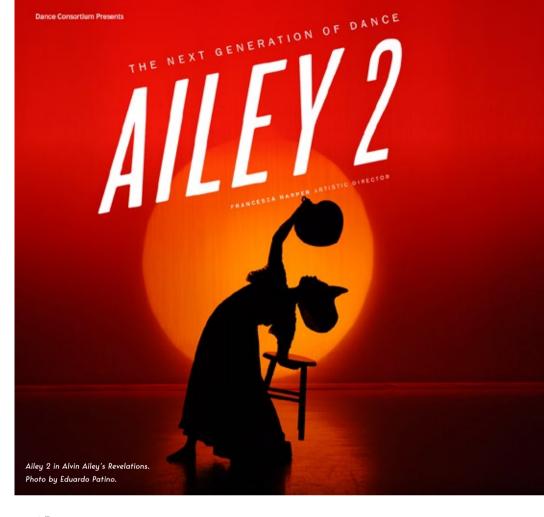
#### "The hottest ticket in town"

\*\*\* SUNDAY MIRROR

"Brilliant!" THE TIMES

"You go in humming the tunes, you come out whooping them!"

**PRICE** TBC THE INDEPENDENT



#### Ailey 2

DANCE CONSORTIUM

Fri 27 + Sat 28 Oct

Founded by Alvin Ailey, the Ailey 2 company is universally renowned for merging the spirit and energy of the finest early-career dance talent in the United States with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding and emerging choreographers.

For their return to the UK, Ailey 2 brings an exciting repertory featuring new Artistic Director 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.

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** 

"There's nothing like an evening spent with Ailey 2" THE NEW YORK TIMES

"Second to none"

DANCE MAGAZINE

"Off-the-charts THE NEW YORKER

#### The Amazing **Bubble Man**

LOUIS PEARL

Sat 2 Sep

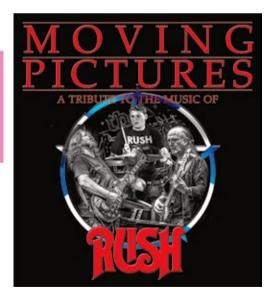
From square bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, fog-filled bubbles, giant bubbles, bubble volcanoes, tornados and trampolines to people inside bubbles, Louis Pearl – the Amazing Bubble Man – brings his breath-taking artistry and fun science to Inverness. There's bound to be shrieks of laughter and gasps of amazement from all ages!



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 14.00** PRICE Adult £17.50 | Child £15.50



"This show captivated its young audience and the adults loved it as well. Highly recommended" BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE



#### **Moving Pictures: Rush Tribute**

Sat 09 Sep

One of Europe's top Rush tributes - playing songs from every era, with way too many quitars!

Covering all the classics like Tom Sawyer, The Spirit of Radio and Xanadu, plus some deeper cuts with By Tor and later belters such as Far Cry and Headlong Flight.

WHERE OneTouch Theatre TIME 20.00 **PRICE £20.50** 



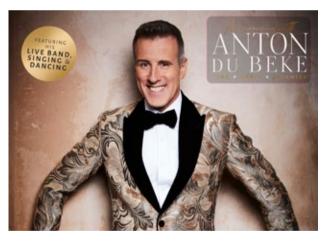
WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 19.30 PRICE From £26 SUITABILITY 14+

DANCE MUSIC

#### Queenz: The Show with Balls!

Fri 20 - Sat 21 Oct

Direct from their smash-hit run in London's West End and returning to Inverness after a death-dropping show in 2022, this seguin-clad pop party serves up 'mind-blowing' LIVE vocals and a set list of Britney, Whitney and everything in between. These dragtastic divas and their lifeaffirming, sequin-clad pop party will have you feeling fierce and fabulous before you know it!



WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30** PRICE From £47.50 SUITABILITY All ages

#### An Evening with Anton Du Beke and Friends

Mon 23 Oct

Don't miss this special opportunity to get up close to the King of the ballroom as 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.

COMING SOON



#### Pride of Ireland

IMG MUSIC GROUP

Wed 25 Oct

Come along to this fabulous night of Irish music, fun and laughter, jam packed with the very best of Irish entertainment and starring Ireland's most dynamic and versatile performers, headlined by International Recording Star Mike Denver (The Galway Boy) and internationally renowned Brendan Shine.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 19.30 **PRICE £28.50** 



WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 10.00, 11.00, 12.00. 13.00. 13.30. 14.30, 17.00 + 19.00 PRICE From £22.50 SUITABILITY All ages







#### **Sleeping Beauty**

IMAGINE THEATRE

Wed 6 Dec 2023 - Sun 7 Jan 2024

Over 36,000 people saw Peter Pan fly to Neverland on the Empire stage in 2022/23.

We're very excited to bring our next pantomime to Inverness later this year with the spellbinding Sleeping

This magical family show will everything you have come to expect from an Eden Court pantomime, with a hilarious comic, an outrageous dame, a delightfully wicked baddie, marvellous musical numbers and tons of slapstick fun.

"Might just be the best pantomime in Scotland"

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BRAW THEATRE (PETER PAN, 2022)

"First-class flight to the fun stuff"

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INVERNESS COURIER (PETER PAN. 2022)



#### Cinders!

SCOTTISH BALLET

Thu 1 - Sat 3 Feb 2024

Scottish Ballet's festive favourite returns for the winter season with a new name, glittering new designs, and a charming twist to the classic Cinderella tale. Choreographed by Christopher Hampson and designed by Elin Steele, with Prokofiev's irresistibly melodic score performed live by the Scottish Ballet Orchestra, Cinders! is everything you adore about the enchanted fairy tale - made sparkling, fresh and new.

WHERE Empire Theatre TIME 14.30 + 19.30 Talk Ballet (Fri 2 Feb. 18.30) PRICE From £25.50 Talk Ballet f2



"Coldplace are pure quality. Thanks for flying the Coldplay flag" PHIL HARVEY (CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF

#### Coldplace - The World's Leading **Tribute to Coldplay**

SQUARE ONE TOURING PRODUCTIONS

Sat 17 Feb 2024

The only tribute to have worked for Coldplay, this outstanding band leads you through all your favourite Coldplay hits from the last 20+ years including Yellow, Paradise and A Sky full of Stars, right through to Higher Power and My Universe from their latest album, Music of the Spheres.

WHERE Empire Theatre **TIME 19.30 PRICE £29.50** SUITABILITY XX



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COMING SOON



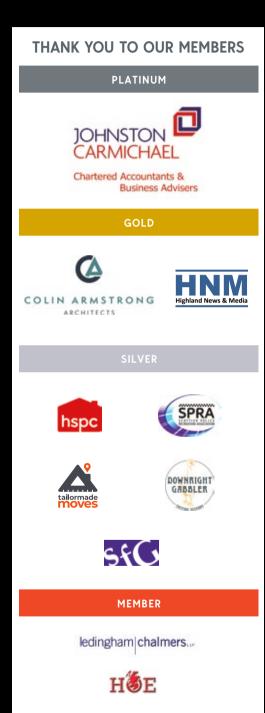
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#### **EDEN COURT CONNECT**

Highland-based artist scheme

For more information visit eden-court.co.uk/you-are-welcome

### **Donate and make a difference**

With your help we can offer more life changing experiences in the arts. Every penny you give to Eden Court supports our charitable work on and off stage and in the community.

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#### Accessible Performances

We offer audio description, signed, descriptive subtitles and relaxed performances for certain theatre shows.

We also provide audio described, subtitled, dementia friendly, dream and scream and autism friendly cinema screenings where possible.

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Our cinemas are equipped with DTS Access technology, including hearing assist, audio description and for some performances, soft subtilling. Our theatre performance spaces are equipped with two-channel infrared equipment and receivers are available at the Ticket Sales desk and can be used on their own or in conjunction with your hearing aid.

Detailed information regarding subtitled, captioned and signed performances can be found on our website: www.eden-court.co.uk

Hearing impaired patrons can contact us by textphone on **1811 01463 234 234**.

Wheelchairs are available for you to use if you feel that a wheelchair would make it easier for you to access Eden Court. Please reserve this in advance with our Ticket Sales staff.

If you need any additional help, ask for the duty manager or call **01463 234 234** in advance of your visit.

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#### Tickets + Info

#### PHONE TICKET SALES: 01463 234 234 ONLINE: eden-court.co.uk

#### RESERVATIONS

INFORMATION

Tickets can be reserved in person or over the phone in advance for any performance at Eden Court. We will hold reserved tickets for three working days. Please note any reservations not paid for in full within three working days will be released for sale. Reservations can't be made for events less than seven days ahead

#### REDUCED RATES

Reduced rates are offered for many performances. Only one reduction applies per ticket. Reductions generally apply to under 18s, fulltime students, over 60s, people claiming unemployment benefit. people with disabilities and people on low income. Eden Court is a member of Highland Council's Plus One scheme and we have a limited number of Plus One tickets available for each theatre performance. For further details of the scheme please contact the Highland Council.

#### **GROUP RATES**

We offer group discounts on some of our performances. Groups are usually considered to be parties of 10 or more. Contact our box office for group booking info.

#### TICKET POSTAGE / COLLECTION

We can post your tickets to you for £1.50 per transaction or print at box office for £0.50. E-tickets are free.

#### BOOKING FEES

Booking fees are included in the ticket price and are as follows (except classes)

£1.00 for tickets under £10 £1.50 for tickets £10.00 - £19.99 £2.50 for tickets £20.00 and over

#### DEVELOPMENT FUND

Most events in this brochure have a £1.50 development levy included in the ticket price. 100% of the money raised from the development levy is re-invested into Eden Court.

#### **GIFT VOUCHERS**

Gift vouchers are valid for 2 years from date of purchase and are available from the Box Office or online at www.edencourt.co.uk in any denomination. Please note that we do not offer or accept Theatre Tokens.

#### DATA PROTECTION

The privacy and security of your personal information is very important to us. Our privacy policy can be viewed on our website and this explains how and why we use your personal data. The personal information we collect, process or use is treated securely and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and the Privacy and Flectronic Communications Regulations 2003. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our privacy policies, please email us mydata@ eden-court.co.uk

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#### PROGRAMME CHANGES + CANCELLATIONS

We reserve the right to cancel or change the published times of any performances. We will do our best to keep information on our website accurate and up to date. Please note that although we work hard to ensure that everything in this brochure is correct, we are human and mistakes do happen. If you need to double-check something, give us a call on 01463 234 234.

#### CHILDREN

Eden Court welcomes children of all ages, unless the performance has a specific age restriction. Children of ten years and over are welcome to attend unaccompanied, but parents should note that the responsibility for their children's safety and wellbeing remains theirs and that we will take no more responsibility for children than for any other members of the audience. Any member of the audience (including children) will be required to leave if their behaviour is disturbing for other patrons. Babes will be admitted when the wishes of the visiting company allow it.

#### PAYMENT METHODS

Payments can be made by cash, cheque (made payable to Eden Court Highlands), Visa, MasterCard, Maestro, Visa Debit Cards or Eden Court Gift Vouchers. Payment can be made in person, by phone or by post. Please note that we do not currently accept American Express Maestro.

#### **EDEN COURT FRIENDS**

Eden Court Friends are entitled to a ticket discount of £1 off tickets under £10 and £2 off tickets over £10 for most shows. Friends also enjoy a 10% discount in our Restaurant and Bar (excluding alcohol). For more info about Friends ask the Box Office team or check online

#### EDEN COURT CAFÉ + BAR

Our beautiful riverside setting gives our café + bar a lovely relaxed atmosphere. Coffee and snacks are served throughout the day as well as light bites from our café menu.

The bustling café + bar is the perfect place for coffees, pre-show snacks and drinks. Looking out onto the Eden Court lawn is a great setting for meeting up with friends, a pre-show bite or a business meeting.

#### LATE ADMISSIONS

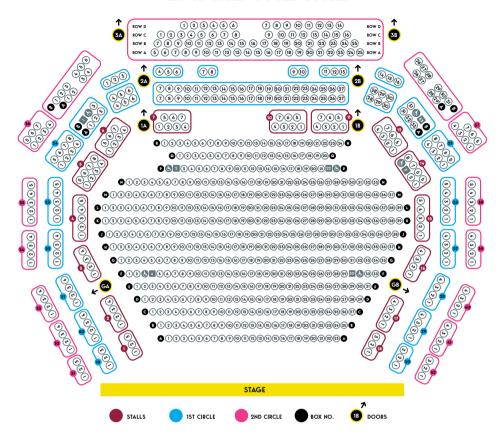
We are all late sometimes but don't worry, we'll get you into the auditorium at a suitable point in the performance. All we ask is that you try not to disturb other people when getting to your seat.

#### **ACCESS + FACILITIES**

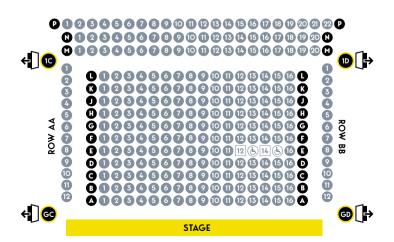
Eden Court is equipped to welcome customers and visitors with all needs

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