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WHAT'S ON: JUNE 2026

MUSIC



A FOREIGNERS JOURNEY

Friday 5 June, 7.30pm

£23.50

Icons of classic rock, Foreigner and Journey have thrilled fans for decades—but UK appearances are rare. Enter A Foreigners Journey, the award-winning tribute capturing their magic live.

With powerhouse vocals, acclaimed performances, and praise from Jeff Pilson, they deliver hits like *Don't Stop Believin'* and *Cold as Ice* in an electrifying, authentic show—an unforgettable night of timeless rock.

"Great mix of classic songs delivered impeccably."

Planet Rock

MUSIC



AN EVENING WITH TOYAH: SONGS AND STORIES

Sunday 7 June, 7.30pm

From £30.50

A singer, actor, author, and BRIT Award winner, Toyah Willcox has built a remarkable 50 year career.

Rising to fame in 1976, she balanced music with acclaimed stage roles, gaining fame in *Quadrophenia* before chart success with hits like *It's A Mystery*.

With 23 albums and a dynamic career across stage and screen, join Toyah for songs and stories from her extraordinary journey.

COMEDY



MARK WATSON: BEFORE IT OVERTAKES US

Thursday 11 June, 7.30pm

£24

After 20 years in stand-up, Mark Watson - known for *Taskmaster*, award-winning comedy, and roles in *Baby Reindeer* - returns following acclaimed festival runs worldwide.

A chance encounter sends him spiralling into thoughts on humanity's future, alongside brilliantly offbeat topics like public slip-ups and the UK sausage industry, in a typically frantic, sharp, and laugh-packed new show.

"Quite unlike anything else I've seen in almost 20 years of covering the Fringe...witty, warm, perfectly judged."

★★★★★ **Telegraph**

Age guidance: 14+

MUSIC



TAYLOR SWIFT TRIBUTE BY XENNA

Saturday 13 June, 7pm

From **£26**

Step into the world of Taylor Swift in this enchanting tribute starring Xenna as Taylor.

Celebrating her music, style, and stage presence, the show brings hits like *Love Story*, *Blank Space*, and *Shake It Off* to life, alongside newer favourites.

With dancers, replica costumes, and all 12 eras - including *The Tortured Poets Department* - it's a vibrant, feel-good experience.

Join fellow Swifties for a dazzling celebration of a global pop icon.

MUSIC



SAM SWEENEY TRIO

Sunday 14 June, 7pm

£19

The Sam Sweeney Trio unites three standout musicians - Sam Sweeney (fiddle), Ben Nicholls, and Louis Campbell - to perform music from Sam's acclaimed repertoire.

Blending virtuosity with emotional depth, they create a sound rooted in tradition yet strikingly modern. Expect intricate interplay, rich textures, and powerful storytelling in an intimate, captivating live experience.

"Britain's Premier Fiddler." **Songlines**

"The fiddler with the Midas touch... an English equivalent of the great Irish fiddle player Martin Hayes." **The Guardian**

"One of the defining English fiddle players of his generation." **Mark Radcliffe**

SUMMER POP-UP CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays, 10am–12pm (during school holidays)

FREE Queen's Hall Foyer

Join Nessie for free weekly craft workshops throughout the summer holidays. Taking place every Tuesday morning, these relaxed, hands-on sessions are perfect for little ones (and their grown-ups!) who love getting creative together.

COMMUNITY



Queen's Hall Theatre Club

EMIL AND THE DETECTIVES

Thursday 18 – Saturday 20 June

£14 | £12 (under 16's, benefit claimant & students)

£42 (family - 2 adults, 2 under 16's)

Adapted by Carl Miller from the novel by Erich Kaestner

1920s Berlin – Emil excitedly journeys from his little hometown on his first trip to The Big City! Then disaster strikes! His mother's carefully saved money is stolen by a sinister man in a bowler hat. But Emil gathers up his courage and bravely plunges into the chaotic and bewildering city in pursuit. When he meets the Hollywood-mad, tough talking Toots, they pair up, gathering a crowd of street kids and Emil's feisty cousin, Pony The Hat to form a gang of detectives. They don't hang around. They plan. They organise. They persist and pursue!

A play about the power of young people, in which Kaestner's exuberant vision shows children coming together to outwit their elders, use their own skills and independence and challenge authority.

Age guidance: 8+

FAMILY



THE GASPS AND GIGGLES SHOW

Sunday 21 June, 2pm

From **£14.50**

The BIG show for LITTLE people!

A show jam-packed with amazing magic, laugh-out-loud comedy, and crazy circus skills.

Hosted by the master of magic, Darren Mac, and the maker of mischief, Andy Floss! Also featuring special guest circus performer, direct from The Blackpool Tower Circus and *The Sooty Show Live*, Michael Jordan.

The show is suitable for all ages and includes lots of participation and prizes — so you could be part of the show!

Age guidance: 3+

WHAT'S ON: JULY 2026

SPECIAL EVENT



QUEEN'S HALL BIG 90S QUIZ

Friday 3 July, 7pm (doors 6.30pm)

From **£5**

Get ready for Hexham's most entertaining quiz night - with a big 90s twist!

Expect four fun-filled rounds, including a standout picture round, packed with music, movies, TV, and pop culture trivia.

Hosted by comedian Si Beckwith, it's a lively mix of brainteasers and laugh-out-loud moments with great prizes up for grabs.

Fancy dress is welcome, so embrace the 90s vibe!

Teams of up to six people.

MUSIC



THE PITMEN POETS RIDE AGAIN

Friday 3 July, 7.30pm

£30

A night of songs and stories laced with North East humour and humanity.

After their hugely successful tour of 2024, the public demand for more has persuaded the Pitmen Poets to ride again...

From *Billy Elliot* to *Auf Wiedersehen Pet* and from *When The Boat Comes In* to *The Likely Lads*, now be enthralled and entertained by The Pitmen Poets - Jez Lowe, Bob Fox and Billy Mitchell.

Ex-Lindisfarne singer and songwriter Billy Mitchell, Warhorse songman, renowned singer and instrumentalist Bob Fox, and award-winning Durham songwriter Jez Lowe, individually and collectively celebrating the triumphs, tragedy, and humour of the North East's industrial heritage, in an evening of great music.

COMEDY



ELAINE ROBERTSON: DELULU

Saturday 4 July, 8pm

£15

Elaine is a comedian from County Durham. In 2024, she won the ISH Comedy Awards Panel Prize and was a finalist in Channel 4's *Sean Lock Comedian of the Year*.

Her debut Edinburgh Fringe show, *Delulu*, became an underground hit, earning critical acclaim for its originality, bold performance style and offbeat humour.

More recently, her brilliantly niche PowerPoint presentations on birds, oxbow lakes and groynes (the coastal erosion kind) have gone viral across multiple social media platforms.

Praised for her originality and fearless stage presence, Elaine's work has been described as "daring indelible stagecraft" (Edinburgh Laughter Bulletin), with critics urging audiences to "make a mental note to watch her career blossom" (The Herald).

"A natural comedy performer." **Chortle**

Age guidance: 14+

COMEDY



COMEDY SNEAK PEEKS

Friday 17 July, 6pm

The hilarious all-star MZA Edinburgh Fringe Previews are BACK! Featuring some of the UK's best headlining comedians - off notes and off adrenaline!

We are absolutely delighted to announce the very welcome return of **Craig Hill** and **Connor Burns** to Hexham and we can guarantee you an uproarious and fun night of laugh-out-loud stand-up.

PLUS Connor Burns' special guest is none other than the 2023 Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year, **Daniel Petrie!**

***Please note:** These shows are still a work in progress, there will be some strong language and although they might not be slick, they sure will be funny!*



Age guidance: 14+

SPECIAL EVENT



KROCODILE KLUB: SUMMER SPECIAL

Friday 17 July, 6.30pm

£5 (free carers tickets)

Summer starts on the dancefloor with The Kroc DJs, bringing feel-good energy, great music, and a welcoming, inclusive space to connect with friends old and new.

Step into The Kroc Klub, where DJs with learning disabilities, supported by The Lawnmowers, create an uplifting atmosphere with fresh mixes and boundless creativity. From festivals to radio shows, they've built a reputation for parties that everyone can be part of.

Come for the music. Stay for the atmosphere.

EXHIBITION



DISCOVERING DARK SKIES

**Saturday 18 July -
Saturday 19 September**

Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm

Gallery One & Two

FREE (donations welcome)

Northumberland has some of the most pristine dark skies in England, inspiring awe and wonder in thousands who come to stargaze in our region every year.

Working with partners, including the Kielder Observatory, Kielder Partnership and National Park Authority, this exhibition celebrates the rich cultural and natural heritage of the night, a heritage we are at risk of losing in an increasingly over-illuminated world.

A programme of special events and activities will accompany the exhibition, with more details to be announced soon. Keep an eye on our website for updates.

Age guidance: 18+

MUSIC



LIMEHOUSE LIZZY

**Saturday 18 July,
7.30pm**

From **£25**

Limehouse Lizzy celebrate over three decades as one of the leading live tributes to Thin Lizzy, keeping the spirit of Philip Lynott alive with electrifying performances and meticulous attention to detail.

Awarded a PRS/Billboard accolade as Britain's hardest-working act in their category and featured on the BBC Arena series, the band has built a formidable reputation on the international rock circuit.

Following a string of sold-out shows and global tours, Limehouse Lizzy continue to deliver a powerful and authentic celebration of one of rock's most iconic legacies.

THEATRE



Keith Alessi

TOMATOES TRIED TO KILL ME BUT BANJOS SAVED MY LIFE

**Wednesday 29 July,
7.30pm**

From **£13**

After a sell-out performance in 2023, Keith Alessi returns to Hexham with his award-winning, inspirational true story in a special fundraising event. All proceeds will support Queen's Hall Arts and Core Music CIC.

A former accountant and CEO, Keith's journey from illness to self-discovery is brought to life through music, storytelling, and the distinctive sound of the banjo. His internationally acclaimed show explores resilience, forgiveness, and the power of following your passion.

To date, the production has raised over \$1.2 million (CAD) for charities and arts organisations, making this not just a performance, but a powerful act of giving.

MUSIC



THE BOOTLEG EAGLES

Friday 31 July, 7.30pm

£25

The music of Eagles helped define the 1970s, and The Bootleg Eagles bring it vividly to life in a powerful live show.

From country-rock roots to chart-topping classics, the band delivers all the unforgettable hits with outstanding musicianship, rich harmonies, and meticulous attention to detail—performed live in full.

Featuring a line-up of seasoned professionals who have worked with artists including Mark Knopfler and Trevor Horn, this is an authentic and electrifying celebration of one of rock's most iconic bands.

EDINBURGH FRINGE PREVIEW DAY 2026

Saturday 1 August

£10 per show | £30 Day Pass

Age guidance: 16+

Four of the brightest up and coming stars of the UK comedy scene present their new shows ahead of the Edinburgh Festival and UK tours.



BRENNAN REECE 5pm

An Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer nominee and English Comedian of the Year winner, Brennan blends storytelling, warmth and brilliantly observed family chaos into a set that's equal parts raucous and heartfelt.

As seen on *Live at the Apollo*, *Roast Battle*, *Celeb Coach Trip*, *The Stand Up Sketch Show* and *Top Gear*.

"A powerfully entertaining, unstoppable force."

Chortle

"A teenage Alan Bennett" **The Skinny**

"Absolutely incredible" **Phoebe Waller-Bridge**

★★★★★

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GARETH MUTCH 6.30pm

ISH Awards Best Show nominee returns with a sharp, story-driven hour about good intentions gone wrong.

Expect class clashes, romantic disasters and perfectly-timed missteps from a naturally brilliant storyteller.

"Gales of laughter... bulldozing skill"

Comedy.co.uk



Each show is an hour long (with approx. 30 minutes between each). These are individual shows and for Technical/Health & Safety issues, the theatre will be completely emptied at the end of each hour show.



SARA BARRON 8pm

Sara Barron's planned a series of high kicks, insults for your granny, and thoughts on Jeffrey Dahmer's Netflix special. Then - separate but adjacent - some thoughts on Gary Barlow.

A sense of 'this hour is flying!' from a woman who is unusually present and regularly wild.

As seen on *Would I Lie To You*, *Live At The Apollo*, *Richard Osman's House of Games* (BBC) and heard on *They Like To Watch* podcast.



CHRIS CANTRILL 9.30pm

Join Chris three-time Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Chris Cantrill as he works out a new show about community, mushrooms and bloodlust.

Having settled into rural life, Chris is happy to see out his days as a born again country gentleman. But when an act of vandalism shakes his community, Chris' is the only person brave enough to make it all about him.

Writer on *SNL UK* (Sky). Co-Creator of *Icklewick FM* (BBC Radio 4).



THE ULTIMATE SUMMER SHINDIG

**Sunday 2 August,
7.30pm**

£29

A brand-new live music extravaganza hits theatres in 2026. *The Ultimate Summer Shindig* is a high-energy celebration packed with iconic hits, powerhouse vocals, and feel-good festival vibes.

Featuring tributes to legends including Bruce Springsteen, Dolly Parton, U2 and Blondie, this foot-stomping show spans genres and generations.

With a top-tier cast and a party atmosphere throughout, it's the ultimate summer night out for music lovers of all ages.



STEAMWORKS: FESTIVAL FIASCO

**Monday 10 August,
10am - 12.30pm**

£20

A hands-on forensic mystery for budding investigators aged 8 - 12!

Just hours before a big Summer event at Queen's Hall, key equipment has been mysteriously tampered with. With conflicting witness accounts and clues scattered across the site, it's up to our junior detectives to uncover what happened.

Participants will investigate the scene, collect evidence, and use real forensic techniques including fingerprinting, footprint analysis and fibre identification to crack the case.



THEATRE MAKING WORKSHOP

**Tuesday 11 & Monday
24 August, 1 - 3pm**

£15 | £10 (second child from same family)

Step into the world of theatre-making in a fun, practical workshop for 8–11 year olds.

This summer, join Youth Theatre leads Tom Marton and Addison Keen at Queen's Hall to create your own short performance from scratch using games, improvisation and storytelling techniques.

Participants can attend one or both workshops.

Age guidance: 8-11

MUSIC



LEGENDS OF THE 60'S

Wednesday 12 August, 7.30pm

£28.50

After a sell-out debut tour and rave reviews, *Legends of the 60's* returns with an award-winning cast for a feel-good live show celebrating the decade's greatest hits.

Featuring tributes to icons including Elvis Presley, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Beach Boys, the show delivers over 40 classic songs in one unforgettable night of music, nostalgia and energy.

MUSIC



LE VENT DU NORD

Friday 14 August, 7.30pm

£24

Renowned Québec quintet Le Vent du Nord return with a vibrant new show directed by Michel Faubert. Blending powerful vocals with fiddle, accordion, hurdy-gurdy and more, they deliver an exhilarating performance rooted in tradition and alive with contemporary energy.

Inspired by stories of community, heritage and shared culture, their music weaves together influences from Celtic, Acadian and French-speaking traditions. The result is a rich, dynamic concert filled with harmony, rhythm and emotion—an invitation to dance, reflect and be swept away.

"An entrancing mix of traditional and progressive Québécois folk music, all of it with a heavy Celtic accent, as well as their own songs." **The Arts Desk**

"Gorgeous close harmonies and a cappella singing." **Songlines**

FAMILY



THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA

Tuesday 18 August: 4pm

Wednesday 19 August: 11am & 2pm

Thursday 20 August: 11am & 2pm

From **£15**

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* returns on tour.

The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos.

Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

Age guidance: 3+

COMEDY



CARL HUTCHINSON: FINE WHINE (WORK IN PROGRESS)

Thursday 20 August, 7.30pm

£15

Carl has a unique blend of storytelling and physical comedy, with a dash of down-to-earth banter. He's known for his sharp characterisations, impeccable timing, and energetic delivery, which has earned him a reputation as a "powerhouse comedian" on the UK circuit.

Fine Whine is a brand new show and is Hutchinson's biggest and best tour yet! The show centres around Carl's demands of being a modern-day dad & finding his place in society. He's a must-see act for anyone who loves laughter and good storytelling.

"Amazing...Brilliant...An Absolute Gem... Must See!" **Prime Video**

Age guidance: 14+

SUNDAY JAZZ

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EDDIE GRIPPER TRIO

Sunday 7 June, 3pm

£10 | £12 (on the day)

Eddie Gripper: Piano
Clem Saynor: Double Bass
Patrick Barrett-Donlon:
Drums

Performing music from his second album *Americana* (released April 2025), Eddie Gripper tells the story of an 8,000 km hitchhiking journey from Alaska to California, completed in under two months during the summer of 2022.

The music captures the vast landscapes and unforgettable moments along the way - from sleeping in the Alaskan wilderness to cycling down Santa Monica Pier - offering a vivid, hopeful, yet unflinching reflection on American life.

"Eddie Gripper leaves us wanting more... and soon."
Jazz Views

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MEJEDI OWUSU + FRANCIS TULIP QUARTET

Sunday 19 July, 3pm

£10 | £12 (on the day)

Mejedi Owusu: Trumpet
Francis Tulip: Guitar
Tommy Fuller:
Double Bass
Noah Stone: Drums

From sixth form college in Suffolk to London (Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance) to New York (The Juilliard School), Mejedi Owusu is a star in the making. At the age of 20, trumpeter Mejedi is currently mixing with many of the Big Apple's superstars, including pianist Emmet Cohen and vocalist Kurt Elling.

Mejedi has performed at several of New York City's most prestigious jazz venues, including Birdland, Dizzy's Club, Lucille's and Smalls. In a remarkable coup for our Sunday Jazz sessions, Mejedi Owusu will be in concert with the Francis Tulip Trio!

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BLUE NOTE QUINTET

Sunday 23 August, 3pm

£10 | £12 (on the day)

Harry Keeble: Tenor
Saxophone
Chris Coull: Trumpet
Joe Steels: Guitar
Andy Champion:
Double Bass
John Bradford: Drums

Formed of musicians spanning the length of the country, this quintet explore the music of the Blue Note records, the legendary label known for defining the sound of modern jazz.

They feature music from the likes of Herbie Hancock, Lee Morgan and Art Blakey, and Cannonball Adderley. They recreate the iconic sound of blue note records with depth of swing and blues, mixed with bossa nova grooves.

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