

# Artsreach

## PERFORMANCES

### SEPT – DEC 2014

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Burton Bradstock 26 Sept  
Sandford Orcas 27 Sept  
**OLIVER MEECH**  
*'When Science and Magic Collide'*

Oliver meddles with forces we barely understand, in a comedy magic show for the QI generation. With a fun-filled fusion of magic, mirth and mind reading, expect amazing tricks inspired by astounding science. It's the Natural Selection! No knowledge of science required, just a mind that's open and a jaw that's ready to droop!

"could rival Derren Brown" THEATRE-WALES.CO.UK  
[www.olivermeech.co.uk](http://www.olivermeech.co.uk)

Chetnole 2 Oct  
Hinton Martel 3 Oct  
Cerne Abbas 4 Oct  
Stur. Newton 5 Oct  
**CHRIS GARRICK QUARTET**  
*'Beginning with Bach'*



Following in a long and respectful tradition of jazz musicians gaining inspiration from the music of Bach, the Christian Garrick Quartet takes a wry and light-hearted look at his music in 'Beginning With Bach'. Included in the programme are original jazz compositions based on Bach's keyboard preludes, irresistible arrangements of Bach's more familiar compositions, and Bach-based music from such luminaries as George Shearing and Chucho Valdés.

[www.chrisgarrick.com](http://www.chrisgarrick.com)

Winfrith 7 October  
Wootton Fitzpaine 11 October  
**NORTHERN HARMONY**  
*'Harmony Singing from around the World'*



These extraordinary intergenerational singers present thrilling harmony singing from South Africa, Corsica, Georgia, the Balkans and many American traditions. Now on their 15th European tour, they have built a special reputation for their remarkable command of different vocal styles, from ultra-bright Bulgarian village mode, to rich, mellifluous South African notes, to a lyrical Appalachian lullaby or a medieval motet. For adult singing workshop with Northern Harmony in Winfrith on Monday 6 Oct. tel: 01305 852117

"Sheer agility, vitality and power" WASHINGTON POST  
[www.villageharmony.org](http://www.villageharmony.org)

Gillingham 9 October  
Corfe Castle 10 October  
Martinstown 11 October  
**LE NAVET BETE**

*'Once upon a time in a Western'*

This new show from award-winning, internationally touring troupe of clowns Le Navet Bete promises an interactive, fast-paced journey across the Wild West. The town of Kidneystone is threatened by outlaw, and all-round bad guy, Loco Pedro, who is secretly in cahoots with the Mayor to rob the town's gold train. Directed by John Nicholson (Peepolykus) the show integrates live music, physical comedy, audience participation, pistols at dawn and sugar glass bottles.

[www.lenavetbete.com](http://www.lenavetbete.com)



Piddletrenthide 10 Oct  
West Knighton 11 Oct  
**AMALTHEA**  
*'Flute & Harp Fantasia'*

Presenting compositions from different continents and cultures, Amalthea bring together music from past and present. The combination of baroque works with, amongst others, Ravel's and Debussy's impressionism, the mysticism of an Indian Raga, the energetic and melancholic character of Piazzolla as well as Hovhanness's haunting beauty gives these programmes their exceptional originality.

[www.klioblonz.com](http://www.klioblonz.com)



Melbury Osmond 10 Oct  
**FINDING THE WILL**  
*'Bard Heads'*

Taking an updated look at the best loved characters from some of Shakespeare's most popular plays, 'Bard Heads' imagines what might have happened next...

*'The Dust Behind the Door'*: Hermia (A Midsummer Night's Dream) is twenty years on from that strange night in Athens Wood, and having a mid-life crisis in her kitchen.

*'The Whirligig of Time'*: Malvolio (Twelfth Night) is Chief Steward to Lady Olivia and swears to take revenge on those he believes publicly humiliated him. He is true to his word and we slowly discover the extreme lengths to which his thirst for revenge will take him.

"beautifully written, brilliantly acted... breathtakingly innovative" SWAN THEATRE, WORCESTER  
[www.findingthewill.com](http://www.findingthewill.com)

Shipton Gorge 15 October  
Broadwindsor 18 October  
**IAN SHERWOOD**



Ian Sherwood is an international musician, raconteur and a constant creator who entertains as much with his wit and stories as with his songs. Starting his music career as an in-demand saxophone player in Toronto, multi-instrumentalist Sherwood soon began looking for an outlet for his poetic side, establishing himself as an outstanding performer, lyricist and player. He became Male Artist of the Year at the 2012 International Acoustic Music Awards ceremony, and also Nova Scotia Musician of the Year on two occasions.

[www.iansherwood.com](http://www.iansherwood.com)

Lytchett Minster 16 Oct  
Milb St Andrew 17 Oct  
Child Okeford 18 Oct  
**SHANTY THEATRE**  
*'The Story Giant'*

Night time on Dartmoor and a cold wind whistles through the bracken and gorse. Deep in his castle, the Story Giant is dying. Over the centuries he has gathered all the tales in existence. All that is, except one. Tonight his very life relies on finding it. Expect skulls with overdeveloped conversational skills, gremlins playing Johnny Cash, dragons with strange culinary preferences, fountains of blood, mountains of music, a haunted tannoy speaker, The Duke of Edgbaston, laughs, shocks, surprises, and a white D reg BMW E30 convertible in this great adventure. Adapted from the book by legendary Liverpool poet Brian Patten, and suitable for family audiences.

"Big, bold and just a little scary" THE STAGE  
[www.shantytheatrecompany.co.uk](http://www.shantytheatrecompany.co.uk)



West Stafford 18 Oct  
**FOREST FORGE**  
*'Woman of Flowers'*

What happens when you want a different life to the once chosen for you? This innovative re-telling of an ancient Welsh myth where nothing is quite as it seems features live music, dance and video. Rose cannot remember what came before the house at the edge of the isolated forest. Gwynne says he magicked her out of the flowers, but she's not so sure. She has played the part of the perfect farmer's wife for weak-minded Lewis and accepted her lonely existence. Then a stranger comes to town. Recommended 14+

FEATURES SURTITLES AND SECTIONS OF THEATRICALISED SIGN  
[www.forestforge.co.uk](http://www.forestforge.co.uk)

Ibberton 18 Oct  
Portesham 19 Oct  
Nether Compton 25 Oct  
**MICHAEL HULMES**

An evening of classical guitar music from around the world by former Young Musician of the Year semi-finalist Michael Hulmes, featuring a mix of Baroque, South-American and more contemporary classical guitar music from England, Spain, Japan, Paraguay and the USA.

"his Bach showed a musician coming of age"  
CLASSICAL GUITAR MAGAZINE

[www.michaelhulmes.co.uk](http://www.michaelhulmes.co.uk)

Buckland Newton 23 October  
Durlston Castle 24 October  
**PACIFIC CURLS**



With Maori-inspired sounds, precise arrangements and a catalogue of songs in Te Reo Maori, Rotuman and English, Pacific Curls make music that is both worldly and totally entrancing. Featuring ukulele, cajon, fiddle, percussion and various traditional Maori instruments, and a foundation of backbeat Pacific rhythms, Pacific Curls have pioneered a fusion sound that seamlessly blends their indigenous roots.

[www.pacificcurls.com](http://www.pacificcurls.com)

Martinstown 25 October  
**TOM JACKSON GREAVES DANCE**  
*'Seven Deadly Sins'*



A tale about the beauty of modern love and its many complications, this vibrant dance comedy is full of laughs, apples and exhilarating movement, culminating with a glutinous feast. With an original musical score, the show is conceived and choreographed by Cornish artist Tom Jackson Greaves, winner of the New Adventures Choreographer Award and a mentee of Matthew Bourne. Suitable 10+

"Sexy slick and beautifully expressive" THE STAGE  
[www.tom-jackson-greaves.com](http://www.tom-jackson-greaves.com)

Durweston 26 Oct  
Tarrant Gunville 7 Nov  
West Lulworth 8 Nov  
Piddletrenthide 9 Nov  
Powerstock 14 Nov  
Sandford Orcas 15 Nov  
Lang Matravers 16 Nov  
**MINISTRY OF ENTERTAINMENT**  
*'Normal Service will be Resumed'*

It is 1962 and East and West are about to collide over Cuba; but the real trouble is brewing deep underground in the BBC emergency wartime studio, where cleaner Skippy Catford and heartthrob presenter Stanton Drew are trapped with nothing but a pair of coconut shells and a swanee whistle to keep themselves amused. MoE bring their songs and comic theatre to bear on the Cold War era. 'Listen with Mother' will never be the same again!

[www.ministryofentertainment.co.uk](http://www.ministryofentertainment.co.uk)



Cerne Abbas 27 Oct (pm)  
Stur Marshall 28 Oct (am)  
Cranborne 28 Oct (pm)  
**TESSA BIDE**  
*'The Tap Dancing Mermaid'*

Gather round for the Moon's magical story about a tippetty-top tap dancer who he has been watching. Marina Skippett creeps out of her house every night to shuffle and stomp on the boardwalk to the sounds of the sea. She can't tap dance at home any more since her evil, tractor-sized Auntie banned it! But then, one moonlit night, Marina meets a mysterious, watery boy swimming in the sea and her life is never the same again! Featuring stunning puppets, original live music to sing along to and tap dancing that will make you want to stick 50p's to your shoes and join in! Age 3+

[www.tessabide.com](http://www.tessabide.com)

Winfrith 1 November  
Hazelbury Bryan 2 November  
**SILLY BOYS**  
*'The Elves & The Shoemaker'*



Three children wander through a dark forest, cold, hungry and lost. They decide to share some of the weird and wonderful stories they have heard along the way. Find out what happened to the jolly old shoemaker; discover the dreadful fate of the Gingerbread Man and laugh in astonishment at The Emperor's New Clothes! Expect a hilarious, wacky and heartwarming take on some of the world's favourite fairytales, reimagined using puppetry, live music and a giant dose of silliness. Recommended 4+

[www.sillyboys.co.uk](http://www.sillyboys.co.uk)

Briantspuddle 1 Nov  
Stur Newton 2 Nov  
**O-REGION**  
*'Stay Brave, Brian Gray'*

It's Brian Gray's twelfth birthday and all he wants is for Mum and Dad to stop fighting, and maybe a pair of sensible shoes. After a visit to a dubious expert, Brian's parents decide to file for divorce... from him! Lost and alone can Brian save the day with a host of imaginary friends and a brand new pair of wellie boots? This stylised fantasy, written by Carl Grose, utilises physical comedy and original songs to explore separation, individuality and the importance of friendship. Think Roald Dahl with added Cornish quirkiness! Recommended 7+

[www.o-region.co.uk](http://www.o-region.co.uk)

Portesham 4 Nov  
**HORSE & BAMBOO**  
*'Hansel & Gretel'*

Hunger gnaws at the stomach like a dog on a bone. If only there were a cake, a cake as big as a house! Sometimes, if you want something enough, it might just happen. But getting what you want isn't always all it's cracked up to be. Hansel and Gretel is a feast for the senses, featuring succulent music and film, puppets and masks from this world famous travelling theatre company. Recommended 5+

"Horse + Bamboo Theatre are a national treasure"

THE PUPPET MASTER  
[www.horseandbamboo.org](http://www.horseandbamboo.org)

Wint Stickland 7 Nov  
Evershot 8 Nov  
Studland 9 Nov  
**NAMVULA RENNIE**

Namvula creates an intrepid world where folk and urban traditions of her Zambian homeland collide with her Scottish heritage and London's vibrant eclectic music scene. Crossing boundaries with a refreshing honesty and evocative lyricism, Namvula's music draws you into different worlds, yet remains firmly rooted in African soil. Joined here by respected African jazz musicians, including Baaba Maa's percussionist Mamadou Sar; Namvula delivers an evocative, honest, and uplifting performance.

[www.namvula.com](http://www.namvula.com)

Burton Bradstock 8 Nov  
**TOWNSEND PRODUCTIONS**  
*'United We Stand'*

In the summer of 1972, when facing dangerous working conditions and poor wages, 300,000 building workers launched their industry's first all-out strike. Five months after the apparent success of the strike, 24 builders in North Wales were charged with offences including conspiracy and affray, and three were jailed, including Des Warren and Ricky Tomlinson. The events surrounding the strike continue to make headlines today. Combining Townsend's entertaining theatrical style and popular 1970's songs, arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick, 'United We Stand' tells the story behind the dispute in a compelling and thought provoking style.

[www.townsendproductions.org.uk](http://www.townsendproductions.org.uk)

West Stafford 14 Nov  
Toller Porcorum 15 Nov  
Child Okeford 16 Nov  
**AVANTI DISPLAY & ARTIZANI**  
*'Six Impossible Things'*

The story of the Three Grimshaws, a variety act made up of two brothers and Maureen. After a disastrous show in Grimsby the act has never been the same again. So the boys carry on, hiding their regrets, secrets and guilt. But the show must go on! Performed by two highly skilled circus performers in a relaxed cabaret style (think Morecambe and Wise in front of the curtains) the show features conjuring, acrobatics, live music, animatronics and a spectacular finale!

[avantidisplay.co.uk / artizani](http://avantidisplay.co.uk/artizani)



Morden 15 Nov  
Shipton Gorge 19 Nov  
Chetnole 20 Nov  
Bourton 22 Nov  
**BEN OSBORNE**  
*'Himalayan Journeys'*

Lying on the edge of the Tibetan plateau, behind the Himalayan ranges, the ancient kingdoms of Ladakh and Zandskar are effectively cut off from the outside world in winter by heavy snowfall and temperatures down to -30c. Searching for snow leopards and other animals, award-winning wildlife photographer Ben Osborne (Jurassic Journey) trekked up frozen rivers, crossed mountain passes, travelled through uninhabited valleys, camped in caves and visited ancient monasteries. This show tells the compelling story of two journeys with, as ever, stunning images and entertaining commentary from Ben.

[www.benosbornephoto.com](http://www.benosbornephoto.com)

Gillingham 20 November  
Cranborne 23 November  
**ATELIER LEFEUVRE & ANDRÉ**  
*'8m3'*



'Chez Moi Circus': A juggler finds himself alone in his caravan, in front of an old television set. In this shrunken space he takes the audience on a journey through his life as an artist. With humour and poetry, objects starts to come alive, but will everything actually happen as it's supposed to?

'Ni Omnibus': Circus and transport are linked, it's all about proportions. The landscape comes indoors, the engine is musical, the fittings are props and the bus becomes a theatre. Two of France's leading circus performers perform a double bill of physical circus in an intimate space just 8m3.

[www.lefeuvre-andre.com](http://www.lefeuvre-andre.com)

Halstock 21 Nov  
Hinton Martel 22 Nov  
Milb St Andrew 23 Nov  
**SERIOUS KITCHEN**  
*'The Whispering Road'*

Bubbling with vivid imagery and thrilling music, 'The Whispering Road' is a story you'll never forget. Leaping between song, music and the spoken word, expect an electrifying performance taking you on a fantastical journey to a land where every bird and beast has power, and every encounter a deeper purpose. Brought to life with the accompaniment of traditional Scandinavian music on the Swedish nyckelharpa, kohom, accordion and guitar, and with three-part close harmony singing, Serious Kitchen are Nick Hennessey, Vicki Swan and Jonny Dyer. Recommended 8+

[www.seriouskitchen.co.uk](http://www.seriouskitchen.co.uk)

Marnhull 28 Nov  
Buckland Newton 29 Nov  
**KATE LISSAUER TRIO**  
*'Sonic Silents'*

A trio of masters of American country music provide live musical accompaniment to some of the earliest short films to have emerged from Hollywood, by pioneering director Frank Borzage. A new live score, composed of original and traditional material by American musician Kate Lissauer (Buffalo Gals), is performed on fiddle, banjo, guitar, percussion, and vocals by Kate, John Whelan, and Jason Tittle. The films offer an absorbing and poignant glimpse of a bygone time, and of the creative forces that shaped the film making industry. The music ranges from lively to melancholy and is always evocative, bringing the films fully to life.

[www.katelissauer.com](http://www.katelissauer.com)

Broadmayne 29 Nov  
Nether Compton 6 Dec  
**THEATRE ALIBI**  
*'Mucky Pup'*

A funny and touching story about a very tidy boy, a very scruffy dog and a very special friendship... The only thing Ben really likes is swimming. He likes the clean, clear water and swimming up and down the pool in his own lane with no-one bothering him. One weekend Ben's Mum borrows Mrs Grainger's great big, smelly, scruffy dog, Chatty. At first it's a disaster - Chatty promptly poos on the carpet, puts dog hair everywhere and barks very loudly. But, somehow, a curious friendship is about to be forged... Recommended 5+

"Theatre Alibi excels at captivating young audiences"

THE STAGE  
[www.theatrealibi.co.uk](http://www.theatrealibi.co.uk)



Puddletown 30 Nov  
North Allington 14 Dec  
**THE RIDGEWAY PERFORMERS**  
*'West Gallery Carols'*

Following the success of last year's West Gallery Concerts, and the Hammond folk song workshops and concert in the summer, the Ridgeway Singers and Band resume their activities in this autumn. Exploring West Gallery carols from the Puddletown and Pulham manuscripts, the musicians and choir will also present two newly composed Carols inspired by the South Dorset Ridgeway. A true celebration of the Christmas spirit.

Wootton Fitzpaine 4 Dec  
Frampton 5 Dec  
Portesham 6 Dec  
Langton Matravers 7 Dec  
**SLIM PANATELLA AND THE MELLOW VIRGINIANS**  
*'Bluegrass to Irving Berlin'*

With original members Hilary James, Simon Mayor and Andy Baum, joined by banjo wizard John Breeze, Slim Panatella head back west to present a stunning evening of bluegrass and beyond on mandolins, fiddles, guitars and double bass. Expect good-time music firmly rooted in 1930's, 40's and 50's America with wonderful vocal harmonies and instrumental virtuosity.

"An aural orgy of dazzling musicianship"

THE INDEPENDENT  
[www.slimpanatella.com](http://www.slimpanatella.com)

Cranborne 5 Dec  
Corfe Castle 19 Dec  
**FOREST FORGE**  
*'Stardust'*

The village of WWall is like no other: A guarded stonewall separates the quiet community from the magical land of Faerie. Here, a young man has lost his heart and mind to the hauntingly beautiful Victoria Forester. Then in the dead of night, a shooting star falls and so begins the adventure of his lifetime. Battling witches, sorcery, and fate, before finding his hearts true desire, this wonderous adventure for all the family is full of eccentric characters, hilarious and thrilling moments, with haunting music, magic and mayhem. Based on the story by Neil Gaiman, Stardust was famously made into a film starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert De Niro in 2007. Recommended 5+

[www.forestforge.co.uk](http://www.forestforge.co.uk)

Chetnole 11 December  
Winterborne Stickland 12 December  
**JAMES LASCELLES QUARTET**  
*'Aspects of Joy'*

A highlight of last autumn's programme, we welcome back the James Lascelles Quartet. Presenting material from their acclaimed recent release 'Aspects of Joy', the J4Q mix World, Folk and Jazz music with Anglo/Caribbean grooves. Members of this band have played with Van Morrison, Frank Zappa, Joan Armatrading and Pat Metheny, amongst others and they invite you to join them on this musical exploration around the world and back!

[www.jameslascelles.com](http://www.jameslascelles.com)

