


Portsmouth 5 Oct
Broadwindsor 6 Oct
Milb. St Andrew 7 Oct
FAITH i BRANKO
Serbia's leading Roma violinist Branko Ristic and UK accordionist Faith Ristic perform high-energy original Roma/Jazz influenced music. Combining tabour pipe, double bass and guitar with violin and accordion, Faith i Branko journey from melancholy Roma violin laments to storming 'kolos' and explorations into jazz improvisation, swing, Gypsy Rumba and Turkish and Indian influenced songs. Expect a joyous, passionate, fiery and spirited performance from this trio!
"Musically a delight!" THE GUARDIAN
* BALKAN DANCE WORKSHOP AT MILBORNE ST ANDREW
www.faithibranko.com



West Lulworth 5 Oct
Broadmayne 6 Oct
Halstock 7 Oct
'OWDYADO THEATRE
'Twisted Tales'
Why have three strangers, a brash Bristolian, a Cockney wide-boy and an introverted blogger, been summoned to play a deadly locked-room mystery? Just who is the bandaged man, obsessively in love and held captive inside an upmarket flat, counting down the seconds until it's time for 'her' to return and the "thing i can't say" to begin? How will two children's TV presenters dispose of a corpse before time runs out? All they have is their wits, their arts and crafts skills and a foul-mouthed, criminal genius glove puppet. Inspired by cult TV series *The Twilight Zone* and *Inside Number Nine*, this hilariously dark triple bill of riotous comedies reveals the darkness under the domestic, the lengths people will go to for love, and how to wash blood stains out of a carpet. How far would you go to get what you want? Suitable 12+
www.owdyado.co.uk



Yetminster 6 Oct
Gillingham 30 Oct
Portland 9 Nov
Fontmell Magna 29 Nov
PIP UTTON
'At Home with Shakespeare'
Actor Pip Utton, an Edinburgh Fringe Festival favourite, has produced numerous spellbinding performances in recent years, including 'Churchill', 'Chaplin' and 'Adolf'. Now, as the Bard himself, Pip looks back on Shakespeare's loves - the desire, the exhilaration, but also the fear of rejection and grief for lost love. The poetry and the plays are the source of inspiration for this entertaining romp around the life of arguably the greatest playwright of all time.
www.pip-utton.co.uk



Piddletrenthide 11 October
Wootton Fitzpaine 12 October
Ibberton 13 October
Studland 14 October
MY SWEET PATOOTIE
This Canadian trio embraces everything that makes live music so intoxicating. With a sly wink and a grin, they draw you into a world of carnival barkers and nostalgic romantics. Shades of vintage swing, country blues, folk, and ragtime collide in an uplifting vaudeville-style show, performed with tight vocal harmonies, instrumental virtuosity and humorous storytelling. Featuring Canadian Folk Music Award winners Sandra Swannell on vocals/ swing fiddle, and singer Terry Young, whose stunning finger-style guitar work functions simultaneously as the group's guitar and bass, with support from Devonshire percussionist John Jackson.
"My Sweet Patootie's playing is superb and the vocal harmonies exquisite." MAVERICK MAGAZINE
www.mysweetpatootie.com




Shillingstone 14 October
THE BIG BANG GANG
'Sarajevo Big Bang'


In 1914, how could one fatal gunshot in Sarajevo start 'The Great War' and change everybody's life - even yours, even today? Through stories, songs and cabaret, meet characters who just want to live, laugh and love and follow them on a surprising journey through power struggles and secret machinations. As tensions mount, be swept along by these Swedish performers as they tell their tale using the magic of stories and songs typical of the time.
"insightful, intimate and full of surprises" AUDIENCE MEMBER

Stur. Newton 17 Oct
POONAMALLEE PRODUCTIONS
'A Pure Woman'
Set in the winter of 1924/25 and based on true events, 'A Pure Woman' tells the story of 84 year-old Thomas Hardy's affair of the heart with Gertrude Bugler and the jealousy it inspired in his second wife, Florence. Poignant and elegiac, this love triangle touches on issues of ageing, marriage, the influence of a former partner on a relationship and the regrets of women who have sacrificed their own ambitions for those of their husbands. Based on the novel 'Winter' by Christopher Nicholson, who will give a talk at Sturminster Library on Thur 11 Oct - places limited.
www.apurewoman.co.uk



Melbury Osmond 18 Oct
West Stafford 19 Oct
Stalbridge 20 Oct
Drimpton 21 Oct
LIVING SPIT
'Giants of Science'
Howard Coggins knows nothing about science. Stu McLoughlin knows even less. Nevertheless, they have agreed to give a lecture on the subject. But even with the likes of Albert Einstein, Galileo, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin and... erm, Kriss Akabusi along for the ride, the chances of the dim-witted duo making it through with any sense of dignity remaining intact seems less than likely. With jarring jokes, pitiful puppetry, and the silliest of scientific songs, expect this raucous romp through the hilarious history of scientific stupidity to be, if nothing else, thoroughly entertaining. It might even be scien-triffic! Suitable 12+
* ENJOY A PLAY, PASTY AND PINT AT STALBRIDGE!
www.livingspit.co.uk




Cerne Abbas 18 Oct
Lang Matravers 19 Oct
Powerstock 20 Oct
Tarrant Gunville 21 Oct
FIERCE FLOWERS
Born out of the Parisian Old-time and Bluegrass music scene, this young trio infuse original compositions in French and English with their individual eclectic influences. Their sublime vocal harmonies combined with violin, banjo, guitar and double bass create a veritable voyage on stage. Extensively touring across France, Germany, the UK and the USA, their compositions are ever-evolving, yet stay firmly connected to roots music. With a common passion for Appalachian ballad singing and traditional American music, expect a passionate performance from this French trio.
www.fierceflowers.com



Charmouth 19 Oct
Winfrith 9 Nov
BSO RESONATE STRINGS
'Autumn Serenade'
The BSO Resonate Strings are five gifted musicians, each of whom represents one of the five string sections of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. This engaging concert will reflect the wonderful diversity of the classical string repertoire featuring music from Vivaldi to Brahms, Mozart to Puccini, and Handel to Astor Piazzolla.
www.bsolive.com




Buckland Newton 23 Oct
Bourton 24 Oct
TALL TREE THEATRE
'Lily & the Albatross'
In a small coastal village where life revolves around the sea, a girl called Lily longs for more freedom and excitement, but her dreams are just out of reach. Then one day a very special bird flies in from across the water, one which has travelled an inconceivable distance and makes Lily question everything, giving her the nudge she needs to stretch her wings. With puppetry, live music and stories, expect a heartfelt tale about achieving the unachievable and never letting go of your dreams. Suitable 5+
www.tallreetheatre.co.uk



Toller Porcum 24 Oct
Morden 25 Oct
Nether Compton 26 Oct
CLYDEBUILT PUPPET THEATRE
'Dinosaur Detectives'
Join the Dinosaur Detectives on a fascinating journey hunting clues about the past and the first fossil finds of Mary Anning, William Buckland and Gideon Mantell. Featuring puppets, shadow play and projections, Dinosaur Detectives is packed with all the fascination, fun and conflict that surrounds the search for dinosaurs. Clydebuilt is one of Scotland's leading touring puppet companies. Suitable 5+
www.clydebuiltpuppet.co.uk



Broadoak 8 Nov
Yetminster 16 Nov
PETER GILL
'Meet Tommy Atkins'
On August 4th 1914, reservist Tommy Atkins was called up to serve his country. Within weeks he saw his first action in the fields of France and experienced the full scale of life in the trenches - the horror, pain, misery, boredom and even the moments of joy. Journey through Tommy's war, learn of his experiences in the trenches and see how a generation of men returning to Britain after the war, were maltreated, and how, ultimately, it was their generation that forced through the foundations of the Welfare State. From the beginning of the war to the end, Private Tommy Atkins was there. This is his story.
www.petegill.co.uk



Marnhull 9 Nov
Briantspuddle 11 Nov
STATE OF PLAY ARTS
'The Gathering - Messages from the Great War'
This powerful new play, based on letters and other found artefacts, tells the story of two Dorset soldiers who fought in the First World War - Will Cutler of Hinton Martell and Hubert Wareham of Wimborne Minster; and two people closely involved in their lives - Will's wife, Tillie, and the Vicar of Wimborne Minster, Reverend James Fletcher. Expect an intensely moving love story, and a message of resilience and hope. Performances preceded by a screening of *Tommy's Sisters*, a film about five women in 1916. Suitable 12+
* TICKETS AT BRIANTSPUDDLE INCLUDE A VVV1 TEA
www.stateofplayarts.co.uk



Wootton Fitzpaine 9 November
Winterborne Stickland 10 November
ADVERSE CAMBER
'Dreaming the Night Field: a legend of Wales'
A spellbinding storytelling and music performance which evokes the ancient Welsh legend of The Mabinogion. Featuring one of Wales' most engaging storytellers alongside exquisitely haunting live music, English and Welsh are artfully woven together to bring ancient voices and living landscapes to life. Expect an exhilarating performance. Suitable 12+
"We left the theatre spell bound" NEW WELSH REVIEW
www.adversecamber.org



Durweston 23 Nov
T'ller Porcum 24 Nov
PENTABUS & NEW PERSPECTIVES
'Crossings'
In 1919, Badgersbridge Village Hall is Margaret's domain and the last place she expected to meet Grace, who knew and loved her brother. Through this chance meeting their lives collide, resulting in an unlikely pairing that will change the course of their futures. Fast forward to 2019. Sean can't find his mother to meet Mirjana from the care company. Originally from Sarajevo, Mirjana escaped the war there as a teenager. The village hall has been her solace and proves an unlikely link between them. With live music, waltzing and unexpected connections, dance through a century and explore how we return, resettle and adapt. by award-winning playwright Deirdre Kinahan.
"Pentabus are one of British theatre's many unsung treasures" LYN GARDNER, THE GUARDIAN
www.pentabus.co.uk



Charmouth 15 Nov
SHANE SHAMBHU
'Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer'
In this honest and humorous new show, award-winning artist Shane Shambhu combines Indian dance and comedy to lead audiences on a revealing journey of his life growing up in London; from unlikely dance student to 'rude boy' to international performer. Combining his inimitable charm and wit with dynamic Bharatanatyam dance sequences, Shane reveals his past through a vivid display of characters, lived experiences and comical stories, reflecting on how race, language, identity and cultures have defined him and his career. Sample food inspired by Kerala in the post-show Cockney Curry House. Suitable 8+
"Brilliant! Hilarious! Heart-warming! Inspirational!" BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE
www.alteredredskin.org



Buck. Newton 17 Nov
Portsmouth 18 Nov
RANJANA GHATAK & BAND
London based singer Ranjana Ghatak has worked nationally and internationally as both an artist and composer. Commissioned by the 2014 Commonwealth Games to write a piece for the Big Sing Project, Ranjana also recorded on Gareth Malone's Christmas album alongside the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Singing in Sanskrit, Bengali, Hindi and English, Ranjana takes inspiration from Indian Classical music and mystic poetry. Following the release of her debut album, Ranjana tours with Mercury nominated bass player Liran Donin and guitarist Jack Ross.
* INDIAN SINGING WORKSHOP AT BUCKLAND NEWTON
www.ranjanaghatak.co.uk



Evershot 22 November
Bourton 23 November
Corfe Castle 24 November
Cranborne 25 November (matinee)
BUDAPEST CAFE ORCHESTRA
'Sultan's House Party'
Led by the award-winning jazz violinist and composer Christian Garrick, the Budapest Café Orchestra put their own spin on traditional folk & gypsy-flavoured music from across the world. Raucous, toe-tapping Balkan and Russian numbers combine with jazz and swing inflections whilst Klezmer, Romanian Doinas and Hungarian Czardas are awarded fresh treatments before giving way to a disarmingly beautiful arsenal of ballads. Following the release of their 9th album *Sultan's House Party*, BCO are back on the road with another fantastically exciting and musically impressive show - early booking is highly advised!
* TICKETS AT CRANBORNE INCLUDE 'TASTES OF HUNGARY'
"The music is magic in their hands" BBC RADIO 3
www.budapestcafeorchestra.co.uk



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www.pentabus.co.uk



Chetnole 23 Nov
Blandford 24 Nov
Sandford Orcas 25 Nov
NICK HENNESSEY & HUGH LUPTON
'The Liberty Tree'
Along with Little John, Will Scarlet, Friar Tuck and the rest of the Merry Men, Robin Hood inhabits a place in the leafy shadows of our minds; somewhere where it's always summer; where venison is always being roasted, where tyranny rides roughshod over the green freedoms of England and where the wrongs and injustices of the world are mended by subversion and trickery. Two of Britain's leading storytellers, Hugh Lupton and Nick Hennessey, sing and tell their way deep into the heart of Sherwood, revealing the true and harsher histories of English dissenters, tricksters and radicals. Mischievous and poignant, this is storytelling at its best. Recommended 8+
www.nickhennessey.co.uk



Portland 30 Nov
Lang Matravers 1 Dec (am)
Portsmouth 1 Dec (pm)
Cerne Abbas 2 Dec
NORWICH PUPPET THEATRE
'Frog & The Princess'
Using traditional and contemporary puppet craft, Norwich Puppet offer a fresh, poignant twist to this much loved fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm. This exquisitely manipulated and humorous performance explores the meeting of cultures and what happens when a Princess deems a Frog unworthy of being her friend, just because of what he is. As the Frog and the Princess undergo an emotional journey from rejection to friendship they discover that deep down, they are not so very different after all. Suitable 4+
www.puppettheatre.co.uk



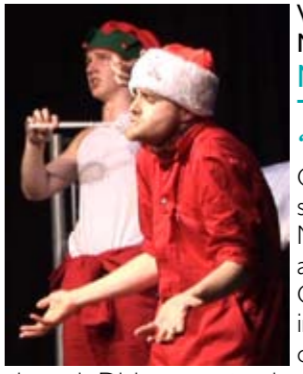
Broadmayne 30 Nov
Gillingham 1 Dec
Shipton Gorge 2 Dec
TOWNSEND PRODUCTIONS
'Ragged Trousered Philanthropists
'Magic Lantern Show'
Actor Neil Gore, presents an Edwardian Magic Show using Magic Lantern and projected animation, with political conjuring tricks, live music and song based on the classic novel *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists*. With the Great Money Trick as its centrepiece, follow the painters and decorators who struggle to maintain themselves and their families through hard work, poverty, and the constant fear of unemployment, whilst renovating a large town-house for the local mayor, Mayor Sweater. Recommended 11+
www.townsendproductions.org.uk



Burton Bradstock 1 December
Hinton Martell 2 December
NARTHEN
'Hark Hark - A Winter's Light'
Packed full of polyphonic a capella carols and other seasonal songs and tunes, this show reflects all aspects of the winter season, from the beautiful carols of North Yorkshire, Derbyshire and beyond, to the irreverent nature of Christmas. Featuring Barry Coope and Lester Simpson (*Coope Boyes and Simpson*), with Jo Freya and Fi Fraser, Narthen are known for their sumptuous four part harmonies, but include piano, accordion, fiddle, soprano sax, ukulele and whistles in this heartwarming show for Christmas.
"supremely joyful, glorious sound" MICHAEL MORPURGO
www.haremusic.agency/narthen



W'borne Stickland 7 Dec
Martinstown 8 Dec
NEAR-TA THEATRE
'Christmas Time.'
Charlie and Toby are serving time at Her Majesty's pleasure, but are determined to enjoy Christmas in spite of their incarceration! Join them on a fantastical adventure through Dickens, pantomime, musicals and movies as they build a Merry Christmas around them in this fun and fantastically festive musical comedy that puts the 'cell' back in celebration! Suitable 10+
www.nearattheatre.co.uk



West Bay 7 Dec
West Lulworth 9 Dec
Charlton Down 16 Dec
THE RIDGEWAY SINGERS & BAND
'West Gallery Carols'
With their roots in the South Dorset Ridgeway and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, the Ridgeway Singers and Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries have once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present, including works from the Puddletown, Durweston and Hinton St Mary manuscripts together with newly composed carols in the Dorset tradition.
www.ridgewaysingersandband.wordpress.com



Milton Abbas 13 December
CANTAMUS
'Music for Christmaside'
Performing the very best, and often unfamiliar, sacred, secular and consort music, Cantamus present a programme for the advent season drawn from nearly 500 years of music - from Palestrina's *Matin* responsory 'I look from afar', two rarely heard pieces in Spanish, beautiful arrangements of the Coventry Carol, Cherry Tree Carol and The Seven Joys of Mary and Bach's majestic *Wachet Auf!*, to later works, including carols by Richard Lloyd, John Rutter and John Tavener. There is also a new arrangement of *Righteous Joseph* by Cantamus musical director Malcolm Knowles. Expect a joyous celebration of the festival season.
www.cantamus-dorset.org



Gillingham 13 Dec
Chetnole 14 Dec
BSO SYMPHONIC BRASS ENSEMBLE
BSO Brass present an evening of musical delights, taking you on a journey through exquisite pieces of classical music by Bach and Byrd, to jazz classics such as *Oh When the Saints* and *Just a Closer Walk*. This quintet of Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra musicians will herald in the autumn season with stunning majesty and groove.
www.bsolive.com



Frampton 14 December
Child Okeford 15 December
Winfrith 16 December
THE CHURCHFITTERS
'Christmas Cracker'
With a double bass made out of scrap metal, heart-wrenching vocals accompanied by a musical saw, and foot-stomping fiddle mixed with infectious funk-rock rhythms, The Churchfitters are a folk group like no other! Packed with a mouthwatering selection of favourites from their regular repertoire, interlaced with traditional and original festive songs and Christmas carols, see in Christmas with a bang and a paper hat-full of surprises, novelties and jokes in this festive feast of a Christmas Cracker!
"totally brilliant and beautiful" MIKE HARDING
www.churchfitters.com



Corfe Castle 15 Dec
THE LAST BAGUETTE
'The Little Match Girl'
As the snow falls over London on Christmas Eve a little girl struggles fiercely through the cold. Follow her as she encounters the funny, zany characters of the vibrant city streets. In an attempt to stay warm she strikes a match and as the flames blaze to life, her fantastic Christmas visions are illuminated. Enter her imagination, with talking turkeys, dancing rats and Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and their chattering Christmas tree! This touching, madcap and heart-warming show uses storytelling, live music and puppetry to shine a light on Hans Christian Andersen's classic winter tale. Suitable 4+
www.thelastbaguette.com

