

# What's ON at the Theatre



**Empire Theatre  
Halstead  
Tel: 07778 025490**

**Saturday 28th July 2018, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Little Shop of Horrors**  
Tickets £10.00

A charming, kooky and hilarious musical cult classic. Seymour Krelborn, the assistant at Mushnik's Flower Shop in downtrodden Skid Row, becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers a strange and exotic plant. He names it Audrey Two in order to impress glamorous Audrey, the colleague he's secretly in love with.



**The Quay Theatre  
Sudbury  
Tel: 01787 374745**

**Tuesday July 24th 2018, 2:30 & 7.30pm. Film: The Post.** A cover-up that spanned four U.S. Presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between the press and the government.

**Wednesday July 25th 2018, 8:30pm. Quay Bar Quiz.** Come and test your mettle with our many-rounded Bar Quiz! Teams of up to 6 with a £1.50 entry fee per person. Small money prize and a spot prize to be had. No booking required

**Thursday July 26th 2018, 7:30pm. Glyndebourne: Saul (Recorded).** Fresh from its triumph at the 2015 Glyndebourne Festival, Barrie Kosky's blazingly original and visually spectacular staging of Handel's oratorio returns for a first revival.

**Friday July 27th 2018, 8:30pm. Women in Rock.** Join Women in Rock for a two hour journey through the history of the greatest female anthems. Fronted by some of the most powerful female singers on the live music scene together with a professional touring band.

**Saturday July 28th 2018, 8:30pm. The Story of Doo-Wop.** Join the U.K.s premier Doo-Wop quartet, The Testosta-Tones as they take you on a musical journey detailing the history of Doo-Wop.

**Sunday July 29th 2018, 8:00pm. Free Entry. Open Music Night.** A popular friendly open mic night in The Quay Bar - bring your instruments or just your voice - acoustics only, readings allowed, no mics please!

**Sunday August 5th, 1:55pm. Sudbury Cinema for a Day August (Day Pass).**

Sudbury Cinema For A Day returns opening up with an already established family classic PETER RABBIT (U) showing at 2pm, followed by the culmination of years of planning and 18 movies in the Marvel universe, the jam-packed superhero blockbuster epic AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR (12A).

**Saturday August 11th, 7:00pm. The Quay Acoustic.** Our monthly acoustic night in the bar. Anywhere between 2 - 5 musicians / singers performing sets while you relax, marvel at the local talent and sip away at your drinks! Free entry and performers usually begin at 7.15pm. Arranged by Ben Pegley

**Tuesday August 14th, 6:30pm. Glyndebourne: Vanessa (Live screening).** Abandoned by her lover Anatol, Vanessa retreats from the world, waiting and hoping with only her mother and her niece Erika for company. But when, 20 years later, Anatol's handsome young son arrives unexpectedly, he shatters the calm of this shuttered household of women.

**Monday August 20th, 10:00am. Newfangled Theatre Summer Courses.** A Summer Theatre School that will allow pupils to explore key elements of acting and stagecraft in a fun and friendly environment. Most suited to children between the ages of 7 - 10, the workshops will allow children to build confidence and skill in exploring dramatic art. The emphasis is on learning rather than performing and the workshops cater for all: from the would-be actor to those with stage fright! Course 1 runs at the following times: Monday 20th August 10am - 3.30pm. Tuesday 21st August 10am - 3.30pm. Wednesday 10am - 12pm. Application forms can be obtained from The Quay Theatre Box office and Sudbury Library, and must be returned to the theatre with payment by end July. Places are limited so please book early!

**Wednesday August 22nd, 7:30pm. Quay Bar Quiz.** Come and test your mettle with our many-rounded Bar Quiz! Teams of up to 6 with a £1.50 entry fee per person. Small money prize and a spot prize to be had. No booking required

**Saturday August 25th, 7:30pm. Wrong Jovi.** Fronted by Ally Ward, the 2011 UK Karaoke Champion (also seen on X Factor, Britain's Got Talent and The Singer Takes It All), Wrong Jovi have one of the UKs top vocalists leading them through the greatest rock anthems of all time. Wrong Jovi cover everything from Bon Jovi's 1983 debut single Runaway to 2013's Because We Can. Just a quick glance at the Wrong Jovi set list shows that the band have everything covered. Classic Bon Jovi hits Livin' On A Prayer, Wanted Dead Or Alive and Always are accompanied by live favourites such as Born To Be My Baby, Raise Your Hands and Keep The Faith. There are even some rarities to please the most hardcore of Bon Jovi fans; This Ain't A Love Song and Richie Sambora's Every Road Leads Home To You (Sang by Wrong Jovi's Richie Sambora - Mark Harding) to name but a few.

**Tuesday August 28th, 2:30pm & 7:30pm. Film: Finding Your Feet.** On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

**Saturday September 1st, 7:30pm. Richard Dignace.** With a BAFTA Nomination as TV Entertainer Of The Year and Gold Award recipient from The British Academy of Composers, Richard turned his back on show biz for his first love of music and live performance. 4,000 live shows, 62 British tours, 14 books, 3 stage plays, 32 albums and nearly 4 million YouTube visits says it all. He composed the audio book music for Bill Bryson's best-seller 'The Road To Little Dribbling', His Animal Alphabet poems, serialised by The BBC, are used as English Teaching Aids, in 14 countries from The USA to Swaziland, his guitar instrumentals are used on numerous TV productions. He supported Robin Williams at The London Palladium, and supported Steve Martin in The USA. On TV he played guitar with Queen's Brian May, Status Quo and The Moody Blues. Yes, after 50 years he's still doing what he loves. He also composes incidental and soundtrack music for Film, TV, Radio, Documentaries and Audio Books.

**Sunday September 2nd, 1:55pm. Sudbury Cinema for a Day September (Day Pass).** Sudbury Cinema for A Day kicks off September with just because you keep asking for it, another chance to see THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG), this time in a special Sing-A-Long edition. Then it's time for another Star Wars story blockbuster detailing the beginnings of our favourite space pirate in SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY (12A) followed by the side-quel/sequel OCEAN'S 8 (12A) - an all star female cast picking up where the boys left off with a big heist in New York City.

Further details on our Website at [www.quaytheatre.org.uk](http://www.quaytheatre.org.uk)

**Sunday 29th July 2018. Braintree Theatretrain - Top of the World**

Tickets £8.00 Adults / £7.00 OAPS and Children under 12  
Doors open 6.30 for 7.00pm

The show is a mix of songs, dance and drama pieces with a story based on a circus theme with background hijinks with a cast of thousands(ish), like the strong man, tight rope walker and all the fun of a circus.

**Saturday 1st September 2018. Stage & Screen**

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm. All Tickets £10

In aid of the Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital. A charity concert with song and dance from well known films and musicals performed by local talented performers in aid of the Great Ormond Street Childrens Hospital. There will songs from Showboat, Rent, Ghost, My Fair Lady, Burlesque, Blues Brothers, The Greatest Showman, Jesus Christ Superstar and many others, a great evenings entertainment for the whole family.

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**Mercury Theatre Company  
Colchester  
Tel: 01206 573948**

**27 JUL - 26 AUG. BABE, THE SHEEP-PIG.** When Farmer Hoggett wins Babe, an orphaned piglet, at the village fair he has no idea about the incredible series of events he has begun. Adopted by Hoggett's faithful sheepdog, Fly, the little pig soon settles into farmyard life.

**30 JUL. HACKT 3.0.** Hackt is back, rebooted and automatically updated for summer 2018! A week long summer school for young people aged 11-16 to explore drama and theatre making through digital technology and computer game design. Young people will work with Mercury Theatre professionals and Teaboy Games and can expect to use drama, video game design software, choreography, Raspberry Pi's, filmmaking and coding to experiment and explore the possibilities of digital creativity. Young people do not need to have prior experience in the theatre or technology, just enthusiasm, curiosity and a desire to create something new. To check out activity from previous hACKt years, check out the video.

**31 JUL. AN AUDIENCE WITH ANN WIDDECOMBE.** Forthright, intrepid and engaging, Ann Widdecombe, the former Shadow Home Secretary, has reinvented herself since leaving Parliament. Her inimitable performances on Strictly Come Dancing and now in the Big Brother house have made her a popular and familiar face on stage and TV. T

**4 AUG. BACKSTAGE TOUR - BABE.** It's access all areas as you join a friendly tour of the backstage areas of the Mercury Theatre. You can step on the stage and get up close to the set of Babe,

**4 AUG. NOW, VOYAGER.** In Boston, the over-weight spinster Charlotte Vale is a repressed woman without self-esteem and completely dominated by her wealthy mother Mrs. Henry Vale. When her sister-in-law Lisa Vale brings the renowned psychiatrist Dr. Jaquith, who is her friend, to visit Charlotte, he invites her to spend some time in his sanatorium. Soon Charlotte transforms in a sophisticated and confident woman and travels in a cruise to South America.

**7 AUG. THE SCUMMY MUMMIES SHOW - GREATEST HITS.** An evening of laughs for less-than-perfect parents. Following their sell-out UK tour, comedians Helen Thorn and Ellie Gibson are bringing their popular comedy show to the Mercury Theatre.

**11 AUG. TOUCH TOUR - BABE.** The free tour will take you onto the set of Babe, The Sheep-Pig. During the tour, the audio describer will guide you through the important costumes, set and props used during the performance. Touch Tours must be booked in advance. Please note: Touch Tours are intended for the visually impaired, as an accompaniment to the Audio Described performance. Please click here to find out more about accessibility at the Mercury.

**11 AUG. SOME LIKE IT HOT.** The hysterical comedy from director Billy Wilder starring Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe. When two Chicago musicians, Joe and Jerry, witness the St. Valentine's Day massacre, they want to get out of town and get away from the gangster responsible, Spats Colombo. They're desperate to get a gig out of town but the only job they know of is in an all-girl band heading to Florida. They show up at the train station as Josephine and Daphne, the replacement saxophone and bass players.

**13 AUG. ASPIRE: Storytelling Summer.** A 5 day workshop using drama, movement, light and sound to develop storytelling skills. Our 'Aspire' series of workshops will help young people explore their creativity, meet new friends, build confidence, and develop communication and social interaction skills.

**14 AUG. AN EVENING WITH BARONESS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS.** The 20th Century: The century of violence. When she was a child, Shirley Williams believed that being an MP would give her the power to bring about all kinds of good things for society. She has now retired from the House of Lords after 50 years in frontline politics making sure that some good things were indeed bought about.

**18 AUG. ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE WEST.** The story of a young woman, Mrs. McBain, who moves from New Orleans to frontier Utah, on the very edge of the American West. She arrives to find her new husband and family slaughtered, but by whom?

**20 AUG. MISBEHAVIN' SUMMER SCHOOL.** Fancy learning skills from the five pillars of Hip Hop? Come to Misbehavin', a summer school where you can turn your hand to MC-ing, beatboxing, lyric-writing, break dancing and street art learning from some of the best in the business. For 11-16yrs

**21 AUG. COMEDY CLUB ON THE ROAD!** The Comedy Club As Seen on TV Presents: Comedy Club on the Road! Celebrating 22 years of bringing laughter to life! The Comedy Club is one of the most recognised and respected names in the comedy industry and over the years has worked across the UK and abroad with the best of the best. For one night they have hand-picked some of their favourite five-star laughter-makers in the UK and brought them together for you in one full show!

**25 AUG. SUNSET BOULEVARD.** In one of Hollywood's best films, an ageing silent film queen refuses to accept that her stardom has ended. She hires a young screenwriter to help set up her movie comeback.

**30 AUG. DAVE FINNEGAN'S COMMITMENTS.** Dave Finnegan and his 8-piece band take to the road in 2018! Dave Finnegan was one of the stars from the cult movie The Commitments, playing Mick Wallace, the head-butting drummer.

**31 AUG. ISLANDS IN THE STREAM 2018.** The music of Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. Enjoy the songs of the Queen and King of country music - Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. Leave your 9 to 5 worries at the door and get ready for a night in the company of country music royalty!

**6 SEP - 15 SEP. THE WIZARD OF OZ.** There's no place like the Mercury Theatre to be taken over the rainbow by Colchester Operatic Society 2nd Edition's (CO2) production of The Wizard of Oz. Join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion as they follow the yellow brick road on their quest to reach the Emerald City despite all the obstacles that the Wicked Witch of the West puts in their way.

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