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WELCOME



Welcome to a brand new season at the Corn Exchange. Before we usher in the spring, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the wonderful, festive celebrations of the

autumn that are nearly upon us. Our annual lantern procession returns to Newbury town centre on Sunday 11 December, with workshops taking place at 101 Outdoor Arts, where you can make your own lantern in the lead up to the event. We're also looking forward to our next pantomime of truly GIANT proportions and we're delighted to welcome back our creative team, Plested, Brown and Wilsher, as **Jack and the Beanstalk** arrives at the Corn Exchange with more laughter and adventure than ever before!

We've also launched our **Panto Pay It Forward scheme** raising funds to support 650 school tickets and 100 adult tickets for **Jack and the Beanstalk**, so that those in our community who wouldn't be able to otherwise, can come and experience the magic of panto. If you'd like to donate, please visit cornexchangenew.com/donate

Looking ahead into the spring season, we've tried to make sure that there really is something for everyone – I'm thrilled that we have the privilege to present the York Theatre Royal production of **Around the World in 80 Days**, a wonderful adaptation of Jules Verne's classic novel. We also have award-winning circus direct from the Edinburgh Festival in **The Chosen Haram**, live music from the legendary **Pasadena Roof Orchestra**, brilliant comedy from **Babatunde Aléshé**, **Chris McCausland** and **Axel Blake** along with family performances including the fantastic stage adaptation of Julia Donaldson's **Room on the Broom** and firm favourite **Sing-a-long-a Encanto!** For those of you who can't choose, we've put together a great value Season Ticket offer,

meaning you can see a range of shows across the season with a 25% discount.

And finally, we will be celebrating the talent of our own young performers with our two youth theatre productions – working with a full professional production team our junior youth theatre will be presenting **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** based on the much loved novel by L. Frank Baum and our senior group will be working on a brand new play called **Is My Microphone On?** by Jordan Tannahill as they have been chosen to take part in the National Theatre's Connections programme.

We can't wait to see you soon.

Katy Griffiths
DIRECTOR

THEATRE AND DANCE SEASON TICKET

If you're struggling to decide what to come and see this season, you can take advantage of our season ticket and benefit from a 25% discount. Simply book at least 3 of the following shows in the same transaction – *The Comedy Network* (February), *The Chosen Haram*, *Teechers Leavers '22*, *UNKNOWNREALMS*, *On Track* and *Around the World in 80 Days* – and the 25% discount will automatically be applied. With treats for all ages, which will you choose?

These offers are subject to availability and cannot be applied retrospectively to tickets already purchased.

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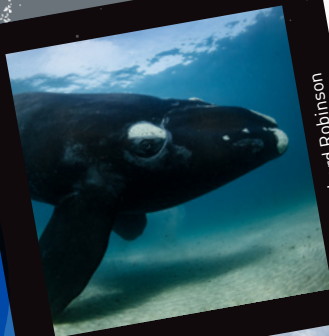
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THE BASE



SIMON ANNAND PRESENTS THE HALF: PHOTOGRAPHS OF ACTORS PREPARING FOR THE STAGE

Fri 7 Oct – Sun 27 Nov

Open Wed to Sun, 10am to 5pm

Songs & Stories in the Gallery Sat 5 Nov

Relaxed Day Thu 10 Nov

Tickets £0 Base Pass Holder (see page 4),
£8 (£7 concs, £5 under-16s, FREE under-5s)

Daniel Craig in *A Number* at the Royal Court
Theatre, 1999 © Simon Annand

V&A *The Half* is a touring exhibition from the
Victoria and Albert Museum, London
(V&A) curated by Kate Bailey of the V&A
in collaboration with Simon Annand.

**A major photography exhibition
featuring rare images of the privacy
actors experience backstage in
the half an hour before performing
on stage.**

The Half spans over 30 years of British Theatre
and includes portraits of many well-known
performers including Dame Judi Dench, Daniel
Craig, Adrian Lester and Helen Mirren.



WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

N NATURAL
HISTORY
MUSEUM

Fri 3 Feb – Sun 26 Mar

Open Wed to Sun, 10am to 5pm

**Songs & Stories in the Gallery Thu 9 Feb & Sat
4 Mar**

Relaxed Day Thu 23 Mar

Tickets £0 Base Pass Holder (see page 4), £9.75
full price, (£8.25 concs, £6.75 under-16s, £7.75
groups 10+)

The 58th instalment of the world-renowned
exhibition, on loan from the Natural History
Museum in London, comes to The Base,
featuring exceptional images which capture
fascinating animal behaviour, spectacular
species and the breath-taking diversity of the
natural world.

Wildlife Photographer of the Year is the most
prestigious photography event of its kind,
providing a global platform that has showcased
the natural world's most astonishing and
challenging sights for over 55 years.



GENerate STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

Sat 7 – Sun 29 Jan

Open Wed to Sun,
10am – 5pm

Free entry (suggested
donation on door)

Marvel at the next GENERation of artists' creations.

Featuring artworks created by students from local schools, sixth forms and colleges, this curated exhibition is a showcase and celebration of the imagination and creativity of young artists.



FESTIVAL OF ARTS & CRAFTS

ARTS & CRAFT FAIR

Sat 1 & Sun 2 Apr

10am – 4pm

ART EXHIBITION & TASTER WORKSHOPS

Sat 1 & Sun 16 Apr

Join us at The Base for a celebration of arts, crafts and artisan food and drink from local makers and creators.

Kickstarting the two-week Festival, a craft fair will surround The Base building, creating a high street of high-quality crafters and artists for visitors to browse. With live music, craft beer, family Easter themed activities, face painting, community art installations, free entry and parking, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Talented local artists' work will fill the Gallery walls, giving you the chance to purchase a piece of original work, whilst Taster Workshops will run throughout the Festival in our Lookout Studio, giving you the chance to try your hand at learning a new creative skill.

So pop the dates in your diary now and make sure you're free for the biggest arts and crafts event in West Berkshire next year!



JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

PANTOMIME Fri 25 Nov – Sat 31 Dec

Tickets £28 – £16.50

Plested Brown and Wilsher are back full of beans and ready for some Fee Fi Fo FUN!

When Jack sells the beloved family cow for some magic beans, a beanstalk climbing adventure ensues. But as Jack reaches the top, he finds a mystical castle in the clouds and a very unfriendly giant and his sidekick, Fleshcreep, who are determined to rid Newbury of music, dancing and laughter. Will Jack and the pantomime gang ever find a way to defeat the giant?

Plested Brown and Wilsher have delighted Newbury audiences for the past three years with their hilarious and fresh takes on much-loved pantomime tales. They return to take us on another epic adventure, where you can expect all of the traditional Corn Exchange pantomime fun, packed with plenty of jokes, songs from across the decades and magic in GIGANTIC proportions.



FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Sun 11 Dec

Procession starts at 4.30pm

Newbury town centre

Free (no booking required)

Suitable for all ages

Be part of the Corn Exchange Festival of Light and help transform Newbury town centre into a twinkling wonderland.

The procession will travel along Northbrook Street before arriving in the Market Place with live music and festive atmosphere.

In the run up to the event we will be offering lantern making workshops with schools, community groups and the general public.

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

101 OUTDOOR ARTS

Sat 26 & Sun 27 Nov, Sat 3 & Sun 4 Dec

10am – 12pm, 1pm – 3pm & 4pm – 6pm

Free (pre-booking required)

CAFÉ BAR

CHECK OUR
WEBSITE FOR
OPENING TIMES

Our vibrant and friendly Café Bar is the perfect place for a tasty bite and a drink when you're out and about in town, or before heading in to see a film or show with us. Pop in to see our daily selection of treats and follow us on social media to see what seasonal specials we're serving up at the moment. Every purchase made in our Café Bar supports the work of the Corn Exchange.



FOOD



This season we are partnering with popular local caterers to provide tasty, street-food style pre-show menus for a number of our shows.

Keep an eye out for our pre-show meal icon as you flick through the brochure and head to our website for dish details.

NEW to the Café Bar is our LOADED JACKS menu – grab yourself a tasty potato loaded with gourmet toppings, available at lunchtimes.

BAR

Our bar serves a wide range of alcoholic and soft drinks and a selection of seasonal specials.

Our welcoming Balcony Bar is perfect for pre-show drinks or a casual evening catching up with friends over a Gin Fizz or a pint of locally brewed beer. Open until late from Wednesdays to Saturdays, why not pop along and try something from our selection of special spirits.

VENUE HIRE

Check out the spaces in our ambient heritage building for your corporate or private event.

If you're looking for somewhere new, whether for performance, business or pleasure, we'd be delighted to discuss your needs. Our creative front of house and technical teams can bring the 'wow' factor and help you to organise the perfect event.

SEASONAL SOCIALS



Our Café Bar is a friendly space for everyone to enjoy – whether you're joining us for a pre-event drink, a lunchtime pit stop, or as somewhere to come and read a book in your down time.

We are also pleased to present a programme of Seasonal Socials in this space, bringing creativity and culture through from our stage into the front of house area.

Catch up with friends or meet new people over creative activities combined with delicious food or drink.

Follow us on social media and keep an eye on our website for more Corn Exchange socials across the season.

ALL OF THESE
EVENTS TAKE
PLACE IN OUR
BALCONY BAR.

COMING UP SOON...

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Sat 19 Nov 10am – 4pm

Get in the Christmas spirit and shop for festive gifts and treats made by skilled independent crafters and makers.

SKETCHBOOK CLUB

Sundays 10.30am

Bring a sketchbook and anything you like to draw, doodle or create with, and join like-minded people for a relaxing mindful morning of creativity.

BOOK CLUB

Every third Sunday of the month

Sun 15 Jan 1pm

Come together with friends old and new to chat about the latest Book Club read.

VALENTINE'S DAY FILM DEAL

Tue 14 Feb

Love is in the air as we screen a classic Valentine's film in our cosy 40-seat cinema. Look out for our sharing food offer to make it a romantic night out with your other half.

THEATRE QUIZ NIGHT

Fri 10 Feb 7pm

Gather your friends, grab a drink from our bar and prepare to show off your knowledge in our new theatre, film & TV quiz. Register your team from 6pm ready for a 7pm start.

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTERNOON TEA

Sun 19 Mar 1pm

A creative Mother's Day treat, complete with a guided art session followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Visit our website for details.

Keep an eye out for details of our new
Cocktail Club, coming soon...

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OUR CINEMA

You may not realise it, but tucked away on the top floor of the Corn Exchange is our cosy 40-seat cinema. Open seven days a week, we show the best of art house, independent and British films, live screenings of theatre, dance and music performances, and even blockbuster and family films.

Our cinema is the perfect place to come to switch off from the distractions of home while you watch your film and perhaps enjoy some refreshments from our Café Bar.

We also offer regular special screenings, including twice weekly morning



Parent & Babies screenings, weekly **Silver Screens** for the over-60s, **subtitled screenings**, and monthly **Dementia Friendly** films. Find out more at cornexchangenew.com/film

NEW CINEMA CLUB PRESENTED AS PART OF OUR AGEING CREATIVELY PROGRAMME.

Keep an eye out for our new monthly Cinema Club screenings, where film fans aged 55+ can enjoy a film before discussing your thoughts in a friendly, guided review session in our Café Bar.

LIVE & ENCORE SCREENINGS

Alongside our film programme, we also stream a fantastic selection of live broadcasts from the likes of the National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company, Royal Opera House, and Bolshoi Ballet, direct to our cinema and auditorium screens. Check out some of our season highlights below and head to cornexchangenew.com/live-screenings to see all upcoming screenings.



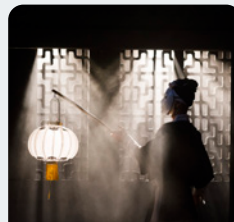
A CHRISTMAS CAROL: A GHOST STORY

Sun 27 Nov &
Thu 1 Dec



NATIONAL THEATRE ENCORE: OTHELLO

Sun 26 Feb



ROYAL OPERA HOUSE LIVE: TURANDOT

Wed 22 Mar



ROYAL BALLET LIVE: CINDERELLA

Wed 12 Apr

AVALON PRESENTS

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PRE-ORDER YOUR
INTERVAL DRINKS
AT THE BAR!

THE COMEDY NETWORK

PUT THIS SEASON'S
DATES IN YOUR DIARY!

Fri 3 Feb 8pm 

Fri 28 Apr 8pm

Tickets £16.25 (£14.25 concs)

Age Guide 18+ only

Get ready to laugh out loud with an evening of great comedy as Avalon presents *The Comedy Network*.

Our popular comedy clubs have been making people laugh for many years, so why not grab a drink with us and sit back and relax in the company of some of the best up and coming comedians on the circuit.

Avalon has an unrivalled reputation for finding new comedy talent and has many household names on their books, including Chris Addison, Rob Delaney, Jenny Eclair, Alex Horne, Chris Ramsey, Rosie Ramsey and Phil Wang. Previous line-ups have included Simon Brodtkin, Steve Bugeja, Sophie Duker and Flo & Joan.

Whether you are looking for a great night out with friends or a fun way to celebrate a special occasion, start your weekend in style at *The Comedy Network*.

JANUARY



DJ XCHANGE

COMMUNITY **Fri 13 Jan** 9pm – 1am

Tickets £6 in advance, £8 on the door
(DJ discount available if bringing 10 friends)

Age Guide 18+ only

Join us for our next DJ night!

With a banging sound system, awesome local DJs and an open dance floor perfect for non-stop raving, bring your mates, grab a drink at our bar and dance the night away. We'll have DJs playing all genres – House, Drum & Bass, Jungle and more!

If you are a DJ and interested in playing, please register by emailing getinvolved@cornexchangenew.co.uk and tell us what genre you play.



GREASE

PRESENTED BY RARE PRODUCTIONS

COMMUNITY

Thu 19 Jan – Fri 20 Jan 7.30pm

Sat 21 Jan 2pm & 6.30pm

Tickets £19.75 (£17.75 under-16s)

Age Guide 6+

Running Time 2hrs 15mins (including interval)

The UK's largest amateur musical youth theatre group hand-jive onto our stage.

Experience the friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in the 1950s.

Welcome to the singing and dancing world of *Grease*, the most successful movie musical of all time. A wholesome exchange student and a leather-clad Danny have a summer romance, but will it cross clique lines?

Book, music and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.

Grease is presented through special arrangement with, and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide www.theatricalrights.com



SWEET CAROLINE: A TRIBUTE TO NEIL DIAMOND

MUSIC Sat 28 Jan

7.45pm

Tickets £30.25

A musical journey celebrating 50 years of some of the greatest music ever written.

Celebrate the music that has endured six generations as we bring you all things Diamond with a sensational live show. Enjoy all the hits such as *Forever in Blue Jeans*, *America* and *Love on the Rocks*. The good times never seemed so good!

Starring renowned tribute artist Gary Ryan, as seen on TV's *Stars in Their Eyes*.



NICK COPE FAMILY MUSIC

FAMILY Sat 4 Feb

11am

Tickets £13.25

Age Guide 2+

Running Time 1 hour
(no interval)

Join Nick Cope, star of CBeebies' *Popcast*, for his popular family music show.

Nick Cope has been writing and recording his beautiful and totally unique songs for children and their families for over 10 years. He performs with his guitar and animations to sell-out crowds all over the country.

For children under 18 months please purchase a £1 babe in arms ticket from the Box Office.



THE DOLLY SHOW

MUSIC Sat 4 Feb

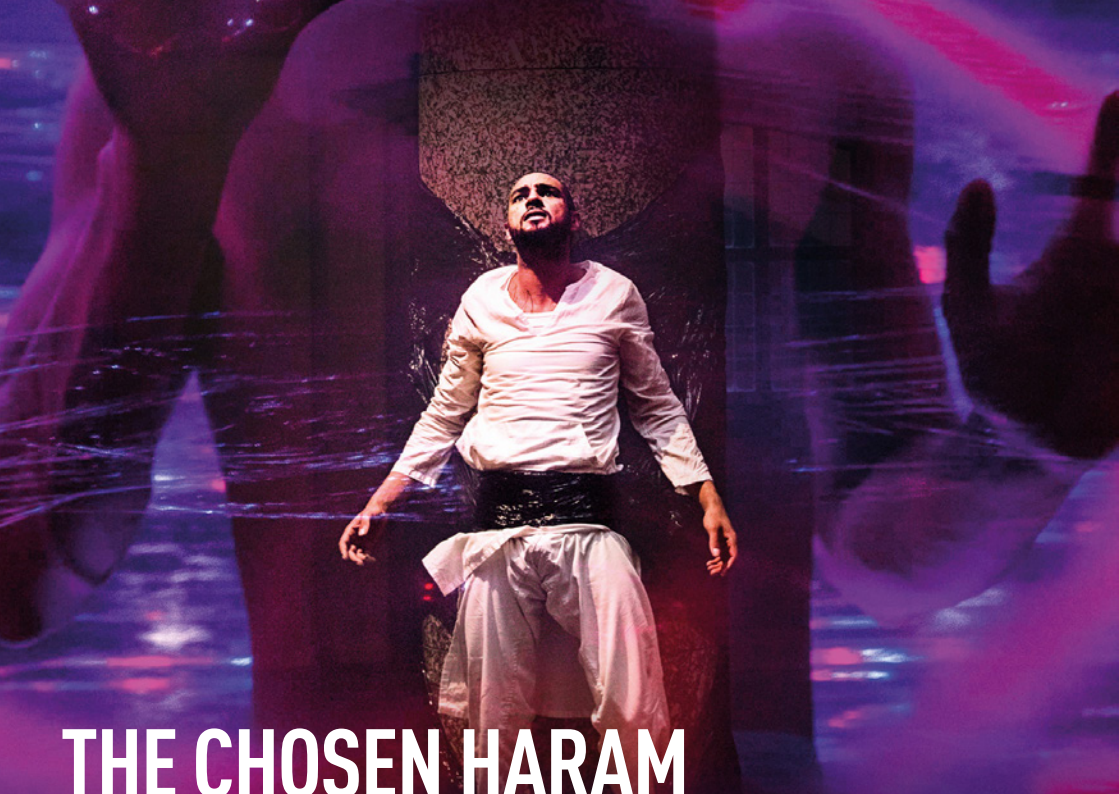
7.45pm 

Tickets £25.25

As seen on BBC One and voted the UK's number 1 Dolly tribute, with stunning performances by West End star Kelly O'Brien.

Kelly performs the beloved hits of country legend Dolly Parton, brilliantly recreating the vitality and voice of the little lady from Tennessee.

The show includes up-tempo numbers like *9 to 5*, *Baby I'm Burning* and *Islands in the Stream*, as well as powerful ballads such as *I Will Always Love You* and *Jolene*.



THE CHOSEN HARAM

PRESENTED BY SADIQ ALI AND PRODUCED BY TURTLE KEY ARTS

CIRCUS

Thu 2 Feb

7.45pm 

Tickets £18.25 (£14.75 concs)

Age Guide 16+ (includes scenes of a sexual nature, drug use and images that some people may find upsetting)

Running Time 1hr 5mins
(no interval)

This show contains strobe and flashing lights.

A stunning circus performance based on real life experiences of LGBTQ+ people who identify as (ex) Muslim.

Expect a heady mix of love, drugs and Islam in this unique and complex take on circus, performed on two Chinese poles.

The Chosen Haram deals with themes of sexuality, faith, addiction and connection. It is a story about two gay men and their chance meeting through a dating app, portraying the highs and lows of their relationship and the social, cultural and personal barriers they face in seeking happiness and fulfillment.

This important piece is emotionally candid with moments of humour and joy, set to a banging soundtrack.

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'POWERFUL, STRONG AND SENSUAL'

THE QUEER REVIEW

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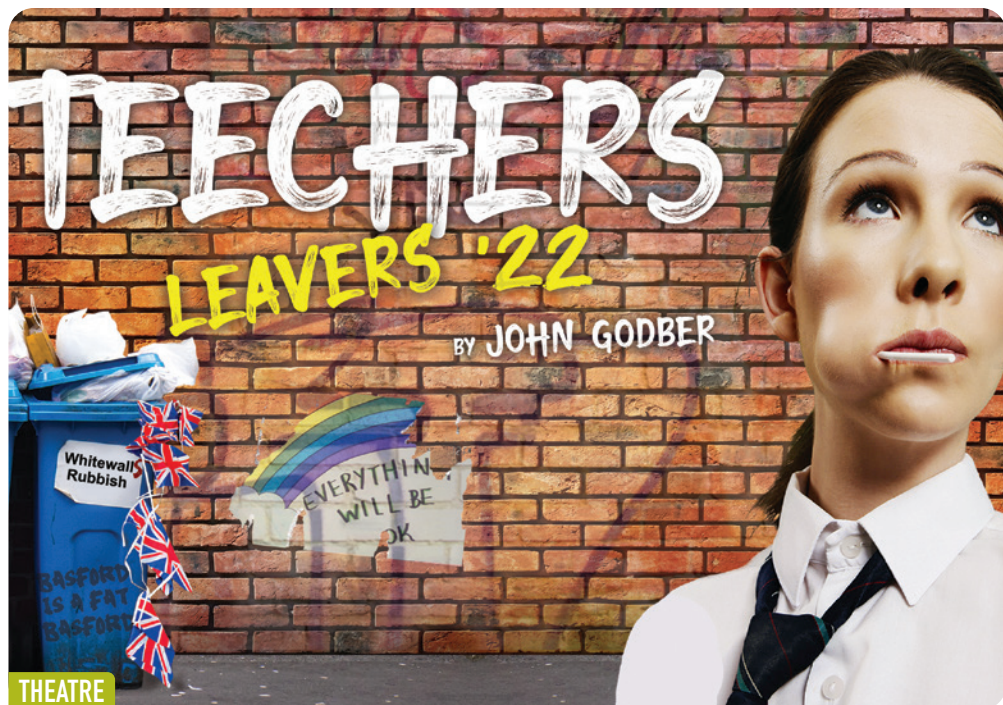
'ELEVATES A BOY MEETS-BOY LOVE STORY INTO SOMETHING DREAM-LIKE'

THE GUARDIAN

TEEACHERS LEAVERS '22

FEBRUARY

PRESENTED BY BLACKKEYED THEATRE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTH HILL PARK



THEATRE

Tue 7 & Thu 9 Feb

7.30pm

Wed 8 Feb

1.30pm & 7.30pm



Tickets £19.25 (£16.25 concs
& £11 schools)

Age Guide 11+ (contains
strong language)

Running Time 2hrs 10mins
(including interval)

Buckle up for the world premiere tour of John Godber's breath-taking, breakneck comedy about education for the 'haves' and 'have nots' and a generation left behind.

Hilarious, high energy and full blooded, *Teechers Leavers '22* brings to life an array of terrifying teachers and hopeless pupils through the eyes of Salty, Gail and Hobby; three Year 11 students facing a scary world, armed only with imagination and a joy of theatre.

It's 2022 at Whitewall, a struggling academy that's failed its Ofsted. The bell's gone and they can't afford a new one. The first fifteen have lost 67 - 0 and the playing field needs levelling up. Enter Miss Nixon, a new drama teacher with fire in her belly, a lesson for the elite and a well 'sick' Tik Tok!

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FEBRUARY



SHARK IN THE PARK

FAMILY

Sat 11 Feb 1pm & 3pm

Sun 12 Feb 11am & 2pm

Tickets £14.75 (£12.75 concs)

Age Guide 3+

Running Time 1 hour [no interval]

Timothy Pope is looking through his telescope – but wait, is that a shark, in the park!?

This fin-tastic family musical follows Timothy Pope (and his telescope!) on three exciting adventures, taking audiences on a fun-filled journey through all three of Nick Sharratt's much loved *Shark in the Park* books – *Shark in the Park*, *Shark in the Dark* and *Shark in the Park on a Windy Day*!

From the creative team behind *The Hairy Maclary* and *Friends Show* and *You Choose*.

'ANOTHER FOOT TAPPING MUSICAL DELIGHT OF SHOW'
EDINBURGHFESTIVALFOR – KIDS



BABATUNDE ALÉSHÉ: BABAHOOD

PRESENTED BY LIVE NATION IN ASSOCIATION
WITH UTC ARTIST MANAGEMENT

COMEDY **Sat 11 Feb** 8pm

Tickets £15.75

Age Guide 16+

Join the multi award winning star of *Celebrity Googlebox* as he talks family and fatherhood in this highly anticipated debut tour.

As seen on *Jonathan Ross Comedy Club* (ITV1), *Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains* (Comedy Central) and *Mo Gilligan's Black British & Funny* (Channel 4).



QUEENZ

THE SHOW WITH BALLS!

VARIETY

Sat 18 Feb



5pm & 8pm

Tickets £26.25

Age Guide 16+

Running Time 80mins
(no interval)

QUEENZ Party Edition is an 80-minute sing your face off, laugh out loud, party!

This is the trailblazing, life affirming drag extravaganza taking the UK by storm.

Featuring mind blowing live vocals, and not a lip-sync in sight, join these death-dropping divas as they slay the biggest hits of all time and serve up the sequin-clad pop party we've all been gagging for!

Get ready to sing along to reimagined classics from Spice Girls, Lady Gaga, Little Mix, Britney, Whitney, and everything in between. *Queenz* is drag like you've never heard it before!

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THE AMAZING BUBBLE MAN

FAMILY **Tue 14 Feb** 11.30am & 2pm

Tickets £16.75 (£13.75 under-18s)

Running Time 1hr 10mins (no interval)

Discover the magic, art, science and fun of bubbles with bubble-ologist, Louis Pearl!

Louis explores the breath-taking dynamics of bubbles, combining comedy and artistry with audience participation and enough spellbinding bubble tricks to keep everyone mesmerised.

From square bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, fog-filled bubbles, giant bubbles, bubble volcanoes, tornadoes and trampolines to people inside bubbles, *The Amazing Bubble Man* conjures shrieks of laughter and gasps of amazement from all ages.

'THIS SHOW CAPTIVATED ITS YOUNG AUDIENCE AND THE ADULTS LOVED IT AS WELL. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED'

BRITISH THEATRE GUIDE



90S LIVE

MUSIC **Fri 24 Feb** 7.45pm

Tickets £30.25

Spice up your life with this ultimate 90s night out!

Sing along to the music of a generation brought to life with fantastic vocals, genius costumes and, of course, all the dance moves you know and love.

From Take That to Oasis, Spice Girls to Supergrass get ready for this non-stop 90s extravaganza as we set you free and pump up the jam with songs by Britney Spears, Ricky Martin, The Vengaboys, Bryan Adams, Boyzone, S Club 7, Shania Twain and many more.



UNKNOWNREALMS: DOUBLE BILL

PRESENTED BY ACE DANCE AND MUSIC

DANCE

Thu 23 Feb

7.45pm 

Tickets £16.25
(£13.25 concs, £11
schools)

Age Guide 7+

Running Time 1hr 15mins
(including interval)

The world we once knew is becoming one we have yet to understand...

Rooted in African and contemporary culture, *UNKNOWNREALMS* is performed against a backdrop of stunning scenography and dynamic multidimensional soundscapes by Andy Garbi and Yvan Talbot.

These two contrasting works examine the past and present, as six dancers rise from the ashes with powerful explosive dance that uncovers the rich history of lives lived; memories, human struggle and people letting go...

ACE dance and music collaborate with two internationally acclaimed male choreographers, Serge Aimé Coulibaly and Vincent Mantsoe, to present this all-embracing, multi-layered production that celebrates sheer mortality, perseverance and hope overcoming adversity.

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FEBRUARY/MARCH



RAVE ON: THE ULTIMATE 50S & 60S EXPERIENCE

MUSIC **Sat 25 Feb** 7.45pm 

Tickets £27.25

The 50s & 60s musical sensation that's sweeping the nation.

Charting the meteoric rise of Rock and Roll, *Rave On* is a thrilling tour through music's most revolutionary decades. Prepare to be enthralled with an evening of vibrant vintage costumes, colourful staging and dancing in the aisles! Exceptional renditions of the most loved records from the 1950s and 60s are performed by an incredibly talented, era-obsessed group of talented young musicians.

Rave On features hits from the likes of Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, Connie Francis, Neil Sedaka, Little Richard, Roy Orbison, Lulu, The Beach Boys and many more.



THE PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA

MUSIC **Thu 2 Mar** 7.45pm

Tickets £26.25 (£16.25 under-25s)

An evening of golden era music from the 1920s and 30s.

With an unparalleled reputation across the UK and beyond, for over 50 years The Pasadena Roof Orchestra have been performing to widespread acclaim. Join them for an evening of beautifully arranged songs from Irving Berlin, Ray Noble, Cole Porter and their contemporaries and re-live electrifying hot jazz from Fletcher Henderson and Duke Ellington, presented by suave singer and band leader, Duncan Galloway.

'AN EVENING OF RARE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT'
THE FINANCIAL TIMES



ROCK FOR HEROES

MUSIC **Fri 3 Mar** 7.45pm

Tickets £21.75 (£19.25 concs)

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

The UK's No. 1 touring rock show is back!

Rock For Heroes transports you back to when you first heard iconic bands like Bon Jovi, The Eagles and Prince for the very first time, celebrating the legendary members of The Rock n Roll Hall of Fame.

Brought to you by a seven-piece live band and performed with amazing lighting and sound, the incredible singers and musicians will have you laughing out loud whilst rocking out in the aisles to over 20 classic rock hits.



SOMETHING ABOUT GEORGE: THE GEORGE HARRISON STORY

MUSIC **Sat 4 Mar** 7.45pm

Tickets £26.75 (£24.75 concs)

A musical biopic tribute to the so-called 'quiet' Beatle, celebrating what would have been George's 80th birthday.

Starring West End actor and musician Daniel Taylor, *Something About George* tells the truly remarkable tale of one of music's most understated icons.

Featuring a five-piece band performing beautiful songs such as *My Sweet Lord*, *Something*, *Got My Mind Set on You* and *Handle with Care*, the show includes incredible solo material and music from rock 'n' roll's greatest supergroup, The Travelling Wilburys – not forgetting more than a few Beatles classics along the way. From heartbreak to hedonism and song writing to instant success, *Something About George* will show you a life that was anything but quiet.

MARCH



ON TRACK

PRESENTED BY SOUTH STREET ARTS &
REDCAPE THEATRE

THEATRE **Tue 7 Mar** **7.45pm**

Tickets £16.25 (£14.25 concs)

Age guide 14+

Running Time 1 hour (no interval)

A life affirming new play taking you on a journey of emotional discovery through the history of women's cycling.

March 2020. Kit is a resourceful working mother of two who thrives in a fast-paced world, but when lockdown hits, her world shrinks. With the walls closing in, two wheels become her sanctuary, and her escape.

Exploring the effects of isolation on mental health and showing how a simple bicycle can become a vehicle to freedom, *On Track* will inspire you to pump up your tyres and ride out on a new adventure too.

On Track draws on true stories and uses RedCape Theatre's trademark blend of comedy and visual, physical theatre.



AN EVENING WITH KATE MOSSE

TALK **Wed 8 Mar** **7.45pm**

Tickets £31.25

Kate Mosse OBE presents her first ever theatre tour, *Warrior Queens & Quiet Revolutionaries: How Women (Also) Built the World.*

Part detective story, part love letter about how history is made, part celebration of extraordinary, brilliant trail-blazing and inspirational women throughout history, *Warrior Queens & Quiet Revolutionaries* will surprise, amaze, challenge and perhaps even encourage some to undertake a little family history research of their own.

With storytelling, music and images, Kate will introduce audiences to the mothers of invention, pirate queens, and unsung heroines of our world.



VINCENT SIMONE: TANGO PASSIONS

DANCE **Fri 10 Mar** 7.45pm

Tickets £39.25 (£82.25 VIP Experience)

Argentine Tango King and *Strictly Come Dancing* legend, Vincent Simone brings heat to our stage in *Tango Passions*.

Accompanied by Argentine Tango specialist Paula Duarte as his leading lady alongside a cast of world-class dance specialists, let the original Italian stallion take you on a journey to Buenos Aires and enjoy his dancing, tales and poetry about the history of the Argentine Tango.

Featuring music from Astor Piazzolla and the Gotan Project, this sexy, passionate night of dance is not to be missed!



COME WHAT MAY: THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO MOULIN ROUGE

PRESENTED BY SWEENEY ENTERTAINMENTS AND
SISCO PRODUCTIONS

MUSIC **Sat 11 Mar** 7.45pm 

Tickets £31.75

The ultimate tribute to *Moulin Rouge*, starring *Strictly Come Dancing*'s Robin Windsor.

Kick up your heels at this all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza as you enter the secret world of one of the greatest movie-musicals of all time.

Come What May is bursting at the seams with timeless classics performed by a top West End cast, including *Come What May*, *Your Song*, *Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend*, *Roxanne* and *Lady Marmalade*, plus hit songs from *The Greatest Showman* and other iconic movie musicals.

It's a 'Spectacular, Spectacular' evening of unforgettable dancing, dreams, adventure and above all – love!

Tilted Wig presents York Theatre Royal's production



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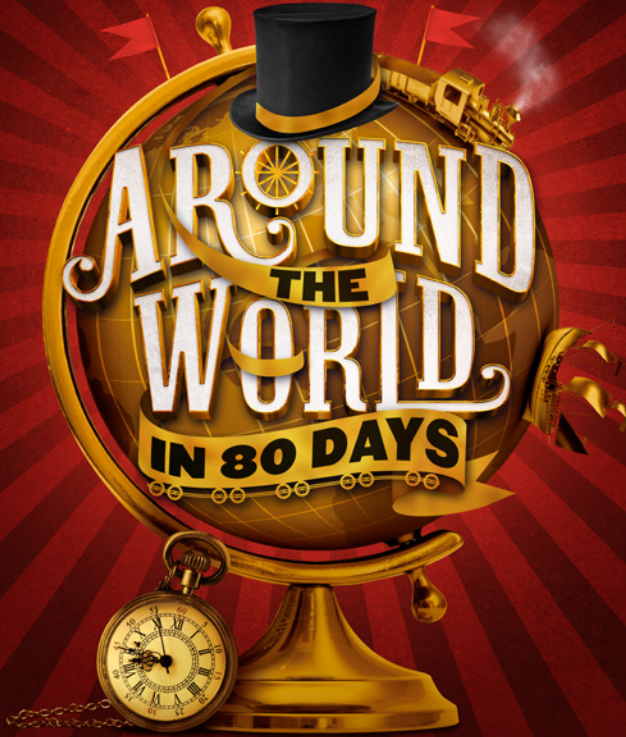
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'BEST FAMILY THEATRE... CAPTIVATES YOUNG AND OLD'

The Stage



THEATRE

Thu 16 Mar

7pm

Fri 17 & Sat 18 Mar

2pm & 7pm

Tickets £21.25 [£19.25 concs]

Age Guide 7+

Running Time 2 hours
(including interval)



**'BEST FAMILY THEATRE...
CAPTIVATES YOUNG AND OLD'**

THE STAGE



'RIP-ROARING DRAMA'

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Join our raggle-taggle band of travelling circus performers as they embark on their most daring feat yet.

See talented performers and acrobats dive and tumble as they recreate the adventures of Phileas Fogg as he sets off on his race around the world.

But wait... who is this Nellie Bly biting at his heels? We can't have an actual, real-life woman win this race!

Sit back and enjoy as our skilled performers traverse every country, embrace each character and navigate each mode of transport as fact clashes with fiction in this madcap adventure around the globe.

Starring Alex Phelps, Genevieve Sabherwal, Katriona Brown, Eddie Mann and Wilson Benedito, Tilted Wig presents York Theatre Royal's production of *Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne, adapted and directed by Juliet Forster.





NT CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY Thu 23 & Fri 24 Mar 7pm

Tickets £8

Age Guide 13+ (contains strong language)

The Corn Exchange Intermediate Youth Theatre takes to the stage.

Connections is the National Theatre's annual, nationwide youth theatre festival championing the talent of young people from across the UK.

Each year the National Theatre commissions ten new plays for young people to perform, bringing together some of the UK's most exciting writers with the theatre-makers of tomorrow.

This year's chosen production is *Is My Microphone On?* by Jordan Tannahill.

How do we move forward from here? Young people will no longer be able to avoid the consequences of climate change. They speak to adults, holding them to account, questioning the choices that have not been made, the ones that children will be forced to make, and what kind of future they stand to inherit.



SING-A-LONG-A ENCANTO

MUSIC Sat 25 Mar 1pm & 5pm 

Tickets £18.75 (£14.75 under-18s)

Buy 10 get the 11th free

Running Time 2hrs 20mins (including interval)

Gather la familia! It's time to celebrate something truly magical.

Sing along with this special screening of the 2021 hit movie, *Encanto*! Cheer on Mirabel as she tries to save the magic surrounding the Encanto. Sing your heart out as the lyrics appear on the screen and have fun with the sing-a-long-a host, who will teach you some dance moves, help you create some magic and show you how to use your free props bag.

And remember, we don't talk about Bruno, (no no no)!

This is a screening of the movie not a live stage show.

MARCH



SPRING EQUINOX

COMMUNITY

Tue 28 Mar

Act 1 7pm Act 2 8.30pm

Tickets £13.25 per act, £22.50 for both acts

Presented by ACE Dance Studios, this year's Spring Equinox performance is a special celebration marking 20 years leading innovative and inspiring dance in West Berkshire.

Spring Equinox is a celebration of dance performed by West Berkshire schools, youth dance companies, community projects and specialist performing arts colleges. Audiences can come and watch one of the acts or both at a discounted rate, as the dance platform showcases two 'mini' dance shows across one evening. This is a great opportunity to watch the wealth of talent on our doorstep.



CHRIS McCAUSLAND: SPEAKY BLINDER

COMEDY

Fri 31 Mar

8pm



Tickets £21.25 (£19.25 concs)

Age Guide 16+

Chris McCausland joins us with his latest hilarious tour, *Speaky Blinder*.

Star of the Royal Variety Performance, *Would I Lie to You?*, *Have I Got News for You*, *QI*, and *Live at the Apollo*, Chris McCausland is on tour with a stand-up show about life, family, and loads of other nonsense.

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Room on the Broom



**LIVE
ON STAGE**

FAMILY

Sat 1 Apr

1.30pm & 4.30pm

Sun 2 Apr

11am & 2pm

Tickets £14.75
(£11.75 concs)

Age Guide 3+

Running Time 1 hour
(no interval)

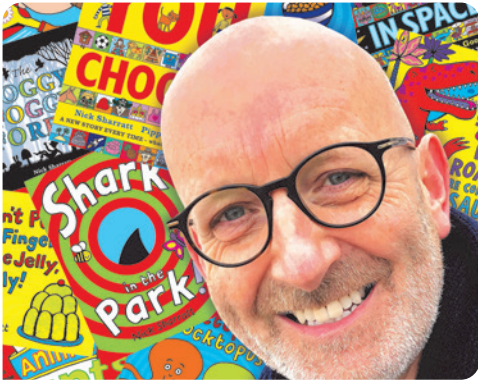
Jump on board the broom with the witch and her cat in Tall Stories' fun-filled adaptation of the best-selling picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

The witch and her cat are travelling on their broomstick when they pick up some hitch-hikers – a friendly dog, a beautiful green bird and a frantic frog. But this broomstick's not meant for five and – CRACK – it snaps in two... just as the hungry dragon appears!

Will there ever be room on the broom for everyone? Find out in the magical Olivier Award-nominated show for everyone aged 3 and up.

Room on the Broom © Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler 2002 – Macmillan Children's Books

Based on the best-selling book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler



NICK SHARRATT'S DRAW ALONG

FAMILY Tue 4 Apr 2pm

Tickets £13.25

Age Guide 4+

Running Time 1hr 15mins (no interval)

Here comes Nick Sharratt's All-New Picture Book Draw Along!

Join this much-loved children's writer and illustrator in a family-friendly, fun filled draw-along for all ages.

He'll be sketching fab characters from his very latest stories, and you'll get to draw along with him. Whether it's spectacular space aliens, funny fairy-tale folk or extraordinary elephants, you'll have a whale of a time!

Nick has illustrated close to 300 books including his much-loved *You Choose*, *Shark in the Park* and *Pants* series.



FRANCIS ROSSI: TUNES AND CHAT

MUSIC Thu 6 Apr 7.45pm

Tickets £32.25
(£47.25 VIP, £82.25 Meet & Greet)

Status Quo legend Francis Rossi celebrates over 50 years in the industry.

Francis Rossi is taking up his acoustic guitar to bring you a selection of well-known hits and some previously never-performed-live tunes. It'll be a unique evening in which Francis will reprise fan favourites from a remarkable 50+ year career.

Expect original-style, acoustic versions of Quo classics, threaded together with chat in this music based evening.

VIP packages are available for those wishing to meet Francis before the show.

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF



COMMUNITY

Fri 14 – Sun 16 Apr

1pm & 6pm

Tickets £16.25
(£13.75 concs)

Presented by Corn Exchange's Infant and Junior Youth Theatre, based on the novel by L. Frank Baum.

Join us as our Infant and Junior Youth Theatre presents *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the fantastical story of a little girl, her dog and the magical Land of Oz.

Young Dorothy Gale finds herself whisked away to the magical Land of Oz by a Kansas cyclone. How will she ever find her way home?

Wearing the magic ruby slippers, and under the kindly protection of the Good Witch of the North, Dorothy sets out to ask the Wonderful Wizard for advice. On the way, she finds both adventure and friends; the Cowardly Lion who thinks he needs courage, the Scarecrow who thinks he needs brains, and the sentimental Tin Woodsman who desperately yearns for a warm heart.

Box Office 01635 522733

APRIL



BROMANCE

PRESENTED BY BARELY METHODICAL TROUPE

CIRCUS **Wed 19 Apr** 7.45pm

Tickets £20.25 (£11 schools)

Age Guide 8+

Running Time 1 hour (no interval)

International award winning smash hit *Bromance* is a five-star circus show about camaraderie and affection.

An audacious, touching, exhilarating tour-de-force of physical heroics where handshakes become handstands and backslaps become backflips.

Among the UK's hottest circus companies, Barely Methodical Troupe are at the forefront of a new kind of physical performance, creating highly entertaining shows that mix the show-stopping acrobatics of circus with the emotional punch of theatre.

Winners of 2013 Circus Maximus Award; 2014 Total Theatre & Jackson's Lane Award for Circus.



'JAW-DROPPINGLY MAGNIFICENT SHOW...' **THE STAGE**



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AXEL BLAKE

PRESENTED BY SJM CONCERTS
AND GAG REFLEX

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

COMEDY **Thu 20 Apr** 8pm 

Tickets £22.25

Age Guide 16+

Britain's Got Talent 2022 winner Axel Blake is heading out on the road with his new show, *In Style*.

From the wilds of Dunstable, Axel Blake arrived on the country's living room screens in style as Simon Cowell's golden buzzer on *Britain's Got Talent*. His observational comedy paired with his witty charm captivated the audience, propelling him to be crowned 2022 Champion of the hit show. Following his appearance in the 2022 Royal Variety Show, he is hitting the road with his first ever national tour.



SHAPE OF YOU

MUSIC Sat 22 Apr 7pm

Tickets £27.25 (£24.25 concs, £17.25 under-16s)

Bringing the music of Ed Sheeran to life on our stage.

This outstanding new tribute show draws on the awesome anthology of Sheeran's hit albums, *Divide*, *Multiply* and *Equals*. Sad songs, happy songs, and all stops in between – from aching acoustic arrangements to beatbox rap and soulful singalongs, all authentically delivered with signature loop pedal precision.

A treat for any Ed Sheeran fan, *Shape of You* will feature *Thinking Out Loud*, *The A-Team*, *Castle on the Hill*, *Sing*, *Lego House*, *Bad Habits* and many more.



THE CAVERN BEATLES

MUSIC Sat 29 Apr 7.45pm

Tickets £28.75 (£27.75 under-25s)

Take a *Magical History Tour* through the works of the world's greatest pop music phenomenon, The Beatles.

The Cavern Beatles replicate in both sight and sound the excitement and energy of Beatlemania, the psychedelic era of Sgt. Pepper, and the creative masterpieces of *The White Album* and *Abbey Road*.

The band are fully endorsed by the legendary Cavern Club in Liverpool, where The Beatles themselves made 292 appearances.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: THE VALLEY OF FEAR

PRESENTED BY BLACKEYED THEATRE, IN
ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTH HILL PARK

THEATRE

Wed 26 & Thu 27 Apr

7.30pm

Tickets £20.75 (£18.75 concs, £11 schools)

Age Guide 11+

Running Time 2hrs 10mins (including interval)

**'It is the Valley of Fear, the Valley of
Death. The terror is in the hearts of
the people from the dusk to the dawn'**

Crammed full of adventure, mystery and of course one or two rather brilliant deductions, *The Valley of Fear* sees Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's thrilling final Sherlock Holmes novel brought to life in this spectacular new stage adaptation.

A mysterious, coded message is received, a warning of imminent danger, drawing Sherlock Holmes and the faithful Dr Watson into a tale of intrigue and murder stretching from 221B Baker Street to an ancient moated manor house to the bleak Pennsylvanian Vermissa Valley. Faced with a trail of bewildering clues, Holmes begins to unearth a darker, wider web of corruption, a secret society and the sinister work of one Professor Moriarty.

Original music, stylish theatricality and magical story-telling combine for an unforgettable theatrical experience.

The game's afoot!





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For The Base see the Learning Centre
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TERMS

- Tickets are non-refundable except in the case of a cancelled event.
- In the case of a sold-out show £1 per ticket will be payable on tickets returned for resale and exchange. Companions are exempt from this charge.
- Postage £1.20 charge which is non-refundable.
- Only one discount per ticket and proof required to collect concessionary tickets.
- Tickets for babies up to 18 months cost a £1 administration fee.
- All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult.
- Pushchairs and prams will not be permitted inside the auditorium.
- Some ticket prices include a contribution of either £1 or 50p to the investment fund levy. This is part of the agreed contractual arrangements with the visiting company.
- Some performances are on general sale in advance of the publication of the brochure; subscribe to receive emails to be notified of any additions to the programme.
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- All tickets are sold subject to availability and our current terms and conditions. For full T&Cs please visit cornexchangenew.com/legal

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- Please tell us when booking if you require an induction loop, if you use a wheelchair or if you have any additional access needs.
- The Corn Exchange, Learning Centre and The Base are fully accessible by wheelchair and toilets are accessible.
- Access dogs are welcome.
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