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April to August '10



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Welcome to the Summer Season from Queen's Hall Arts.

We've got lots of great events (indoors and out) for your enjoyment – from Ballet Central to Oddsocks, from the Singing Kettle to Comedy Club Edinburgh specials.

One of the highlights of the season will be the opening of a brand new show, Islands, from our resident company (with an international reputation) Théâtre Sans Frontières – not to be missed.

It's also festival time with the Hexham Book Festival and the Hexham Gathering bigger than ever, and a brand new Northumberland Youth Theatre Festival that will bring together young people from across the county.

We aim to provide entertainment for all – whether you're a fan of Dolly Parton or Harold Pinter, Iron Maiden or Shirley Williams there should be something here for you. So support your local arts centre by having a good night out!

Geof Keys

Artistic Director | Queen's Hall Arts

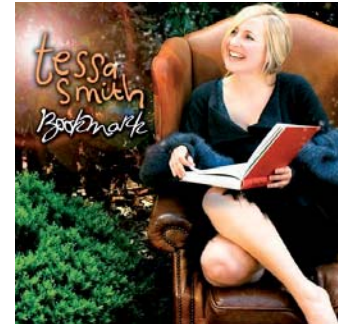
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- 1 Apr Dirty Dancing (12A)
- 1 Apr Jazz in the Café – Ruth Lambert
- 9 Apr Comedy Club

Bookmark - Tessa Smith

Saturday 10 April 7.30pm

In the Exchange Café



"Sweet-sounding and passionate, blessed with a great feel for jazz, a wonderful choice of material and an honest approach" is how BBC Jazz Award winner, Anita Wardell, describes jazz singer, Tessa Smith.

Influenced by artists such as Kurt Elling, Joni Mitchell and Nina Simone, Tessa a former pupil at Hexham's QEHS, and her trio of piano, drums and bass will perform original and classic jazz numbers from her debut album, Bookmark.

Tickets: £8.50 | £7.50 (Friends)

Jazz Club

Thursday 15 April 8.00pm

In the Exchange Café

Play along with the rhythm section of the evening in an informal and supportive atmosphere then sit back and enjoy the guests.

Tickets: £3.00 on the door
Under 18's free



Film in the Theatre (500) Days of Summer (12A)

Thursday 15 April 7.30pm



Nominated for 2 Golden Globes, this is a refreshingly original and inventive spin on the traditionally

predictable romantic comedy. Tom, a hopeless romantic, is put through the emotional wringer after falling for a beautiful, but aloof, girl called Summer. (2009)

Running time: 1hr 35 mins

Director: Marc Webb

Tickets: £4.00 | £3.00 (Friends)

El Mirado

Friday 16 April 7.00pm

At The Hearth, Horsley

An evening of Spanish music and food, supported by Queen's Hall Arts.

Tickets: £12.50 to include buffet supper
Please bring your own drinks

Book at Queen's Hall Box Office
01434 652477 or the Hearth 01661 852022

Ceramic Workshop

Saturday 17 April 10.00am - 4.00pm

At the Burnlaw Centre, Whitfield



Led by Sue Dunne, use terracotta clay to make your own individually decorated, ceramic bird

feeder. Refreshments provided but bring lunch. For aged 16 yrs+.

Tickets: £20 includes materials

Book through Queen's Hall
Box Office 01434 652477



Hexham & District Music Society presents **Wu Qian**

Friday 16 April 7.45pm

Wu Qian played for the Society last season with the Sitkovetsky Trio. The Society was so impressed by her sensitive and colourful playing that they invited her to give a solo recital. Programme: a Haydn Sonata, a Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody and Schumann Scenes for Childhood and Kreisleriana.

Tickets: £12.00 | £6.00 (student)
£1.00 (schoolchildren)

National Dance Network presents **Dance3**

Saturday 17 April 7.30pm

Three fresh, bite sized performances showcasing the best up and coming professional choreographers. Imaginations run riot to create performances mixing physical brilliance, music and film.

Sticks and Bones by Darren Ellis is a solo piece for Darren and his drumsticks that came out of The Place's unique international research and development project Choreoam. *Between the Shingle and the Dune* by Laila Diallo, in collaboration with Theo Clinkard, evokes shifting landscapes of distance and nearness. *Appel*, by French choreographer Mickael Marso Riviere, is based on the live interaction between two dancers and a musician playing Bansuri (flute) and tabla. Mickael is well known as a hip hop artist and formed Company Decalage in 2004.

Tickets: £10.00 | £9.00 (conc) | £8.00 (Friends) | £5.00 (student)



Laura Cortese (fiddle & voice)

Wednesday 21 April 8.00pm

In the Exchange Café

Strong song-writing and irresistible grooves, original and traditional songs. Having made her name as a teenager for her traditional Scottish fiddle chops, Laura Cortese has since grown into a thoroughly modern performer and songwriter who isn't afraid to draw on her diverse musical influences and has been at the heart of a creative renaissance in the Boston and Northeast USA acoustic music scene in the past few years.

Tickets: £7.50 | £6.00 (Friends)
£4.00 (student)



Islands
Théâtre Sans Frontières, in collaboration with Teatro Tamaska (Canary Islands), Theater Wahlverwandte (Germany) and Persona Theatre Company (Cyprus), presents

Thursday 22 - Friday 23 April 7.30pm

Two young European women on a beach in Tenerife find the body of an African woman washed up on the shore. Nothing can ever be the same again. Follow Joanne and Sabine as their interweaving stories cross borders and touch the lives of others. Discover beauty at the heart of sadness on a journey from the Isle of Lewis in Scotland to Aphrodite's Rock in Cyprus in search of what it means to live on an island.

Inspired by their work on Robert Lepage's Lipsynch, four of Europe's most outward-looking theatre companies collaborate on a wry and scorching look at contemporary Europe. With an original and evocative music score and state-of-the-art visuals, Islands promises a truly new theatre adventure.

Performed in English, German, Greek and Spanish with English surtitles. Suitable for ages 15+.

Tickets: £10.00 | £9.00 (conc)
£8.00 (Friends) | £5.00 (student)

Hexham Book Festival 2010

Friday 23 April to Sunday 2 May



What links books about food, wine, landscape, crime, history, politics and poetry? They are all on offer at the Fifth Hexham Book Festival featuring an outstanding line-up of award-winning writers, leading thinkers, controversial speakers and bon viveurs.

Join historian and writer **Philippa Gregory** at Alnwick Castle on murder and betrayal in fifteenth century England, quaff a hundred wines with Guardian columnist **Simon Hoggart**, discover why writers love landscape with **Margaret Drabble**, expect wise words from veteran politician **Shirley Williams** and find a cure for love with poet **Wendy Cope**.

Get cracking with the Big Festival Read, Graham Green's Brighton Rock; then join readers and writers after a screening of the film at the Forum Cinema.

New for 2010, the Hexham Book Festival is thrilled to welcome **Val McDermid** as Sunday's guest director.

Hexham Book Festival is run as a partnership with Queen's Hall Arts.

Hexham Book Festival Events

Friday 23 April

4.00pm Philippa Gregory
At Alnwick Castle | £6.00

Tuesday 27 April

7.30pm Book Group Forum | Free

Wednesday 28 April

10.00am SPRUNG! A Writing Day for All
At Shepherds Dene
£30 inc lunch & refreshments

4.30pm At The Mike: Performance Poetry
Workshop £8.00 (£10.00 inc Poetry Slam)

7.00pm A L Kennedy Words | £6.00

8.30pm Poetry Slam with Kate Fox | £4.00

Thursday 29 April

10.00am A L Kennedy: Masterclass at
Forum Cinema | £9.00

12.30pm Jodi Picoult | £4.00

4.30pm Read Regional Poetry Event
With New Writing North | Free

6.00pm Ruth Padel talks to
Neil Astley | £6.00

8.00pm Wendy Cope | £9.00

Friday 30 April

Food at the Festival Special Ticket Offer

Enjoy both the morning and afternoon food events with a 2 course lunch and a glass of wine for just £25 at Bouchon Bistro, winner of the F-Word's Best French Bistro 2009.

10.30am River Cottage Authors
Daniel Stevens & Nick Fisher | £6.00

2.00pm Tamasin Day-Lewis
Supper for a Song | £7.00

6.00pm Too Much Information
With Jo Bell & Jenn Ashworth | £3.50



8.00pm

An Evening with
Shirley Williams
£12.00 | £10.00
(conc)

Saturday 1 May

10.30am My Superhero Pet Competition
With Andy Cope & actor Judi Earl | Free

11.30am Storytelling from Chris Bostock
£2.50 (children), parents free

12.00noon North East Literary History
From New Writing North | Free

2.00pm Stephen Anderton & Catherine
Horwood. At the Garden Station, Langley
£10.00 inc tea & cakes

2.00pm Martin Wainwright &
Ian Thompson talk to Sheilagh Matheson
£6.00

2.00pm Janey Louise Jones: Princess
Poppy | £3.00 (ages 3+), parents free

2.30pm A Twilight Spectacular
At the Forum Cinema
(strictly 12+) | £5.50
Tickets from www.forumhexham.co.uk
or 01434 601144

3.00pm Barbara Trapido &
Susan Fletcher | £6.00

3.30pm Andrew Cope *Spy Dog* the next
mission | £3.00 (ages 7+), parents free

3.30 pm Storytelling from Chris Bostock
£2.50 (children), parents free

4.30pm Simon Hoggart | £9.00

6.30pm Wine Tasting with
Simon Hoggart | £12.00

Simon Hoggart Show & Wine Tasting
Combined Ticket £20.00

8.00pm Margaret Drabble | £7.00

Sunday 2 May

with Guest Director Val McDermid

11.00am P.D. James
Interviewed by Val McDermid | £8.00

12.30pm Laura Wilson: Crime Writing
Master Class | £10 includes light lunch

1.00pm Festival Read Event: *Brighton
Rock* Book & Film with Michael Chaplin
At the Forum Cinema £5.50 | £4.50 (conc)
Tickets from www.forumhexham.co.uk or
Tel 01434 601144

2.00pm Gareth P Jones: Dragon Detective
Agency | £3.00 (children aged 7+)

4.00pm Ann Cleeves &
Martyn Waites | £5.00

5.30pm Emerald Noir | £5.00

7.30pm Who Are You? Truth and
fiction in forensic science: Val McDermid
in conversation with Professor
Sue Black | £7.00

Crime Offer - 4 shows for £20.00
(P.D. James, Ann Cleeves & Martyn
Waites, Emerald Noir & Who Are You?)

For more details pick up a
festival programme in the foyer.

Tickets from £2.50
(some events free entry)
www.hexhambookfestival.co.uk

Book at the Queen's Hall Box Office
01434 652477 or online at
www.queenshall.co.uk



Tyde

Saturday 8 May 7.30pm

Tyde (Seth Tinsley, Heather Gessey and Andrew Waite) are a guitar, fiddle and accordion trio who draw upon influences from every corner of the British Isles. This concert sees them launching their first CD, a mix of self penned tunes creatively blended with more traditional music, before their first full tour across the country this summer.

Tickets: £8.00 | £6.00 (student)



Jazz in the Café ACV

Thursday 6 May 8.00pm

ACV was formed by bassist Andy Champion to showcase his compositions, his main influences being jazz and progressive rock with a healthy amount of improvisation thrown in. ACV features an all-star line up that will be familiar to Jazz in the Café followers: **Andy Champion** Double Bass, **Graeme Wilson** Tenor & Baritone Sax, **Paul Edis** Keyboards, **Mark Williams** Guitar and **Adrian Tilbrook** Drums.

Supported by Jazz Action.

Tickets: £7.50 | £6.00 (Friends)
£4.00 (student)

Splitz presents Fit and Fashionable Show

Friday 7 May 7.00pm

This popular annual event features dance and fashion and is being held in support of the Rainbow Trust.

Tickets: £7.50 | £6.00 (conc)



Hexham Amateur Stage Society Spring Concert

Wednesday 12 - Saturday 15 May
7.00pm

A selection of music from shows we hope to aspire to and those about which we can only dream. Music will include Mamma Mia, Grease, Evita, Sunset Boulevard and Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.

Tickets: £9.00 | £8.00 (conc)
Tickets on sale from the Queen's Hall from Monday 12 April.

Rubbish!

Saturday 15 May 11.00am - 2.00pm

In front of the Abbey, in the foyer at Queen's Hall and in Trinity Church Hall

Queen's Hall Arts links up with QEHS and Transition Tynedale to bring you sculptures made of rubbish, clowns juggling recycled bottles, music played on instruments made from junk and activities making new things from rubbish - all part of a day event looking at waste, energy, climate change and our response!

Free Event

Jazz Club

Thursday 20 May 8.00pm

In the Exchange Café

Play along with the rhythm section in an informal and supportive atmosphere then sit back and enjoy the guests.

Tickets: £3.00 on the door
Under 18's free

Comedy Club

Saturday 21 May 8.30pm

In the Exchange Café

Laugh your socks off with some of the best comedy on the national circuit.



Tickets: £8.50 | £4.00 (student)



Film Classic in the Theatre The African Queen (U)



Friday 21 May 7.30pm

In Africa during WW1, a gin-swilling riverboat owner/captain (Humphrey Bogart) is persuaded by a strait-laced missionary (Katharine Hepburn) to use his boat to attack an enemy warship. (1951).

Running time: 1hr 45mins

Tickets: £4.00 | £3.00 (Friends)



The Dolly Parton Story

Saturday 22 May 7.30pm

In this new show paying tribute to one of the greatest icons of popular music, Dolly Parton, the stunning vocals of Andrea Pattison are backed by a live 5 piece band. Expect to hear Dolly's most celebrated material, from her early Country classics such as *Coat of Many Colours* through to her later smash hits such as *Islands in the Stream* and *9 to 5*.

Tickets: £12.50 | £11.00 (Friends)
£8.50 (student)

Folkworks and Queen's Hall Arts present
Hexham Gathering 2010
Wednesday 26 May to Sunday 30 May

Perhaps the country's leading folk festival aimed at providing performance opportunities for a host of hugely talented young singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Hundreds of performers converge on Hexham each year providing a vibrant kaleidoscope of music and spectacle throughout the town centre and at a variety of other venues across Tynedale.

Add in some stunning performances by professional artists and this becomes a true highlight of the folk year with concerts, ceilidhs, sessions, informal performances and more.

Future Traditions A concert by finalists on Newcastle University's BMus in Folk and Traditional Music.

Wednesday 26 May 7.30pm
At the Queen's Hall Arts Centre

Fiddles, cellos, pipes, melodeon, mandolin, guitar, concertina and wonderful singing combine in a celebration of a wide range of approaches to folk music.

Tickets: £6.00 | £4.00 (conc)



Emily Portman

Thursday 27 May 7.30pm
At Stocksfield Institute and Community Centre, Stocksfield

Emily Portman is a singer, writer and concertina player with a BBC Folk Award nomination for her work with harmony trio The Devil's Interval. Plus performances from Broomley First School, Down in the Attic and Stocksfield Stompers.

Tickets: £6.00 | £4.00 (conc)

Andy May
Clockwork / Toble / Cat Stew

Friday 28 May 7.30pm
At Allendale Village Hall, Allendale



Andy May is an award-winning Northumbrian piper and piano player who works with Jez Lowe & the Bad Pennies and Baltic Crossing. Toble is one of the Queen's Hall

Arts Centre's youth folk ensembles and both Clockwork and Cat Stew feature performers drawn from its ranks.

Presented in association with Northumbrian Music Nights.

Tickets: £6.00 | £4.00 (conc)

Three Sharp Knives
Niamh Boadle / Jessica Lamb

Friday 28 May 7.30pm
At the Hearth, Horsley

Three Sharp Knives is a new trio featuring Stewart Hardy, Ruth Ball and Matt Price. Niamh Boadle was a finalist in the 2010 BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award and Jessica Lamb is one of the county's brightest young Northumbrian pipers.

Tickets: £6.00 | £4.00 (conc)

Saturday 29 May Events

Hexham's streets will be filled with free outdoor music throughout the day. Meanwhile the Queen's Hall plays hosts to a series of free informal afternoon concerts – the day culminating in a stunning concert in the Queen's Hall theatre and a gigantic ceilidh at the Wentworth Leisure Centre.

Songs, dancing and tunes throughout Hexham with outdoor performances
 10.00am - 4.00pm

Hexham Town Centre

Saturday 29 May
In Sele Park, Hexham

Simon Costin is an art director, designer and installation artist; he is also a man with a mission. He wants to open the UK's first museum dedicated to British Folklore and has already begun his tour of the British Isles with his travelling museum, housed within a painted caravan.

VISUAL ARTS

Ceilidh 12.30pm - 2.00pm
At The Bandstand, Sele Park

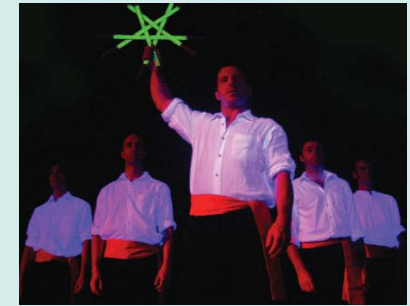
An informal, outdoor ceilidh around the bandstand with plenty of room to dance! Bring your picnic and join in the fun.
FREE

Informal Concert 2.00pm
In the White Room, Queen's Hall
 Soloists, duos, bands and more in a fast flowing afternoon of acoustic music.
FREE ENTRY

Wentworth Ceilidh
 Saturday 29 May 7.30pm - 11.00pm
At the Wentworth Leisure Centre

Put on your dancing shoes and join us in a giant ceilidh. An event suitable for all members of the family.
 Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 (conc)

Tickets for all events from Queen's Hall Box Office 01434 652477. A money-saving combined ticket is available for both the Queen's Hall concert and the Wentworth Ceilidh.
Tickets: £16.00 | £12.00 (conc)



The Demon Barbers
Emily Portman

Saturday 29 May 7.00pm
At the Queen's Hall Arts Centre

English folk powerhouse The Demon Barbers team up with some of England's most exciting young traditional dancers to create an energetic evening of music and dance.

Emily Portman with Christi Andropolis and Rachael McShane are a mesmerising trio with spine tingling vocal harmonies and fine instrumentation.
 Tickets: £12.00 | £10.00 (conc)
 £5.00 (student / Under 18)

Sunday 30 May Events
Table / Down in the Attic / Folkestra 1.00pm
At the Queen's Hall Arts Centre

Three fine young ensembles playing traditional music with passion and energy. Table and Down in the Attic are both based at the Queen's Hall Arts Centre.
 Tickets: £6.00 / £4.00 (conc)

Mabon 2.30pm Gig in the Park
In the Abbey Grounds: a free open air concert by the bandstand.

Dynamic, groove laden music with influences from across the whole spectrum of Celtic and European musical expressions.

Any young performers of traditional music, song or dance wishing to participate in this event should contact folkworks@thesagegateshead.org for more information.

The Singing Kettle presents Silly Songs



Tuesday 1 June 2.00pm

Guaranteed to have the whole family dancing, laughing and singing, Scotland's favourite children's entertainers will captivate and delight.



With loads of audience participation, the BAFTA award winning Singing Kettle will have you hooked on their madcap musical adventures flavoured with cheeky Scottish humour and songs.

Remember to wear something in your favourite colour to the show. For ages 12 months to 8 years. Running time: 1 hour

Tickets: £10.00 | £36 (family)
£8.00 (groups of 10 or more)

Stories and Fables for Kids Who Like Sitting at Tables

Thursday 3 June 2.00pm

New stories written and told by a 467 year old Middle Eastern storyteller (who looks and sounds a lot like award-winning stand up comedian Patrick Monahan) for kids aged 5 to 105!

Tickets: £6.00 | £20 (family)

Stand Up Comedy in the Theatre Patrick Monahan The Ladyboys of Iran

Thursday 3 June 8.00pm



Often seen on ITV's Paul O'Grady Show, as studio warm up comedian for Friday Night with Jonathan Ross and a veteran of sell-out runs at the Edinburgh

Fringe, Patrick Monahan's breathtaking gift for sharp and hilarious observations pays special attention to his unique cultural roots.

"He has all the charm of Ed Byrne, the energy of Adam Bloom and wild leaps of imagination that are resonant of Ross Noble" The List

Plus support from Alan Seaman with extracts from his show, Shopping and Cooking.

Tickets: £10.00 | £5.00 (student)



Maiden England and Slip of the Tongue

Friday 4 June 7.30pm



A double header featuring two of the north east's very own top tribute

bands. An evening of rock with Maiden England playing classic Iron Maiden numbers and Slip of the Tongue playing the hits of Whitesnake.

Tickets: £10.00

Northumberland Youth Theatre Festival 2010 Open Workshop Day

Saturday 5 June

A last opportunity to take part in this summer's Youth Theatre Festival (Page 20). Participants for the festival will be selected from this workshop. For more details contact holly.clay@queenshall.co.uk

Jazz in the Café - Djangology

Saturday 5 June 8.00pm



From the classic repertoire to their own original material, Djangology reproduce the

exciting atmosphere of the Hot Club de France, recreating the swinging music of Django Reinhardt and Stephan Grappelli.

Supported by Jazz Action.

Tickets: £7.50 | £6.00 (Friends)
£4.00 (student)

Queen's Hall Theatre Club presents A Servant to Two Masters by Carlo Goldoni

Thursday 10 - Saturday 12 June 7.30pm

QHTC presents Goldoni's eighteenth century comedy given a new treatment by Lee Hall, writer of Billy Elliot and The Pitmen Painters. Truffaldino, a wily servant who is trying to fill both his wallet and his stomach, hits on the scam of serving two masters at once. His hectic "downsizing of the service economy" hits trouble when he finds himself embroiled in a tangle involving a dowry, thwarted love and a cross dressing heroine.

Tickets: £9.00 | £8.00 (conc)
£6.00 (Under 18) | £25 (family)

Queen's Hall Theatre Club is a Hexham based amateur drama group keen to welcome new participants. If you are interested in acting, directing, costumes, make up, set building, backstage work or any other aspect of putting on a play, contact: **Pauline McPartlan on 01434 688711.**



Jazz Club

Thursday 17 June 8.00pm

In the Exchange Café

Play along with the rhythm section of the evening in an informal and supportive atmosphere then sit back and enjoy the guests.

Tickets: £3.00 on the door
Under 18's free

The Wild and the Cultivated The Planting Style of Chesters Walled Garden

Thursday 17 June 7.00pm

The White Room, Queen's Hall



Gardener Susie White describes the contemporary planting style that she applied to this eighteenth century garden which made it so loved by artists and visitors alike. Interweaving wildflowers amongst border plants, the result is exuberant, informal and romantic, beneficial to wildlife, sensual and inspiring.

Tickets: £4.00

Canny Crack Entertainment Band

Friday 18 June 7.30pm

At the Hearth, Horsley

Popular local band playing folk music and songs. Supported by Queen's Hall Arts.

Tickets: £12.50 to include supper.
Book at Queen's Hall Box Office
01434 652477 or the Hearth
01661 852022.

PERFORMANCE

Click it for a Ticket

Don't forget that you can book your tickets online via our website 24 hours of the day from the comfort of your own home.

Just book online and pick up your tickets prior to the performance. We're only a click away!

www.queenshall.co.uk



A World Cup Football-Free Zone

MsFits Theatre Company presents
Women Behaving Madly

Friday 18 June 7.30pm

Ever felt mad enough to kill someone?

Joyce doesn't give in, even when provoked by mad old irritating bats like Bella! Rita doesn't either, she hasn't a bad bone in her body. But Bella does... surely a frail little old lady doesn't have it in her to be a killer, or does she? Just don't dig up the shrubbery!

A brand new poignant, topical and funny one woman comedy drama from The MsFits, the company that brought us *Fur Coat & Magic Knickers*.

Tickets: £8.50 | £7.50 (conc)
£6.50 (Friends) | £5.00 (student)

FREE BOTTLE OF WINE
for a Party of 4 paying Full Price

Hadrian's Wall Archaeology Forum

Saturday 19 June 9.45am - 4.30pm

This is the second meeting of this new annual event about the latest archaeological research and discoveries throughout the entire Hadrian's Wall 'frontier zone'. The programme features eight short talks by those at the forefront of Wall studies in a style designed to appeal to the general public but also of interest to all professional archaeologists working in the region. Topics include: recent work at Vindolanda, excavations at Newcastle and Benwell, the mapping of Hadrian's Wall and geophysical survey at the outpost forts at Bewcastle and Risingham.

Tickets: £15.00 (includes refreshments)



Comedy Club

Saturday 19 June 8.30pm



In the Exchange Café

Laugh your socks off with some of the best comedy on the national circuit.

Tickets: £8.50 | £4.00 (student)



London Classic Theatre presents
The Caretaker
 By Harold Pinter

Wednesday 23 June 7.30pm

Davies, an elderly drifter, is given shelter by the kindly but vulnerable Aston. He quickly makes himself at home in the squalid, junk-filled attic, but an uneasy peace is fractured by the arrival of Mick, Aston's quick-witted, streetwise younger brother.

As the three men reveal more about the past and themselves, a battle of wits begins that will have irrevocable consequences for them all.

Harold Pinter's compelling study of loneliness and power games still has the capacity to amuse, to shock and to fascinate.

From the company that brought us *Abigail's Party*, *Humble Boy* & *Beauty Queen of Leenane*.

Tickets: £10.00 | £9.00 (conc)
 £8.00 (Friends) | £5.00 (student)



Film in the Theatre
Inglourious Basterds (18)

Thursday 24 June 7.30pm

As war rages in Europe, a Nazi-scalping squad of US soldiers is on a daring mission to take down the leaders of the Third Reich.

Bursting with action, hair-trigger suspense and a machine-gun spray of killer dialogue, Brad Pitt takes no prisoners in Quentin Tarantino's high-octane WWII revenge fantasy. (2009)



Running Time: 2hrs 33mins
 Director: Quentin Tarantino

Tickets: £4.00 | £3.00 (Friends)

Where Curlews Call: Stories from the North Pennines

Thursday 24 June 8.00pm

In the White Room, Queen's Hall

Drawing on stories they have created from both imagined and researched histories, from memories in the contours of the land and from memories of people's lives, Nick Hennessey and Malcolm Green will be telling stories that have arisen out of a yearlong project working in and around Coanwood and Featherstone.

For ages 12yrs+.

The project is supported by the Arts Council, AONB, Queen's Hall Arts and the National Trust.

Tickets: £6.00 | £4.00 (conc / Friends)

(Adult ticket includes a complimentary bottle of Allendale Brewery beer)

Ballet Central

Friday 25 June 7.30pm
 Saturday 26 June 4.00pm

Ballet Central returns with their 25th anniversary tour offering an exciting new programme of ballet, contemporary and jazz from some of the world's leading choreographers.

The 2010 repertoire features David Nixon's *Song to St Andrew*, Christopher Bruce's *Shift* and excerpts from Peter Wright's *Giselle* and Michael Pink's *Dracula*. Kit Holder, Louise Bennett and past graduate Christopher Marney are creating new pieces for this tour, and the School's Director Sara Matthews will be reviving *Dances from a Knot Garden*. Michael Pink's dramatic narrative piece *I Don't Want To Set The World On Fire* and Phillip Aiden's *Let Yourself Go* complete this exciting programme.

Tickets: £12.50 | £11.00 (conc)
 £10.00 (Friends) | £7.00 (student)

A Saturday Matinee Family Ticket is available for £32.

Ballet Central Workshop

Saturday 26 June 10.00am



Your chance to dance with the performers. For ages 12-16yrs. Parents are welcome to come in at 11.00am and watch. Only 20 places. Book early.

Workshop ticket: £10
 (includes matinee performance)

WORKSHOP





Oddsocks Productions presents
A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wednesday 30 June 7.30pm
Thursday 1 July 7.30pm

At Dilston Hall, Corbridge

Oddsocks return with another high-energy, feel-good, family theatre show performed on their Elizabethan pageant wagon.

Four lovers run-off to the countryside where mysterious woodland creatures play tricks on them with hilarious results. And when a troupe of amateur actors decides to rehearse in the woods, the fairies' intervention leads to more bizarre and outrageous antics.

A Midsummer Night's Dream, with its easy-to-follow storyline, hilarious characters, live music, exhilarating circus skills and some outrageous hunting dogs is perfect for the Oddsocks treatment.

This is an outdoor event – bring chairs and a picnic.

Tickets: £12.50 | £11.00 (conc)
£10.00 (Friends) | £6.50 (student)
£32.00 (family)

Institute of Highway Engineers presents
Reclaiming our Rural Highways

Friday 2 July 10.00am - 4.30pm

A conference looking at how we can manage our rural roads and transport systems to remove clutter and improve our local environment and communities.

Cost: £170 available from 020 7436 7487

Jazz in the Café
Alter Ego

Friday 2 July 8.00pm



Alter Ego is an exciting new jazz ensemble based in

Newcastle. In order to develop an individual sound, the band has moved away from standard jazz repertoire in favour of lesser known material, originally performed by groups led by Art Blakey, Hank Mobley and Miles Davis.

Supported by Jazz Action.

Tickets: £7.50 | £6.00 (Friends)
£4.00 (student)

Friends Garden Party *

Saturday 3 July 3.00pm - 5.00pm

At Maiden Cross, Allendale Road, Hexham NE46 2DH

Courtesy of Robert and Christine Hull, Queen's Hall Friends invite you to spend a relaxing summer afternoon in an historic setting, with live music, refreshments and lots more.

Limited free tickets available from the Box Office. Donations to the Queen's Hall Creative Futures Fund are welcome.

Northumberland Youth Dance

Tuesday 6 July 7.30pm

As part of the Northumberland Hub development, QHA supports youth dance projects across the county in Berwick, Alnwick, Crumlington, Ashington, Morpeth and Hexham. Join us for an evening of skill, excitement, fun and pure energy as the groups come together for the first time to share their work in public.



Tickets: £6.00 | £3.00 (student)

Tango Zapatito

Friday 9 July 8.00pm

In the Exchange Café

Penny Callow (cello and vocals) and Margot Hardman (accordion and vocals) began to delve into the vast treasure trove that is the Tango repertoire in 2005 and are now joined by Parisian double bassist Jean Louis Carlotti. The rich sonority of the cello lends itself perfectly to the beautiful sensuality of the melodies and the band's idiosyncratic approach, plus sweet harmony vocals, bring an element of fun to this intensely emotional music.

Tickets: £7.50 | £6.00 (Friends)
£4.00 (student)



Feet First Dance

Thurs 15 - Sat 17 July 7.30pm
Saturday 17 July 2.00pm & 7.30pm

A high energy and fun evening of dance performed by the students of Feet First Dance. Featuring Streetdance, Contemporary, and Musical Theatre numbers and many other styles.

Tickets: £8.00 | £6.00 (conc)



D'oscars Open Film Festival

Monday 19 July 7.30pm

At the Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Hexham

Review exciting young film talent from across Northumberland as selected short films are shown in an evening of music, film, awards and celebration.

Young people living in the North East can submit a film of less than 5 minutes. Films should be in one of the following categories: Music, Documentary, Animation or Experimental.

For more details contact
holly.clay@queenshall.co.uk

In association with Dilston College, Gateway into the Community and Film Able (a new project working to establish a film company for people with learning disabilities across the North East and Cumbria).

Tickets: £3.00

 **Film in the Theatre**
An Education (12A)

Thursday 22 July 7.30pm



Multi Oscar nominated, with a screenplay by Nick Hornby, this is a

coming-of-age story about a teenage girl in 1960s suburban London, and how her life changes with the arrival of a playboy nearly twice her age.

Running time: 1hr 35mins

Tickets: £4.00 | £3.00 (Friends)

Jazz Club

Thursday 22 July 8.00pm

In the Exchange Café

Play along with the rhythm section of the evening in an informal and supportive atmosphere then sit back and enjoy the guests.

Tickets: £3.00 on the door
Under 18's free



Comedy Club Edinburgh Special
Alun Cochrane & support

Friday 23 July 8.30pm

In the Exchange Café

Prior to appearing at the Edinburgh Festival comedians stop off for two Comedy Club Specials.

In high demand on the UK and international comedy circuit, Alun Cochrane has appeared on a range of TV and radio shows including Never Mind The Buzzcocks, Mock The Week, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Have I Got News For You, 8 Out Of 10 Cats and Just A Minute, as well as various stand-up spots on Comedy Central.

Tickets: £8.50 | £4.00 (student)

Northumberland Youth Theatre Festival 2010

Sunday 25 July - Friday 6 August

Queen's Hall Arts is hosting the first Northumberland Youth Theatre Festival; a two week programme of work led by professional artists culminating in the presentation of two productions by the participants at the Queen's Hall, alongside performances by regional youth theatre groups and professional theatre companies.

Participants, aged 15-19, will be recruited from across Northumberland and must be passionate about theatre and committed to two weeks of intensive work on a residential programme that will be both inspiring and have a profound influence on their career aspirations.

For an application pack, please write to Holly Clay, Arts Outreach and Development, Queen's Hall Arts or email holly.clay@queenshall.co.uk

See Open Workshop day page 13.



Comedy Club Edinburgh Special
Simon Donald & support

Friday 30 July 8.30pm

In the Exchange Café

Prior to appearing at the Edinburgh Festival comedians stop off for two Comedy Club Specials.

Simon Donald is a co-founder and was co-editor of the British comic magazine Viz, creating wicked characters such as Sid the Sexist. After leaving Viz he wrote and presented on TV before moving into full-time stand-up comedy. But Donald's ability to create outrageous characters didn't stop at Viz as he now incorporates these into his live shows. Watch out for, amongst others, Bingo from Benton and Barry Twyford, a Geordie census-taker.

Tickets: £8.50 | £4.00 (student)

Corbridge Chamber Music Festival 2010

Friday 6 August - Sunday 8 August

At St Andrew's Church, Corbridge

Gould Piano Trio and Robert Plane (clarinet) present the 12th Corbridge Chamber Music Festival, with a stunning repertoire and inspiring guest musicians in this beautiful Northumbrian town.

Tickets: £5.00 - £16. Festival passes available. More details from www.thegouldtrio.com

Book through Queen's Hall Box Office
01434 652477

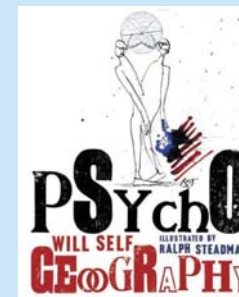


Contemporary African Art

Now until Saturday 17 April

GALLERY ONE & TWO - FREE ENTRY

Curated by the October Gallery in London, the paintings, textiles, sculpture and prints of Contemporary African Art is the biggest exhibition QHA is hosting this year and is a rare opportunity to see work from artists living and working in Africa today.



Drawings for PsychoGeography
Ralph Steadman

Saturday 24 April - Saturday 22 May

GALLERY ONE - FREE ENTRY

An exhibition of original artwork by world famous illustrator Ralph Steadman, perhaps best known for his work with American author Hunter S. Thompson. The exhibition is a collection of works used to illustrate the PsychoGeography articles written over a five year period by Will Self for The Independent. Supported by the Hexham Book Festival.

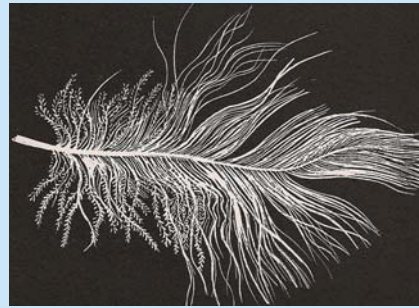


Earthworks - Jill Nicholson

Saturday 3 April - Saturday 24 April

WHITE ROOM - FREE ENTRY

Earthworks concentrates on mines and quarries from centuries past and on the residual evidence we have inherited today in the north of England. The texture of each piece relates to the subject and is the product of grinding rock to the required particle size. The colours are the natural colours of rock from typical areas represented; some have been enhanced by the addition of fine powders from sites elsewhere.



Flying - Kim Lewis & Linda France

Saturday 24 April - Saturday 22 May

GALLERY TWO - FREE ENTRY

Flying is an exciting new collaboration between poet Linda France and artist & printmaker Kim Lewis. A series of wood engravings and drawings illustrate beautiful and moving poems on the theme of birds, taken from Linda's new collection, *You Are Her*, published by Arc, launching at Hexham Book Festival 2010.



Folklore, Myths and Legends of Britain - Simon Costin

Saturday 29 May - Saturday 3 July

GALLERY ONE - FREE ENTRY

A specially curated exhibition by Simon Costin features prints, drawings and artefacts from national and international artists. See the Travelling Museum of British Folklore in the Sele Park on Saturday 29 May. More details on page 11.



The Aviary - Lu Mason

Saturday 10 July - Saturday 31 July

GALLERY ONE - FREE ENTRY

Lu Mason will fill Gallery One with birds of all shapes and sizes - a silent flock held captive within the Queen's Hall Arts Centre.



Hand to Eye

Saturday 8 May - Saturday 5 June

WHITE ROOM - FREE ENTRY

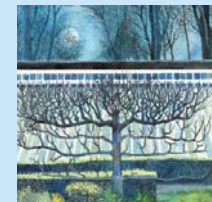
Hand to Eye is the sixth annual exhibition of selected A-Level artworks by students from Queen Elizabeth High School.

This year's show is packed with figurative work in a wide range of different mediums, from pastels to collage and from photography to textiles.

Chesters Walled Garden Exhibition - Saying Goodbye to a Much Loved Garden

Saturday 29 May - Saturday 3 July

GALLERY TWO - FREE ENTRY



For 23 years Chesters Walled Garden has been a haven of peace and beauty. This exhibition brings together the

numerous and varied artworks created in response to this very special place and includes a new collaboration between gardener Susie White and printmaker Kim Lewis entitled *Sanctuary*, a celebration in text and linocut of twelve of the garden's most emblematic plants.

Talk by Susie White: Thursday 17 June 7.00pm. More details on page 14.



Along the Edge - Bettina Hoppe

Saturday 10 July - Saturday 31 July

GALLERY TWO - FREE ENTRY

Along the Edge explores aspects of the British coastline in a variety of media. Drawn to all things on the edge between sea and land, Bettina has focussed on the subject of lighthouses. Their location, history, purpose and obsolescence are the basis of the exhibited work, contrasting with the popular imagery of lighthouses as sea-side souvenirs.



Queen's Hall Arts Outreach Projects Schools and Community

Queen's Hall Arts outreaches works across Northumberland delivering arts projects in schools and communities.

For more information about Queen's Hall Arts Outreach contact Holly Clay on 01434 652482 or email holly.clay@queenshall.co.uk

Music

Hexham Junior Strings

Saturday Mornings at the Queen's Hall Arts Centre
Starts Saturday 24 April

Lively junior strings orchestra for pre-Grade 1 to Grade 3.

For more information contact Jackie Craig on 01670 533526

Down in the Attic

Mondays 5.45pm - 7.15pm at the Queen's Hall Arts Centre
Starts Monday 19 April

An exciting youth folk band led by Sophy Ball.

Minims Junior Choir

Mondays 4.00pm - 5.30pm at the Queen's Hall Arts Centre
Starts Monday 19 April



For ages 7-12 years, Minims sings rounds, spirituals, folk & show music. Led by musician and teacher Louise Khazae, children are

encouraged to develop their voices, sing in harmony, perform regularly and most of all have fun! Places available.

£35 | £23 (conc) for the term

Book through Box Office 01434 652477 or call Louise 01434 682040 to find out more.



Toble

Mondays 7.30pm - 9.00pm at the Queen's Hall Arts Centre
Starts Monday 19 April

Led by Sophy Ball, Toble is a youth band playing contemporary and traditional folk music.

£35 | £23 (conc) for the term

Tynedale Community Choir

Mondays 8.00pm; meet in Hexham Community Church
Starts Monday 19 April



Sing, relax and unwind with rounds, spirituals, folk and world music. Led by David Oliver.

For more information contact Jane Dammers 01434 604512

West African Drumming Classes

Tuesday evenings

West African Drumming with Senegalese musician Modou Mane. New beginners welcome.

More details from 07961 857081

Singing Babies

A magical, musical journey for you to enjoy with your baby through songs and nursery rhymes.

Hexham

Sessions start on Tuesday 20 April and Tuesday 8 June
9.30am & 11.00am at St Mary's Church Hall
£39 for six week term (inc. coffee and cake)
Book through Box Office 01434 652477



Horsley

Mondays 9.30am & 11.00am and Wednesday 1.00pm at The Hearth

Ring Louise on 01434 682040 to book

Squeaky Feet

Joyful exploration in to rhythm, dance and song for toddlers from age 1. Baby siblings also welcome.

Hexham

Sessions start on Tuesday 20 April and Tuesday 8 June
1.00pm & 2.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall
£36 for six week term (inc. coffee and cake)
Book through Box Office 01434 652477

Horsley

Mondays 1.00pm & Wednesdays 9.30am and 11.00am at The Hearth
Ring Louise on 01434 682040 to book

Prudhoe Singers

Tuesdays 10.00am – 12 noon
At The Gate, Swalwell Road, Prudhoe

Daytime singing for everyone. No previous singing experience necessary.

£2.00 taster then £20 for 6 sessions.

For more details contact Keren 01661 830035

Dance

Youth Dance Project

Mondays 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Starts Monday 19 April for 6 weeks (£18)
and Monday 8 June for 5 weeks (£15)

Do you want to dance, perform and / or choreograph and are aged 8-15yrs? The Youth Dance Project could be just for you! Led by Nadia Iftkhar, students work with choreographers and take weekly technique classes leading to performances across the region.

Theatre

Queen's Hall Arts Youth Theatre

At the Queen's Hall Arts Centre
Starts Tuesday 20 April 4.00pm - 5.30pm



Queen's Hall Arts' fantastic new skills-based youth theatre for 8-14yr olds has two full groups meeting on Tuesdays. Join the waiting list for places!

Literature

Creative Writing Workshops - Making a Map

At the Queen's Hall Arts Centre
Starts Thursday 1 July 6.15pm - 8.30pm

Led by poet Linda France, these weekly sessions will explore writing about where we find ourselves, as well as our lost places: creative writing as adventure and discovery.

Tickets: £50 for five week course

Film

Mobile Cinema



As well as showing films at the Arts Centre in Hexham, Queen's Hall Arts promotes a rural film programme providing 80-90 film screenings across Tynedale each year! Films are shown at village halls, schools and film clubs – keep an eye out for a screening near you.

Film clubs supported by QHA include Slaley, Wylam, Henshaw (South Tyne), Bardon Mill (South Tyne), Bellingham, Tarsset, Allendale, Ovingham and Stocksfield.

Slaley Film Club

Fri 16 Apr Dean Spanley (PG)
Fri 21 May Rabbit Proof Fence (PG)

All at Slaley Commemoration Hall

Wylam Film Club

Sat 17 Apr Looking for Eric (15)
Sat 15 May Sunshine Cleaning (15)

All at Wylam Institute

Ovingham Film Club

Fri 23 Apr Where the Wild Things Are (PG)

At Ovingham Reading Rooms

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Discounts are also available to Queen's Hall Friends. More details can be found on page 27. ✨

Everyone Welcome

We welcome visitors with disabilities and aim to ensure that your visit is safe and enjoyable. If you require help, please contact us in advance. Companions of wheelchair users may attend shows free of charge. An induction loop is installed in the theatre. Guide dogs are welcome in all areas of the building.

Thank you!

A big thank you to our volunteer ushers who donate many hours of their time. If you would like to volunteer as an usher please contact the Box Office.

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