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The hottest season has landed

 Chelmsford
Theatre

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and welcome to Chelmsford Theatre



The summer season is one of celebration for Chelmsford Theatre. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase the wealth of local talent performing their end of term productions alongside a programme of first-class touring shows. I've listed my personal selection in Director's Choice on page 3 but have a browse and pick out your own favourites. This summer at Chelmsford Theatre is guaranteed to be as hot as the weather forecast promises to be!

We're thrilled to welcome back The Dazzling Diamonds with their brand-new comedy variety show, perfectly fitting for our Glitz and Glamazons season which celebrates our programme of queer artists, tributes to gay icons and allies alike. We're tremendously proud to be supporting Essex Pride as their ticketing partner this year and to collaborate with the delivery of the ever growing (and increasingly fabulous) Pride March. These types of partnerships strengthen exactly what we are all about at Chelmsford Theatre; promoting inclusivity and diversity with community at its heart.

We're looking forward to welcoming Ruby Wax, fresh from the jungle, who will be

sharing celebrity stories from her two hugely successful TV shows – Ruby Meets and Full Wax. Whilst for our very young theatre fans and their families we are delighted to present The Very Busy Bumblebee in June – a beautiful ballet with a special message highlighting the importance of bees to the environment. There's also the much-loved classic tale of the sweet-smelling Gingerbread Man in May, and a wonderful heartfelt story of how a tiny mouse and a mighty lion become the best of friends with Rachel Bright's The Lion Inside in August.

An exciting development for Chelmsford Theatre is the announcement of not one, but two co-productions who will be opening their UK tours at Chelmsford Theatre. The hilarious West End, multi-award-winning Jane Austin romance, *Pride & Prejudice** (*sort of) makes it's triumphant return in September. An all female, powerhouse cast blasting out pop hits while trying to find their love-matches. Plus our county's very own Shoddy Theatre are returning with the farcical *A Shoddy Detective* in January 2027. Fans of *The Play That Goes Wrong*, this one's for you!

On page 18 you'll get to meet our Corporate and Membership Manager Paul O'Sullivan and learn about his fascinating experience in the world of membership and the impact such schemes have on our audiences, our venue and the wider community.

The whole theatre team continue to feel humbled and rewarded by the support and dedication showed by you, our audiences. So, on behalf of the entire team, thank you for getting involved, coming to see shows and sharing your positive experiences. We look forward to welcoming you to your theatre again soon.

Rhys Thomas, Chelmsford Theatre Director

Director's Choice

Jaw-dropping dance numbers to hilarious lip-syncs and sensational live vocals, in this variety drag show.

The Dazzling Diamonds

Fri 22 May



Join the Gingerbread Man on his epic quest and meet the bravest biscuit of all time.

The Gingerbread Man

Sat 30 and Sun 31 May

A warm and honest hour of poems and stand-up with the wit, pathos and silliness, that has made him one of the most popular live poets.

Luke Wright: Later Life Letter

Fri 5 Jun



Using Shakespearean language, audience suggestions and their overactive imaginations, a brand-new play comes to life.

ShakeltUp Shakespeare

Sat 6 Jun

Sometimes the biggest animals are the ones that are scared and the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion.

The Lion Inside

Mon 31 Aug and Tue 1 Sep



Ukuleles and a menagerie of voices in a collision of post-punk performance and old classics.

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Mon 1 Jun

COMEDY – STAND UP



Early Doors Comedy Night

Friday 1 May 7.30pm

Join us for an evening of the freshest comedy as comedians, Bella Hull (as seen on Have I Got News For You) and Garrett Millerick (creator of R4's Do Gooders) test out brand-new material in their quest to build an hour(ish)-long show each. This is your chance to catch familiar favourites and rising stars at their most daring. Come along, have a laugh, and find the funny together!

📍 Studio

Tickets £15 – £17

Recommended age 14+

COMEDY – STAND UP



The Britpop Show

Saturday 2 May 7.30pm

Join award-winning writer and comedian Marc Burrows for a multi-media stand up celebration of one of British music's most iconic and enduring movements. Music journalist Marc (Guardian, The Quietus, Big Issue) dives into the stories, rivalries, OTT personalities as well as some of the finest music the UK has ever produced.

📍 Studio

Tickets £19 – £21

FAMILY



There's A Monster In Your Show

Sunday 3 to Monday 4 May various times

Tom Fletcher's interactive adventures for big imaginations return to the stage. A group of performers are preparing to start their show, but quickly discover that a Little Monster wants to be part of the fun too! With an invitation to his friends, Dragon, Alien and Unicorn to join him, you can expect comedy and chaos as they help to create a magical show.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £15.50 – £17.50 | Family Ticket £62

Group rate £14.50 for 10+

Running time 55 minutes with no interval

MUSIC



Steeleye Span

Monday 4 May 7.30pm

The band who have changed the face of folk music over their fifty six years together, Steeleye Span's latest album Conflict, as with tradition, brings together modern and self composed pieces alongside old songs. As ever performing a selection of songs from across the years and firm fan favourites. "Don't miss them..." – The Independent

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £35.50

MUSIC



Country Hits Live

Thursday 7 May 7.30pm

Performed by a cast of multi award-winning musicians and singers, celebrate the atmosphere and energy of an evening in the home of country music. Featuring songs from Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Shania Twain, Garth Brooks right through to Taylor Swift and Luke Combs.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £29 – £34

INTERACTIVE



Wifi Wars

Saturday 16 May 3pm & 7pm

Compete in teams or as individuals, on games, quizzes and more that are magically beamed into your smartphone or tablet using WiFi Wars' Guinness World Record-Breaking tech.

Hosted by comedian Steve McNeil WiFi Wars is the award-winning must-see show that's like nothing you've seen before.

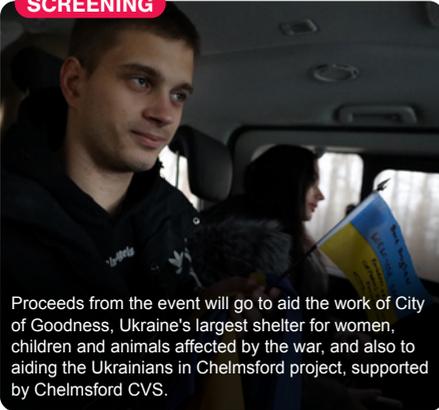
📍 Studio

Tickets £14 – £18 | Family ticket £56

Recommended age 6+

Running time 90 minutes

SCREENING



Proceeds from the event will go to aid the work of City of Goodness, Ukraine's largest shelter for women, children and animals affected by the war, and also to aiding the Ukrainians in Chelmsford project, supported by Chelmsford CVS.

Children in the Fire

Sunday 17 May 3pm

Every child in this movie survived bombings, displacement, and loss — yet still speak of music, school, and dreams. The documentary follows eight Ukrainian children as they rebuild their lives through art, sports, and friendship. Witness their courage and help amplify the voices of a generation growing up under fire — yet refusing to lose its humanity.

📍 Studio

Tickets £7.50

Running time 1hr 50 minutes

Recommended age 15+

TALK



Dr Louise Newson

Sunday 17 May 7.30pm

Breaking The Cycle: The Power of Hormones

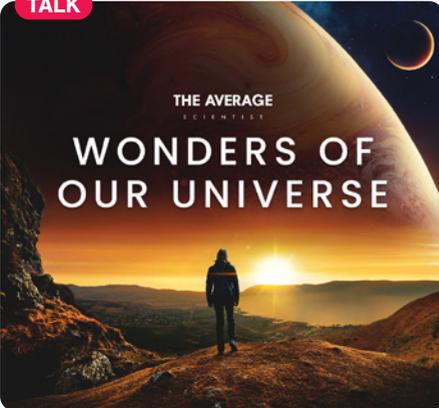
Join renowned physician and women's hormone specialist Dr Louise Newson for an unmissable new show that unpacks the history and the science around hormones to bring the knowledge everyone deserves to have. This is more than a health talk: it's a wake-up call. Expect to leave empowered, energised and ready to demand better.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £32.50 – £53

Pre-show Meet & Greet plus ticket & drink £53

TALK



Wonders of Our Universe

Monday 18 May 7pm

Join astrophysicist Ian Hall FRAS for a breathtaking journey through space and time. From the Big Bang to the mysteries of black holes, this show combines cinematic visuals, powerful storytelling, and an unforgettable soundtrack to bring the cosmos to life. Awe-inspiring, emotional, and endlessly fascinating — this is science as you've never experienced it before.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £20 – £22

Recommended age 11+

Matinee Magic

From fun family festivities to superb stand up and a mysterious murder trial requiring audience participation, all before teatime! You're not going to want to miss our selection of matinees this season.



There's a Monster In Your Show

Sunday 3 May 1pm & 3.30pm & Mon 4 May
10am & 1pm

Wifi Wars

Saturday 16 May 3pm

Children in the Fire

Sunday 17 May 3pm

Holmes & Watson: The Curious Case of the Masked Magician

Saturday 23 May 2pm

The Gingerbread Man

Saturday 30 to Sunday 31 May 10.30am &
2.30pm

The Storm Whale

Tuesday 2 June 11am & 1.30pm

Bring Your Own Baby Comedy

Thursday 4 June 12pm

The Very Busy Bumblebee

Sunday 7 June 1pm & 3pm

Baby Broadway

Friday 12 June 11am

Fun For Little Ones: A Tribute to Ms Rachel

Sunday 14 June 2.30pm

Magic & Mayhem Returns

Saturday 4 July 1.30pm

Murder Trial Tonight

Saturday 4 July 2.30pm

The Lion Inside

Monday 31 August 2pm & Tuesday 1 September
11am & 2pm



All details are correct at time of going to print. Programme subject to change.

MUSIC



Paul Young: Songs and Stories

Tuesday 19 May 7.30pm

Paul Young broke into the big time 40 years ago when No Parlez went to number one and spawned iconic hits like Wherever I Lay My Hat (That's My Home). Now, he's looking back during these intimate shows, that combine conversation and acoustic versions of hit songs. Paul's meeting fans, singing songs, and telling stories about his incredible career.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £33.50 – £81.50 | Premium ticket (goodie bag, autograph) £49.50 | Pre-show Meet & Greet (plus goodie bag, autograph) £81.50

SCREENING



EOS: Frida Kahlo

Tuesday 19 May 8pm

Who was Frida Kahlo? Everyone knows her face but who was the woman behind the bright colours, the big brows and the floral crowns? Take a journey through the life of a true icon, discover her art, and uncover the true story of her rebellious, passionate and turbulent life. Exhibition on Screen presents an exciting new addition from the blockbuster transatlantic exhibition from Tate Britain and MFA Houston 'Frida Kahlo: the Making of an Icon'.

📍 **Studio**

Tickets £15 – £18.50 | Members get £1 off

MUSIC TRIBUTE



Live & Symphonic: The New Carpenters Story

Wednesday 20 May 7.30pm

A musical journey through the glittering career of pop's most famous brother and sister duo.

Featuring all of the Carpenters hit songs including Close To You, Top of the World, We've Only Just Begun, Rainy Days & Mondays, Goodbye to Love and many more!

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £39.50
Members get £2 off

COMEDY THEATRE

**Dial 1 for UK****Wednesday 20 May 8pm**

A funny and powerful one-man play about migration, belonging, and the British dream. When Delhi call-centre worker Uday finally arrives in the UK, reality hits harder than expected. A rare chance to rethink much you've assumed about those who hope to live amongst us in a first piece from an exciting new playwright and west end performer.

📍 **Studio****Tickets** £17 – £21**Running time** 60 minutes with no interval**Post-show** Q&A

COMEDY – STAND UP

**Matt Forde:
Defying Calamity****Thursday 21 May 7.30pm**

In his biggest live tour to date leading political comedian Matt Forde (The Royal Variety Performance, Spitting Image, HIGNFY, British Scandal) finds positivity in life despite all the evidence to the contrary in politics and his own health. "A first-class comic" The Guardian

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre****Tickets** £28**Recommended age** 16+

COMEDY THEATRE

**The Dazzling Diamonds****Friday 22 May 7.30pm**

The Dazzling Diamonds make a triumphant return with a brand-new comedy variety drag show. From jaw-dropping dance numbers to hilarious lip-sync performances and not forgetting the sensational live vocals, the cast are pulling out all the stops to make this show as unforgettable as the last.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre****Tickets** £27**Group booking** 1 in 10 free**Recommended age** 16+

COMEDY – STAND UP



Mums' Night Out Comedy

Friday 22 May 7.30pm

Grab your mum mates and get ready for a night of top-class stand-up and big laughs, hosted by parenting comedy star, The Funny Mummy and featuring some of the best comedians in the UK. With songs, prizes and hilarious comedy – join us for a laugh about parenting, life and everything in between! This is a Mums' night out you won't forget.

📍 Studio

Tickets £18 – £20

Group booking 10% off for 6+

Recommended age 18+

FAMILY



Holmes & Watson

Saturday 23 May 2pm

The Curious Case of the Masked Magician

It's 1906 – the Golden Age of Magic. The Masked Magician bestrides London's world of Magic like a colossus, until...one night, the Magician vanishes. Dead? Kidnapped? In hiding? When Holmes finally uncovers thier startling and surprising secrets he, Watson and the audience have to decide....are some mysteries best left as...mysteries!

📍 Studio

Tickets £13 – £17 | Family ticket £52 – £60

Recommended age 6+

MUSIC TRIBUTE



The Magic of Motown

Saturday 23 May 7.30pm

Seen by millions, The Magic of Motown is back with its 20th Anniversary Tour. Celebrate the sound of a generation with the classic hits of The Temptations, Supremes, Four Tops, Jackson 5, Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Martha Reeves, Smokey Robinson and many more. Get ready for all the hits, glittering costumes, dazzling dance routines and outstanding musicianship in this breath-taking live concert spectacular.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £36

COMEDY – STAND UP



MC Hammersmith: Hippy Hoppity Get Off My Property

Wednesday 27 May 7.30pm

The viral sensation brings an evening of improvised hip hop comedy to Chelmsford Theatre as part of his March – June 2026 UK tour.

📍 **Studio**

Tickets £20.50 – £22.50

Recommended age 14+

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SCREENING



NT Live: The Playboy of the Western World

Thursday 28 May 7pm

Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre. Pegeen Flaherty's life is turned upside down when a young man walks into her pub claiming that he's killed his father. Instead of being shunned, the killer becomes a local hero and begins to win hearts, that is until a second man unexpectedly arrives on the scene...

📍 **Studio**

Tickets £15 - £18.50 | **Members get** £1 off

Running time 2 hours 50 mins including interval

FAMILY



The Gingerbread Man

Saturday 30 to Sunday 31 May 10.30am & 2.30pm

Imagine being born in an oven and the first person you meet wants to dunk you in his tea! The adventures of the deliciously smelling Gingerbread Man – the bravest biscuit of all times. Stuff and Nonsense present a brilliant mix of puppetry, live action, great music, humour and a stunning staging of this well-loved classic tale.

📍 **Studio**

Tickets £13.50 – £16.50 | **Family ticket** £52

Recommended age 3+

Running time 60 mins with no interval

David Pugh presents the Chelmsford Theatre Production

THE FIVE STAR WEST END COMEDY SENSATION

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AWARDS 
WINNER
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COMEDY



Evening
Standard
THEATRE AWARDS
WINNER
ISOBEL
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Pride & Prejudice

by Isobel McArthur after Jane Austen (*sort of)

Friday 11th -
Saturday 19th September 2026
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MUSIC TRIBUTE



T-Rextasy

Sunday 31 May 7.30pm

Marc Bolan's T.Rex, were one of the most flamboyant, charismatic bands of the glam-rock era. With Bolan's special ingredient of Rock-a-Boogie songs, the band had a string of huge hits throughout the 1970s including Love to Boogie, Telegram Sam, Jeepster and 20th Century Boy. T.Rextasy have performed around the world for over 20 years. They have been described by many as beyond the boundaries of tribute.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £35

MUSIC



The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain

Monday 1 June 7.30pm

Formed in 1985 as the antidote to mindless pop, egocentric rock, and the indulgent bluster of the music business, celebrate the 40th anniversary of this much-loved institution, on a white-knuckle shopping-trolley dash through every kind of musical genre. From Paul Simon to Motörhead, Tchaikovsky to Nirvana, Bluegrass to Broadway, all played on the bonsai guitar.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £33 | Group booking 1 in 10 free

MUSIC



Storybook Concert: The Storm Whale

Tuesday 2 June 11am & 1.30pm

Music in the Round presents a concert based on the book series by Benji Davies. These heart-warming tales of friendship, love and courage are brought to life through music. Perfect for 3 to 7 year-olds, this illustrated and narrated concert is brimming with wonderful music, memorable songs, images from the book and plenty of chances to join in.

📍 Studio

Tickets £8 | Schools offer 1 in 11 free (for teachers) | Recommended age 3 to 7
Running time 60 mins

MUSIC TRIBUTE

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?



What's Love Got To Do With It

Wednesday 3 June 7.30pm

After a sell out debut UK tour, What's Love Got To Do With It? is back celebrating the music and sixty year career of rock and soul legend, Tina Turner. Expect a night of high energy, feel good rock and roll, performed by an all live band. The joyous show features all the hits including Proud Mary, River Deep, Simply The Best and many more.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31.50

COMEDY – STAND UP



Bring Your Own Baby Comedy

Thursday 4 June 12pm

Come along for an afternoon of side-splitting comedy, where you can relax and have a good laugh at some hilarious comedians without needing childcare! We have everything, from buggy parking to baby changing so that you can just be entertained. The bar is stocked whether you fancy a cuppa or something a bit stronger, G&T anyone?

📍 Studio

Tickets £13 | Please note there's a 15-month age limit for the little laughers

Running time 75 minutes including interval

MUSIC

DUST OFF YOUR AIR GUITARS!
For an evening of Classic Rock Anthems

THE ULTIMATE
**CLASSIC
ROCK**
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LIMITED
TICKETS*

The Ultimate Classic Rock Show

Thursday 4 June 7.30pm

Dust off your air guitars for an evening of the very best of classic rock anthems from legends past and present. Let The Ultimate Classic Rock Show take you on a roller coaster of classic rock nostalgia with over two hours of classic rock anthems from artists including Eric Clapton, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Pink Floyd and more.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £34

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MUSIC TRIBUTE



80s Mania

Friday 5 June 7.30pm

Europe's Official 1980s Multi-Tribute Concert featuring 28 chart topping pop icons authentically recreated with live band and awesome dancers. Performing over 35 chart topping smash-hits, with tributes to Duran Duran, The Human League, Kim Wilde, Culture Club, Madonna, Wham!, Dead or Alive, Madness and many more!

So it's time to dig out your 80s fashions and Party!

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £28.50 | Members get £2 off

Group booking 1 in 10 free

SPOKEN WORD

Luke Wright:
Later Life Letter

Friday 5 June 7.30pm

The story of Luke Wright's adoption – the life he leads, and the one he might have done. Wright navigates his audience through a warm and honest hour of poems and stand-up with wit, pathos and silliness. Expect raucous laughter, tear-stained cheeks, and a little smattering of drum n bass. "His poems shoot arrows through the heart."

★★★★★ List

📍 **Studio**

Tickets £18 – £20 | Recommended age 14+

COMEDY – STAND UP

Ruby Wax:
Absolutely Famous

Saturday 6 June 7.30pm

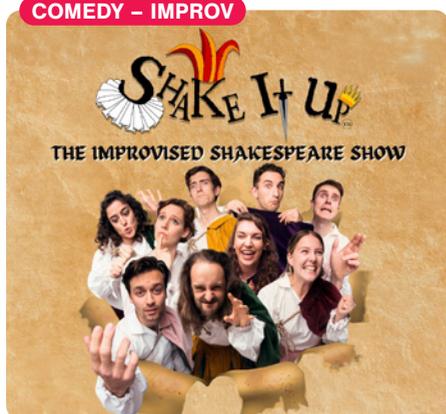
It's almost easier to say whom Ruby Wax didn't meet in her huge TV shows Ruby Wax Meets and Full Wax. Her provocative, abrasive, incomparable style was kept in check by friend and A-list producer, Clive Tulloh. Together they review clips from the shows, tell scandalous stories never before heard – and take the audience along for the ride.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £33 | Recommended age 14+

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COMEDY – IMPROV



ShakeltUp: The Improvised Shakespeare Show

Saturday 6 June 7pm

Shakespeare hasn't written anything new for an age, so we thought we would give him a hand... Using his language, your audience suggestions, and the cast's overactive imaginations, a brand-new Shakespeare play is created live on stage, complete with big laughs, high drama, and plenty of Bard-based Bedlam!

📍 Studio

Tickets £16 – £20

Recommended age 12+

DANCE



The Very Busy Bumblebee

Sunday 7 June 1pm & 3pm

Presented by Let's All Dance Ballet Company

With themes of friendship and sustainability, this sweet, funny show is the perfect introduction to live ballet and helps children understand just how important looking after our planet really is. The Let's All Dance Ballet Company, with larger than life characters, crystal clear storytelling and fabulous dancing, creates beautifully engaging shows for young and family audiences.

📍 Studio

Tickets £8 – £12

COMEDY – STAND UP



Pauline Eyre: Anyone For Tennis?

Wednesday 10 June 7.30pm

A Wimbledon line judge for 20 years, comedian Pauline Eyre is ready to spill the Pimms on tennis gossip from the fragrant royal box to the musty locker room, and why line judges are OUT! Expect smashing stories, ace anecdotes and a 40-love letter to the game. And there's nobody to say 'quiet please'. She cannot be serious... can she?

📍 Studio

Tickets £20 – £22

FAMILY



Baby Broadway

Friday 12 June 11am

An interactive concert where the whole family can sing and dance along to tunes from classic musicals and films, performed by West End singers. Little ones can enjoy bubbles, charming puppets, lively actions and dance moves to copy, whilst grown ups can indulge in an uplifting singsong.

📍 **Studio**

Tickets £5.50 – £14.50 | Under 2s free

Recommended age 0+

Running time 45 minutes with no interval

FAMILY



Fun For Little Ones

Sunday 14 June 2.30pm

A Tribute to Ms Rachel

Get ready for giggles, singing, dancing, and non-stop fun as the magic of Ms Rachel comes to life! Bursting with lively sing-along songs, puppets, characters, and colourful on-screen animations, audience participation and educational moments and magical screen content with Monty & Friends.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £17.50 – £20 | **Family ticket** £52.50

(2 adults & 1 child) | Under 12 months free on laps

Recommended age Suitable for all

Running time 90 minutes including interval

COMEDY – STAND UP



Michelle Wolf: Best Job in the World

Sunday 14 June 8pm

Primetime Emmy Nominee Michelle Wolf has established herself as one of the most influential voices in the comedy landscape. Her stand-up specials across HBO and Netflix have garnered critical acclaim and top viewing figures. Wolf has headlined across the world, including her infamous appearance at the White House Correspondents Dinner.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £33 | **Recommended age** 14+

Who's who at Chelmsford Theatre

This time it's the turn of our Corporate and Membership Manager, **Paul O'Sullivan**, who has worked in arts marketing for over 20 years.



Tell us about your current role at Chelmsford Theatre

In a nutshell I am tasked with growing our membership base, the core community of loyal audience members whose support underpins the Theatre's long-term future, whilst also creating partnerships in the business community to help us continue to deliver our discover series of events and other community focussed projects.

"The rising visitor numbers and positive visitor feedback we are getting is signalling a growing appetite for the Theatre to connect more with the community"

here in Chelmsford, including the business community, and to harness this moment where we can expand our offer, take creative risks and

deliver even greater value back into Chelmsford's cultural and economic landscape.

What impact does membership have for the Theatre?

In a past life I headed up the membership scheme at London's Southbank Centre for a number of years. There I got to understand first hand the passion, loyalty and commitment of its, at the time, 20K strong membership base. They were your best ambassadors, they really had your back!

"That experience taught me the value for any arts organisation or theatre to invest in, nurture and reward its most loyal audience."

Though we only started the membership scheme here at Chelmsford Theatre just over 3 years ago already we are seeing our members punching way above their weight with eye watering repeat visits to see shows at the Theatre. This really gives us the confidence to expand our programme in different ways, including bringing

more large-scale national touring shows to Chelmsford and to invest even more in our annual pantomime.

Why corporate partnerships?

We see building strong ties with Chelmsford's business community as essential to sustaining and expanding our community-focused projects.

"These partnerships not only help us deliver initiatives like the discover programme of participation and wellbeing events, but they also strengthen the Theatre's financial resilience"

and ensure it remains a vibrant, relevant cultural hub for the whole community.

We've recently launched a new partnership with local law firm Aquabridge Law, which perfectly reflects the kind of corporate relationships we're looking to build. Aquabridge Law approached us with a genuine desire to support our discover programme, while also sharing their own passion and commitment to the performing arts. It's a partnership rooted in shared values, community impact and a belief in the role the Theatre plays in Chelmsford's cultural life.

Meet our first Corporate Partner



Rhys Thomas, Chelmsford Theatre Director, Lorna Bastian, Partner at Aquabridge Law, Nikita Eve, Business Development & Marketing Manager at Aquabridge Law and Paul O'Sullivan, Corporate and Membership Manager at Chelmsford Theatre

Aquabridge Law is a modern law firm providing clear, commercially focused legal advice to private individuals, entrepreneurs, and businesses. With specialist teams across property, corporate and commercial, dispute resolution, and private client services, Aquabridge Law focuses on cutting through complexity and delivering practical, responsive solutions

that help clients achieve their goals. Everyone at Aquabridge Law is incredibly excited to become the first Corporate Partner of Chelmsford Theatre and to support the discover programme, building a long lasting community relationship and helping champion creativity and culture across Chelmsford.

“I’m genuinely excited about our partnership with Chelmsford Theatre.

It’s a place that brings people together and sparks creativity and being able to support the discover programme feels especially meaningful. Helping new talent and fresh ideas find a platform is something we really believe in at Aquabridge Law, and I’m proud that we can play a part in that journey.”

Kieran Lowe,
Managing Partner,
Aquabridge Law

If you would like to discuss partnership opportunities for your business contact Paul today paul.osullivan@chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk

MUSIC TRIBUTE



Shape of You

Friday 19 June 7.30pm

Prepare to be mesmerised by Shape of You, the sensational stage production showcasing the extraordinary music of global sensation and masterful songwriter, Ed Sheeran. With the iconic loop pedal and an outstanding live band, immerse yourself in an unforgettable performance that will hold you spellbound from start to finish. Featuring hits like Thinking Out Loud, Sing, Lego House and many more.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £19 – £26.50

Group booking 10% off for 10+

Members get £2 off

SCREENING



NT Live: Les Liaisons Dangereuses

Thursday 25 June 7pm

Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre. BAFTA Award-winner Lesley Manville (Phantom Thread) joins Aidan Turner (Rivals) in a striking new staging of Christopher Hampton's celebrated adaptation of the classic novel, where among the glittering salons of the super-rich, one misstep can mean ruin.

Studio

Tickets £15 - £18.50 | Members get £1 off

Age rating 15 | Running time 2 hours 30 minutes including interval

MUSIC TRIBUTE



The Bon Jovi Experience

Thursday 25 June 7.30pm

Get ready to rock your way through an unforgettable journey with the only show to be endorsed by Jon Bon Jovi himself! The Bon Jovi Experience features smash-hits such as Livin On a Prayer, Always, It's My Life, You Give Love a Bad Name, Bad Medicine and many more! "The best Bon Jovi tribute band I've ever watched" – Jon Bon Jovi

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £27 – £30

Members get £3 off

MUSIC TRIBUTE

**Coldplace****Friday 26 June 7.30pm**

The World's Leading Tribute to Coldplay celebrating the music of one of the most successful bands of all time. Leading 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.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £30

Members get £2 off

MUSIC TRIBUTE

**Give Me The Night****Saturday 27 June 7.30pm**

Celebrating the music of soul legend George Benson. There's music in the air and lots of lovin' everywhere featuring hit after hit: Never Give up on a Good Thing, Love Times Love, Lady Love Me (One More Time), Shiver, The Greatest Love of All, Turn Your Love Around, On Broadway, Feel Like Making Love and many more.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31.50

MUSIC TRIBUTE

**K-Pop All Stars****Friday 3 & Tuesday 28 July 7pm**

Bringing the global K-pop explosion to life with original choreography, stunning visuals, and a cast that performs every hit with unstoppable energy. Expect tracks from Blackpink, NewJeans, BTS, Itzy, Stray Kids, Twice, Jung Kook and more – all delivered with the colour, style and attitude fans love.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £33 – £37

Group booking 1 in 10 free

COMEDY – STAND UP



Simon Evans: Staring at the Sun

Friday 3 July 7.30pm

With growing evidence that we are living in a Computer Simulation and the approaching watershed of the AI Singularity looming like a weirdly pixelated cumulo-nimbus on the horizon, BBC Radio 4 stalwart and veteran of a quarter century of highly acclaimed stand-up comedy Simon Evans is squinting at an uncertain future, and revisiting his youth.

📍 Studio

Tickets £21 – £23 | Recommended age 16+

FAMILY



Magic & Mayhem Returns!

Saturday 4 July 1.30pm

Family entertainer Nicky Trix returns to Chelmsford Theatre with an all new show packed with jaw dropping magic, hilarious comedy and outrageous antics! Join Nicky and his cheeky sidekick, Nambu the elephant, for an unforgettable adventure full of laughter, ventriloquism, moments of pure magic plus games and prizes too!

📍 Studio

Tickets £16 – £18

Family ticket £60

Running time 90 minutes including interval

THEATRE



Murder Trial Tonight: Death of a Landlord

Saturday 4 July 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Victor Sloane, a wealthy and ruthless landlord, was found murdered in his office—his young child the sole witness to the crime. Police charged tenant Tre Bennet, a reclusive man battling mental health issues, claiming he had the clearest motive. But this time you are the jury. Hear the case from the prosecution and defence. Deliver your verdict: Guilty or Not Guilty.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £43 – £48 | Recommended age 16+

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MUSIC TRIBUTE



The Simon and Garfunkel Story

Tuesday 14 July 7.30pm

Few shows have experienced this phenomenal global success, with multiple sold-out shows in over 50-countries worldwide. Using huge projection photos and original film footage, the international hit show tells the story of the origins and meteoric rise of Simon & Garfunkel blended together seamlessly with a full live band performing all the hits.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £32 – £34

FAMILY



Jay & Joss: It's Not A Game

Wednesday 15 July 7.30pm

Jay & Joss stunned the judges on Britain's Got Talent. Now the award-winning illusionists are back with It's Not a Game – a mind-bending new show where nothing is quite as it seems. With jaw-dropping stunts, breathtaking visuals and moments that defy belief, reality and illusion are about to dissolve.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £23 – £28 | Family ticket £82

Schools £17 (one in 11 free)

Group booking 1 in 10 free

Members get £3.50 off

MUSIC TRIBUTE



The Story of Soul

Thursday 16 July 7.30pm

Join the love train and get the best of our love. Get ready to be taken on a journey of sweet soul music. Featuring songs by Aretha Franklin, Earth Wind and Fire, James Brown, Wilson Pickett, Sam and Dave, Chaka Khan, Tina Turner, The Pointer Sisters, Whitney Houston and many, more. So, make this the night to remember. This is the Story of Soul.

📍 **Chelmsford Theatre**

Tickets £35

MUSIC TRIBUTE



Man in the Mirror

Friday 17 July 7.30pm

Celebrate the legendary music of the King of Pop with this brand-new must-see, electrifying tribute concert to Michael Jackson. Featuring hits you know and love, including Thriller, Billie Jean, Beat It, Smooth Criminal, and of course, Man in the Mirror. Complete with dazzling choreography, stunning visual effects, light show and authentic costumes.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £34

INTERACTIVE



Fanny Galore's Big Bingo Party

Friday 17 July 8pm

Feeling lucky? Head down to join Fanny Galore for a big bingo party. If you love bingo and drag queens, this night is made for you. Think singing, dancing, games and a glamorous game of bingo hosted by Essex based drag queen Fanny.

📍 Studio

Tickets £27.50 | Ticket includes one welcome drink per person | **Recommended age 18+**

MUSIC TRIBUTE



Go Your Own Way

Saturday 18 July 7.30pm

Fleetwood Mac's rock n roll legacy is beautifully performed by a highly talented and acclaimed ensemble of musicians who will take audiences on a powerful journey through their incredible songbook. With hits including Dreams, Don't Stop, Everywhere, Rhiannon, Gold Dust Woman, Little Lies, Big Love and many more.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £30

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MUSIC TRIBUTE



OKNOTOK

Saturday 18 July 7.30pm

A powerful live celebration of one of the most innovative and influential bands of our time – Radiohead. Based in Southend on Sea, OKNOTOK are a five-piece ensemble, performing classics from across the entire Radiohead catalogue, from the raw, anthemic energy of The Bends and OK Computer to the electronic landscapes of Kid A, In Rainbows, and beyond.

📍 Studio

Tickets £20

Recommended age 14+

Please note this is a standing event

MUSIC TRIBUTE



The Upbeat Beatles

Sunday 19 July 7.30pm

A quote from a Beatles album... "When, in a generation or so, a radio-active, cigar-smoking child, picnicking on Saturn, asks you what the Beatle affair was all about – 'Did you actually know them?' – don't try to explain all about the long hair and the screams! Just play their music." With sheer joy and energy The Upbeat Beatles will take you on a journey through the earth-shattering sounds of the Fab 4! Throw away all your inhibitions! No band does it better than The Upbeat Beatles.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £30.50 | Members get £2 off

MUSIC



The Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club

Wednesday 22 July 7.30pm

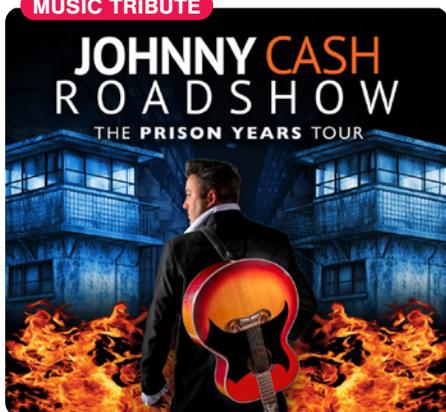
Direct from London's world-famous jazz club and combining world-class live jazz, narration, rare archive photos, and video footage. Mixing classic music from jazz greats, alongside tales of old Soho, miscreant musicians and police raids, this is a celebration of one of the world's most famous venues, its music, and history.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31.50

Members get £2 off

MUSIC TRIBUTE



The Johnny Cash Roadshow

Thursday 23 July 7.30pm

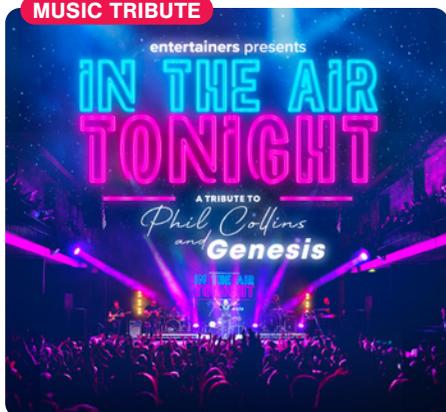
Step into the raw and gritty world of Johnny Cash's prison era with this electrifying show that has captivated audiences for two decades. Set on a Folsom Prison style stage this brings Cash's most iconic performances to life as the Johnny Cash Roadshow immerses you in the raw, unfiltered energy of Cash's legendary concerts behind bars.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £31

Members get £2 off

MUSIC TRIBUTE



In The Air Tonight

Saturday 25 July 7.30pm

From the epic drum breaks to the soul-stirring ballads, relive the magic of Phil's greatest moments – from his Genesis roots to his incredible solo career – in a concert that will have you singing, swaying, and dancing all night long. Featuring all the classics, including: You Can't Hurry Love, Take Me Home and the explosive In the Air Tonight.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £34

MUSIC TRIBUTE



Too Much Too Young

Sunday 26 July 7.30pm

Get ready for an electrifying night of music celebrating 2Tone & beyond. A high-octane, two-hour theatre experience that takes audiences on an unforgettable ride through the ska sound that shaped generations. celebrating the groundbreaking music and the legendary artists who made it a global phenomenon.

📍 Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £30.50

FAMILY



The Ultimate Bubble Show

Wednesday 29 July 11.30am

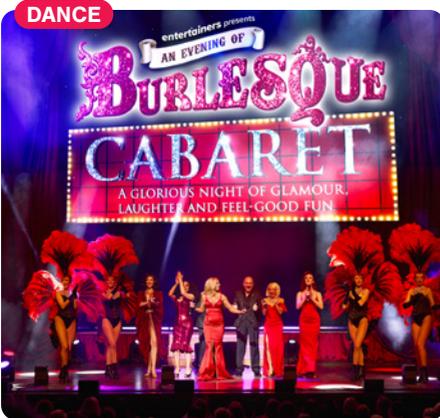
Ray Bubbles is on a mission to create the ultimate square bubble! This show promises a whirlwind of excitement and surprises, as Ray crafts stunning bubble sculptures and magical displays. Be amazed by a volcano bubble, a soap bubble carousel, a bubble ghost, and even a tornado inside a bubble!

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Tickets £14.50

Families of 4+ get £3 off each ticket

DANCE



An Evening of Burlesque Cabaret

Thursday 30 July 7.30pm

A dazzling celebration of cabaret, burlesque, and world-class entertainment. This ultimate variety show blends stylish cabaret, comedy, music, and burlesque into a spectacular extravaganza of glitz and glamour. Featuring showgirls, cabaret artists, and stars of the stage and screen, this is a night of sophistication and stunning performances.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £36

Recommended age 18+

MUSIC TRIBUTE



Legend: The Music of Bob Marley

Friday 31 July 7.30pm

An unforgettable evening celebrating this musical icon in one fantastic stage show. Combining his superb, distinctive vocals with flawless musicianship, a supremely talented cast recreate the timeless hits *Could You Be Loved*, *Is This Love*, *No Woman No Cry*, *Three Little Birds*, *Jammin'* and many more reggae classics.

Chelmsford Theatre

Tickets £37



Spice Girls The Theatre Show

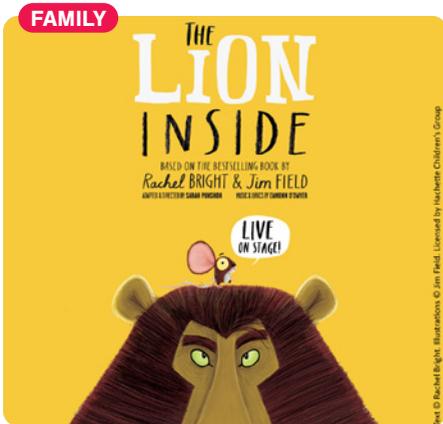
Saturday 1 August 7.30pm

The girls have put together a very special theatre show with a fun party vibe. They'll be performing all your favourite Spice Girls hits with their superb backing band, impressive vocals, dance routines, and stunning authentic costumes. With chart topping hits including Wannabe, Stop, Say You'll Be There, Who Do You Think You Are, Viva Forever, Too Much and more.

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Tickets £35.50

Group booking 1 in 10 free



The Lion Inside

Monday 31 August to Tuesday 1 September various times

A heart-warming tale about confidence, self-esteem, and a shy little mouse who sets out on a journey to find his roar. Fed up of being ignored and forgotten by the other animals, Mouse wishes he could roar like Lion. But, as he discovers, even the biggest, bossiest people are scared sometimes ... and even the smallest creatures can have the heart of a lion!

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Tickets £18 | Family ticket £64

Group booking 1 in 10 free | Recommended age 3+ Running time 55 mins with no interval



Lunchtime Concerts

Wed 13 May, Wed 20 May, Wed 3 June, Wed 10 June, Wed 17 June, Wed 15 July
Concerts start at 1pm

For over 35 years our much-loved Lunchtime Concerts have provided entertainment that is accessible to all. This season we have a menu of jazz, music therapy, original piano compositions, Lithuanian music and even gypsy violin.

Studio

Suggested donation £2

Please note these are ticketed events and advance booking is recommended

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Visit our website for more info



Local talent

The wonderful programme of performing arts schools, amateur shows and local performing organisations.



Ruby Robinson's Swingin' Session

Presented by Ruby Robinson
& Melvin Beddow Big Band
Sun 3 May 7pm



All Night Long

Presented by Tomorrow's Talent
Sun 28 June 7pm



The Wonderful World of Windmill

Presented by Windmill Theatre
School
Sat 9 May 1pm & 6pm



Such A Night

Presented by Hildale Academy
of Performing Arts
Tue 7 to Sat 11 July 7.15pm.
Sat mat 2.30pm



The Wizard of Oz

Presented by Trinity
Music and Drama
Wed 13 to Sat 16 May
7.30pm, Sat mat 2.30pm



Essex Dance Theatre Showcase

Presented by Essex Dance Theatre
Sun 12 July Junior Showcase 3pm
Senior Showcase 6.30pm



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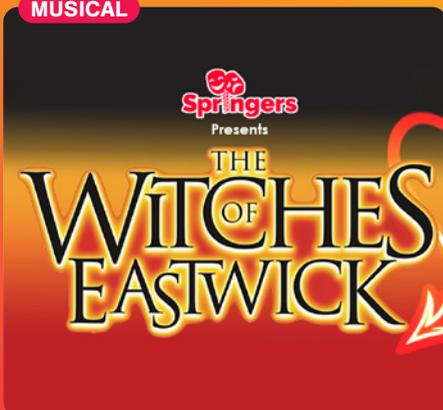
Presented by Tomorrow's Talent
Sat 27 June 11.30am & 2pm



No Business Like Show Business

Presented by Chelmsford Musical
Theatre Choir
Sun 19 July 2.30pm & 6pm

MUSICAL



The Witches of Eastwick

Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13 June 7.30pm.
Sat mat 2.30pm

Performed by local amateur group Springers. In the quiet town of Eastwick, three spirited women find themselves longing for excitement, passion, and a little bit of magic. When a mysterious stranger arrives, their wishes begin to come true, and charm turns to chaos, as the town is thrown into a whirlwind of laughter, mischief, and supernatural surprises.

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Tickets £27.50 | Recommended age 14+
Captioned performance 11 Jun

ABOUT US



We hope you've seen something that's piqued your interest in this summer brochure, because our priority is for local residents to enjoy the very best shows and events on their doorstep.

We've been on the end of Fairfield Road in Chelmsford's West End since 1962, but age is nothing, we still look out for what's new and exciting to put on and we are dedicated to making Chelmsford Theatre our city's cultural hub.

We are two venues under one roof. Our main auditorium seats 502 and it's where you can see the big touring shows like *Pride and Prejudice** (*sort of) coming in

September, national treasures giving a talk or some of the hottest comedians on the circuit, and of course our adored yearly panto.

Right next door is our studio theatre with a capacity of 165. Here's where things are more intimate and the space more flexible. In our studio you can enjoy emerging comedy and theatre, screenings and interactive shows, either as tiered theatre style seating, or for

some shows, as an atmospheric cabaret-style setting.

The studio is also where you'll find our cosy café, serving great coffee and all kinds of sweet goodies, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 3pm.

Moreover, if you're new to Chelmsford Theatre you'll be joining the 160,000+ people who we welcome through our doors across hundreds of performances each year.

BOOKING INFORMATION

Below are some of the common questions we get asked about booking, but there's loads more info on the Terms and Conditions page on our website.

Our Box Office is open 10am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday and 90 minutes before each performance.

Booking fees are applicable to events at Chelmsford Theatre. For more information relating to booking fees, please see the Terms and Conditions page on our website.

E tickets are sent via email free of charge. Posted tickets incur £2 charge or alternatively, you can collect your tickets from the Box Office free of charge.

Refunds are only available if a show is completely cancelled. We do however offer exchanges for another show, or a credit for a fee of £1 per ticket for prices up to £15, and £3 per ticket for tickets priced at £15 and over up to seven days before the date and time of the show, this excludes Chelmsford Theatre Premium members.

Where a family ticket is offered, it comprises of the equivalent of four people, either two adults and two children or one adult and three children.

If concession tickets are available for a show they apply to under 18s, over 65s and those receiving income benefits like Disability

Living Allowance and Job Seekers Allowance. You may be required to show proof of any of the above at the door.

Where children under two years of age do not require a ticket, they may accompany an adult free of charge but must sit on a lap.

Accessibility

If you have any access concerns or needs our Box Office are here to help. Email us on boxoffice@chelmsford.gov.uk or call **01245 606 505**. We also have an access scheme designed to help people book wheelchair seats and add essential companions. Visit the Access Information page on the website or email / call the Box Office for more details.



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