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PERFORMANCES
across Dorset
MAY - AUG 2026



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Dorchester 9 May
O'DRISCOLL COLLECTIVE
'Something OUTTA Nothing'



RURAL TOURING
 DANCE INITIATIVE

This playful dance-theatre adventure combines Breakin' with immersive audio storytelling to put you in the driver's seat. Grab a headset and join the journey of three friends as they hit the road in a rush to reach their own show. Once the engine starts expect explosive breakin' along with high energy hip hop before hitting the breaks for more loose and liquid movement. Along the way, you'll discover each artist's individuality through relatable stories and personal perspectives. O'Driscoll Collective are putting you in control, allowing you to switch between different musical genres via your audio headset. Switch from k-pop to Miles Davis, or pure funk to Donald Trump. Which sound suits the story? What music moves you? You decide. Choose your sound, change your story. Free show as part of *Street in the Park*, Activate's celebration of music and dance. Suitable 7+

*HEADSETS ARE LIMITED - PRE-BOOKING IS ADVISED.
 THE SHOW ALSO FEATURES AUDIO FOR ALL TO HEAR.
www.odriscollcollective.com

Cranborne 15 May
 Broadwindsor 16 May
DIYET & THE LOVE SOLDIERS

Born in a tent and raised in a cabin on the shores of a glacial lake in the Kluane region of Canada's Yukon Territory, Diyet embodies her diverse roots with a musical presence that is equally diverse and unique. Playing bass and singing in both English and traditional Southern Tutchone, Diyet is backed by Love Soldiers Robert van Lieshout (acoustic guitar, drums & percussion) and Bob Hamilton (electric guitar, pedal steel and mandolin). Together this multi-instrumental trio has a sound that can fill a big stage or capture an intimate room; from alternative country, folk, roots and traditional music, with catchy melodies and stories deeply rooted in Diyet's Indigenous world view and northern life. Diyet's heartfelt lyrics paint a picture of vast landscapes, wildness, truth, hope, reconciliation, history and the community that surrounds her. Expect a journey through land and time.

www.diyetmusic.com



Sturminster Marshall 15 June
 Buckland Newton 8 July

LUKE WRIGHT
'Pub Grub'

INN
 CROWD

Fun and filthy poems from someone who knows what they're doing. Luke Wright is back with a sticky-floored celebration of the ordinary. The acclaimed poet conjures up a world of Tuesday lunchtimes and small town boozers in poems that burst with inventive language. Wright's poems are full of audacious rhymes, insane sonic trickery, and big-hearted storytelling that'll leave you feeling a little lightheaded. Expect loads of laughs, a few more coins in the swear jar, and a sore head in the morning. Suitable 14+ (some swearing)

www.lukewright.co.uk

Winterborne Stickland 3 July

Halstock 4 July
HA HUM AH

'The Scarlet Pimpernel'

OPEN AIR
 THEATRE



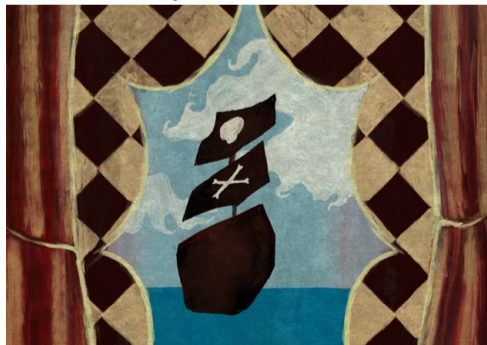
France is burning, the guillotine is busy, and Marguerite Blakeney is stuck in England with her idiot husband, a man so relentlessly foolish, it's starting to feel strategic. However, when ruthless revolutionary Chauvelin (head of the French Republic's Committee of Public Safety, but with a very loose grip on the word safety) threatens her brother's life, Marguerite is dragged into a world of spies, secrets and very sharp blades. Will she betray the mysterious Scarlet Pimpernel or let her brother face the guillotine? What do you do when every choice costs you the person you love? From revolutions, opera houses, seedy pubs and glittering ballrooms, expect quick-fire gags in this sharply modern, joyously theatrical retelling of Baroness Orczy's swashbuckling classic.

www.hahumah.co.uk

Lytchett Matravers 4 July

OPERA IN A BOX

'The Pirates of Penzance'



This much-loved comic opera follows Frederic, a young apprentice mistakenly bound to a band of tender-hearted pirates, as he navigates duty, love and cowardly policemen. Celebrated for its sparkling score and razor-sharp wordplay, the operetta delights in its own absurdity while delivering one memorable tune after another. Known for reshaping opera's boundaries, this talented ensemble of eight singers and musicians merge opera's traditional elements with contemporary twists, bringing Gilbert & Sullivan's lively tale to life with wit and charm in an intimate and electrifying performance.

www.operainabox.com

Studland 18 July
 Marnhull 19 July
 Buckland Newton 23 August
RACHAEL McSHANE
 & THE CARTOGRAPHERS



A renowned folk singer, cellist, fiddle and viola player from the North East of England, Rachael McShane gained fame as an original member of the award-winning folk band Bellowhead. A much sought-after performer and recording artist, her 2009 debut solo album, *No Man's Fool*, established impressive credentials that led her to signing with the prestigious Topic Records, the oldest independent record label in the world. Rachael is also the leader of The Cartographers, a band that brings together the exceptional talents of guitarist Ian Stephenson (Kan, Baltic Crossing), and melodeon player Julian Sutton (Kathryn Tickell, Sting). Playing with expertise and sparkle, their music is a powerful blend of traditional folk and contemporary sounds. The Cartographers have built a loyal following thanks to their lively performances and two critically acclaimed albums, combining stunning vocals and impressive instrumentals with innovative arrangements in a refreshing take on traditional folk.

"Delivered with such rebellious verve and wit - they are a life-affirming joy" SONGLINES

www.rachaelmcshane.co.uk

Drimpton 19 July
 Sturminster Marshall 20 July
JONNY FLUFFYPUNK

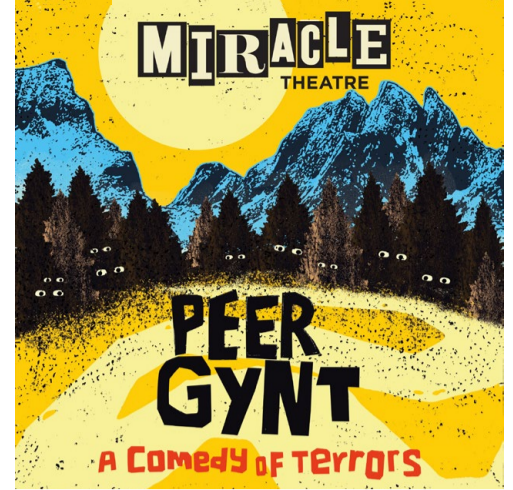
*'If we just keep going,
 we will get there in the end'*

INN
 CROWD



Acclaimed stand-up poet, storyteller and lo-fi theatremaker Jonny Fluffypunk is back with a show about searching for the hero inside yourself, without involving M-People. The world's gone nuts. You'll have had your problems; Jonny's had his. Inspired equally by idleness, ancient myths, and *Grayson Perry's Art Club*, this show is part story, part on-theme poetic digression and part community support group. It's about celebrating the glory of small things; about love and strength and finding some sort of meaning. By turns funny, absurd, and touching, there's a pilgrimage across London with a home-made effigy of a dead dog, the tragedy of throwing your childhood home into a skip, and an epiphany beside a derelict canal. There are poems, bits with a ukulele, opportunities for supported sharing, and who knows what else? The world keeps throwing curveballs; the best-laid plans are thrown into chaos, and Jonny's plans are rarely that. But that's what this show is really all about- fragile humans, and the ways we have to find to cope with it all. Suitable 12+

www.jonnyfluffypunk.co.uk



Ibberton 5 August
 Sandford Orcas 6 August
MIRACLE THEATRE

OPEN AIR
 THEATRE

'Peer Gynt'

Miracle Theatre bring their magical twist and love of laughter to the classic story of *Peer Gynt*. Young Peer is a lazy dreamer, who misinterprets Shakespeare's advice "To thine own self be true" to mean 'Look after number one!' He chases after riches and pleasure and lives a life of moral failure and endless excuses. Surely, he will come to no good? Loosely based on Ibsen's epic comedy, this famous morality tale is perfect for Miracle's highly visual style; physical, funny, surreal and deeply human. Expect a journey through the dream-like world of Norse mythology, peopled with cranky characters, trolls and other bizarre creatures - a comedy of terrors! Bring your friends, family and a sense of adventure... Recommended 7+
www.miracletheatre.co.uk

Buckland Newton 12 August
 Drimpton 13 August
JOHN OSBORNE
'To Make People Happy'

INN
 CROWD



There has never been a better time for an uplifting show. *To Make People Happy* explores the humour section of second hand book shops, jokes overheard on market stalls and finding the positives in life, even if that means forming a friendship with your end-of-life carers and sharing a love of Chas and Dave with a taxi driver after the world's least appealing wedding. With audio clips of moments guaranteed to make an audience happy, this is a poetry show with a difference. From the acclaimed creator of *John Peel's Shed* and *Sky 1's After Hours*.

www.johnosbornewriter.co.uk

Kimmeridge 20 August

THREE INCH FOOLS

'King Arthur & The Holy Fail'

OPEN AIR
 THEATRE

In a land of daring quests, dashing knights, and endless jousting, there lived a would-be hero waiting in the wings who went by the name of Arthur. When Camelot is rocked to its core by a tragic (and frankly improbable) incident involving a large table of an undisclosed shape, Arthur is thrust into the quest of a lifetime. Will he bravely battle through blistering cold and scorching fire to save his beloved realm, or will he crumble as fate refuses to cooperate? Destiny awaits, chivalry calls, and the quest to end all quests begins. Saddle up - things are about to get legendary. Recommended 8+

www.threeinchfools.com





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* Outdoor event - bring a chair/rug, plus a torch for evening events. Assistance dogs only please.
Please check the website for site opening times and information about picnicking or food available on site.
Telephone our venues / volunteers to discuss any additional access needs.



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DATE	TIME	SHOW	COMPANY / PERFORMER	LOCATION	INFORMATION	TICKETS			WC
						Adult	U18s	Family	
Sat 09 May	6:00pm	Something OUTTA Nothing	O'Driscoll Collective	Dorchester Borough Gardens *	01305 260954	Visit website for info	✓	✓	
Fri 15 May	7:30pm	Diyet & The Love Soldiers	Diyet & The Love Soldiers	Cranborne Village Hall	01725 517028	£14 £6 £36	✓	✓	
Sat 16 May	8:00pm	Diyet & The Love Soldiers	Diyet & The Love Soldiers	Broadwindsor Comrades Hall	07740 949904	£14 £6 --	✓	✓	
Mon 15 June	7:00pm	Pub Grub	Luke Wright	The Red Lion Sturminster Marshall	01258 857319	Free - booking essential	✓	✓	
Fri 03 July	7:00pm	The Scarlet Pimpernel	Ha Hum Ah Productions	Winterborne Stickland Sports Club *	01258 881329	£16 £8 £40	✓	✓	
Sat 04 July	7:00pm	The Scarlet Pimpernel	Ha Hum Ah Productions	Halstock Village Hall Field *	01935 891744	£16 £8 £40	✓	✓	
Sat 04 July	7:30pm	The Pirates of Penzance	Opera in a Box	Lytchett Matravers Village Hall	07795 467666	£14 £6 £36	✓	✓	
Wed 08 July	8:00pm	Pub Grub	Luke Wright	The Gagle of Geese Buckland Newton	01300 345249	Free - booking essential	✓	✓	
Sat 18 July	7:30pm	Rachael McShane & Cartographers	Rachael McShane & Cartographers	Studland Village Hall	01929 450587	£14 £6 --	✓	✓	
Sun 19 July	7:30pm	Rachael McShane & Cartographers	Rachael McShane & Cartographers	Marnhull Village Hall	01258 820458	£14 £6 --	✓	✓	
Sun 19 July	7:30pm	If we just keep going...	Jonny Fluffypunk	The Royal Oak Drimpton	07771 554601	£5 £5 --	✓	✓	
Mon 20 July	7:00pm	If we just keep going...	Jonny Fluffypunk	The Red Lion Sturminster Marshall	01258 857319	Free - booking essential	✓	✓	
Wed 05 Aug	7:00pm	Peer Gynt	Miracle Theatre	Ibberton Village Hall Field *	01258 817269	£18 £8 £45	✓	✓	
Thurs 06 Aug	7:00pm	Peer Gynt	Miracle Theatre	Higher Orchard, Sandford Orcas *	07734 088958	£18 £8 £45	✓	✓	
Wed 12 Aug	8:00pm	To Make People Happy	John Osborne	The Gagle of Geese Buckland Newton	01300 345249	Free - booking essential	✓	✓	
Thurs 13 Aug	7:30pm	To Make People Happy	John Osborne	The Royal Oak Drimpton	07771 554601	£5 £5 --	✓	✓	
Thurs 20 Aug	6:30pm	King Arthur & The Holy Fail	Three Inch Fools	Kimmeridge Bay *	07879 473693	£18.50 £8 £47	✓	✓	
Sun 23 Aug	7:30pm	Rachael McShane & Cartographers	Rachael McShane & Cartographers	Buckland Newton Village Hall	01300 345455	£14 £6 --	✓	✓	

FULL PROGRAMME AND TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT ARTSREACH.CO.UK

Please note that an online booking fee applies. Tickets are non-refundable, unless the event is sold out with a waiting list, or the event is cancelled

Children's Creative Workshops!

taking place in communities across Dorset

Artsreach is gearing up to present another exciting series of fun, interactive and creative workshops and events for children and young people to enjoy over the summer holidays. From arts and crafts, circus skills, cooking and drumming, to dance, animation, puppetry, brick robot club and more, the programme launches soon! Visit our website and join our mailing list to receive further details.

*programme will include Holiday & Food (HAF) funded places for children eligible for benefit related free school meals



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