

Bourton 7 January
FOREST FORGE & BUMBLEFLY
'Hansel & Gretel'



For the festive season, Forest Forge have joined forces with associated theatre company 'Bumblefly' to produce a new take on the family favourite, Hansel and Gretel. This classic tale is given a fine sprinkling of Forest Forge magic along with a large dollop of Bumblefly fun. The resulting production is full of vibrant, traditional story telling; packed with laughs and songs. Lost in the deep dark forest, the children come across many well known fairytale figures who try to help, or hinder them, as they draw ever closer to a strange house that looks good enough to eat! Throughout this adventure, audiences are actively encouraged to join in with the show; providing sound effects and practical help as Hansel and Gretel and their many friends make their way through the enchanted forest.

www.forestforge.co.uk

Drimpton 8 January
Burton Bradstock 9 January
Studland 10 January
ALAW



Welsh for melody, it is a love of melody that is at the heart of acclaimed trio, Alaw. Drawing on a great wealth of musical experiences, Alaw take their audiences on a musical journey, a tune brought back from a tour in Bulgaria or collaboration in India, but at the heart of their set is a passion for the old tunes of Wales. From the elegant to the virtuosic, Alaw play with an empathy that comes from many years of working together. Dylan and Oliver have performed in Szopora and The Ian McMillan Orchestra; Oliver and Jamie are well known throughout the folk world as the frontline of Jamie Smith's Mabon.

"The magnificently melodic sound of ALAW" BBC RADIO WALES

www.alaw-band.com

Durlston 10 January
BSO Resonate Strings
'String 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 and will feature music by Handel, Bach, Vivaldi, Pachelbel and Mozart, and more contemporary pieces from Elgar, Holst and Warlock.

www.bsolive.com



Gillingham 14 January
Durweston 15 January
Morden 16 January
Halstock 17 January
BOWJANGLES
'Bowjangles on The Box'



This all-singing, all-dancing string quartet parody a variety of familiar television programmes, with exhilarating dance routines and rousing songs chucked in for good measure. Meet characters such as the Despairing Newsreader, the Operatic Adulterers and the Fleet Footed Strictly Contestants, accompanied by the quartet's flawless and often acrobatic string playing. While their cherished violins, viola and cello serve as tennis rackets, fencing swords or merely accessories to a full Charleston routine, Bowjangles keep the action roaring and the music soaring. Early booking is highly recommended!

www.bowjangles.org

Nether Compton 20 January
Marnhull 21 January
Powerstock 22 January
Cerne Abbas 23 January
Corfe Castle 24 January
HOT FINGERS
'Acoustic Blues'



This is the new show from Tom Langham's Hot Fingers, exploring the origin and development of the blues. Featuring Camp Meetings and Railroad Songs, Jug Bands and Barrel Houses, Hot Fingers visit the "Country Blues" of Robert Johnson and Jimmie Rodgers; the sophisticated "Urban Blues" of Bessie Smith and Big Bill Broonzy; and the "Kansas City Blues" of Count Basie and Lonnie Johnson. Travelling through the "Boogie-Woogie" of Pinetop Smith, they finish where the Rolling Stones started! - expect a musically varied and revealing evening - sure to please!

www.hotfingers.co.uk

Piddletrenthide 22 Jan
Briantspuddle 23 Jan
TIM LAYCOCK
'The Year Clock'

A dramatic and musical celebration of the life and poetry of William Barnes from Dorset's own Tim Laycock. Why did a highly educated C19th teacher and parson choose to write poetry in a dialect few people could read? What does the erosion of dialect and accent tell us about ourselves? In this fully dramatised piece, with wonderful musical accompaniment from fiddle player, Colin Thompson, Tim brings his considerable acting skills to bear on a delightful story which explores the life and poetry of Barnes.

www.timlaycock.co.uk

Broadwindsor 23 January
Langton Matravers 6 February
NINEBARROW



Ninebarrow are a multi-award-winning folk duo from Dorset, who are impressing audiences across the country with their innovative and captivating take on the folk tradition. Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere combine breath taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering original songs that are inspired and rooted in the landscape and history of the British Isles.

"A place of lyricism, long and masterful songwriting" EVENING STANDARD

www.ninebarrow.co.uk

Portesham 24 January
LONDON KLEZMER QUARTET



Be transported with the London Klezmer Quartet, who paint a picture in music and words of the joys and sorrows of a world that crosses cultural boundaries and continents. The group plays lively and soulful Jewish wedding music, both traditional tunes and new melodies that they have composed. Featuring some of the most in-demand performers on the UK klezmer scene, the LKQ provides a unique combination of artistry and exuberance. This very special musical experience features Ilana Cravitz (fiddle), Susi Evans (clarinet), Carol Isaacs (accordion), and Indra Buraczewska (double bass).

"Virtuosity, exciting original tunes and soulful playing" SONGLINES MAGAZINE

www.londonklezmerquartet.com

Toller Porcorum 27 January
Yetminster 28 January
Child Okeford 29 January
Sturminster Marshall 30 January
FARNHAM MALTINGS
'It's a Wonderful Life'



Welcome to Bedford Falls. Welcome to small town America. Welcome to Farnham Maltings' brand new winter show. Frank Capra's classic 1946 movie needs no introduction; George Bailey, a desperate middle aged clerk discovers the difference he has made to his family, his friends and his home town, with a little help from Clarence, the apprentice angel. Farnham Maltings brings the struggles and joys of 1940's small town America to Dorset and use their own inimitable style to create an evening that promises to warm the coldest of places through the long winter nights. Recommended 8+

www.farnhammaltings.com

W Fitzpaine 29 Jan
Durlston 30 Jan
TIM DALLING & MALCOLM GREEN
'Shearwater'

Shearwater opens a world of beauty, loss, longing and timeless truth through personal and mythic stories and songs. It gracefully balances the heartfelt and the humorous, never losing its footing but letting the audience know they are on the edge. In 1969, storyteller Malcolm Green spent three months on a small, uninhabited island off the coast of Iceland studying huge colonies of seabirds. His experiences there form the frame into which many different journeys are woven: from the extraordinary life of the shearwater to a young man's coming of age and the transformation of the gull-woman. Now Malcolm shares his stories with the accompaniment of extraordinary musician and entertainer Tim Dalling (The New Rope String Band).

www.timdalling.co.uk

Sturminster Newton 4 February
Cranborne 5 February
ZULU TRADITION

From KwaZulu Natal to the world's stage, Zulu Tradition are rekindling the spark of Zulu culture and heritage through traditional drama, song and dance. With a heady mix of African harmonies, high energy athletic dance, drum rhythms and authentic costumes, expect an exciting, enthralling and hugely entertaining journey into traditional Zulu culture.

www.zulutradition.com



Fontmell Magna 4 Feb
Portesham 5 February
Sandford Orcas 6 Feb
Martinstown 7 Feb
DEVIL'S VIOLIN
'The Forbidden Door'

Don't open that door - as soon as the rule is laid down, we know it will be broken! Once the door is opened, then what? With their visceral combination of live music and dynamic storytelling, Devil's Violin weave an enchantment of melody and mystery. Expect love, loss, drama, danger, horror, humour, twists and trials. For this tour the regular musicians of the Devil's Violin are joined by extraordinary storyteller Dominic Kelly. The music and story work as one, transporting you into a world of the imagination. Suitable 12+

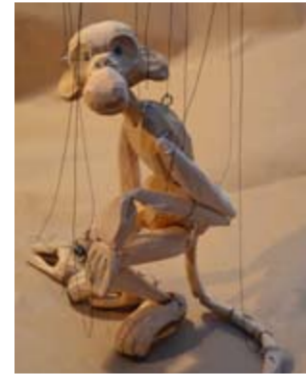
"A scintillating combination of music, sound and story" THE TIMES

www.thedevilsviolin.co.uk

Gillingham 10 Feb
Shillingstone 12 Feb
Broadmayne 13 Feb
DAVE MYNNE
'Dracula'

Beware. He is coming. Keep your windows locked and gather in the garlic. Blood and bats. Garlic and gore. Lunatics and flies. Sexy lady vampires. Coffins, crypts and the Count himself. They're all here in this brand-new adaptation of Bram Stoker's gothic pot-boiler by the "outrageously versatile" actor David Mynne. Be warned: this monstrous, disturbing and completely batty tale of dark deeds and the Un-Dead will thrill and seduce you! Suitable 12+

www.rabbittheatre.com



Winfrith 13 Feb
Cerne Abbas 14 Feb
Martinstown 15 Feb
Durweston 16 Feb
W Fitzpaine 17 Feb
PUPPETCRAFT
'Monkey!'

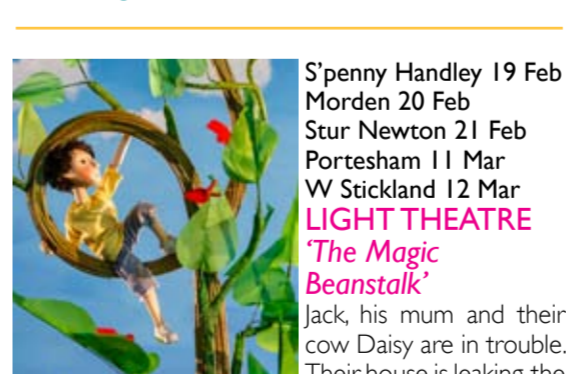
Using stunning string and antique shadow puppets and live music, Puppetcraft tell the story of the birth and comic escapades of the much loved trickster and super-hero Monkey. Hatched from a stone egg the mischievous Monkey can fly on a cloud, turn invisible and transform into anything...!

Monkey is the main comic character in China's great classic story Journey to the West. Inspired by this, his comic adventures are brought to life by one of Britain's top puppet companies, and with a script written by poet Michael Rosen. Recommended 4+.

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

www.puppetcraft.co.uk

Nether Comp. 17 Feb
Stur Marshall 18 Feb
ANGEL HEART & RATTLEBOX
'Freyja; Viking Saga'



Freyja, a Viking girl and friend of the gods, is in a bit of a pickle; she's about to become a giant's dinner! Freya must use all her wits to escape old Gorm's cooking pot. The rivalry between the Norse gods and the Frost Giants is brought humorously to life in this colourful retelling of two famous Viking myths and Freya's own saga. A delightful family show full of boisterous gods, dunderheaded giants and the music of the fjords. Suitable 4+

VIKING WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE. ENQUIRE WHEN BOOKING

www.angelhearttheatre.com

Cranborne 26 February
Portesham 27 February
VERA VAN HEERINGEN TRIO
'Proper Brew'



Multi-instrumentalist Vera van Heeringen is strongly influenced by American country music and combines these flavours with contemporary songwriting. Her clear, expressive voice delivers emotionally intelligent lyrics with an assured yet graceful feel. Vera's albums 'Standing Tall' and 'Proper Brew' mark a change of direction from her work with New Rope String Band, immediately establishing her as a figure to be reckoned with. Together with her band she is irresistible.

www.veravanheeringen.co.uk

Winterborne Stickland 27 February
Studland 28 February
HEADS SOUTH



Heads South plays sizzling Latin Jazz, combining Cuban and other Latin rhythms with tuneful melodies in an enthralling repertoire of original and classic pieces including El Cardenal and La Plaza, new arrangements of loved standards and timeless classics such as Besame Mucho and Milonga del Angel. With a lineup including top UK jazz trumpeter Steve Waterman, Cuban percussionist Chino Martell Morgan, Buster Birch on drums, Venezuelan bassist Adolfo Pulido, and composer John Harriman on piano and organ.

"...crisp, invigorating set of Latin jazz" THE OBSERVER

www.headssouth.com

Portland 1 March
Sipton Gorge 2 March
Nether Compton 3 March
Broadwindsor 4 March
West Stafford 5 March
Piddletrenthide 6 March
Sixpenny Handley 12 March
Melbury Osmond 13 March
MORGAN & WEST
'Purlour Tricks'



Time travelling magic duo Morgan & West present a brand new show chock full of jaw dropping, brain bursting, gasp eliciting feats of magic. The dashing chaps offer up a plateful of illusion and impossibility, all served with wit, charm and no small amount of panache. Following their acclaimed Artsreach tour with 'The Time Travelling Magicians', the duo of deception will be bound to blow your minds again!

WHAT'S ON STAGE

www.morganandwest.co.uk

B. Newton 4 March
Bourton 5 March
Halstock 6 March
MOSCOW
DRUG CLUB

Moscow Drug Club is a curious place; elements of 1930's Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, Nuevo tango and Gypsy Campfire meet, have a few drinks and stagger arm in arm into the darkness of some cobbled street in eastern Europe, on a mission to find the bar where Django Reinhardt and Tom Waits are having an after hours jam with the local Tziganes. Combining original material with songs by Jacques Brel, Leonard Cohen, Tom Waits and Bertolt Brecht, Moscow Drug Club create an intoxicating and intimate musical experience featuring guitar, accordion, double bass, trumpet and vocals.

Please book early - tickets went fast in December!

www.moscowdrugclub.com

Burton Bradstock 4 March
KOKORO
'For the End of Time'



An all British first half features short works inspired by the English baroque master Henry Purcell, including a new composition by Kokoro's composer -in-residence, Hywel Davies, as well as Joe Duddell's 'Nightswimming'. In the second part of the concert, Kokoro performs one of the finest achievements by the great French 20th century composer Olivier Messiaen. His extraordinary and visionary 'Quartet for the End of Time', inspired by the biblical Book of Revelations, was composed and given its premiere under very unusual circumstances - whilst incarcerated in a prisoner of war camp during World War II.

"An epic concert, given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's fine new-music group Kokoro" THE TIMES

www.bsolive.com

Stur Newton 10 March
W Fitzpaine 11 March
Martinstown 12 March
JOLI VYANN
'Imbalance'

Fusing daring acrobatics, dance and circus with new choreography from internationally renowned Olivier Award nominee Jonathan Lunn, Joli Vyann present an energetic and thought-provoking performance, exploring our obsessive dependence on technology, asking whether our lives are 'in' or 'out' of balance? It is rare nowadays not to 'log in' at every opportunity, the breakfast table, nights out with friends, even in bed! How well connected are you? When and how do we separate ourselves from the virtual chaos surrounding us?

"Absolutely loved the seismic blend of dance, movement and daring." PHIL GIBBY, ARTS COUNCIL SOUTH WEST

www.joli-vyann.co.uk

Winfrith 16 March
Broadmayne 19 March
FARNHAM MALTINGS
'The Iranian Feast'



A play with food from the heart of Persia. Join us for 'The Iranian Feast' - traditional Persian food prepared by Danial, his wife and daughter with help from their friends and neighbours. Part thriller, part cookery lesson this is a story of a family working out how life will be in the future. One that is surprising, uplifting and a celebration of being alive. Going in the pot are fresh herbs, spices, sweet vegetables, and Eli's mother's secret ingredient. Expect an evening of traditional Persian food, song and Iranian dancing in this contemporary piece of British theatre set in modern day Tehran.

www.farnhammaltings.com

Sturminster Newton 17 March
Corfe Castle 18 March
BLACK VOICES

World famous a cappella group BlackVoices has been inspired by Sweet Honey in the Rock, Mahalia Jackson and Take Six, to name a few but since inception has forged its own dynamic way of distilling and representing black music from a Caribbean, black British perspective. Grounded in the church, the group presents a cappella, both sacred and secular, which is always challenging and entertaining. From spirituals to gospel, Caribbean to African, jazz and blues, Black Voices is firmly rooted in music that energises and uplifts, challenges and educates. Please book early to avoid disappointment - and look out for workshops!

www.blackvoices.co.uk

