

# Artsreach

PERFORMANCE  
programme  
JAN - APR 2025





Drimpton 10 January  
Portland 11 January  
**BONFIRE RADICALS**



With a front line of recorders, fiddle, clarinet, and vocals set alongside a punchy rhythm section of electric guitar, bass and drums, Bonfire Radicals take a vibrant approach to traditional and contemporary folk music. Their performances offer an eclectic span of energetic Irish tunes, Balkan dance and Swedish polskas. French melodies decorate African grooves, delicate English folk song is underscored by Heavy Metal, Klezmer moves through moments of Art Rock and Brazilian drumming accompanies snapping Scottish Strathspeys. Intricate originals, inventive arrangements and rhythmic grooves collide with instrumental fireworks, rich vocal harmonies and delicate a cappella - simply unmissable!  
"Exhilarating and exuberant" SONGLINES  
[www.bonfireradicals.com](http://www.bonfireradicals.com)

Chetnole 17 January  
Ibberton 18 January  
Burton Bradstock 19 January  
**EMUL8 THEATRE**  
*'Havisham'*



Who was the woman being behind Dickens' most monstrous female creation? What condemned the hopeful young Miss Havisham to her cruel and fractured fate? Experience her heartbreak as we delve into her childhood trauma and follow her on an intricate journey to a world where she finds herself *'the leading lady in a drama she can't comprehend.'* The gaslighting is subtle, the coercive control slick. Can Miss Havisham escape her twisted karma? *Havisham* offers a fresh perspective of Dickens' greatest work of Gothic characterisation and invites the audience to share poignant moments from her childhood in rural Kent and as a naive young woman who arrives in London, unprepared for the events which gradually consume her. Recommended 12+  
"a masterclass in acting" FRINGE REVIEW  
[www.heatheralexandershows.co.uk](http://www.heatheralexandershows.co.uk)

Blandford 17 January  
Yemminster 22 January  
**WINDBORNE**  
*'To Warm The Winter Hearth'*

Hailing from New England, USA, internationally acclaimed vocal group Windborne are known for their powerful and innovative four-part vocal harmonies. With a twenty-year background studying polyphonic music from around the world, Lauren Breunig, Jeremy Carter-Gordon, Lynn Rowan, and Will Rowan effortlessly showcase an unrivaled mastery of polyphonic music from diverse cultures. Touring following the launch of their latest album, *To Warm the Winter Hearth*, expect an evening of music for midwinter that spans folklore, magic, and mystery with welcoming wassails and songs of solstice.  
"redefining the genre of vocal music ... absolutely phenomenal." BBC TRAVELLING FOLK  
[www.windbornesingers.com](http://www.windbornesingers.com)



Litton Cheney 23 January  
Lytchett Matravers 24 January  
Marnhull 25 January  
**BOWJANGLES**  
*'An Evening with Bowjangles'*



Forget everything you think you know about string quartets; Bowjangles is an irreverent, anarchic group that spans genres, bringing music, theatre and comedy together in a way you've never seen before. Bowjangles are a string quartet who can really play; they dance whilst they play, they sing whilst they play, they leap, tumble, juggle and joke whilst they play! Now Bowjangles is celebrating sixteen years of touring by bringing back ALL their best bits, from 2008 to the present day! With musical tennis matches from *Bowlympics*, Strictly Come Dancing from *On The Box* and dances with the devil from *Excalibor*, as well as hits from their Edinburgh Fringe smash hit *Dracula in Space*, this will be a cheeky, irreverent retrospective of a long running musical comedy group filled with clever physical comedy and virtuosic music, interspersed with hilarious stories of their time on the road.  
[www.bowjangles.org](http://www.bowjangles.org)

West Stafford 31 January  
Piddletrenthide 1 February  
Shipton Gorge 2 February  
**LUKE WRIGHT**  
*'Joy'*



Over twenty-five years, Luke Wright has built up a reputation for being one of Britain's most popular live poets, winning an unprecedented four Saboteur Awards, a Stage Award, and a Fringe First. He's sold out shows across the world and regularly tours with John Cooper Clarke and The Libertines. Following the smash hit success of his *Silver Jubilee* show ("the best thing he's done and that's saying something," TELEGRAPH) Luke Wright returns with a new set of poems that get to grips with the idea of JOY. Is it possible, as a 42 year old, to feel pure unbridled happiness, and what does it look like? The French novelist Henry de Montherlant said that "happiness writes white" but Wright's not exactly starting with a blank page. The poet writes urgently and warmly about family, fatherhood, and the joy of language itself. We might have to go down to come up, but we'll get there in the end. Come let a little joy into your life with a raconteur and wordsmith who is at the top of his game. Suitable 14+  
[www.lukewright.co.uk](http://www.lukewright.co.uk)

Swanage 4 February  
**'A Little Bit of the Script's The Thing'**

The Mowlem are delighted to host this special scriptwriting evening in partnership with both Artsreach and Dorchester Arts. The very first Dorset scriptwriting festival, *The Script's The Thing*, was held in October 2023 and was a huge success, featuring work from over 70 writers for stage, TV, film and performance with organisations including BBC Writersroom and NT New Work. In the build-up to the next Festival on Saturday 3 May 2025, come to this special evening to enjoy work by local writers and film contributions from actors, playwrights and directors including Mark Ryland, Beth Flintoff, and Patrick Marber. There'll also be a Q&A with Festival Director Ed Viney where you can find out how you can become involved with the next Dorset Scriptwriting Festival.

**THE MOWLEM** DorchesterArts  
Theatre, Cinema & Function Rooms

Studland 5 February  
East Stour 7 February  
Wootton Fitzpaine 9 February  
**SPITZ & CO**  
*'Elvis in Blue Hawaii'*



Expect the usual mayhem and lots of audience interaction, plus all your favourite Elvis songs in this madcap comedy from Spitz & Co - creators of *Gloriator*, *Gloria In The Mist* and *Les Gloriables*. Award-winning Elvis impersonator Joe Reeve (Best Sideburns, GlosVegas 2014) stars in his version of the classic Elvis film *Blue Hawaii*, whilst his long-time tour manager, Josephine Cunningham, is there to keep the show on the road - next stop, Vegas! Dig out your favourite Hawaiian shirt and escape to Paradise in this raucous musical comedy, guaranteed to leave you all shook up! Suitable 8+  
"The funniest & silliest thing I've ever seen - pure joy" STAGETALK MAGAZINE  
\*CLOWNING WORKSHOP - WOOTTON FITZPAINE, 4PM-6PM  
[www.spitzandco.com](http://www.spitzandco.com)

Sturminster Newton 5 February  
Swanage 7 March  
**BSO MIXED ENSEMBLE**  
*'West End to Hollywood'*



Artsreach and an ensemble of fourteen musicians from across the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra invite you to join them for a brand new concert of film and stage inspired music, journeying from London's historic West End to the glittering lights of Hollywood! The programme for the evening will be guided by a BSO presenter and includes well known favourites from films and shows such as *Chocolat*, *James Bond*, *Toy Story*, *Harry Potter*, *The Artist*, *Moulin Rouge* and more alongside less familiar cinematic works.  
[www.bsolive.com](http://www.bsolive.com)

Langton Matravers 6 February  
Drimpton 7 February  
Shillingstone 8 February  
**TANGO CALOR**  
*'Three to Tango'*



Tango Calor is a collective of musicians with a love for Argentine tango music. Formed by bandoneonist Mirek Salmon in 2016, the group features guitar virtuoso Daryl Kellie and sensational vocalist Jimi Can. A prominent member of Moscow Drug Club, Mirek has also performed with BBC orchestras, Welsh National Opera and the Royal Shakespeare Company, amongst others. Daryl Kellie has been described by Guitar World Magazine as 'epic', and Jimi Can is a consummate showman and key figure from Bristol's burgeoning Afro-Cuban and Flamenco music scenes. Together the trio has performed in arts centres, tango clubs and at festivals including WOMAD, also collaborating regularly with various orchestras to perform the works of Astor Piazzolla. Join Tango Calor for an evening of songs and wonderful stories ranging from classic tango music to beautiful Piazzolla tunes, lively Latin rhythms and more.  
"One of the best tango trios you will hear in the UK" TANGO ALCHEMY  
[www.tangocalor.com](http://www.tangocalor.com)

Gillingham 12 Feb  
Nether Comp. 14 Feb  
Stur. Marshall 15 Feb  
**NEIL MAYA QUARTET**  
*'The Charlie Parker Story'*  
Alto saxophonist Charlie Parker was one of the most influential jazz musicians of all time, forging a brand new genre in jazz and bebop, with fast tempos, virtuosic technique and advanced harmonies. In this new show, saxophonist Neil Maya and his quartet celebrates some of Parker's most famous compositions including *Ornithology*, *Yardbird Suite*, *Now's the Time*, *Blues For Alice* and *Cherokee*, as well as some great jazz standards that Charlie brought to prominence. In between numbers Neil will also talk about Charlie's eventful and troubled short life and the influence he had on jazz. The evening will also feature original compositions by the Neil Maya Quartet.  
"You can tell the history of jazz in four words: Louis Armstrong, Charlie Parker." MILES DAVIS  
[www.neilmayaquartet.co.uk](http://www.neilmayaquartet.co.uk)

Sydling St Nicholas 13 February  
Portesham 14 February  
Broadwindsor 15 February  
**MULTI STORY THEATRE**  
*'Last Dance Saloon'*



Two people, no longer in the first flush of youth, find each other at a tango retreat in Buenos Aires. A spark is lit and their passion smoulders - this was meant to be. But one has work and family ties in South America, the other in North Devon. They settle into the frustrations of a long-distance relationship, fuelled by regular tango sessions in Argentina that include unexpected flights of the imagination. Then one of them weighs the ecological consequences... A multi-story mix of music, song, tango and tales both ancient and modern, this captivating and deeply moving show explores love, legacy and the future we envision for coming generations. Suitable 14+  
"Sensitive, funny, moving, poignantly relevant"  
\*AUDIENCES ARE INVITED TO STAY & DANCE AFTER THE SHOW  
[www.multistorytheatre.co.uk](http://www.multistorytheatre.co.uk)

Sixpenny Handley 17 February  
Litton Cheney 18 February  
Sturminster Newton 19 February  
**ANGEL HEART & RATTLEBOX**  
*'Sam O' Shanty'*



Sam O' Shanty has lived his whole life at sea, ever since he first stowed aboard ship when he was just a wee scrap of a lad. Since then he has sailed all the Seven Seas, from Devonport to Durban Bay, from Nantucket to New Guinea; from Cape Wrath to the Cape of Good Hope. But now Sam has come ashore with his two shipmates, Davy Lad and Sonny Jim, and together they've got all manner of marvellous tales to share. Aye, there'll be stories of beguiling mermaids and batty sea witches, a boisterous retelling of the dastardly Blackbeard's comeuppance, and tangled yarns of hidden booty and beasties of the deep. This nautically comic show for all the family is crammed with facts, fantasy and farce. Alongside puppetry, silliness and storytelling there'll be the singing of a sea shanty or two - huzzar! Suitable 4+  
[www.angelhearttheatre.com](http://www.angelhearttheatre.com)

Swanage 18 February  
Broadwindsor 19 February  
Alderholt 20 February  
**SQUASHBOX THEATRE**  
*'Wonderful World'*



Can you fit the entire world into just one show? Well, if anybody can, Squashbox can! Join intrepid explorer Craig on a breathless race across the planet as he attempts to decipher the clues left by his globe-trotting Great Aunt Gladys; clues that could finally explain her mysterious disappearance! In *Wonderful World* we will be crossing continents, encountering strange and wonderful creatures, meeting crazy characters, and learning incredible facts about geography, ecosystems, climate, language and navigation along the way. Discover the things that connect us and make us all a part of this *Wonderful World* in a brand-new show for all the family that blends ingenious puppetry, fantastic facts, silly slapstick, crazy comedy and marvellous live music! Suitable 4+  
\*POST-SHOW ANIMAL PUPPET-MAKING WORKSHOPS!  
[www.squashboxtheatre.co.uk](http://www.squashboxtheatre.co.uk)

Sturminster Newton 23 February (matinee)  
**The Ridgeway Singers & Band**  
*'Tea with William Barnes'*



Join us for our annual celebration of poet William Barnes, who was born in Bagber near Sturminster Newton on 22 February 1801. A scholar, linguist, artist, priest and inventor, Barnes wrote over 800 poems in the Dorset dialect. Alongside a delicious cream tea, The Ridgeway Singers and Band present a carefully curated programme that will include folksongs and dance tunes collected from across Dorset at the turn of the 20th century. Recitals of some of Barnes' much-loved poems will keep alive the rich dialect of our county in this truly Dorset celebration! Those unable to join us at the event in person will also be able to tune in from home and watch the event being live-streamed online.  
\*SEE THE PROGRAMME INSIDE COVER FOR FURTHER DETAILS  
[www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)

Shipton Gorge 27 February  
Milborne St Andrew 28 February  
Woodlands 1 March  
**ARTHUR COATES & KERRAN COTTERELL**  
*'Music for Cows'*



Arthur Coates and Kerran Cotterell are an exciting and energetic young folk duo who are quickly carving out a name for themselves with their unique style, rooted in Quebecois traditional music fused with songs from around the British Isles and North America. Arthur Coates is an award-nominated musician who studied violin and piano at the Aberdeen City Music School. Guitarist Kerran Cotterell has garnered numerous plaudits having performed at Cambridge Folk Festival, and the BBC Proms in the Royal Albert Hall. Together Arthur and Kerran produce a versatile mix of instrumentals and song, true to the roots of traditional music and featuring fiddle, guitar, bouzouki and feet percussion. Simply unmissable!  
[www.arthurcoates.com](http://www.arthurcoates.com)

Sandford Orcas 7 March  
Powerstock 8 March  
Shillingstone 9 March  
**NICHOLAS COLLETT**  
*'The Ghost of a Smile'*



Two of Charles Dickens' creepy tales told with a comic twist: like *The Woman in Black* but funnier, and with fewer people! *The Queer Chair* from *The Pickwick Papers* tells the story of Tom Smart, who, sheltering from a storm for the night, gets more than he bargained for from a wizened and debauched piece of furniture! Then in *The Ghosts of the Mail*, after a well-lubricated supper in the Old Town of Edinburgh, Jack Martin climbs into a compound containing the derelict skeletons of old coaches and falls asleep, whereupon he wakes as a passenger on an eighteenth-century mail coach, with three creepy companions... From the team who brought you the hilarious detective mash-up, *Done To Death*, *By Jove!*, *The Ghost of a Smile* has been adapted and directed by Gavin Robertson and is performed by Nicholas Collett. Recommended 11+  
[www.nicholascollett.com](http://www.nicholascollett.com)

Marnhull 13 March  
Hinton Martell 13 March  
Yemminster 15 March  
**LUCY STEVENS & ELIZABETH MARCUS**  
*'Kathleen Ferrier: Whattalife!'*



*Whattalife!* tells the story of Kathleen Ferrier, one of Britain's phenomenal women of the 20th Century. From her debut as a singer in the 1940's, to her meteoric rise and finally her tragic death in 1953, professional actress and contralto, Lucy Stevens, has researched and created a unique and totally engaging performance, with the text taken straight from Kathleen Ferrier's letters and diaries. Music from her repertoire is woven through the text, evoking the spirit of the war and post-war years. Just like Kathleen during her short but full life, the show has a great sense of fun and talks straight from the heart. From the creators of *Gertrude Lawrence*, this show is also endorsed by The Ferrier Estate. Recommended 12+  
[www.kathleenferrierwhattalife.com](http://www.kathleenferrierwhattalife.com)

Buckland Newton 14 March  
East Stour 15 March  
Corfe Castle 16 March  
**JACLARABAG**



Jaclarabag is a unique trio of multi-instrumentalists performing heartfelt, eclectic folk songs from across the world, with a good dose of original material thrown in too! Jim Carey (accordion, trombone, guitar) and Giles King (clarinet, bagpipes, whistle, saxophone) have both written and performed music for Kneehigh, Miracle Theatre, Wildworks, and more. Claire Ingleheart (fiddle, clarinet, baritone) is a composer for theatre and a gigging musician with a vast repertoire of styles, including funk, folk and shanties! Join Jaclarabag as they invite you into an exciting world of plaintive airs, brass band mischief and Balkan delights!  
[www.facebook.com/p/jaclarabag](http://www.facebook.com/p/jaclarabag)

Portland 19 March  
Halstock 20 March  
**ED VINEY**  
*'Pot Licker'*



When teachers Rich, Kris and Zara discover a bag of drugs in school lost property, they should report this straight away. But as the school faces imminent closure, is there another way to deal with the bag? This brilliant new dark comedy looks at what happens when worlds collide, and lines of responsibility get blurred. Writer/director Ed Viney has worked with theatres across the South West and nationally, including the RSC, Bath Theatre Royal and Bristol Old Vic. He recently received the Creative Scotland Four Nations Award and is the Festival Director of *The Script's The Thing*. *Pot Licker* was part of a new scriptwriting initiative, *Pipeline*, at Lighthouse Poole, and is produced by Dorchester Arts as part of this south west tour. Suitable 16+  
[www.potlickerplay.com](http://www.potlickerplay.com)

Chetnole 21 March  
Burton Bradstock 22 March  
Studland 23 March  
**THE BOOKSHOP BAND**



This award-winning duo write and perform songs inspired by books. Formed in 2010 they have since released 13 albums, collaborating with over 100 authors, including Philip Pullman, Louis de Bernieres and Margaret Atwood. The band have toured extensively across the UK, Europe, Canada and America, and have been commissioned by the BBC, The V&A, and most recently by Aardman Animations to compose music and songs for the Oscar and BAFTA nominated musical *Robin Robin*, with the band picking up an Ivor Novello Award nomination for their score. Between them Beth Porter and Ben Please bring the books to life along with a multitude of instruments, including cello, harmonium, glockenspiel, guitars and ukuleles which, along with their distinct voices, create a cinematic sound. No previous knowledge of the books is required as the band guide the audience through the stories behind each song's inspiration.  
"Not just good, but achingly good." NEW YORK TIMES  
[www.thebookshopband.co.uk](http://www.thebookshopband.co.uk)

Broadmayne 22 March  
**PAGRAV DANCE COMPANY**  
*'Aunusthan'*



This upbeat Kathak ensemble show is a joyous celebration of classical Indian dance, performed by the very best home-grown British-Asian talent. Showcasing the very brilliance of classical tradition, expect bell-jangling footwork, dazzling spins, and tight technique, moving with the powerful and mood-lifting sounds and colour of South Asian culture. Soaring melodies and riotous beats carry your mind off to far-off places and bring you home again, exhilarated, in a vibrant, energising and dazzling experience for all.  
"Sensational and emotive... extraordinary skill and artistry" STRAND MAGAZINE  
[www.pagravdance.com](http://www.pagravdance.com)

Portesham 28 March  
Langton Matravers 30 March  
**AMADOU DIAGNE & CORY SEZNEC**  
*Touki - 'Plastic Man'*



Touki's sound infuses East and West African styles and traditions with Appalachian banjo, folk motifs, and orchestral arrangements. Amadou Diagne's powerful percussion, Cory Seznec's guitar-picking and rapid-fire banjo-frailing, and French strings wizard Marius Pibarot's cello-grooves provide a rhythmic foundation, while vocals, kora and violins add beautiful texture and emotional depth. Recorded at Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios, Touki's latest album, *Plastic Man*, focuses on climate change, environmental activism and spirituality, drawing together West African fables with personal stories, and the social, economic and political challenges facing both developing countries and western ones. Join this seasonal band for an unforgettable musical journey.  
"A thrilling global folk album" SONGLINES  
[www.touki.bandcamp.com](http://www.touki.bandcamp.com)

West Stafford 28 March  
Child Okeford 29 March  
Cerne Abbas 30 March  
**PMAC PRODUCTIONS + BIGUPNÖRTH**  
*'Nancy's Orange' + 'The Butterfly Collector'*



Two actor-writers take on big issues in this unique double-bill of solo plays. Grace Kirby's *Nancy's Orange* is inspired by a part-time job delivering NHS prescriptions to elderly patients in remote countryside along Hadrian's Wall, discovering lives richly lived through stories of love, loss, sadness and joy, infused with poetry and humour. In *The Butterfly Collector* lifelong citizen naturalist Peter Macqueen draws on childhood memories of holidays collecting butterflies and sets them against the drastic attempt to rescue that collection (and those memories) fifty years later, when Storm Desmond flooded more than 7,000 homes in Cumbria. The play is set in the near future, when there are too many storms to name and too few butterflies to count. A man sits on a tower of furniture having a picnic, telling moth jokes - are the waters rising or receding? Recommended 12+  
[www.pmacproductions.co.uk](http://www.pmacproductions.co.uk)

Blandford 4 April  
**QUIMANTU & PALIDA CHOIR**  
*'The Surtierra Tour: When Music is Home'*

In a unique project developed with Artsreach, Quimantu, the iconic Anglo-Chilean band, is collaborating with the singers of Palida Choir, led by Karen Wimhurst, to perform the *Misa de los Mineros, The Miners' Mass*, composed by Mauricio Venegas-Astorga. This powerful musical piece fuses elements of British culture with profound Latin American roots, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of audiences wherever it is performed. The concert's second half will feature music from Quimantu's compelling repertoire of Latin American and world music alongside songs from Palida Choir. In Quimantu, the sounds of Chile and Latin America coexist with traditional and contemporary styles. Andean instruments including charangos, zampoñas, quenás, bombos, explosively unite with violins, violas, and cellos.  
[www.quimantu.net](http://www.quimantu.net)





# Tea with William Barnes

in the company of The Ridgeway Singers & Band



Dialect poet William Barnes relished the country dances, folksongs and carols of Dorset, and often wrote about community celebrations, where music was a key part of the proceedings. Alongside a delicious Dorset cream tea, The Ridgeway Singers and Band, led by Phil Humphries and Tim Laycock, will perform folksongs and dance tunes from across the county, including *I Live not Where I Love*, collected in 1906 by the Hammond brothers from Robert Barratt of Puddletown, *Hark, Hark!* from Marnhull, and *Major Malleys Reel* and *Tink a Tink* from the Hardy family music books. This year's programme also includes a number of new items - a setting of William Barnes' poem *Rustic Childhood*, and two contrasting instrumental pieces by Nick Dunckley, *Skekler's Waltz* and the *Fiddleford Polka*. Recitals of some of Barnes' much-loved poems will keep alive the rich dialect of Dorset in this wonderful celebration of the life of William Barnes.



**Sunday 23 February, 3pm. The Exchange, Sturminster Newton**

**Tickets £16 to include a delicious Dorset cream tea!**

**Booking essential from Tel: 01258 475137 or online at [stur-exchange.co.uk](http://stur-exchange.co.uk)**

## **Pop-Up Makers Market!**

*in partnership with Dorset Food & Drink*

Dorset Food & Drink is delighted to be partnering with The Exchange and Artsreach to present a pop-up producers and makers market, coinciding with the annual *Tea with William Barnes* celebration. With stalls selling delicious food and drink, locally made products, crafts and art, there will be something for everyone to enjoy! Open to the public and taking place in the Atrium of The Exchange, why not come along and try some famous local produce, or perhaps you'll discover something brand new made in Dorset!



**Sunday 23 February, 11am-3pm.**

**The Exchange, Sturminster Newton. 01258 475137**

## **Barnes Tea Live Online**

*produced by Pageant Productions*

We are delighted to be able to offer those who are unable to attend our annual *Tea with William Barnes* event in person the opportunity to tune in and watch online! The event will be live-streamed from The Exchange in Sturminster Newton, and you'll be able to watch via your smart TV, laptop, tablet, mobile phone or other internet device. We invite you to make and enjoy your own cream tea during the interval, and send in photos to us so that we can share them with other viewers.



**Sunday 23 February, 3pm. [www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)**

**The film will also be available to re-watch after the event**





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Venues are village halls unless otherwise stated. Please telephone the numbers below for information about accessibility and parking, or visit the FAQ's on our website. Visit the Artsreach website for more venue details, postcodes and brief directions.

\* hot food available - contact the venue    \*\* pre-show meals available at the local pub. See website for details

| DATE         | TIME    | SHOW                                | COMPANY                 | VENUE                        | CONTACT      |    |    |    | TICKETS<br>Ad    U18 |
|--------------|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|----------------------|
| Fri 10 Jan   | 7:30pm  | Bonfire Radicals                    | Bonfire Radicals        | Drimpton                     | 07771 554601 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 11 Jan   | 7:30pm  | Bonfire Radicals                    | Bonfire Radicals        | Portland Royal Manor Theatre | 03336 663366 | -- | -- | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 17 Jan   | 7:30pm  | Havisham                            | Emul8 Theatre           | Chetnole**                   | 01935 873555 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 17 Jan   | 7:30pm  | To Warm The Winter Hearth           | Windborne               | Blandford Parish Church      | 07729 786600 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 18 Jan   | 7:30pm  | Havisham                            | Emul8 Theatre           | Ibberton                     | 07771 561099 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Sun 19 Jan   | 7:30pm  | Havisham                            | Emul8 Theatre           | Burton Bradstock             | 01308 897403 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Wed 22 Jan   | 7:30pm  | To Warm The Winter Hearth           | Windborne               | Yetminster                   | 01935 873546 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Thurs 23 Jan | 7:30pm  | An Evening with Bowjangles          | Bowjangles              | Litton Cheney**              | 07799 612941 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 24 Jan   | 7:30pm  | An Evening with Bowjangles          | Bowjangles              | Lytchett Matravers           | 07795 467666 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 25 Jan   | 7:30pm  | An Evening with Bowjangles          | Bowjangles              | Marnhull                     | 01258 820458 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 31 Jan   | 7:30pm  | Joy                                 | Luke Wright             | West Stafford                | 07968 633834 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 01 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Joy                                 | Luke Wright             | Piddletrenthide              | 07786 880676 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Sun 02 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Joy                                 | Luke Wright             | Shipton Gorge**              | 01308 897649 | -- | -- | -- | £13    £7            |
| Tues 04 Feb  | 7:30pm  | Little Bit of Script's The Thing... | The Script's The Thing  | Swanage Mowlem Theatre       | 01929 422239 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £5    £5             |
| Wed 05 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Elvis in Blue Hawaii                | Spitz & Co              | Studland*                    | 01929 450587 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Wed 05 Feb   | 7:30pm  | West End to Hollywood               | BSO Mixed Ensemble      | Sturminster Newton Exchange  | 01258 475137 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £16    £5            |
| Thurs 06 Feb | 7:30pm  | Three to Tango                      | Tango Calor             | Langton Matravers            | 01929 423834 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 07 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Elvis in Blue Hawaii                | Spitz & Co              | East Stour                   | 07534 006951 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 07 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Three to Tango                      | Tango Calor             | Drimpton*                    | 07771 554601 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 08 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Three to Tango                      | Tango Calor             | Shillingstone                | 01258 860319 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £13    £7            |
| Sun 09 Feb   | 4:00pm  | Clowning Workshop                   | Spitz & Co              | Wootton Fitzpaine            | 01297 560948 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £10    --            |
| Sun 09 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Elvis in Blue Hawaii                | Spitz & Co              | Wootton Fitzpaine            | 01297 560948 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Wed 12 Feb   | 7:00pm  | The Charlie Parker Story            | The Neil Maya Quartet   | Gillingham School Hall       | 01747 213203 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Thurs 13 Feb | 7:30pm  | Last Dance Saloon                   | Multi Story Theatre     | Sydling St Nicholas          | 01300 341777 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 14 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Last Dance Saloon                   | Multi Story Theatre     | Portesham                    | 01305 873891 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £14    £6            |
| Fri 14 Feb   | 7:30pm  | The Charlie Parker Story            | The Neil Maya Quartet   | Nether Compton               | 07866 140288 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 15 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Last Dance Saloon                   | Multi Story Theatre     | Broadwindsor                 | 07740 949904 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 15 Feb   | 7:30pm  | The Charlie Parker Story            | The Neil Maya Quartet   | Sturminster Marshall         | 07903 057427 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Mon 17 Feb   | 11:00am | Sam O' Shanty                       | Angel Heart & Rattlebox | Sixpenny Handley             | 07771 983883 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £8    £6             |
| Tues 18 Feb  | 11:00am | Sam O' Shanty                       | Angel Heart & Rattlebox | Litton Cheney                | 07799 612941 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £8    £6             |
| Tues 18 Feb  | 11:00am | Wonderful World                     | Squashbox Theatre       | Swanage Mowlem Theatre       | 01929 422239 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £8    £6             |
| Tues 18 Feb  | 12:00pm | Post-show Creative Workshop         | Squashbox Theatre       | Swanage Mowlem Theatre       | 01929 422239 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | --    £4             |
| Wed 19 Feb   | 11:00am | Sam O' Shanty                       | Angel Heart & Rattlebox | Sturminster Newton Exchange  | 01258 475137 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £8    £6             |
| Wed 19 Feb   | 11:00am | Wonderful World                     | Squashbox Theatre       | Broadwindsor                 | 07796 454203 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £8    £6             |
| Wed 19 Feb   | 12:00pm | Post-show Creative Workshop         | Squashbox Theatre       | Broadwindsor                 | 07796 454203 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | --    £4             |
| Thurs 20 Feb | 11:00am | Wonderful World                     | Squashbox Theatre       | Alderholt                    | 01425 652729 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £8    £6             |
| Thurs 20 Feb | 12:00pm | Post-show Creative Workshop         | Squashbox Theatre       | Alderholt                    | 01425 652729 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | --    £4             |
| Sun 23 Feb   | 11:00am | Indoor Producers Market             | Dorset Food & Drink     | Sturminster Newton Exchange  | 01258 475137 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | FREE EVENT           |
| Sun 23 Feb   | 3:00pm  | Tea with William Barnes             | Ridgeway Singers & Band | Sturminster Newton Exchange  | 01258 475137 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £16    £16           |
| Sun 23 Feb   | 3:00pm  | Barnes Tea Live Stream              | Ridgeway Singers & Band | Available to watch online    | 01305 269512 | -- | -- | -- | DONATIONS            |
| Thurs 27 Feb | 7:30pm  | Music for Cows                      | Arthur & Kerran         | Shipton Gorge**              | 01308 897649 | -- | -- | -- | £13    £7            |
| Fri 28 Feb   | 7:30pm  | Music for Cows                      | Arthur & Kerran         | Milborne St Andrew**         | 01258 839060 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 01 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Music for Cows                      | Arthur & Kerran         | Woodlands                    | 07462 570117 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 07 Mar   | 7:30pm  | The Ghost of a Smile                | Nicholas Collett        | Sandford Orcas**             | 01963 220208 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 07 Mar   | 7:30pm  | West End to Hollywood               | BSO Mixed Ensemble      | Swanage Mowlem Theatre       | 01929 422239 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £16    £5            |
| Sat 08 Mar   | 7:30pm  | The Ghost of a Smile                | Nicholas Collett        | Powerstock                   | 01308 485730 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sun 09 Mar   | 7:30pm  | The Ghost of a Smile                | Nicholas Collett        | Shillingstone                | 01258 860319 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £13    £7            |
| Thurs 13 Mar | 7:30pm  | Kathleen Ferrier: Whattalife!       | Lucy Stevens            | Marnhull                     | 01258 820458 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 14 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Jaclarabag                          | Jaclarabag              | Buckland Newton              | 01300 345455 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 14 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Kathleen Ferrier: Whattalife!       | Lucy Stevens            | Hinton Martell               | 07399 954381 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 15 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Jaclarabag                          | Jaclarabag              | East Stour                   | 07534 006951 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 15 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Kathleen Ferrier: Whattalife!       | Lucy Stevens            | Yetminster                   | 01935 873546 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sun 16 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Jaclarabag                          | Jaclarabag              | Corfe Castle                 | 07590 352219 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Wed 19 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Pot licker                          | Ed Viney Theate         | Portland Royal Manor Theatre | 03336 663366 | -- | -- | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Thurs 20 Mar | 7:30pm  | Pot licker                          | Ed Viney Theatre        | Halstock*                    | 01935 891744 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 21 Mar   | 7:30pm  | The Bookshop Band                   | The Bookshop Band       | Chetnole**                   | 01935 873555 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 22 Mar   | 7:30pm  | The Bookshop Band                   | The Bookshop Band       | Burton Bradstock             | 01308 897403 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sat 22 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Aunusthan                           | Pagrav Dance Company    | Broadmayne                   | 07443 659912 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Sun 23 Mar   | 4:00pm  | The Bookshop Band                   | The Bookshop Band       | Studland*                    | 01929 450587 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 28 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Nancy's Orange/Butterfly Collector  | PMac Productions        | West Stafford                | 07968 633834 | ✓  | ✓  | -- | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 28 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Plastic Man album tour              | Touki                   | Portesham                    | 01305 871117 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £13    £6            |
| Sat 29 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Nancy's Orange/Butterfly Collector  | PMac Productions        | Child Okeford                | 01258 861621 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sun 30 Mar   | 7:00pm  | Nancy's Orange/Butterfly Collector  | PMac Productions        | Cerne Abbas Church           | 07823 778758 | ✓  | -- | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Sun 30 Mar   | 7:30pm  | Plastic Man album tour              | Touki                   | Langton Matravers            | 01929 422832 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |
| Fri 04 Apr   | 7:30pm  | The Surtierra Tour                  | Quimantu & Palida Choir | Blandford Parish Church      | 01305 269512 | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | £12.50    £6         |

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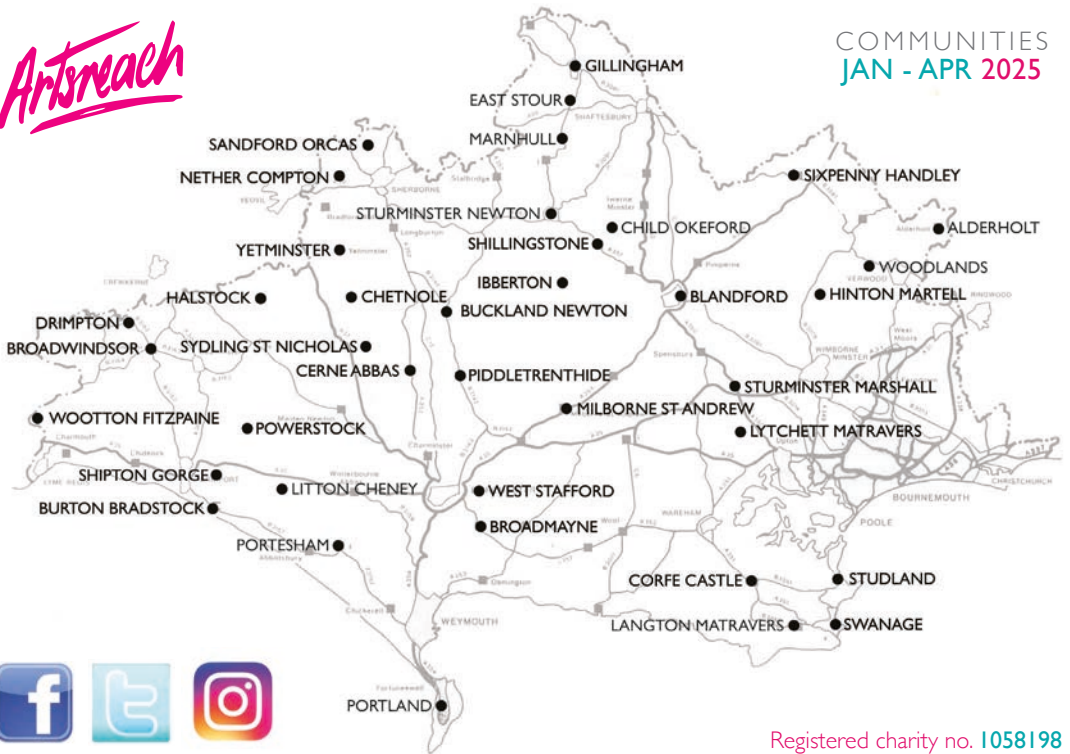
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