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The West End Comes to Belfast...

The rare accolade of five Olivier Awards for *Life of Pi* trumpeted it as the outstanding drama of the last few years. This extraordinary staging of the tale of a boy and a tiger bound together in a fight for mutual survival is as heart-rending as it is riveting. Joining *Life of Pi* at the hub of the gripping quality drama season this brochure proudly unveils Susan Hill's intense psychological drama *The Woman in Black*, and the gold standard among thrillers, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, two more celebrated West End triumphs.

The musical theatre riches of the season include *The Wizard of Oz* in the new London Palladium production where the tunes, fantastical scenes and vivid characters come up as fresh and bright as the Emerald City. In *Pretty Woman*, it's the glamour, the romance and the magic of a classic love story which will touch even the hardest heart!

Another sensational hit in the season is *The Drifters Girl* - a celebration not only of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame male vocal ensemble, but of the woman who fought to get them there. Strong human dramas such as these are the essence of musical theatre - in none more so than *Bonnie & Clyde*, another recent West End phenomenon, a highly charged musical staging of the tragic tale of two of society's outsiders, inseparable and doomed.

Less edgy but much glitzier is the magnificent *42nd Street*, where the irrepressible spirit of Broadway is let loose in spectacular dance numbers which will set the heart racing and the feet itching to join in.

In ambitious seasons of drama and musical theatre of this quality, the Grand Opera House's renowned, traditional, and record-breaking pantomime sits proud amidst its peers. The Theatre opened in December 1895 with a pantomime and ever since the spectacle has continued to dazzle and thrill, the song and dance routines radiate style, and the laughs ring out loud.

This year's festive treat, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, will be another proud affirmation that at the Grand Opera House, everything is best in class!

~ Ian Wilson - Chief Executive ~

Air Ambulance NI

The Grand Opera House believes in making an impact on and off-stage and is proud of its long history of supporting local charities. The Theatre's current charity partner, the Air Ambulance Northern Ireland is an organisation that provides an exceptionally important lifesaving service every day.

Over the last two years, the Grand Opera House's staff, performers and audiences have been raising money for the charity through an on-going programme of fundraising activity.

A huge heartfelt thank you for your kind donations and for playing your part in supporting this valuable medical service here in Northern Ireland.

To donate and show your support visit airambulancenir.org.

Shane Todd – Mummy

MON 9 OCT – SAT 14 OCT 2023

MON 20 NOV – SAT 25 NOV 2023

Show Times: MON – THUR 7.30PM / FRI & SAT 6.00PM & 9.00PM

Tickets: £36.00 - £20.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

In the last year Shane Todd has sold out shows across America & Canada, been tour support for Kevin Hart and enjoyed continued success with his hugely popular *Tea With Me* podcast.

His tenth solo show, *Mummy*, offers his trademark observational storytelling with a sassy bite.

Don't miss the chance to see one of Ireland's most popular stand ups in a truly historic venue.

'Dope' - Kevin Hart

'Sad little man' - Jamie Bryson

'Great' - Bill Burr

'Modern day king of comedy' - Belfast Telegraph

Age Recommendation: 16+

Belfast International Arts Festival

Belfast Ensemble & Marc Almond:

TUE 17 OCT 2023, 7.30PM

Tickets: £37.50 - £27.50 (incl. booking fee)

An operatic tour de force for the ages!

Join the Belfast Ensemble with iconic pop star Marc Almond for a two-part concert featuring the critically acclaimed *Abomination: A DUP Opera* and the multi-award-winning song cycle *Ten Plagues*.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Cara Dillon – Coming Home:

WED 18 OCT 2023, 7.30PM

Tickets: £30.50 - £25.50 (incl. booking fee)

An enchanting concert!

Few singers are as celebrated and revered as Cara Dillon. Known for her captivating live performances she seldom fails to leave audiences spellbound. Ahead of an official release in 2024, this autumn sees Cara unveiling *Coming Home*, in which she effortlessly blurs the lines between spoken word and song to stunning effect.

Age Recommendation: Suitable for all ages

Fig! Groupe De Acrobatique:

FRI 20 & SAT 21 OCT 2023, 7.30PM

Tickets: £32.50 - £27.50 (incl. booking fee)

Family ticket (2 adults, 2 concession): £95

Under 16s: £20.50

An absolute treat for audiences of all ages!

FIQ! will transport you to a colourful, visual world designed by celebrated artist Hassan Hajjaj. Expect magical acrobatic feats, breakdancing and freestyle football, set to the unique sounds of DJ Dino's scratching and fiery rap.

Age Recommendation: 6+

42nd Street

TUE 24 OCT – SAT 28 OCT 2023

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / WED, THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Audio Described Performance

Tickets: £55.50 - £28.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

It's big... it's bright... it's a brand-spanking new production of 'the original showbiz musical', *42nd Street*, starring Samantha Womack, Faye Tozer, Les Dennis and Nicole-Lily Baisden.

Jonathan Church (*Singin' In The Rain, The Drifters Girl*) directs the iconic song-and-dance spectacular featuring a hit parade of toe-tapping songs including *42nd Street, We're In The Money, Lullaby of Broadway, Shuffle Off To Buffalo* and *I Only Have Eyes For You*.

Choreographed and designed by Olivier Award winners Bill Deamer and Rob Jones, *42nd Street* is a timeless and inspiring showbiz fairy tale that combines breath-taking tap dance routines, backstage intrigue, classic romance and delightful comedy to dazzling effect. It's simply irresistible!

Age Recommendation: 5+

Raising the Curtain on 128 Years of History

The splendour of Northern Ireland's oldest Theatre is a sight to behold with a colourful and rich history that stretches back over 128 years.

From celebrity appearances to a spectacular restoration, enjoy the fascinating story that Belfast's beloved Grand Opera House has to tell. Discover the magic of this iconic building for yourself with one of our regular tours. Places are limited, so early booking is advised.

Book now: **goh.co.uk/theatre-tours**

Pre – Show Deli Platter for Two

Delight your tastebuds before the show with a deli-licious platter for two. Choose from a charcuterie or cheese platter with drink pairing options including champagne, wine, prosecco, or soft drinks.

Platters feature a sumptuous selection of premium meats, cheeses, fruit, bread and spreads to enjoy in the spectacular surroundings of the Theatre's Upper Circle bar.

Prices start at £40 for two people, including your platter, a drink and a reserved table. *(Available on selected shows only. Limited availability.)*

Book your pre-show treat today by visiting: **goh.co.uk/deli-platter**

Annie

TUE 31 OCT – SAT 4 NOV 2023

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / WED, THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Captioned Performance

Tickets: £52.00 - £25.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

The smash – hit West End production of *Annie* returns to Belfast for one week only. This ‘glorious revival’ (The Times) stars *Strictly Come Dancing* judge Craig Revel Horwood (Tue – Thur) and Jodie Prenger (Fri – Sat) as the tyrannical Miss Hannigan!

Set in 1930's New York during The Great Depression, brave young Annie is forced to live a life of misery at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Her luck soon changes when she's chosen to spend a fairytale Christmas with famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. Meanwhile, spiteful Miss Hannigan has other ideas and hatches a plan to spoil Annie's search for her true family...

With its Tony® award – winning book and score, you can bet your bottom dollar that you'll love it!

Age Recommendation: 5+

Vincent Simone: Tango Passions

LIMITED MEET & GREET TICKETS AVAILABLE

MON 6 NOV 2023, 7.30PM

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

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Argentine Tango King and *Strictly Come Dancing* legend, Vincent Simone, makes his Grand Opera House debut with his brand-new show Tango Passions.

Also starring Argentine Tango specialist Paula Duarte, plus professional dancer Victoria Martin from Belfast. Featuring music from Astor Piazzolla and Gotan Project. Produced by Paul Irving of Strictly Theatre Co. A sexy, steamy, passionate night not to be missed!

Age Recommendation: 14+

Elf in Belfast

WED 6 DEC – SUN 24 DEC 2023 | The Studio

SEE WEBSITE FOR PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Access Performances: Signed Performance

Tickets: £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

Growing up, Mucker always felt different to everyone else in Belfast.

After his mum reveals his long-lost dad was a Castle Court security guard, Mucker sets out to be reunited and secures himself a festive job as an 'Elf' in the shopping centre's Christmas Grotto.

Don't miss this hilarious adult comedy from Diona Doherty and Sean Hegarty, writers and producers of last year's hit Studio show, *Home Malone*.

Age Recommendation: 16+

2:22 A Ghost Story

TUE 14 NOV – SAT 18 NOV 2023

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Captioned & Audio Described Performance

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

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Winner of Best New Play at the Whatsonstage Awards, this edge-of-your-seat, supernatural thriller stars Joe Absolom (*A Confession, Doc Martin*), Charlene Boyd (*Mayflies, River City*), Nathaniel Curtis (*It's A Sin, The Witcher*) and Louisa Lytton (*EastEnders, The Bill*).

Written by Danny Robins, creator of the hit BBC podcasts *Uncanny* and *The Battersea Poltergeist*, *2:22 A Ghost Story* comes fresh from record-breaking seasons at five West End theatres with a host of acclaimed star performances. It's a brilliantly funny and adrenaline-filled night where secrets emerge and ghosts may or may not appear...

What do you believe? And do you dare discover the truth?

Age Recommendation: 14+

Pre – Show & Interval Drinks

Enjoy drinks before the show in one of the Theatre's four stunning bars.

The Grand Opera House's bars offer a wide selection of premium wine, beer and spirits, plus an array of soft drinks, tea and coffee, so there's something to suit everyone.

Fancy another? With the pre – order service, you can choose your interval and after – show drinks at the start of the night so your drinks will be waiting for you in the pick – up area – leaving the drama to those on stage.

Northern Ireland's Biggest Pantomime!

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

The Fairest Panto in the Land

SAT 2 DEC 2023 – SUN 14 JAN 2024

SEE WEBSITE FOR PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Access Performances: Captioned, Audio Described, Signed & Relaxed Performance

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

Friends, Group & School discounts available – see website for more details

Family ticket: £2.00 off per ticket (4-person ticket) – selected performances only.

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

Mirror, mirror on the wall, what's the fastest-selling panto of them all?

This lavish production of the popular family fairy tale is brought to life in an unmissable show packed with an abundance of comedy, sensational song and dance numbers, fabulous costumes, as well as plenty of boos and hisses! Pantomime legend, May McFettridge, stars in her 33rd record-breaking Grand Opera House panto season alongside a fabulous cast in a glittering treat for all ages.

Brighten up your winter and join the 76,000 people who attend Northern Ireland's biggest Festive show for another unforgettable and magical panto experience. Book your tickets today, or you won't be able to look yourself in the mirror!

'Special effects go beyond expectations' Love Belfast

'Truly Spectacular' The Irish News

'Unmissable' Culture Crush NI

Quotes above from *Cinderella* 2022

CAST ANNOUNCEMENT:

May McFettridge, Paddy Jenkins, Phil Walker, Jolene O'Hara, Conor Headley & Aisling Sharkey with Flawless as The Queen's Guards.

The Full Monty

TUE 23 JAN – SAT 27 JAN 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Audio Described Performance

Tickets: £47.00 - £22.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

This fast and funny play is still very much of our time, as again we are hit by a cost-of-living crisis.

Gaz and his mates are down on their luck and feel they have been thrown on the scrap heap, but they are determined to fight back and bare a little more than they ever thought they would have to. This brand-new production is a rollercoaster ride of ups and downs, laughs and heartbreak.

Book now to relive the music of the 90's and have a great night out in the company of our group of lads as they work to put on the show of their lives.

Starring Danny Hatchard (*EastEnders*) as Gaz, Jake Quickenden (*X Factor*) as Guy and Bill Ward (*Coronation Street*) as Gerald, with Neil Hurst (*Fat Friends the Musical*) as Dave, Ben Onwukwe (*The Shawshank Redemption*) as Horse and Nicholas Prasad (*Around the World in 80 days*) as Lomper.

Age Recommendation: 14+

Give The Gift of Theatre

Looking for an unforgettable gift? Look no further than a Grand Opera House gift voucher.

Perfect for friends, family or a special someone, a Grand Opera House gift voucher gives access to over 30 spectacular shows so your loved one will be spoilt for choice.

From West End and Broadway musicals to local comedy, gripping drama and much more - great memories start with a Grand Opera House gift voucher.

Book now: **goh.co.uk/gift-vouchers**

David Hull Promotions Presents

Take It To The Limit Eagles Tribute

MON 29 JAN 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £35.00 - £27.50 (incl. booking fee)

Foster + Allen

TUE 30 JAN 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £30.00 - £24.00 (incl. booking fee)

Colin Gallen Funny Bits

WED 31 JAN 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £28.50 - £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

Cash Returns Johnny Cash Tribute

THUR 1 FEB 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £30.00 - £24.00 (incl. booking fee)

The Legend of Luke Kelly

FRI 2 FEB 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £28.50 - £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

The Rock'n'roll Years

SAT 3 FEB 2024, 2.30PM & 7.30PM

Tickets: £28.50 - £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

Bluey's Big Play: The Stage Show

WED 14 FEB – SUN 18 FEB 2024

Show Times: THUR – SUN 10.30AM & 1.30PM / WED, FRI & SAT 5.00PM

Tickets: £28.50 - £18.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Family ticket: £75 for 4 tickets (min. 1 child) (Band II only - both performances on Thur & 10.30AM on Fri)

When Dad feels like a little bit of Sunday afternoon time out, Bluey and Bingo have other plans! Join them as they pull out all of the games and cleverness at their disposal to get Dad off that bean bag.

Bluey's Big Play is a brand-new theatrical adaptation of the Emmy® award-winning children's television series, with an original story by Bluey creator Joe Brumm, and new music by Bluey composer, Joff Bush.

Join the Heelers in their first live theatre show made just for you, featuring brilliantly created puppets, this is Bluey as you've never seen it before, brought to real life in this UK premiere.

Bluey's Big Play is produced by Andrew Kay and Cuffe & Taylor with Windmill Theatre Co for BBC Studios.

Age Recommendation: All Ages Welcome

The Drifters Girl

TUE 6 FEB – SAT 10 FEB 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / WED, THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Audio Described & Captioned Performance

Tickets: £57.50 - £30.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Come On Over To Our Place! Nominated for Best New Musical at the 2022 Olivier Awards, this smash-hit show has audiences on their feet night after night with a phenomenal soundtrack packed full of iconic Drifters hits including *Saturday Night At The Movies, Save The Last Dance For Me and Stand By Me.*

Discover the remarkable story of The Drifters and the truth about the woman who made them. From the highs of hit records to the lows of legal battles and personal tragedy, Faye Treadwell is the legendary manager of The Drifters who refused to give up on the group she loved.

Thirty years, and hundreds of hit songs later, there is no doubt that Faye Treadwell was and always will be, *The Drifters Girl.*

Age Recommendation: 10+

Life of Pi

TUE 20 FEB – SAT 24 FEB 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / WED, THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Audio Described Performance

Tickets: £57.50 - £22.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends, Group & School discounts available – see website for more details.

Based on the best-selling book by Yann Martel, winner of three Tony Awards 2023 and winner of five Olivier Awards, including Best New Play! After conquering the West End and Broadway, the ‘*theatrical phenomenon*’ (Telegraph) embarks on its biggest adventure yet.

After an epic storm in the Pacific Ocean, Pi is stranded on a lifeboat with four other survivors – a hyena, a zebra, an orangutan, and a Royal Bengal tiger.

Based on the global phenomenon and winner of the Man Booker Prize, selling over fifteen million copies worldwide, *Life of Pi* is the hugely popular story of an epic journey of endurance and hope. Don't miss the West End and Broadway spectacle on its first ever UK and Ireland tour.

Age Recommendation: 9+

Upgrade Your Evening with A VIP Box

Luxury awaits when you book an exclusive Theatre box package.

Enjoy the VIP experience with a unique view of the stunning auditorium and extras including drinks service to your seat.

Enhance your night with bubbles and indulgent sweet treats - perfect for celebrating birthdays, family get-togethers or impressing clients.

Brand-new festive pantomime box packages are now available – with options suitable for children and grown-ups too!

Book your tickets and talk to the Box Office team about box packages on **028 9024 1919**.

A GRAND NIGHT OUT

- Petit fours
- Luxury chocolates
- Two boxes of Pringles
- Chilled bottle of still / sparkling water
- Bottle of red or white wine

£80 per box*

Make it Extra Special

- Choose Prosecco for an extra £5
- Choose Champagne for an extra £30

**Advertised prices exclude performance tickets. No booking fee applies for box hospitality packages. Subject to availability - selected performances only. Boxes are bookable by calling the Box Office only.*

Agatha Christie's: The Mousetrap

TUE 27 FEB – SAT 2 MAR 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Captioned & Audio Described Performance

Tickets: £41.50 - £22.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* is the world's longest-running play. This thrilling West End production is the genre-defining murder mystery from the best-selling novelist of all time... case closed!

As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote countryside guesthouse. When a police sergeant arrives, the guests discover – to their horror – that a killer is in their midst! Which one is the murderer? Who will be their next victim? Can you solve this world-famous mystery for yourself? Now celebrating 70 years, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* has kept millions of people from every corner of the globe on the edge of their seats. Could you be next?

"A truly entertaining classic thriller"

The Sunday Times

Age Recommendation: 7+

Madagascar The Musical

WED 6 MAR – SAT 9 MAR 2024

Show Times: WED – SAT 7.00PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Signed Performance

Tickets: £45.00 – £22.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Under 16s: £3 off (Wed evening & Thur performances, Band 1 only)

Join all of your favourite crack-alackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

Alex the lion is the king of the urban jungle, the main attraction at New York's Central Park Zoo. He and his best friends – Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe and Gloria the hippo – have spent their whole lives in blissful captivity before an admiring public and with regular meals provided for them. Not content to leave well enough alone, Marty lets his curiosity get the better of him and makes his escape – with the help of some prodigious penguins – to explore the world.

Filled with outlandish characters, adventure galore and an upbeat score, you'll have no choice but to *Move It, Move It!*

Age Recommendation: 3+

An Officer and a Gentleman: The Musical

TUE 12 MAR – SAT 16 MAR 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / WED, THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Captioned Performance

Tickets: £56.50 – £25.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Prepare to be swept off your feet with *An Officer and a Gentleman the Musical* based on the award-winning 80's movie. This timeless story of love, courage, and redemption will make your heart soar and leave you breathless, longing for more.

Set to a smash-hit soundtrack featuring the songs of Madonna, Bon Jovi, Cyndi Lauper, Blondie, and many more, the power of music will carry you through the highs and lows of their extraordinary love story, including the award-winning (*Love Lift Us*) *Up Where We Belong*.

An Officer and a Gentleman the Musical invites you into a world where dreams and destinies intertwine. Don't miss your chance to experience this captivating romance brought to life on stage.

Age Recommendation: 12+

David Suchet: Poirot and More – A Retrospective

MON 12 FEB 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £42.00 - £30.00 (incl. booking fee)

Go behind the screen and curtain with the legend himself, David Suchet.

Age Recommendation: 12+

This Sh*t Happens All The Time

FRI 22 MAR – SAT 30 MAR 2024 | The Studio

Show Times: MON – FRI 7.30PM / SAT 5.00PM & 8.00PM

Tickets: £25.00 - £20.50 (incl. booking fee)

Who we love shouldn't come with a death threat.

Age Recommendation: 14+

(Contains strong language)

David Hull Promotions Presents

More Our Jimmy

TUE 19 MAR 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £28.50 - £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

The Elvis Spectacular

WED 20 MAR 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £30.00 - £24.00 (incl. booking fee)

The Dolly Songbook Cliona Hagan

THUR 21 MAR 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £30.00 - £24.00 (incl. booking fee)

The Comedians

FRI 22 MAR 2024, 7.30PM

Tickets: £28.50 - £22.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends Membership

Be the first to know about new shows, get access to the best seats in the house and receive exclusive discounts. Becoming a Friend of the Grand Opera House allows you to get even more from your theatregoing experience.

With four levels of membership there is something to suit everyone.

For further details visit goh.co.uk/friends or talk to one of the Box Office team on 028 9024 1919.

Terms and conditions apply. All ticket offers subject to availability.

UNDER 26s: Free-to-join

- Ticket discounts for selected shows
- Half-price standby tickets for selected shows from 6PM on the day of the performance

BRONZE: Free-to-join

- Buy tickets 48 hours before they go on general sale
- Be among the first to hear about new shows and special offers

SILVER: £40 a year

- Priority booking
- Ticket discounts
- Buy two tickets for the price of one for eight opening nights each year

GOLD: £60 a year

- Priority booking
- Ticket discounts
- Buy two tickets for the price of one for 12 opening nights each year
- 10% off many other performances
- 10% off at the bar

BOOK YOUR SEAT: For a close-up view of the Theatre's seating plan please visit goh.co.uk/box-office-information

Give My Head Peace

SAT 23 MAR – SAT 30 MAR 2024

Show Times: SAT 5.00PM & 8.00PM / MON – THUR 7.30PM / FRI 6.00PM & 9.00PM

Access Performances: Signed Performance

Tickets: £32.50 – £20.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

After yet another sell-out run at the Grand Opera House in 2023, the *Give My Head Peace* gang return with a brand-new show that's guaranteed to be hilarious.

Featuring your favourite characters from the hit TV show Da, Cal, Ma, Billy the Peeler, Dympna, Pastor Begbie and Sandy the Kneebreakers Barman will bring their unique take on life and the year's events in Northern Ireland.

There will be topical jokes, satire, the odd song and barnstorming stand-up comedy from Tim McGarry.

If you've seen the Gang before you'll want to book early. *Give My Head Peace* is a guaranteed laugh-out-loud comedy that you don't want to miss.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Shrek the Musical

TUE 2 APR – SAT 6 APR 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.00PM / WED, THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Signed Performance

Tickets: £54.50 – £32.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Under 16s: £2 off (*Tue evening, Wed matinee & Thur matinee, Band I and II*)

Based on the Oscar winning DreamWorks film, the Broadway and West End smash-hit *Shrek the Musical* is a fun filled and hilarious musical comedy with a cast of vibrant characters and a ‘shrektacular’ score.

Leading our stellar cast as the legendary Shrek is theatre extraordinaire Antony Lawrence, Strictly Come Dancing, and leading lady Joanne Clifton as Princess Fiona, Olivier Award nominated James Gillan as Lord Farquaad, and theatre favourite Brandon Lee Sears as Donkey.

Featuring fabulous songs including the smash-hit *I’m a Believer*, *Shrek the Musical* is a “musical extravaganza for big kids and little kids alike”. Come join the adventure as Shrek and Donkey endeavour to complete their quest, finding unexpected friendships and surprising romance along the way.

Age Recommendation: 6+

Sister Act

MON 8 APR – SAT 20 APR 2024

Show Times: MON – SAT 7.30PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Audio Described & Signed Performance

Tickets: £59.00 – £24.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Following its sell-out run this year, the Broadway and UK smash-hit musical *Sister Act* returns to the Grand Opera House.

Disco diva Deloris' life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder. Placed under protective custody she is hidden in the one place she shouldn't be found – a convent! Encouraged to help the struggling choir, she helps her fellow sisters find their true voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. Featuring original music by Tony® and 8-time Oscar® award-winner Alan Menken (Disney's *Aladdin*, *Enchanted*) and songs inspired by Motown, soul and disco, this heavenly musical is joyous and uplifting in equal measures.

Sister Act is a brilliant, must-see show which raises the spirits and warms the soul time after time. Limited two-week season. Book your tickets early.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Theatre for All

The Grand Opera House has a well-deserved reputation as a 'Theatre for all', bringing all sections of society together in a shared and welcoming space.

Here we have another fine season of excellent shows to look forward to, with something for everyone to enjoy, underpinned as always by its Creative Learning programme, working with schools and community groups across the city to educate, enthuse and encourage new audiences for the arts. In November, for example, a special partnership supported by Arts & Business NI will see the Grand Opera House join forces with a local business to create a new piece of theatre designed to educate local primary school children about the sustainability of our food journey. Whatever fantastic shows you are planning to see in the coming weeks, it's always worth remembering that this is just one part of a much bigger story in the life of a busy city centre Theatre and its ongoing commitment to ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the arts.

Roisín McDonough - Chief Executive: Arts Council of Northern Ireland

In Partnership with the Grand Opera House

The Grand Opera House Trust is proud to work with a range of partners. Their invaluable support allows the Theatre to present the very best in live theatre and to further develop the Trust's award-winning Creative Learning programme.

Restoration Partners:



Theatre Partners:



Awful Auntie

THUR 25 APR – SAT 27 APR 2024

Show Times: THUR – SAT 7.00PM / THUR & FRI 10.30AM / THUR 2.00PM / SAT 2.30PM

Tickets: £27.50 – £23.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Family ticket: £90 (max 2 adults).

When Stella sets off to visit London with her parents, she has no idea her life is in danger! When Stella wakes up three months later, only her Aunt Alberta can tell her what has happened.

But not everything Alberta tells her turns out to be true and Stella quickly discovers she's in for the fight of her life against her very own awful Auntie!

Following their acclaimed productions of *Gangsta Granny*, *Billionaire Boy* and *Demon Dentist*, Birmingham Stage Company are proud to present a fabulous new production of David Walliams' amazing adventure story, featuring a very large owl, a very small ghost and a very awful Auntie!

"The BSC's live shows of my books are always brilliant - I can't wait for the fun to begin again!" – David Walliams

Age Recommendation: 5+

Johannes Radebe: House of Jojo

MON 29 APR – WED 1 MAY 2024

Show Times: MON – WED 7.30PM

Tickets: £50.00 – £32.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends discounts available – see website for more details.

A new story begins...Welcome to the House of JoJo.

Romesh Ranganathan: Hustle

SAT 4 MAY 2024 2.30PM & 7.30PM

Tickets: £35.00 - £29.00 (incl. booking fee)

Last few tickets remaining – a comedy act you don't want to miss!

Age Recommendation: 14+

Access For All

Accessible seating options, a loop system and step-free access to all bars and foyer spaces are available within the Theatre.

Many productions include accessible performances (detailed on show pages throughout the brochure), with captioning, audio description and signing a regular feature of the programme.

The valued recommendations of the Theatre's Disability Advisory Group help the Theatre to continuously improve its service and provide the best possible experience for customers with access needs.

For large-print and audio brochure formats, a visual journey of the Theatre or to sign up to the Access for All scheme, visit: **goh.co.uk/accessibility**

Women on the Verge of HRT

MON 6 MAY – SAT 11 MAY 2024

Show Times: MON – SAT 7.30PM / FRI 5.00PM & 8.00PM / SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Signed Performance

Tickets: £36.00 – £18.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

GBL Productions presents a Northern Ireland comedy classic *Women On The Verge of HRT*.

Women on the Verge of HRT is the story of two middle-aged Belfast women, Vera and Anna who head off to Donegal on a weekend away for the annual concert by their super-star idol, Daniel O'Donnell. They get more than they bargained for.

Feisty, racy, painful and absolutely hilarious in all the right places, *Women On The Verge of HRT* sees terrific performances from some of Northern Ireland's most popular actors.

Will leave you in hot flushes!

Written by Marie Jones (*Stones in His Pockets, A Night in November* and *Dancing Shoes: The George Best Story*).

Age Recommendation: 16+

The Woman in Black

MON 13 MAY – SAT 18 MAY 2024

Show Times: MON – SAT 7.30PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Captioned Performance

Tickets: £42.50 – £20.00 (incl. booking fee)

Friends, Group & School discounts available – see website for more details.

The legendary production of Susan Hill’s chilling ghost story *The Woman in Black* returns to the Grand Opera House, direct from London’s West End, after an incredible 33-year run at the Fortune Theatre.

The Woman in Black is an unmissable classic that brilliantly delivers atmosphere, illusion and horror! Experience the thrill and excitement of this critically acclaimed international theatre event that has been seen by over 7 million people worldwide and continues to delight and terrify audiences of all generations.

Obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a woman in black, Arthur Kipps engages a sceptical young actor to help him tell his terrifying story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul.

Age Recommendation: 12+

The Wizard of Oz

TUE 21 MAY – SUN 26 MAY 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM / SUN 1.00PM & 5.00PM

Access Performances: Captioned & Audio Described Performance

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

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Under 16s: £7 off (Tue & Wed, Band 1 only) or £3 off (Thur Matinee – Sun, Band 1 only)

Direct from The London Palladium, this sensational new production of one of the world’s most beloved musicals comes to Belfast as part of a limited UK and Ireland tour.

Featuring the iconic original score from the Oscar-winning MGM film including *Over The Rainbow*, *Follow The Yellow Brick Road* and *We’re Off To See The Wizard* with additional songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, this spectacular production of *The Wizard of Oz* is a truly magical experience for all the family.

Join Dorothy, Toto, and friends on an unforgettable adventure down the yellow brick road to the merry old land of Oz.

There’s no place like the Grand Opera House next May.

Age Recommendation: 6+

Bonnie & Clyde

TUE 28 MAY – SAT 1 JUNE 2024

Show Times: TUE – SAT 7.30PM / THUR & SAT 2.30PM

Access Performances: Captioned Performance

Tickets: £49.00 – £28.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

Winner of Best New Musical (WhatsOnStage Awards 2023), the West End smash-hit *Bonnie & Clyde* is set to hold-up the Grand Opera House following two hell-raising seasons in London’s West End.

Two small-town kids from the middle of nowhere became the biggest folk heroes in all America. They craved adventure — and each other. Their names were Bonnie and Clyde.

Fearless, shameless and alluring, this award-winning production has garnered a mass following, much like the infamous real-life pair themselves. Discover the electrifying story of love, adventure and crime that captured the attention of an entire nation.

With a show-stealing cast to be announced.

Age Recommendation: 12+

Chronicles of Long Kesh

MON 3 JUNE – SAT 8 JUNE 2024

Show Times: MON – THUR 7.30PM / FRI 5.00PM & 8.00PM / SAT 2.30PM & 7.30PM

Access Performances: Signed Performance

Tickets: £36.00 – £18.50 (incl. booking fee)

Friends & Group discounts available – see website for more details.

GBL Productions presents the smash-hit play from Martin Lynch *Chronicles of Long Kesh*.

The hilarious, painful and shocking story of Northern Ireland’s infamous prison — Long Kesh — is told through the eyes of prison officers, Republicans and Loyalists, a rich assortment of patriots, chancers, leaders, wives, escapers and hypochondriacs!

A huge crowd-pleaser, full of 1960’s Motown songs and wild, irreverent humour, this is the inside story of The Troubles.

Chronicles of Long Kesh is back following sold-out runs and standing ovations every single night!

Age Recommendation: 16+

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Pretty Woman: The Musical

MON 10 – SAT 15 JUNE 2024

Come From Away

25 JUNE – 29 JUNE 2024

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