

Buckland Newton 14 April Evershot 15 April (8:30pm) DALLAHAN



Dallahan is one of the fastest rising forces on the international folk circuit. Heavily rooted in traditional Irish music, their mixed Scottish, Irish and Hungarian heritage creates a unique and seamless musical montage, drawing in influences from jazz, funk, pop and classical. Following the launch of their debut album 'When The Day Is On The Turn', the band toured extensively in North America and Europe, establishing themselves internationally as one of the most enthralling live shows. Dallahan's much anticipated second album 'Matter Of Time' launches in early April, ahead of an extensive UK tour.

"The most exciting Irish music I've heard in a long time" FROOTS www.dallahanmusic.com

Wootton Fitzpaine 16 April Kingston 22 April Milton Abbas 23 April 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. The group has earned a worldwide reputation for its command of varied world vocal styles; from the hearty and ultra bright Bulgarian 'hard voice' to the darker, more sonorous Georgian timbre; from the rich, mellifluous South African style or the wild and unrestrained American shape-note sound and quartet gospel to a delicate, pure, early music tone.

* Exploring World Music Styles Singing Workshop at Milton Abbey Sat 23 April, 10:30am-12:30pm. Places £6 from 01305 269512

"Sheer agility, vitality and power" WASHINGTON POST www.northernharmony.pair.com

Durlston Park, Swanage 21 - 23 April BURN THE CURTAIN 'The Company of Wolves'



In a tiny village on the edge of the mountains, a young girl puts on her red shoes and cloak and heads into the forest alone, watched by unseen eyes. As the shadows lengthen, she begins to run; now the hunt begins. Angela Carter's classic tale has been adapted in to a promenade adventure for runners and walkers alike. Join Burn the Curtain for an exciting re-telling of this dark and mysterious modern classic. Performed over 2-4 miles. Bring a torch. Suitable 8+

www.burnthecurtain.co.uk



Winterborne Stickland 12 May Halstock 26 May Sandford Orcas 27 May Child Okeford 29 June LIVING SPIT

'The Fabulous Bacon Boys'

Bacon Construction; three brothers with a line in exclusive dwellings made of traditional construction; straw, wood and brick. An exciting new development on a green field site on the outskirts of Little-Muckle-in-the-Wold; the locals aren't so sure. Then one day

there's a visit from the planning inspector, Miss Wolf...

Told entirely in rhyme and song, Living Spit put their unique spin on 'The Three Little Pigs'. With porcine puns, lupine laughs and more rural rumbunctiousness than you can shake a stick, straw or brick at, this promises to be a grown up fairy tale you'll never forget! As always, early booking is advised. Suitable 10+

www.livingspit.co.uk



Nether Compton 14 June Broadoak 15 June Milton Abbas 16 June Drimpton 17 June JOHN COBB

The Eye-Catcher'
From Alnwick to Blenheim,
Lancelot 'Capability' Brown
changed the face of the
English landscape. 2016 is
the 300th anniversary of
the birth of this famous
landscape architect, and this
timely new show is based
on his life and gardens.
Affectionate, comic and
visually stimulating, we meet

the man himself, effortlessly climbing from Northern anonymity to become one of the most famous men in England. With evocative music from the period, prepare to be entranced by the gardens of Lancelot Capability Brown. Plus a post show discussion with the actor. www.tsf.org.uk

Frampton 25 June BRISTOL OLD VIC THEATRE SCHOOL

'Midsummer Night's Dream' Hermia loves Lysander, Helena loves Demetrius, but Demetrius is supposed to be marrying Hermia. When the Establishment tries to intervene, the lovers take refuge in the woods and wander into the midst of a dispute between the king and queen of the fairies. Shakespeare put some of his most dazzling and dramatic poetry into this teasing, glittering and inventive comedy,



whose seriousness is only fleetingly glimpsed beneath its dreamlike surface. As always, this West Country tour is performed by the stars of tomorrow in a play for today. Suitable 11+

www.bristololdvic.org.uk

Child Okeford 28 June BSO RESONATE STRINGS





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 Piazzolla. www.bsolive.com



Fontmell Magna 29 June Sandford Orcas 30 June MIRACLE THEATRE

'Life's a Dream'

A young woman travelling through a wild and mountainous region discovers a Prince, imprisoned by his father since birth to foil a prophecy that he will bring disaster to the world and death to the King. Prompted by the woman, the King is overcome with remorse and sets his son free, giving him the chance to prove his good character. But is it ever possible to escape one's fate? Published twenty years after Shakespeare's death and regarded as the jewel in the crown of Spain's golden age of literature, Calderon's greatest play, 'La Vida Es Sueño' provides the inspiration for an epic fable of love, war and destiny, full of passion and humour from award winning Cornish favourites Miracle. Suitable 7+

* NB Outdoor performances. Bring weatherproof clothing and a seat www.miracletheatre.co.uk

Cranborne 14 July Corfe Castle 15 July Winterborne Stickland 16 July Portesham 17 July SON YAMBU



Son Yambu play authentic Cuban son, the intoxicating fusion of Spanish and African rhythms that gave rise to salsa. The band features a new generation of Cuban musicians who are all passionate about maintaining the traditions of the genre, continuing the Buena Vista legacy that put Cuban music back on the map in 1997. They give this irresistible music a contemporary edge, bringing a truly sensational, authentic Latin music experience. Expect a night of dancing!

* Free pre show Latin American dance workshop - limited spaces!

"Ilk's very own Ruena Vista hand absolutely tremendous"

"Uk's very own Buena Vista band...absolutely tremendous"
SEAN RAFFERTY, BBC RADIO 3

www.sonyambu.com

Swanage 30 July (10am, 12pm, 2pm) TESSA BIDE

'The Tap Dancing Mermaid'

Narrated and Performed by Claire Crawford

Gather round for the Moon's magical story about a tippetty-top tap dancer who he has been watching at night. 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 Aunty 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! Stunning story-telling with puppetry and live music, this watery tale will spark the imaginations of everyone. Performed in a marquee. Suitable 3+

Special 'meet-n-greet' with the puppets and performer after the show. Part of the First Purbeck Pirate Festival

www.tessabide.com

