



# GRAND OPERA HOUSE

BELFAST.

**SENSATIONAL SHOWS TO MAKE YOU SMILE!**  
**Spring – Autumn 2022**

## **Welcome back to Northern Ireland's Premier Theatre!**

The recently completed dramatic restoration project we have undertaken at the Grand Opera House has revived the full architectural splendour and decorative magic of the auditorium, which the first audiences marvelled at in 1895.

125 years ago, the Grand Opera House was famed for comfort, style, state-of-the-art lighting, and the most advanced standards of stage presentation. Striving to do our best for today's audiences, the restoration project has delivered new seating, air conditioning, modifications to eliminate access barriers, and sophisticated lighting, flying, and sound systems to present to West End standards technically complex shows in their full glory.

The charming but compact Victorian front-of-house spaces have been supplemented by a spacious new foyer with its centrepiece spiral staircase via which today's audiences arrive in comfort and style, entering a heritage auditorium as beautiful as any in the world: truly a dramatic spectacle even before the curtain rises!

## **A Welcome from Ian Wilson, Chief Executive, Grand Opera House**

Branded "Cirque and Grand Opera House in 1895, as the frontage still proclaims, the Theatre did indeed present circus and grand opera, and everything in between. The renaissance of theatre going we have embarked on rests on a similarly ambitious approach to programming across the widest possible range: the pick of new and popular musicals; top-quality shows for families; exquisite ballet and opera; cutting-edge comedy; contemporary shows by local playwrights and performers; magic and illusion; gripping drama...and the biggest pantomime in Northern Ireland!

Through the Theatre's Creative Learning programme there are abundant opportunities for younger people to develop their taste and talent for live theatre. A highlight will be the 2022 Summer Youth Production, now celebrating ten years during which thousands of young people have performed on the Theatre's iconic stage. This year, full of tunes you can't stop whistling, as well as witty comedy, colourful characters and swashbuckling adventure, *The Pirates of Penzance* will proudly feature our stars of tomorrow.

The programme also includes musical wizardry and adventure for families in the form of Disney's *Bedknobs and Broomsticks*; rock'n'roll exhilaration in the Meat Loaf musical *Bat Out of Hell*; the return of genius illusionist Derren Brown; and from Northern Ballet, a magical staging of *The Little Mermaid*. Read on to discover the riches in store in 2022!

### **Welcome from Roisin McDonough, Chief Executive, Arts Council of Northern Ireland**

It's such a pleasure to be writing a welcome back message to everyone at the Grand Opera House. The Theatre is back to full strength, with sell-out shows playing to hugely appreciative audiences. I think the past two years have made everyone appreciate, more than ever perhaps, the importance and the value of the arts in our lives, not least the joy, the inspiration and the lift we all get from a great night out at the theatre.

This season's programme will appeal to the widest possible tastes, as indeed a "theatre for everyone" should. I would draw your attention to the excellent locally produced shows. Northern Ireland Opera returns to the big stage with their new production of *La Traviata*, leading amateur musical theatre company Ulster Operatic presents *West Side Story* and, prior to its Edinburgh Festival premiere, there is the opportunity to see Richard O'Rawe and Martin Lynch's critically-acclaimed *In the Name of the Son*, plus there's brand new locally-

themed comedy in the form of Action Ability's Viva Las Belfast and Diona Doherty's Bridesmaids of Northern Ireland.

The Arts Council, as principal funder, is proud to support this truly incomparable Theatre as it continues to entertain and enrich the lives of so very many through the arts. Enjoy the show!

### **The Osmonds a New Musical**

TUE 12 – SAT 16 APR 2022

We're having a party and you're invited! One Family.

One Hundred Million Records. One True Story.

THE OSMONDS: A new musical tells the official story from Jay Osmond about the five brothers from Utah who were pushed into the spotlight as children and went on to create smash hits decade after decade. From their star residency on The Andy Williams Show to the arrival of Donny and Marie, the Osmonds lived a remarkable life recording chart-topping albums, selling out vast arena concerts and making record-breaking TV shows - until one bad decision cost them everything.

Directed by Shaun Kerrison and choreographed by Olivier Award-winning Bill Deamer, this brand-new musical features smash-hit anthems including Love Me For A Reason, Crazy Horses, Let Me In, Puppy Love, One Bad Apple, Long Haired Lover From Liverpool and Paper Roses.

Suitable for all ages

Audio described Performance: Thur 14 April. 7.30pm

Signed Performance: Thur 14 April, 7.30pm

Tickets: £47.50 - £17.50 (incl. booking fee)

Tue-Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Tue-Thur) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Tue-Thur)

## **Derren Brown SHOWMAN**

TUE 19 – SAT 23 APR 2022

The multi award-winning master of mind control and psychological illusion, Derren Brown, is back, launching his first brand-new theatre show in six years: SHOWMAN.

Derren is at his very best on stage. His one-man shows have received wide critical acclaim and more Olivier wins and nominations than any other in history! In his previous visits to the Grand Opera House Derren's shows have sold out quickly. The content of SHOWMAN remains a closely guarded secret, but if you've seen him before, you know you're in for a powerhouse treat!

Age Recommendation: 12+

TUE – SAT 7.30PM / SAT 2.30pm

Tickets: £55.50 - £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

## **Michael Harrison Presents**

### **Disney's Bedknobs and Broomsticks**

WED 27 APR – SUN 1 MAY 2022

Enter a world of magic and fantasy as Disney's classic movie *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* makes its world premiere as an exciting new stage musical.

With the original songs by the legendary Sherman Brothers (*Mary Poppins*, *The Jungle Book*, *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*), including *Portobello Road*, *The Age Of Not Believing*, *The Beautiful Briny*, and new music and lyrics by Neil Bartram and book by Brian Hill, *Bedknobs and Broomsticks* will be brought to life by award-winning theatre-makers Candice Edmunds and Jamie Harrison.

When the three orphaned Rawlins children are reluctantly evacuated from wartime London to live with the mysterious Eglantine Price, they have no idea what adventures lie ahead. Upon discovering Eglantine to be a trainee witch, they join forces to search for a secret spell that will defeat the enemy once and for all. Armed with an enchanted bedknob, a bewitched broomstick and a magical flying bed, they encounter surprising new friendships on their journey from Portobello Road to the depths of the beautiful briny sea. It's time to start believing.

Age Recommendation: 5+

Captioned Performance: Thur 28 April, 7.30pm

Audio described Performance: Sat 30 April, 2.30pm

Tickets: £49.50 - £27.00 (incl. booking fee)

Wed – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm / Sun 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Groups 20+: £3 off per seat (Wed & Thur 7.30pm performances price band I only)

Schools: £15 per pupil (Thur matinee only)

## **SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE PERFECT EVENT**

If you're looking for a really special venue to hire for an event, the newly restored Grand Opera House might be the perfect location. Our spacious Studio with its own private bar is available for conferences, dinners and other large events. The Studio can be set up for presentations and talks with a 120-seat bleacher system, overhead projector and full audio-visual package, or can be transformed into an intimate setting for banqueting, seating up to 72 guests.

For the most memorable night out in Northern Ireland, you can combine an event in The Studio with tickets to see one of our spectacular shows in the main auditorium. Why not finish your conference with a West End musical, or begin a staff night out at the Theatre with a private drinks reception?

Contact us by emailing [events@goh.co.uk](mailto:events@goh.co.uk) for a bespoke proposal about how we can bring the magic of theatre to your event.

'A fantastic time was had by all. Brilliant service, amazing venue, magical show - unforgettable night!' Paddy Grace, Group Customer, Marketing Manager, Mears Group PLC

## **BE ENTERTAINED WHILE ENTERTAINING**

The Theatre's six sumptuous boxes make the ideal setting for client or staff entertaining, and hospitality packages with champagne, sweet and savoury treats can also be pre-booked to enjoy in your box before the show and during the interval. Boxes can be booked for single shows, or for regular entertaining throughout the year.

Call us on 028 9024 1919 for more information about prices and box availability.

## **West Side Story**

TUE 10 - SAT 14 MAY 2022

Ulster Operatic Company presents one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time, West Side Story.

Arthur Laurents' book remains as powerful, poignant and timely as ever. The score by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim are widely regarded as among the best ever written. The world's greatest love story – based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet – takes to the streets in this landmark Broadway musical.

Featuring beautiful melodies including Tonight, Maria, One Hand, One Heart and Somewhere, West Side Story promises drama, more than a few smiles and a gut-wrenching reminder of how love and hate exists inside us all.

Please note that this is an amateur production.

Age Recommendation: 15+

Signed Performance: Sat 14 May, 2.30pm

Tue - Sat 7.30pm / Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat

## **David Walliams' Gangsta Granny**

WED 18 – SUN 22 MAY 2022

It's Friday night and Ben knows that means one thing – staying with Granny! There will be cabbage soup, cabbage pie, cabbage cake and Ben knows one thing for sure – it's going to be soooooo boring! What Ben doesn't know is that Granny has a secret – and Friday nights are about to get more exciting than he could ever imagine, as he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime with his own Gangsta Granny!

From the acclaimed producers of Billionaire Boy and Awful Auntie comes the award-winning West End production of Gangsta Granny by the UK's best-selling author for children, David Walliams!

Age Recommendation: 5+

Tickets: £25.50 - £23.50 (incl. booking fee)

Wed – Sat 7.00pm / Thur 1.30pm / Fri 10.30am

Sat 2.30pm / Sun 11.00am & 3.00pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 10+: £16.75 per ticket

Schools: £11.50 with 1 free teacher in every 10 (available Thur 1.30pm and Fri 10.30am only)

Family ticket: £77 based on 2 adults + 2 children, or 1 adult + 3 children

## **The Cher Show**

TUE 24 – SAT 28 MAY 2022

The Grammy®, Oscar®, Emmy® and Golden Globe® award-winning Queen of reinvention has conquered it all. It's now time to turn back time with this fiercely fabulous kick-ass new musical, from the writer of Jersey Boys.

From a young kid with big dreams to the dizzying heights of global stardom, The Cher Show tells the story of Cher's meteoric rise to fame. In a dazzling glitter fest sparkling with Cher's signature wit and style, you'll be spinning in the aisles to the sounds of her biggest hits, including If I Could Turn Back Time, Strong Enough, Gypsies Tramps and Thieves, The Shoop Shoop Song, I Got You Babe and Believe.

Cher the love and book now for a joyous party musical fit for the Queen of pop.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Tickets: £49.50 - £19.50 (incl. booking fee)

Tue – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 10% off all performances except opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Tue -Thur)/ Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Tue -Thur)

## **Oti Mabuse – I AM HERE**

TUE 31 MAY - THUR 2 JUNE 2022

Don't miss Strictly sensation Oti Mabuse in I AM HERE – a whirlwind celebration of influences from her life. Prepare for a night of electrifying choreography as Oti is joined by some of the world's greatest dancers and the West End's finest singers and musicians.

Tickets: £47.50 - £37.50 (incl. booking fee)

Showtime: 7.30 PM

## **The Leading Ladies**

FRI 3 - SAT 4 JUNE 2022

Join Northern Ireland's own Leading Ladies and their band in the Grand Opera House Studio as they celebrate twenty fabulous years together! From classical crossover and musical theatre, to 40s/50s, Celtic and chart hits - all performed in their own inimitable vocal arrangements and close harmony style.

Tickets: £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

SHOWTIME: 7.45PM

## **Lore**

SAT 18 JUNE 2022

Famed for turning the legendary Teenage Kicks on its head, Lore bring captivating harmonies & finely crafted songs to The Studio at the Grand Opera House in what promises to be a great night of music and their biggest show yet. Lore will be accompanied by a choir for this special concert.

Tickets: £18.50 (incl. booking fee)

SHOWTIME: 8.00PM

## **Chicago**

MON 6 – SAT 11 JUNE 2022

Chicago, the 'sexiest musical ever' (Metro) is back, starring Coronation Street's Faye Brookes (Dancing On Ice, Grease) as Roxie Hart, and West End star Djalenga Scott (Annie, West Side Story) as Velma Kelly\*.

Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the roaring 1920s, Chicago is the story of nightclub dancer Roxie, who murders her on-the-side lover. Desperate to avoid

conviction, she dupes the public and media by hiring Chicago's slickest lawyer to transform her malicious crime into sensational headlines.

Created by the musical theatre talents John Kander, Fred Ebb and legendary choreographer Bob Fosse, Chicago's score includes Razzle Dazzle and All That Jazz. With 6 Tony Awards, 2 Olivier Awards and a Grammy®, it would be criminal to miss it.

\*Cast and performance schedule subject to change without notice.

Age Recommendation: 13+

Captioned Performance: Thur 9 June, 7.30pm

Signed Performance: Wed 8 June, 7.30pm

Tickets: £53.00 - £27.50 (incl. booking fee)

Mon – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 10% off all performances except opening night (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 10% off weekday matinees (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per ticket/ Groups 15+: £3 off per ticket

## **Jersey Boys**

WED 15 – SAT 25 JUNE 2022

The Internationally acclaimed stage sensation, Jersey Boys is working its way back to Belfast! This smash-hit musical has won 65 major awards and has been seen by over 27 million people worldwide.

They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and the radio just couldn't get enough of. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different

story – a story that has made them an international sensation all over again. The show features all their hits including Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Oh What A Night, Walk Like A Man, Can't Take My Eyes Off You and Working My Way Back To You.

Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Olivier Award-winning, original Broadway sensation, Jersey Boys. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's too good to be true.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Captioned Performance: Tues 21 June , 7.30pm

Audio described Performance: Fri 17 June, 7.30pm

Signed Performance: Thur 23 June, 7.30pm

Tickets: £59.00 - £31.50 (incl. booking fee)

Week 1: WED – Sat 7.30PM / Wed, Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Week 2: Mon – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 10% off any performance except opening night (week 1 only, max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Mon-Thur) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Mon-Thur)

### **Award winning Action Ability Belfast Present**

#### **Viva Las Belfast**

TUE 28 JUNE 2022

For one Night Only! Rumours are rife in not so sunny Las Belfast, that a few head-the-balls claiming to be Elvis Presley are bate'n about the town, all heading to the Elvis convention in the Ya Dope Ya Hotel to prove they are the real deal. With music from Elvis impersonator Jim the King Brown and band, and narrated by Robin Elliot, it'll be a fun-filled night.

Suitable for all ages  
Signed Performance

Tickets: £22.00 - £16.00 (incl. booking fee)

Showtime: 7.30pm

Gold & Silver Friends: 10% off (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat

### **Shane Todd - Grand**

WED 29 JUNE - SAT 2 JULY 2022

FRI 2 SEPT - SAT 3 SEPT 2022

Fresh from two shows in the SSE Arena, local comedy hero Shane Todd is hitting the iconic Grand Opera House with his brand-new show Grand. Grand is the eighth solo show from Shane Todd who has played comedy clubs all over the world and also hosts the massively popular Tea With Me podcast.

Age Recommendation: 16+

Tickets: £30.00 - £20.50 (incl. booking fee)

29 June – 1 July 8pm / 2 July 5pm & 8pm / 2 & 3 Sept 5pm & 9pm

Gold & Silver Friends: 10% off Fri 1 July (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Wed-Thur) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Wed-Thur)

## **The Grand Opera House Trust Present its 10th Summer Youth Production Season**

### **The Pirates of Penzance**

FRI 22 – SUN 24 JULY 2022

From the team that brought you Miss Saigon® School Edition, Bussy Malone, The Wizard of Oz and Oliver!, the Grand Opera House Trust presents a sparkling new production of The Pirates of Penzance for its 2022 Summer Youth Production. This highly skilled company – chosen from the best young talent Northern Ireland has to offer – will sing, dance and act their way through the most energetic, funny and accessible of all the Gilbert and Sullivan titles. Romance, thrilling choreography, madcap comedy and sublime singing is guaranteed as Northern Ireland's biggest youth production takes you on a journey of fun, frolics and fantasy. Join us as we swash our buckles this summer on the stage of the beautifully restored Grand Opera House – an experience not to be missed. Laughter guaranteed!

Suitable for all ages

Tickets: £25.00 - £16.50 (incl. booking fee)

Fri & Sat 7.00pm / Sat 2.00pm / Sun 1.00pm

Gold & Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Sun only) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Sun only)

### **Access for All**

Improving access for all theatregoers was a key priority of the restoration and development project in 2020. As a result of this, the Theatre now has more wheelchair positions with better views of the stage, an enhanced loop system for those with hearing impairments, and a step-free route around the bars and foyer spaces on all floors as well as on the Stalls level of the auditorium. A new and enlarged lift car has been installed, and all accessible toilets have been refurbished.

Many productions include accessible performances, with captioning, audio description and signing a regular feature of the programme. A relaxed performance takes place as part of the annual pantomime, and touch tours are also offered for selected shows. Box Office team members are happy to help you choose the most appropriate seat for maximum enjoyment of the show.

If you have any access needs, please register with the Theatre's free-to-join Access for All scheme which allows us to better understand your requirements and give you the best possible customer service. Theatregoers requiring assistance may be entitled to a complimentary essential companion Ticket, and these can also be booked by members of the Access for All scheme. Visit [goh.co.uk/accessibility](http://goh.co.uk/accessibility) for further information.

### **In The Name of The Son - The Gerry Conlon Story**

MON 25 – SAT 30 JULY 2022

Who can forget the TV images of Gerry Conlon outside The Old Bailey after his release from prison in 1989 proclaiming, "I am a totally innocent man!"? What happened next, and what kind of a man emerged from 14 years of soul-destroying imprisonment is the stuff of legend. Written by Gerry's lifelong friend Richard O'Rawe and Martin Lynch, this dramatic play explores the triumph of the human spirit over extreme adversity. Conlon's remarkable journey into 'freedom' saw him moving in the same circles as Johnny Depp and Shane McGowan, but away from the glamour and fuelled by an addiction to crack cocaine, his life was spiralling out of control. What emerges from the darkness is Conlon's resilience and his life-changing recovery, leading to him becoming a world-renowned Human Rights campaigner against other miscarriages of justice.

Age Recommendation: 14+

Captioned Performance: Thur 28 July, 7.30pm

Tickets: £31.75 - £20.00 (incl. booking fee)

Mon - Fri 7.30pm / Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Mon – Thur) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Mon – Thur)

**Bill Kenwright Presents Willy Russell's  
Blood Brothers**

TUE 2 – SAT 13 AUG 2022

Willy Russell's legendary musical tells the captivating and moving tale of twins separated at birth who grow up on opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again later in life with tragic consequences. Few musicals have been received with such acclaim as the multi-award-winning Blood Brothers.

Former X Factor finalist Niki Evans returns to the iconic role of Mrs Johnstone. Starring alongside her will be the touring circuit's all-time favourite Mickey, Sean Jones, who will be returning to the role for what will be his final ever Blood Brothers tour.

The superb score includes Bright New Day, Marilyn Monroe, Easy Terms and the emotionally charged hit Tell Me It's Not True.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Signed Performance: Wed 10 August, 7.30pm

Tickets: £45.00 - £13.25 (incl. booking fee)

Week 1: Tue – Sat 7.30pm / Wed, Thur, Sat 2.30pm

Week 2: Mon – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 10% off all week 1 performances except opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Mon – Thur) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Mon – Thur)/ Schools: £15 with 1 free teacher in every 10 (Wed & Thur 2.30PM)

## **SIX**

WED 17 – SUN 21 AUG 2022

DIVORCED - BEHEADED - LIVE!

The international smash hit musical SIX makes its royal return to Belfast! Multi award-winning, with a spectacularly successful soundtrack storming charts across the globe, this sell-out Tudor take-off has ‘an incredibly strong and powerful message. Boundary-pushing, genre-redefining’ (The Australian) and is ‘pure entertainment’ (The New York Times).

From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the six wives of Henry VIII take to the mic to tell their tales, remixing five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an 80-minute celebration of 21st century girl power. These Queens may have green sleeves, but their lipstick is rebellious red. Think you know the rhyme, think again... Divorced. Beheaded. LIVE!

Age Recommendation: 10+

Captioned Performance: Thur 18 August, 7.30pm

Tickets: £43.00 - £27.50 (incl. booking fee)

Wed – Sat 8.00pm / Thur & Sat 5.00pm / Sun 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Gold Friends: 10% off all performances except opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Wed & Thur, price band I only)

Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Wed & Thur, price band I only)

## **Bat Out of Hell**

TUE 23 - SAT 27 AUG 2022

It's electrified audiences in London, New York, Toronto and Germany, and won the audience-voted Evening Standard Award for Best New Musical. Now, Jim Steinman's spectacular musical Bat out of Hell hits the highway to Belfast. Bringing to life the legendary anthems of Jim Steinman and Meat Loaf, this critically acclaimed production uniquely combines the magic and excitement of a musical with the immense energy of rock 'n' roll. This wild child musical thunders through powerhouse hits including I'd Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That), Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad, Dead Ringer For Love and Bat Out of Hell in an exciting, over the top theatrical spectacle unlike any other.

Age Recommendation: 14+

Audio Described Performance: Saturday 27 August, 2.30pm

Signed Performance: Thurs 25 August, 7.30pm

Tickets: £55.50 - £30.50 (incl. booking fee)

Tue – Thur & Sat 7.30pm / Wed & Sat 2.30pm / Fri 5.00pm & 8.30pm

Gold Friends: 10% off all performances except opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Tue-Thur) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Tue-Thur)

## **Northern Ireland Opera Present Giuseppe Verdi's**

### **La Traviata**

SAT 10 – SAT 17 SEPT 2022

Come and celebrate the return of opera to the Grand Opera House!

Northern Ireland Opera presents a stunning new production of Verdi's La Traviata, one of the most famous pieces ever written, performed with the Ulster Orchestra and directed by NI Opera's Artistic Director Cameron Menzies.

La Traviata tells the story of the tragic love between the courtesan Violetta Valéry and the romantic Alfredo Germont. Falling hopelessly in love the two leave the dizzying heights of Paris society for the country. Their love affair threatens to shame Alfredo's family name, and his father confronts Violetta to try to persuade her to leave Alfredo. In an act of self-sacrifice Violetta agrees to leave her one true love, but ends up paying the ultimate price. Sung in Italian with English surtitles.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Tickets: £52.00 - £17.50 (incl. booking fee)

SAT, TUE, THUR, SAT 7.30pm

Gold & Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on 13 September (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat / Groups 15+: £3 off per sea

### **Dreamboats and Petticoats - Bringing on Back the Good Times**

MON 19 – SAT 24 SEPT 2022

THE GOOD TIMES ARE BACK! And so are Bobby, Laura, Sue, Norman and the gang! It's time to shake off those blues and rock 'n' roll like never before!

Special guest star Mark Wynter joins the cast in this feel-good show inspired by the latest release in the series of smash-hit, multimillion selling Dreamboats & Petticoats albums. Featuring some of the greatest hit songs ever written from Roy Orbison, Eddie Cochran, The Drifters, The Supremes, Connie Francis, The Walker Brothers and many, many more!

Age Recommendation: 12+

Mon – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)  
Groups 8+: £2 off per seat / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat

### **Heritage Theatre Tours**

With a newly restored auditorium and stunningly transformed foyer and bars spaces, the Grand Opera House is looking more beautiful than ever!

The best way to experience the Theatre is to come and see a show, but if you want to know more about the incredible history of this 19th century architectural jewel, then a Theatre Tour is for you.

Led by one of our knowledgeable Customer Experience Assistants, Theatre Tours give you the chance to explore the fascinating story of the Grand Opera House's rich and colourful history from 1895 to the present day. Follow in the footsteps of Charlie Chaplin, Luciano Pavarotti and Darcey Bussell by walking out onto the iconic stage, see what happens behind the scenes during a show, and explore the symbolism and meaning of the gods, elephants, stars and other stunning architectural features inside Frank Matcham's famous auditorium. Theatre Tours last for around 50 minutes, and tour participants also have exclusive access to the heritage exhibition for 30 minutes before their tour start time.

Tours cost just £12.00 per person and take place on the following dates at 10.00am, 11.30am, 2.00pm and 3.30pm:

April - Friday 8 and Saturday 9

May - Thursday 5, Friday 6 and Saturday 7

June - Friday 3 and Saturday 4

Tour dates for the second half of the year will be announced in the coming months.

## **Beautiful**

### **The Carole King Musical**

TUE 27 SEPT – SAT 1 OCT 2022

A brand-new production of the award-winning West End and Broadway show, Beautiful – The Carole King Musical, comes to Belfast.

Before she was Carole King, the chart-topping music legend, she was an ordinary girl with an extraordinary talent. Beautiful tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, taking in classics including (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman, Take Good Care of My Baby, You've Got a Friend, It Might As Well Rain Until September, and The Locomotion.

Age Recommendation: 10+

Tickets: £49.50 - £28.00 (incl. booking fee)

Tue – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 10+: £3 off per seat (Tue-Thur, Price Bands I & II) / Groups 20+: £4 off per seat (Tue-Thur, Price Bands I & II)

## **Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

TUE 4 – SUN 9 OCT 2022

The brand-new smash-hit London Palladium production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat comes to Belfast for one week only! The multi award-winning show has been performed in over 80 countries worldwide and has become one of the world's most beloved family musicals.

With stars from The London Palladium Alexandra Burke and Jac Yarrow, the show features songs that have gone on to become pop and musical theatre classics, including Any Dream Will Do, Close Every Door To Me, There's One More Angel In Heaven and Go, Go, Go Joseph. Book your dream ticket today!

Suitable for all ages

Captioned Performance: Thur 6 October, 7.30pm

Audio Described Performance: Thur 6 October, 7.30pm

Tickets: £60.50 - £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

Tue – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Sun 1.00pm & 5.00pm

Gold Friends: 10% off all performances except opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 20+: £5 off band I and II seats on Tue and Wed

Under 16s: £7 off band I and II seats on Tue and Wed / £3 off band I and II seats  
Thur – Sun

School groups: £18 per seat in Upper Circle and Gods on Thur matinee, with one free teacher in every 10.

Over 65s: £3 off band I and II seats on Tue and Wed

### **Let's Be Friends?**

If the idea of seeing more shows AND saving money appeals to you, it's probably time to take out a Friends of the Grand Opera House membership.

If you plan to come to the Grand Opera House twice or more in the next 12 months, a Friends membership is likely to save you money, and will give you access to the best seats in the house before everyone else.

For further details visit [goh.co.uk/friends](http://goh.co.uk/friends) or talk to one of our friendly box office team on 028 9024 1919. All ticket offers subject to availability.

Silver membership — £40 a year

- Priority Booking
- Ticket Discounts
- Buy two tickets for the price of one for eight opening nights of your choice each year

Gold membership — £60 a year

- Priority Booking
- Ticket Discounts
- Buy two tickets for the price of one for twelve opening nights of your choice each year
- 10% off many other performances
- 10% off drinks at the bar

## **Northern Ballet Presents**

### **The Little Mermaid**

WED 12 – SAT 15 OCT 2022

Experience Northern Ballet's achingly beautiful interpretation of The Little Mermaid this autumn. Rediscover Hans Christian Andersen's original fairytale, taking you from breathtaking underwater scenes to vibrant life on land, performed by Northern Ballet's world-class dancers with Celtic-inspired music played live by Northern Ballet Sinfonia.

When a young mermaid is finally allowed her first glimpse of life beyond the ocean, she is enthralled by what she sees. Falling in love with a mortal Prince she leaves her magical underwater world behind, losing her voice and enduring immense pain to make the ultimate sacrifice for love.

Please note that this production contains strobe lighting.

Age Recommendation: 5+

Audio described Performance: Sat 15 October, 2.30pm

This is preceded by a touch tour 12.45pm-1.30pm

Tickets: £46.00 - £17.50 (incl. booking fee)

Wed – Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat

Under 16s: half price band I seats for Sat matinee

School groups: £15 per seat in Upper Circle and Gods on Thur matinee, with one free teacher in every 10

## **Bridesmaids of Northern Ireland**

MON 17 – SAT 22 OCT 2022

The Northern Ireland Bridesmaids story has arrived at the Grand Opera House: we can't promise you Melissa McCarthy or Kristen Wiig but we can guarantee you a hilarious show that promises to be a girl's night out to remember!

Becky is the loyal-as-a-dog Maid of Honour whose life unravels as she leads her best friend Sarah on a wild ride down the road to matrimony. However, competition between Becky and Sarah's new BFF Tiffany over who is the bride's best friend threatens to upend the wedding planning. Prepare yourselves for dance offs/sing offs and eventually tear offs at the Hen do...in a caravan!!

Written by and starring local TV comedienne Diona Doherty along with an all-star cast including, Jayne Wisener (Sweeney Todd) and Kerri Quinn (Coronation Street).

Age Recommendation: 16+

Tickets: £34.75 - £18.50 (incl. booking fee)

Mon - Thur 7.30pm / Fri 5.00pm & 8.00pm Sat 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Gold Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night / 10% off other performances (max 2 tickets)

Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on opening night (max 2 tickets)

Groups 8+: £2 off per seat (Mon-Thur) / Groups 15+: £3 off per seat (Mon-Thur)

### **Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo**

FRI 28 - SAT 29 OCT 2022

Dance Consortium presents Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo ("The Trocks"), the all-male comedy ballet known for their immaculate technique, daring physicality and impeccable comic timing.

Suitable for all ages

Tickets: £34.00 - £20.50 (incl. booking fee)

SHOWTIME: 7.30pm

Gold & Silver Friends: 10% off opening night (max 2 tickets)

## **Grand Opera House Gift Vouchers**

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Grand Opera House Gift Vouchers are a unique and thoughtful way to show your appreciation for somebody special. Redeemable against a huge range of fantastic shows including West End musicals, gripping dramas, classical opera, world-class ballet and fun family productions, Gift Vouchers are the perfect gift for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings – in fact any occasion or celebration!

Gift Vouchers can be used to purchase tickets and Friends memberships. They can be bought for any amount and are valid for two years from the date of purchase.

### **Mamma Mia!**

TUE 8 - SAT 26 NOV 2022

#### **The Smash hit musical based on the songs of ABBA**

A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads and a trip down the aisle you'll never forget! Set on a beautiful Greek island, MAMMA MIA! is a story of love, friendship and identity told through the timeless songs of ABBA.

Sophie's quest to discover the father she's never known brings her mother face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget. Over 65 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make MAMMA MIA! such a sensation. Join us for the must-see musical of the year and enjoy the ultimate feel-good show. Whatever age you are, you can't help but have the time of your life at MAMMA MIA!

Age Recommendation: 6+

Captioned Performance: Mon 14 November, 7.30pm  
Audio described Performance: Mon 21 November, 7.30pm  
Signed Performance: Wed 16 November, 7.30pm

Tickets: £60.75 - £30.25 (incl. booking fee)  
Mon - Sat 7.30pm / Thur & Sat 2.30pm  
Gold Friends 10% off any performance except opening night (max 2 tickets)  
Silver Friends 10% off weekday matinees (max 2 tickets)  
Groups 10+ £1 off per seat / Groups 20+ £2 off per seat

## **Cinderella**

### **The Godmother of All Pantomimes**

SAT 3 DEC 2022 - SUN 15 JAN 2023

You shall go to the ball this Christmas with the spectacular pantomime Cinderella! Following the sell-out success of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, May McFettridge leads the cast of her 32nd record-breaking pantomime as The Fairy Godmother. With more laughter, stunning sets, outrageous costumes and special effects than you can wave a magic wand at, the Festive Season wouldn't be complete without a visit to the most enchanting pantomime of them all.

The clock is ticking, so don't disappoint family and friends...secure your seats early and join the 76,000 people who book for Northern Ireland's biggest and most spectacular pantomime!

Age Recommendation: 3+

Captioned Performance: Wed 21 December, 7pm  
Audio Described Performance: Sat 17 December, 1.30pm  
Signed Performance: Fri 16 December, 7pm  
Relaxed Performance: Thur 5 January 2023, 6pm

Tickets: £39.00 - £20.00 (incl. booking fee)

See website for performance schedule

Gold and Silver Friends: 2 for 1 on Tues 6 December at 7.00pm (max 2 tickets)

Groups 10+: from £15 on selected weekday matinee performances

Schools: £12 per ticket for selected weekday matinee performances with 1 teacher free for every 20 children

Family ticket: £2.00 off per ticket (4 person ticket) for selected performances

Under 16s: £2.00 off per ticket / Over 60s: £2.00 off per ticket

## **NOW ON SALE FOR 2023!**

### **Sister Act**

TUES 17- SAT 28 JANUARY 2023

A divine musical comedy. The brand-new production direct from London!

### **Dreamgirls**

TUES 31 JANUARY – SAT 11 FEBRUARY 2023

**The Commitments** - The smash hit West End musical

MON 20 – SAT 25 February 2023

### **Take Your Seat - How to book**

There are three ways of booking tickets for Grand Opera House shows. The easiest way is to book online at [goh.co.uk](http://goh.co.uk), but you can also phone us on 028 9024 1919. Alternatively, you can call in to the Theatre and book in person at the Box Office Counter: both the Counter and the phone lines are open from 10am to 5pm Monday-Saturday, and on show days the Counter remains open until the performance starts.

## **BOOKING FEES**

Advertised ticket prices include a booking fee of £2.50 per ticket, although no booking fee is charged for Gold Friends, groups of 10 or more, or in-person bookers at the Box Office Counter.

## **Discounts**

If you are entitled to any advertised discount, you must request this when booking your tickets. Restrictions may apply to discounts, and group rates apply to full price tickets only.

## **CONTACT US**

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