Warwick Arts Centre

YOUR ARTS CENTRE Autumn/Winter 2025-26

HIRE OUR SPACES

Whether you're looking to host a conference, community or student event or a celebration, we offer a range of spaces with capacities ranging from 2 to 1,340 people.

We have a range of technical packages to suit all needs and budgets. With our wealth of knowledge across the performing arts and corporate hospitality, we can help ensure your event is set up for success.

Email artscentrehires@warwick.ac.uk for further details.

WELCOME

We all care about something, someone or ourselves. Some of us care for others at home or at work. It is a word that can be represented in feelings, actions and even within institutions and it cannot be ignored - because we all care.

At the heart of our 2025/2026 programme is Handle with Care! - an uplifting, thought-provoking series of performances, events and activities that is not afraid to deal with difficult issues but can also offer comfort, conviction and help us make sense of the world.

Within three key themes - Creativity, Comfort and Connection - we have inspirational theatre, dance and comedy; creative activities to take care of your mind and body; and events that will make you smile, think, and understand what moves us and makes us human.

There's the second year of our Made in the Midlands works in progress and our People's Day Takeover too, where our local communities will fill our spaces with work they care about, and a Cosy Classics movie season, where you can enjoy a nice cuppa and bring a blanket!

We connect, we create, and we find comfort ...

Elsewhere, we step back to the 1990s to experience the birth of the UK rave scene with the Midlands' first multiplayer experience of In Pursuit of Repetitive Beats; the pioneering Zoo Co and Improbable Theatre present Perfect Show for Rachel; and a solo Eddie Izzard takes on Hamlet.

Chineke! Orchestra also return too, this time accompanied by soloists Sheku and Isata Kanneh-Mason whose mother, Kadiatu, visits us as part of a series of provoking talks with other leading critical thinkers - including David Olusoga, Gary Younge and Mina Smallman - to mark the University of Warwick's 60th anniversary.

And with Christmas on the horizon, we also present nights of pure escapist entertainment, as well as welcoming a certain hungry tiger to tea ...

DOREEN FOSTER

Director
Warwick Arts Centre

ALWAYS FREE FOYER

SEE ALL OF OUR FREE EVENTS HERE!

At Warwick Arts Centre, we place relationships with local communities, staff and students, both on and off campus at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to providing creative spaces, events and activities that are open and accessible to everyone ranging from free Jazz Fridays to artist-led workshops. You can also volunteer with us and be part of the team that brings our activities to life.

MAKERS' MARKET PRINTS & PLANTS Wed 1 Oct 4pm – 9pm

Level up your space with art, plants & vibes. Our Makers' Market is packed with zines, prints, ceramics, leafy plants, and unique homeware from local makers. Perfect for adding personality to your home (and not breaking the bank).

JAZZ FRIDAYS
Every Fri from
3 Oct to 12 Dec
5.30pm – 7.15pm

Our free live jazz event, hosted by The Aaron Moloney Trio and featuring an open jam session for local musicians in the second half. On the first Friday of each month, we will have special guest musicians joining the sessions. For more information about the jam session please contact programming@warwick.ac.uk or just turn up.

Gallery Foyer FREE

SONGWRITING WORKSHOPS
Every Tue from
7 Oct to 9 Dec
8pm – 10pm

Led by musicians Ellie Gowers, Steve Jones (aka Stylusboy), our workshops are every Tuesday evening throughout the autumn. Whether you're just starting your songwriting journey or looking to refine your craft, these free sessions are for you.

Helen Martin Studio FREE

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS
Every Wed from
8 Oct to 10 Dec
1.30pm – 4pm

With a focus on creativity and wellbeing, our weekly artist and student-led workshops let you immerse yourself in a creative process, meet new people, and take some time for yourself. Unwind and experience clay, printmaking, sculpture, music, textiles and more.

Gallery Foyer FREE All ages

OPEN MIC SESSIONS Thu 13 Nov & Thu 4 Dec 6pm – 8pm

Our Open Mic sessions are open to everyone. If you are a singer, instrumentalist, poet, MC, or any other kind of musical performer then this is an opportunity for you. No need to prebook, just sign up on the night but do it early to avoid disappointment!

Gallery Foyer FREE

MINI CREATIVES
Every Tue from
7 Oct to 9 Dec
10.30am – 12pm

Music and storytelling for babies, toddlers and their grownups. Our free multi-sensory sessions encourage

curiosity and support development. Stay for Baby Book Club on the first Tuesday of each month, 11.45am – 12pm for story time and borrow books from our Mini Creatives library. In partnership with the University of Warwick Library.

Gallery Foyer FREE Age 0-4

MUSICAL PICNICS Sun 12 Oct, Sun 9 Nov & Sun 14 Dec 12.30pm

Welcoming monthly musical performances for children, parents and families, featuring an eclectic programme of music and artists. Discover music from flamenco to folk, beatboxing to bebop, sitars to jazz guitars and electronics to percussion! Everyone is welcome.

Gallery Foyer FREE Age 3 -10

FAMILY SUNDAYS Every Sun from 12 Oct to 14 Dec 12.30pm – 4.30pm Join our family artists for time to be creative as a family. We'll explore different artforms in our programme such as spoken word, music, movement and circus, with opportunities for you and your little ones to join in if you like.

Gallery Foyer FREE All ages

FAMILY SINGING Sun 26 Oct & Sun 16 Nov 11.30am – 12.30pm

Our popular Sunday morning hour of singing. Perfect for first timers and regulars, you will learn songs to get you singing and dancing. Open to all ages, you just need to bring yourself and your willingness to have lots of fun! An opportunity for everyone to sing together.

Gallery Foyer FREE All ages

MAKERS' MARKET AND GALLERY LATE Thu 6 Nov 4pm – 9pm

Join us for a free curated evening of music and creativity as part of our Makers' Market and Gallery Late. Pick-up

bespoke ceramics from local artisan makers and hear from emerging musicians.

SEASONAL MAKERS' MARKET Tue 9 Dec 4pm – 9pm

We're delighted to host Warwick Arts Centre's third Seasonal Makers' Market, featuring an array of independent, local traders, selling handcrafted and sustainably made items. A perfect opportunity to purchase some festive gifts.

HANDLE WITH CARE!

AN UPLIFTING SEASON OF WORK EXPLORING HOW WE CARE FOR OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER.

Warwick Arts Centre has always been a great space for performance that makes you think. This autumn/ winter season considers how the arts can encourage us to care: for ourselves and each other.

Living in what most people agree are very unsettled times, the arts can create headspace to offer escapism, understand what drives our passions and consider our shared humanity.

With exciting live performances to help you make sense of the world, films to help you decompress and shows that will make you smile, we have it all as the evenings draw in so come on in!

CARE THROUGH CONNECTION

Care through Connection: these events will make you think, understand what connects us, and help make sense of the world. Experience the power of storytelling with these wonderful shows.

Black Power Desk

1884

Nature of Forgetting

Bad Lads

Ruby's Worry

Brave Bettie

Stories in the Dust

Departure

David Olusoga

Eddie Izzard Hamlet

Open up your hearts and minds to these incredible change-makers:

John Grant

Omid Djalili

Emmanuel Sonubi

Ria Lina

Sara Pascoe

Cally Beaton

Desiree Burch

Grayson Perry

John Simpson

Mina Smallman

Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason

Kit de Waal

Gary Younge

David Olusoga

CARE THROUGH COMFORT

Care through Comfort: sit back and settle in to experience work that will bring you comfort and make you smile. Cosy Classics films: stories of hope, resilience and community - cinematic self-care with a cuppa, free biscuit and a BYOB (bring your own blanket!) policy...plus these fabulous feel-good performances.

Perfect Show for Rachel **Showstoppers** Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain ganavya Björn Again Fisherman's Friends **Bollywood Hungama** The Cory Band presents: John Williams Eliza Carthy and Jon Boden's Wassail The Stylistics: Greatest Hits The Horne Section Jenny Eclair Suzi Ruffell Stevie Martin Jack Dee Sue Perkins

CARE THROUGH CREATIVITY

Care through Creativity: witness the joy of artistic creation from our Made in the Midlands artists; join in our People's Takeover (Sat 29 Nov) when our communities tell us what they want to see and curate the whole day themselves; and unleash your own creativity and participate in one of our many free foyer activities on p5-10.

THE PEOPLE'S DAY TAKEOVER Sat 29 Nov 11.30am – 4.30pm

Our People's Day invites our local communities to take over our spaces with a programme of activity themed on care. Expect workshops, talks, classes and performances that explore what care means to the people of Coventry through theatre, visual arts, dance, music and more.

All spaces, FREE All ages

MADE IN THE MIDLANDS Thu 5 Feb 7.45pm

Developing artists is in our DNA. This season, we're seed funding new Midlands-based work exploring the theme of care. Join us for a 'Scratch Night' featuring three works-inprogress

by local artists selected via open call: Propel Dance, poet Sipho Eric Ndlovu, and deaf theatre director Mary-Jayne Russell de Clifford.
Studio £5.50 BSL interpreted

The Paper Birds 48 THOUGHTS PER MINUTE Fri 23 Feb 12.30pm

After a week of R&D with arts centre communities, this informal sharing presents a fast-paced, joyfully chaotic, and sharply funny exploration of all the things we think but never say.

Helen Martin Studio FREE

We're broadening our accessible film screenings to include audio description and relaxed screenings, alongside descriptive subtitles, and our film programme features two seasons: Care on Screen – exploring representation of carers in film; and Care Behind The Scenes – highlighting the best caring practices in filmmaking.

MEET IN ART

MEAD GALLERY
Open Tue – Sun 11am – 8pm*
FREE

Our exhibitions bring the best modern and contemporary art from across the world to Coventry.

"The Mead Gallery produces some of the best exhibitions in the region. There is something for everyone."

PREVIOUS EXHIBITION VISITOR *during exhibition dates

TAKURO KUWATA: TEA BOWL PUNK Fri 31 Oct 2025 – Sun 15 Mar 2026*

Warwick Arts Centre presents the first UK solo exhibition of the work of internationally celebrated Japanese ceramic artist, Takuro Kuwata. Featuring new, large-scale works created specifically for the Mead Gallery, alongside ceramics from across Kuwata's career, it shows the full spectrum of the artist's practice, from glistening tea bowls embedded with gold and platinum to cracked, otherworldly sculptures that challenge the conventions of utility and beauty.

The artist cites the influence of American Pop Art on his practice and the result is playful and contemporary.

Kuwata's ceramics have been exhibited in leading art institutions in the UK and around the world. The exhibition is accompanied by a new publication that explores the international significance of Kuwata's work.

This exhibition is generously supported by The Japan Foundation and the Henry Moore Foundation.

FREE

EXHIBITION PREVIEW Thu 30 Oct 6pm – 8pm

Take this special opportunity to get a first look at this important exhibition and meet the people who created it. FREE Everyone welcome

*Please note that during the winter holidays from Mon 15 Dec to Mon 12 Jan, the exhibition will only be open 10am-4pm on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

GALLERY EVENTS

MODERN CLAY WORKSHOPS
Thu 20 Nov, 11 Dec, 5 Feb, 12 Mar 6pm – 8pm
Thu 5 Feb 11am – 3pm

Guest curators of the gallery studio are Modern Clay, a co-operative from Birmingham offering four clay-making classes inspired by Japanese ceramic craft practices led by their artists.

Thu 20 Nov Patterned plates
Thu 11 Dec Kurinuki lidded boxes
Thu 5 Feb Collaborative large-scale sculpture
Thu 12 Mar Geometric vessels

Gallery, £21 per session

FREE MODERN CLAY ACTIVITIES

This exhibition's gallery studio artists are Modern Clay. They have produced a series of free self-led activities for the public's daily use.

ATTEMPTS TO CARE WELL with Dr Lucy Lopez and Roo Dhissou Tue 7 Oct 6pm – 7pm

As part of our Handle with Care! Season, Birmingham based curator Dr Lucy Lopez and artists Roo Dhissou discuss how art organisations might better care for their artists, staff and audiences.

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Gallery Foyer FREE

BSL EXHIBITION TOUR
Sat 22 Nov 2pm
Artist, Olivier Jamin leads an informal BSL tour of
Takuro Kuwata's exhibition, bringing a unique
perspective to the artworks on display.

FREE, booking essential

RESEARCH SEMINAR: MAKING EQUIVOCAL MEANING with Dr Marta Ajmar
Tue 2 Dec 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Join University of Warwick's Associate Professor of History of Art, Dr Marta Ajmar, to explore what we can learn from contemporary ceramics as 'workmanship of risk'. Previously Deputy Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum's Research Institute, her research explores histories and practices of craft and making.

Gallery FREE, booking essential

SCULPTURE PARK

Investigate the 26 outdoor sculptures by major international artists installed across the University of Warwick campus - nestled next to buildings, along footpaths, in woods and by lakes. Visit one or two works or challenge yourself to find all 26!

Free maps and artist-inspired trails with activities for children are available outside the Mead Gallery or from the Box Office.

FREE Open all day, every day

MEET IN MOVIES

Join us for an exciting autumn season of cinema from award-winning directors, as well as new and creative voices from the world of independent film.

- New titles from award-winning directors Paul Thomas Anderson (One Battle After Another), Yorgos Lanthimos (Bugonia), Emerald Fennell (Wuthering Heights), and Kogonada (A Big Bold Beautiful Journey).
- Climactic sequels Wicked: For Good and Avatar: Fire and Ash – and family films including Zootropolis 2
- New and creative voices from the world of independent film – I Swear, Deaf, Keeper
- Early Oscar-contending performances from Jeremy Allen White (The Bear) in Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere, Ethan Hawke & Margaret Qualley in Richard Linklater's Blue

Moon, Jennifer Lawrence & Robert Pattinson in Lynne Ramsey's Die My Love

- Classic silent films with creatively synced pop/rock soundtracks - Battleship Potemkin (Pet Shop Boys), Nosferatu (Radiohead) and Buster Keaton's Sherlock Jr (REM)
- Film talks, Q&As, Film Festivals

See you in your seats!

FILM CLUB

Calling all film buffs, cinema lovers and movie fans! Join our Film Club for even more exclusive benefits.

FILM CLUB

£40 per year for single membership £75 per year for Plus One*

- Free parking on evenings after 5pm and weekends
 (1 car registered to lead booker)
- £1.50 off standard price film tickets
- £1.50 off Event Cinema tickets
- Discounts on Film Talks
- Free ticket within your birthday month
- Discounted tickets for selected theatre and dance productions
- Two exclusive trailer previews a year
- •10% discount in Benugo Bar & Kitchen*
- Buy a buffet meal and get one drink free (£4 or less) at Panda Mami*
- 40% off MUBI for 12 months an online platform allowing you to discover a wonderful line-up of films to watch at home*

UNDER 26 FILM CLUB

£10 per year – pays for itself in just 4 visits

- •£5 tickets (£2.50 off our usual U26s price)
- Discounts on Film Talks
- 10% discount in Benugo Bar & Kitchen**
- •Buy a buffet meal and get one drink free

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*For full T's & C's go to <u>warwickartscentre.co.uk/join-support/film-club/</u>

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST!

watch at home*

Join our mailing list for film listings emailed direct to your inbox every week. warwickartscentre.co.uk/mailing-list/

EVENT CINEMA NT LIVE £19.50 (£17.50) U26s £10.50

INTER ALIA

Thu 4 Sep 7pm* & Sun 28 Sep 2pm bStarring Oscarnominated Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl, Saltburn) from the team behind PRIMA FACIE *Thu 4 Sep will be a live broadcast Captioned

MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION

Thu 23 Oct 7pm & Sun 26 Oct 2pm Imelda Staunton (The Crown) joins forces with her daughter Bessie Carter (Bridgerton). Captioned

THE FIFTH STEP

Thu 27 Nov 7pm & Sun 30 Nov 2pm Starring Jack Lowden (Slow Horses) and Martin Freeman (The Hobbit). Captioned

HAMLET

Thu 22 Jan, 7pm & Sun 25 Jan 2pm Hiran Abeysekera (Life of Pi) stars in this contemporary take on Shakespeare's tragedy. Captioned

NEXT TO NORMAL

Thu 11 Sep 7pm & Sun 14 Sep 2pm*
This Olivier Award nominated production comes to our cinema this September.
£19.50 (£17.50) U26s £10.50

English subtitles

EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

Caravaggio
Tue 11 Nov 5.30pm & Sun 16 Nov
2pm (English subtitles)

Turner & Constable
Tue 10 Mar 5.30pm & Sun 15 Mar
2pm (English subtitles)

Frida Kahlo
Tue 19 May 5.30pm & Sun 24 May
2pm (English subtitles)
£15 (£13) U26s £10

ANDREA BOCELLI: BECAUSE I BELIEVE
Sun 21 Sep 2pm & Wed 24 Sep 7pm
With interviews, performance footage and insights.
Celebrate the man and the voice.
(English subtitles)
£19.50 (£17.50) U26s £10.50

MET OPERA SCREENINGS £28.50 (£26.50) U26s £15

LA BOHÈME

Revival

Sat 15 Nov 1pm

Conductor: Keri-Lynn Wilson

Sung in Italian

(English surtitles)

ANDREA CHÉNIER

Revival

Sat 20 Dec 1pm

Conductor: Daniele Rustioni

Sung in Italian

(English surtitles)

TRISTAN UND ISOLDE

New Production

Sat 28 Mar 12pm

Conductor: Yannick Nézet-Séguin

Sung in German

(English surtitles)

EUGENE ONEGIN

Revival

Sat 9 May 1pm

Conductor: Timur Zangiev

Sung in Russian

(English surtitles)

EL ÚLTIMO SUEÑO DE FRIDA Y DIEGO Met Premiere Sat 6 Jun 1pm Conductor: Yannick Nézet-Séguin Sung in Spanish (English surtitles)

IMMERSIVE VR EXPERIENCE

East City Films
IN PURSUIT OF REPETITIVE BEATS
Mon 29 Sep – Mon 13 Oct
Mead Gallery £24.50
U26s £16
Integrated captions available
Age 14+
See website to book your time slot.

Travel back to 1989 when finding the party was the only thing that mattered, back to the heart of the Acid House scene with the UK's biggest VR experience. This ground-breaking experience was created for, and about, Coventry and is coming home bigger and better than before!

Using VR technology to create a truly collective experience, groups of four people can share the same virtual space and interact as rave culture pioneers.

The rave scene was about organic, energised communities creating shared experiences in physical and spiritual spaces and this show honours that spirit and unifies us all in a transformative way.

Part of a series of exciting events taking place throughout 2025 to celebrate the University of Warwick's landmark 60th anniversary.

In Pursuit of Repetitive Beats was created by immersive artist Darren Emerson and produced by East City Films. The original version was funded by the BFI awarding National Lottery funding and Coventry City of Culture Trust.

The tour is jointly supported by Arts Council England and BFI National Lottery Audience Projects Fund.

THEATRE

Zoo Co & Improbable
PERFECT SHOW FOR RACHEL
Tue 7 Oct 7.30pm*
Wed 8 Oct 2.30pm & 7.30pm**

Rachel is a theatre-loving, enigmatic 33-year-old who loves Kylie Minogue, heckling from the front row and seeing people falling over. Sitting on-stage on a throne with her custom-built tech desk, she takes charge as the director of every unique performance in real-time. A touch of a button can trigger music, lighting, theatrical scenes or choreography, which are brought to life instantly by a company of performers. Step into Rachel's world in this experimental show as a learning-disabled artist has the power to lead the creation of her 'Perfect Show'. Winner of the OFFIE for Access award 2023.

Theatre £26 (£24), £21 (£19) Age 14+

- * BSL interpreted post-show talk follows the performance on Tue 7 Oct.
- ** Audio described performance Wed 8 Oct 7.30pm with touch tour at 6.45pm.

All shows are relaxed and accessible for d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing audiences.

PlayWell Productions CIC
BLACK POWER DESK
Tue 14 Oct 2.30pm & 7.30pm
An Original Musical, World Premiere
1970s London.

Two sisters divided by grief and radical politics, motivated by love but will their fight for the community be worth the damage to their Sisterhood?

The streets awash with a fever of political unrest, the rhythm of the sound system culture is birthing a new era of soulful lover's rock, fusing RnB and reggae, amidst the covert Black Power Desk operations of New Scotland Yard. As tensions rise, the community rallies together to stand against injustices and racial divide. "The day you were born Black was the day politics was made your thing."

Black Power Desk is a powerful new musical which reimagines and explores what it means to love and fight for freedom.

Theatre £24 (£22), £20 (£18) BSL interpreted performance 7.30pm Age 12+

SHOWSTOPPER! THE IMPROVISED MUSICAL Thu 9 Oct 7.30pm

Olivier Award-winning, spontaneous musical comedy at its absolute finest – direct from the West End! A brandnew musical comedy is created from scratch at each performance as audience suggestions are transformed into all-singing, all-dancing productions with hilarious results - and it's all made up on the spot!

"So polished, it defies belief." - Telegraph

"If this is what improv can do, you wonder why anyone bothers writing anything down."

- The Times

Theatre £29.50 Age 12+

Koro Productions Ltd 1884 Tue 14 & Wed 15 Oct 7.45pm

Welcome to Wilhelm Street. Make yourself at home! Somewhere nearby, though, there's a meeting going on. Run by very important people. Making very important decisions about your lives. But you and your family are not allowed inside...

Created by theatre-maker Rhianna Ilube and BAFTAwinning game-makers Coney, 1884 is an immersive game-theatre show inspired by the legacy of the 1884 Berlin Conference, an often-overlooked historical turning point for the African continent and the world.

Studio £21.50 Age 15+

EDDIE IZZARD: HAMLET Sat 18 Oct 7.30pm

Direct from her critically acclaimed, tripleextended New York, Chicago and London solo performances of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

"An impressive sweeping performance." - The Telegraph

"Spectacular." Dame Judi Dench

Akin to the original performances of Hamlet, Eddie performs on the blank canvas of a bare stage. Shakespeare's words and pure storytelling take the spotlight.

Theatre £47, £37

Graeae Theatre Company
BAD LADS
Tue 11 & Wed 12 Nov 7.45pm

A story of oppression and resilience. Bad Lads tells the gripping and devastating true story of the boys held at Medomsley Youth Detention Centre in County Durham in the 1980s - sold to the public as a 'short, sharp shock' for wayward youth, the reality hid something much darker.

The system has failed these working-class men. At a time when the cry for accountability is louder than ever, Bad Lads demands remembrance and calls for justice.

All performances will integrate British Sign Language (BSL), audio description, creative captions and will be presented in a relaxed environment.

Studio £20 (£18), U26s £15 Aged 16+

BSL interpreted post-show talk on Tue 11 Nov

Theatre Re
THE NATURE OF FORGETTING
Tue 18 & Wed 19 Nov 7.30pm

Following more than 200 performances in sold out venues across the globe, Theatre Re brings its explosive, powerful and joyous piece about what is left when memory is gone, back to the UK. Tom is living with young onset dementia. We meet him as he prepares for his 55th birthday party and past memories come flooding back.

"A phenomenal example of true theatrical magic." - TheatreReview NYC

Theatre £26 (£24), £21 (£19) Age 8+

BSL interpreted show on Tue 18 November, plus BSL interpreted post-show talk

JAMES PHELAN: THE MAN WHO WAS MAGIC Thu 20 Nov 7.30pm

Dare to believe in magic as the UK's #1 magic show returns with a brand-new production.

Presented by award-winning magician James Phelan - most infamous for jamming the BBC switchboard after

predicting the lottery. A dazzling, new, five star-rated magic show where secrets unravel and you're left aching with laughter and dizzy in disbelief.

Theatre £47 (includes meet and greet), £29.50, £27.50, U26s £19.50 Age 12+

DANCE AND PERFORMANCE

THE RETURN OF THE LEGENDS Mon 6 Oct 8pm

Following their 2024 smash hit sell-out tour, Strictly Come Dancing legends Brendan Cole, James Jordan, Pasha Kovalev, Vincent Simone and Ian Waite return.

Performing world-class Latin, ballroom, tango, rumba and so much more, Brendan, James, Pasha, Vincent and lan share more stories from their illustrious careers and pay tribute to their dance icons, while never failing to remind us exactly why they became our Legends of The Dance Floor!

Hall £58, £48, £45 Age 7+

OKAN
by Maya & Toussaint
Wed 8 Oct 7.45pm
Studio £21.50 (£17.50)
Age 12+

Experience the captivating world of Okan, the latest duet collaboratively created by Akeim Toussaint Buck and Ella Mesma.

Rooted in the Yoruba word meaning Oneness, Conscience, and Heart, Okan embodies a limitless, open-minded approach to life. The performance blends the fluidity of Salsa with the precision of Wing Chun martial arts, transcending gender, human, and emotional barriers to become a catalyst for transformation.

Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company WE CALIBAN
Thu 21 Oct 7.30pm

Shobana Jeyasingh, one of the most dynamic and distinctive forces in UK dance, turns her sharp creative eye to Shakespeare's final play The Tempest.

A tale of power lost and regained, the play is the starting point for Jeyasingh's dramatic and contemporary reckoning which reframes the story through the eyes of Caliban. His life is changed forever when the power games of distant lands and unknown peoples are played out on his own remote island, making him a 'monstrous' servant to a new master, Prospero, and his young daughter, Miranda.

Theatre £26 (£24), £23 (£21)

Featuring a free pre-show performance led by Coventrybased Ascension Dance, bringing together diverse local communities of all ages to celebrate the cultural hybridity that echoes the work of Shobana Jeyasingh Dance. FREE, no booking required

CIRQUE: THE GREATEST SHOW - REIMAGINED Fri 31 Oct 3pm & 7pm

Get ready for a dazzling fusion of musical theatre and jaw-dropping circus acts, taking the original Circus meets Musical Theatre spectacle to thrilling new heights. Experience iconic West End showstoppers paired with awe-inspiring circus acts showcasing their breathtaking feats of agility; a vibrant, kaleidoscopic journey bursting with colour, energy, and excitement.

Hall £37 (£32), £33 (£29), £31 (£27) Age 6+

Masumi Saito and An-Ting DEPARTURE
Tue 4 Nov 7.45pm

Movement artist Masumi Saito and composer/musician An-Ting explore themes of death, ritual, and the spirit.

Through the intertwining of movement and live music, the performance creates an emotionally resonant experience - breaking the silence around death. Why do cultures across the world uphold long-standing funeral traditions? What can these rituals teach us about both death and life?

Studio £20.50 (£18.50)

Strictly Theatre Co CHRISTMAS WITH ANTON DU BEKE Tue 16 Dec 7.30pm

Embark on a dazzling journey into a festive wonderland as Strictly's one and only Anton Du Beke brightens up your Christmas. The Ballroom King and Strictly Come Dancing judge joins forces with his dynamic live band, the incomparable vocalist Lance Ellington, and a troupe of extraordinary dancers, to bring you a magical evening of music, dance and laughter.

Hall £64, £62, £54, £44 Age 8+

WATCH THIS SPACE

Keep an eye out for bold, creative student shows! Musical Theatre Warwick, Drama Collective, Opera Warwick and more showcase the best of Warwick student talent. These productions are a platform for the next generation of performers, directors, and creatives - don't miss what they're making. See website for details.

FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Story Forge
MAKE YOUR OWN MYTH
Sun 12 Oct 11.30am & 2pm

Two loopy Professors hilariously invent three new myths using cardboard. Choose the adventure, shape the tale, even be the hero! Legendary family fun from award-winning champions of children's theatre. You'd be mad to myth it!

Studio Adult £14.50 Child £12.50 1hr / Age 6+

NICK COPE: I'VE LOST MY BOBBLE HAT! Sun 19 Oct 11am & 2pm

Help Nick find his beloved bobble hat in this brand-new, fun filled musical hour with all your favourite Nick Cope hits and more. Nick has a magical way of reaching into people's hearts, igniting children's imagination in an organic, unpatronising, educational and fun way.

His live performances are legendary. If you haven't heard his songs or seen his shows before, come along and find out what you've been missing.

Theatre £18 1hr / Age 3+ Indefinite Articles
CLAYTIME
Sun 26 Oct 11am & 2pm

A play with clay, where the audience are invited to join in. Come to a place where the earth's natural material meets with children's imaginations: a world of fabulous forms, amazing animals and morphing monsters.

Each Claytime is totally unique - creating its own world drawn directly from its young audience.

Studio Adult £15.50 Child £13.50 1hr 15 mins / Age 3 - 6

HALF TERM TREAT
PIRATES LOVE UNDERPANTS
Tue 28 & Wed 29 Oct 11.30am & 2.30pm
Based on the beloved book by Claire Freedman and
Ben Cort

These pirates SO love underpants!

Join our swashbuckling party of pirates on their quest to find the fabled Pants of Gold for the Captain's Treasure Chest! Dodge hungry crocs beneath Long-John Bridge, bob upon the waves of Big Knickers Bay, spot sharks in fancy underpants and trek across Three Pants Ridge. Filled with music, puppetry and glittering pants of gold, are you ready to set sail for a family adventure?

Theatre Adult £19.50 Child £17.50 1 hr / All ages

STORIES IN THE DUST Sun 2 Nov 11am & 2pm

The sun beats down on two intrepid explorers, journeying across a mysterious land in a contraption they've built themselves.

With live music and puppetry, this is a funny, heartfelt and hopeful eco-fable that takes you to another world. A world where an ancient book guides your way, a drop of rain changes everything and a mighty lion holds its secrets in an old clay pot.

Will they make it? They're full of ideas and hope but dangerously low on baked beans.

Studio £16.50, (£12.50) U2s £3.50 1hr / Ages 5 – 12

BRING YOUR OWN BABY COMEDY CLUB Thu 6 Nov 1pm

An afternoon of hilarious comedy, where you can relax and have a good laugh at the best comedians in the UK, without needing childcare!

There's buggy parking, baby changing and more, so you can take some time for yourself and just be entertained. Whether you fancy a cuppa or even something a bit stronger (G&T anyone?). If you need to whip out a bum (the baby's please!), a boob or a bottle, then feel free... and our comics won't mind being heckled by our younger guests!*

Each show features two brilliant comedians plus a compère, and the whole show will last approx. 75 minutes including an interval. Breakout space available from 12.30pm.

Studio £16 (All full price tickets include a baby on lap) 1hr 15 mins

*Please note that we have a 15-month age limit for our little laughers, as our comedians will be performing their usual grown-up jokes!

CHRISTMAS SHOW 2025

THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA
A musical play adapted and directed by David Wood
Based on the book by Judith Kerr
Sat 29 Nov – Sun 28 Dec

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award nominated smash hit show, The Tiger Who Came to Tea returns. The doorbell rings just as Sophie and her mummy are sitting down to tea. Who could it possibly be? What they certainly don't expect to see at the door is a big, stripy tiger!

Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show; packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

Times vary, see website for details. Theatre £20.50, £17.50, £13 1hr / Ages 3+

Schools: We have daytime schools performances from Tue 25 Nov – email <u>groupbookings@warwick.ac.uk</u> for more details

Familiarisation session: Sun 30 Nov 12pm

Relaxed performance: Sun 30 Nov

1.30pm & Sun 14 Dec 10.30am BSL interpreted performance: Sat 13 Dec 1.30pm

Mishmash Productions RUBY'S WORRY Sun 1 Feb 11.30am & 2pm

Ruby has always been perfectly happy... until one day... she discovers a worry....

She tries to get rid of her worry, which just grows bigger! She meets a boy who has a worry too and they discover that everyone has them, and that if you talk about them, they never hang around for long! Told through live music, song, puppetry and physical theatre, Ruby's Worry takes the audience on a delightful musical adventure.

Based on the book Ruby's Worry, written and illustrated by Tom Percival.

Helen Martin Studio Adult £15.50 Child £13.50 40 mins / Ages 3-7

Half Moon and Z-arts
BRAVE BETTIE
Sun 15 Feb 11am & 2pm

Bettie loves the forest - it's her sanctuary. But when the council threatens to cut down her favourite tree, she must find the courage to protect it.

This playful yet powerful production explores resilience, self-belief, activism and our bond with nature. Written by Tatenda Naomi Matsvai, this is a magical woodland adventure told through poetry, songs, live music and stories, that explore their home heritage in Zimbabwe.

Studio Adult £15 Child £13 Ages 3-8

RUDE SCIENCE! Tue 17 Feb 11.30am & 3pm

The naughtiest, funniest, most revolting science show in the world. BBC Gastronaut Stefan Gates' hilarious, hightech, highly-explosive, highly-revolting new family show, packed with science stunts and spectacular experiments.

Theatre Adults £20.50, £18.50

TALES FROM ACORN WOOD LIVE! Sat 21 Feb 2pm & Sun 22 Feb 11am & 2pm

Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's beloved Tales from Acorn Wood stories are brought to life on stage for the first time in an enchanting lift-the-flap experience. Packed full of toe-tapping songs, puppetry, and all the friends from Acorn Wood, this beautiful show promises to be the perfect treat for children of all ages.

Theatre £18.50, £16.50 55 mins / All ages

CHRISTMAS LECTURES
Wed 26 Nov & Wed 10 Dec 7pm

Our award-winning Warwick Christmas Lectures return!

Join Ally Caldecote and some of our favourite scientists from the University of Warwick who are leaving their labs to entertain, inspire and amaze audiences. Bring your family and friends, pull on your festive jumper and join us for an evening of mind-boggling science and explosive experiments!

We'll have Live Labs with Warwick Institute of Engagement in our foyer spaces from 6pm, so you can get up close and hands on with real-life science before the Christmas Lectures begin.

Both performances are BSL interpreted.

Hall £6

1hr 30mins / Age 8+

Group offers - contact groupbookings@warwick.ac.uk

FAMILY SINGING
Sun 26 Oct & Sun 16 Nov
11.30am

Join us for our popular Sunday morning hour of singing in the foyer of the Warwick Arts Centre.

Perfect for first timers and regulars, you will learn songs to get you singing, moving, and dancing, with a healthy dose of creativity thrown in. Open to all ages, you just need to bring yourself and your willingness to have lots of fun! An opportunity for all the family to sing together.

Gallery Foyer FREE

MY FIRST CONCERT Something Spooky Thu 30 Oct 1pm

A relaxed and interactive concert designed especially for babies, children and their adults, brought to you by professional musicians with a passion for sharing their love of classical music. Whether it is your first concert or your 100th, this is a wonderful way to enjoy music as a family. Look out for our free pre-concert workshop where you can get creative and make something to bring to the show.

Helen Martin Studio
Adults £5 Children FREE

MUSICAL PICNICS
Sun 12 Oct, Sun 9 Nov & Sun 14 Dec 12.30pm

Warm and welcoming monthly musical performances for children, parents and families, featuring an eclectic programme music and artists. Discover everything from flamenco to folk, beatboxing to bebop, opera to ouds, sitars to jazz guitars, electronics to percussion!

Everyone is welcome. Gallery Foyer FREE Age 3 - 10

ORCHESTRAL SERIES 25-26

Hall Pricing by Seating Area

A: £45.50 (£43.50), B: £42.50 (£40.50), C: £40 (£38), D:

£32.50 (£30.50), E: £26.50 (£24.50),

Choir: £23.50 (£21.50)

Concessions in brackets.

Offers subject to availability. Under 26s/Students

Best available tickets £18.50 each

for 16 – 26-year-olds and students

Orchestral Package Discount

Buy any 5 concerts – get 16% off

Buy any 4 concerts – get 12% off Buy any 3 concerts – get 8% off

CHINEKE! ORCHESTRA Wed 24 Sep 7.30pm

Join Chineke! Orchestra as they celebrate a decade of musical excellence and diversity.

Featuring Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's adventurous and poetic Ballade In A Minor and Dawson's sole symphony, which finds the Alabama-born composer calling on Black spirituals. Plus Beethoven's often overlooked, yet expertly crafted Concerto For Violin, Cello, and Piano.

PRE-CONCERT TALK
Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £6

COLERIDGE-TAYLOR Ballade in A minor, Op.33
BEETHOVEN Triple Concerto for Violin, Cello,
and Piano in C Major, Op. 56, No.2
WILLIAM DAWSON Negro Folk Symphony
Conductor Roderick Cox
Violin Tai Murray
Cello Sheku Kanneh-Mason
Piano Isata Kanneh-Mason

CONCERTO BUDAPEST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Tue 2 Dec 7.30pm

The respected Hungarian orchestra continues to shine with a programme that includes the third of Hungarian composer Liszt's symphonic poems, Beethoven's elegant third piano concerto, Shostakovich's moving and poignant neoclassical Ninth, and Tchaikovsky's dramatic Dante-inspired Francesca da Rimini.

The orchestra is joined by the internationally acclaimed pianist, Paul Lewis CBE.

PRE-CONCERT TALK
Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £6

LISZT Les Préludes BEETHOVEN Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, Op. 37 SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No. 9 in E-flat Major, Op. 77 TCHAIKOVSKY Francesca da Rimini, Op. 32 Conductor András Keller Piano Paul Lewis

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT Mozart's World: A Little Night Music Wed 28 Jan 7.30pm

A Mozart inspired night from period instrument specialists The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Featuring A Little Night Music, one of Mozart's most famous pieces, along with his Clarinet Concerto swansong, plus an elegant Overture from Arriagas (aka The Spanish Mozart) and an entertaining Divertimento from Michael Haydn.

PRE-CONCERT TALK
Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £6

JUAN CRISÓSTOMO
ARRIAGA Overture in F minor, Op.1
MOZART Clarinet Concerto in A
Major, K.622
INTERVAL
MICHAEL HAYDN Divertimento in G Major 1780
MOZART Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
Clarinet Katherine Spencer

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Fri 27 Feb 7.30pm

Multi-prize-winning South African soprano Masabane Cecilia Rangwanasha accompanies the boundary-pushing RPO for the nuanced Four Last Songs, one of the last pieces written by Strauss, and Sibelius' triumphant Second, which is often associated with themes of independence and liberation. The concert begins with contemporary composer Moussa's mournful Adgilis Deda.

PRE-CONCERT TALK
Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £6
Kevin John Edusei (TBC)

MOUSSA Adgilis Deda: Hymn for orchestra STRAUSS Four Last Songs, Op. post. INTERVAL SIBELIUS Symphony No.2 in D Major, Op.43 Conductor Kevin John Edusei Soprano Masabane Cecilia Rangwanasha

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Thu 5 Mar 7.30pm

The CBSO's Music Director, Kazuki Yamada, conducts two epic works: Tchaikovsky's exuberant first piano concerto, one of the most famous pieces ever written for

piano and orchestra, and Mussorgsky's tribute to artist Viktor Hartmann, featuring a recurring promenade theme and a series of vivid and imaginative musical depictions of 10 paintings.

PRE-CONCERT TALK
Helen Martin Studio 6.15pm £6
Catherine Alderidge and Kazuki Yamada

TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Concerto No.1 in Bb minor, Op.23 INTERVAL MUSSORGSKY Pictures at an Exhibition Conductor Kazuki Yamada Piano Bruce Liu

MORE CLASSICAL MUSIC

CELEBRATING THE MUSICIANS OF TOMORROW These concerts are not part of the orchestral package offer.

CBSO YOUTH ORCHESTRA Sun 2 Nov 3pm

The City of Birmingham Orchestra joins forces with its Youth Orchestra counterparts, fresh from their 20th anniversary season. Featuring over 130 musicians live on stage, this will be an evening to remember.

Shostakovich's Leningrad Symphony was first aired as Hitler besieged an unbreakable Leningrad. Marching towards a firm resolve, it has come to represent a wider defiance, resilience, and survival.

PRE-CONCERT TALK
Helen Martin Studio 1.45pm £6
Joshua Weilerstein and members of
CBSO Youth Orchestra

SHOSTAKOVICH Festive Overture in A Major, Op.96
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No 7 in C Major, Op. 60 "Leningrad"
Conductor Joshua Weilerstein

Tickets: £29.50 (£27.50) - £16.50 (£14.50)*
Orchestral Package Holders £20
U26s £10
FREE FOR TEENS (up to age 19)
*not part of Orchestral Package offer.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA Mon 5 Jan 7.30pm

The 'world's greatest orchestra of teenagers' returns with another exciting programme.

Zand ruminates on the tumult of city life, while Clynne's DANCE offers an impressive platform for celebrated cellist Segev.

The concert concludes with two Spanish flavoured pieces: the most popular section from Debussy's Images suite, and Ravel's colourful Rapsodie.

PRE-CONCERT TALK
Woods Scawen
Room 6.15pm £6
Sarah Alexander and a
panel of NYO musicians

KARIM-AL ZAND City Scenes
ANNA CLYNE DANCE for cello and orchestra
INTERVAL

DEBUSSY Ibéria, Images pour orchestre II RAVEL Rapsodie Espagnole Conductor Alexandre Bloch Cello Inbal Segev

THE CORY BAND PRESENTS: JOHN WILLIAMS Sun 26 Oct 3pm
Theatre £27, U26s £20

GARETH MALONE Sing-Along-A-Gareth: 50 Years of Song Sun 9 Nov 7.30pm

Backed by his live band and singers, Gareth, with his infectious energy and joy for music, will lead the audience through a setlist of iconic songs from the '60s to today. See page 40 for full details.

Hall £36.50

BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA
Christmas at the Movies presented by Katie Derham
Fri 12 Dec 7.30pm

A feast of festive favourites as we settle down to enjoy the movies that make Christmas - and the music that makes the movies! Katie Derham and the fabulous BBC Concert Orchestra present a special Yuletide edition of the BBC's everpopular radio show Friday Night is Music Night – live and larger than life! We've packed a stocking full of music from the best-loved seasonal pictures of all time. No pesky adverts, no boring repeats: just good cheer, great tunes and glorious surround-sound festive spirit!

Hall £45.50 (£44.50) - £23.50 (£22.50) U26s £18.50

ARMONICO CONSORT Handel's Fireworks Thu 18 Dec 7.30pm

Composed for the coronation of King George II, and performed at every coronation since, Zadok the Priest and The King Shall Rejoice have stamped their mark on music history as some of the most powerful and evocative works to have ever been composed.

Hall £45.50 (£44.50) - £23.50 (£22.50) U18s £18.50

"Splendid" The Independent
"Five Stars" BBC Music Magazine
Dettingen Te Deum
INTERVAL
Music for the Royal Fireworks
Coronation Anthem:

- My Heart is Inditing
- The King Shall Rejoice
- Zadok the Priest
- Let Thy Hand be Strengthened

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS
All concerts begin at 1pm
Helen Martin Studio
£5 including a hot drink
U26s FREE
All ages

Make the most of your lunchtimes with fabulous performances by professional musicians for only £5 (free for U26s). Afterwards there will be an opportunity to meet and talk to the artists over a FREE hot drink.

Thu 9 Oct

Martha McLorinan and Lynn Arnold (mezzo-soprano & piano)

Thu 13 Nov

Jeremy Samson and Colin Druce

(violin & piano)

Thu 11 Dec

Euan Stevenson (piano)

If you require a space for a wheelchair, please call our Box Office Team on 024 7649 6000.

HARSH NARAYAN DUO Thu 16 Oct 7.30pm

Experience the soulful magic of Indian classical music with Harsh Narayan, one of the finest contemporary sarangi virtuosos, as he takes the stage for a rare and intimate duet performance. Whether you're a connoisseur of Indian music or a curious newcomer, this duet promises to be a stirring journey through the heart of raga.

Studio £11.50

MET OPERA SCREENINGS

LA BOHÈME
Sat 15 Nov 1pm
ANDREA CHÉNIER
Sat 20 Dec 1pm
TRISTAN UND ISOLDE
Sat 28 Mar 12pm
EUGENE ONEGIN
Sat 9 May 1pm
EL ÚLTIMO SUEÑO DE
FRIDA Y DIEGO
Sat 6 Jun 1pm
£28.50 (£26.50) U26s £15

COMING SOON
MADAMA BUTTERFLY
Ellen Kent's Farewell Opera Tour
Fri 29 Feb 7.30pm

Featuring the Ukrainian Opera & Ballet Theatre Kyiv. Puccini's Madama Butterfly returns with exquisite sets including a spectacular Japanese garden and fabulous costumes including antique wedding kimonos from Japan.

Sung in Italian with English surtitles. Hall £50 (£47), £47 (£44), £39 (£36)

HEROES AND VILLAINS Wed 15 Oct 7pm

Join us for our annual free concert, as we start the new academic year with one important question: are you a hero or a villain?

Whether you're drawn to noble champions or diabolical rogues, come and hear the array of talent the Music Centre ensembles have to offer. From our heroic horns and sinister strings to the villainous and victorious voices of our choirs, explore courageous and cunning music from the worlds of film, opera and pop.

Hall FREE

University of Warwick Chamber Choir WINTERTIDE
Fri 5 Dec 7pm

As winter's hush settles and the festive spirit glows, join the University of Warwick Chamber Choir for Wintertide, a programme that blends the magic of Christmas with choral gems that capture the stillness of winter and the joy of celebration.

Wrap up warm, step out of the cold, and let the music warm your heart with wonder and festive cheer.

Helen Martin Studio £8 (£7.50) U26s £4.50

University of Warwick Symphony Orchestra and Chorus ETERNAL ECHOES
Sun 7 Dec 4pm

The University of Warwick Symphony Orchestra and Chorus present a concert of soaring ambition, deep reflection, and triumphant celebration. Celebrating the past with Christopher Tin's exhilarating Sogno di Volare, featuring our incredible alumni virtual choir, and a poignant reflection on life, loss, and peace with John Rutter's Requiem. This is in contrast with the grandeur of Respighi's Pines of Rome and the charm and vibrancy of Grace Williams' Fantasia on Welsh Nursery Tunes.

Hall £13 (£12) U26s £9

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WORDS AND IDEAS

NATALIE HAYNES
No Friend to This House
Tue 30 Sep 7.30pm

The Argonauts and their search for the Golden Fleece has been one of the most enduring myths in history. But what did the Greeks make of this tale? Where did the fleece come from? Join the star of Radio 4's Natalie Haynes Stands Up for The Classics to find out.

Theatre £24, U26s £18 Age 14+

DR JOHN COOPER CLARKE Sun 12 Oct 7.30pm

Literary phenomenon John Cooper Clarke is a British cult hero. Known as the Godfather of Punk Poetry and the original people's poet, his cultural influence spans literature, music and fashion, while his live shows are a chance to see one of the world's most important and entertaining spoken word artists at his bold and brilliant best

Theatre £29.50, £27, U26s £21.50 Age 14+ Part of the Warwick at 60 Talks KADIATU KANNEH-MASON To Be Young, Gifted and Black Tue 21 Oct 7.45pm

Chaired by Dr. Samantha Ege, music historian, author, and concert pianist. Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason asks what it means to grow up as a Black artist today. Kadiatu explores her family's journey and what it's like to come of age in these times, when Black artistic self-expression is so often met with abuse online – and offers a hopeful, powerful way through.

Studio £18.50 (£16.50)
Integrated captions
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SOLD OUT, RETURNS ONLY THE A-Z OF MIRIAM MARGOLYES Wed 22 Oct 8pm Hall £63.50, £56.50, £48, £38.50 Age 16+

What do arseholes, America, apostrophes, and ageing all have in common? In Miriam Margolyes' world, they're the perfect material for wit, wisdom, and unfiltered

stories as she spins her A-Z wheel, diving headfirst into an eclectic alphabetised mix of life's standout moments. KIT DE WAAL
The Best of Everything
Fri 24 Oct 7.45pm

From the author of My Name is Leon comes an unforgettable story of found family and the love that steals into our lives... in spite of our best laid plans. Join this international bestselling author as she talks to Jonathan Davidson about her new book, The Best of Everything.

Studio £16.50 (£14.40) Age 16+

TICKETS SELLING FAST AN EVENING WITH JIMMY ANDERSON Fri 24 Oct 8pm

England's greatest ever fast bowler recounts neverbefore heard stories from inside the changing room. Sharing the stage alongside Tailenders co-host and musician Felix White, Jimmy and Felix will also unpack some of their favourite cricketing moments in their usual alternative fashion.

Hall £53, £43, £38, VIP £63 Age 12+ MERLIN SHELDRAKE
The Secret Life of Fungi Live
Sat 25 Oct 8pm

Renowned biologist and bestselling author Merlin takes a mind expanding journey into the extraordinary world of fungi. Blending live discussion and audience-led exploration, this unique event features never-beforeseen film footage and groundbreaking new research, revealing the latest discoveries in the world of fungi.

Hall £45, £39, £33, £30 Age 14+

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE RUGBY Lock-In Live Wed 29 Oct 8pm

The world's biggest rugby podcast is live on stage. Noted broadcaster Alex Payne (Good), and England legends James Haskell (Bad) and Mike Tindall (Rugby), dig deep beneath the veneer to unearth real, raw stories for an intoxicating cocktail of humour, sadness, and anger.

Hall £49, £41.50, VIP £114 Age 16+ GRAYSON PERRY Are You Good? Thu 30 Oct 8pm

Are You Good? A question that Grayson thinks is fundamental to our humanity. In this show he will be helping you, the audience, find out if you really are thoroughly good or maybe quite evil, but in a fun way. Pull back the curtain and see where your morals truly lie.

Hall £53, £43, £38, £33 Age 18+

DR RICHARD SHEPHERD
Time of Death – More Unnatural Causes
Fri 31 Oct 7.30pm

The UK's leading forensic pathologist, with over 23,000 autopsies to his name, returns to the stage this autumn with his captivating new tour. This is not just a lecture on forensic science, but a deeply personal account of how a career spent in the darkest corners of humanity has shaped Dr. Shepherd's view on life.

Theatre £31.50

JOHN SIMPSON
The Leaders and Lunatics
Sun 2 Nov 1.45pm
Theatre £44, £40, £32
Age 14+
SOLD OUT, RETURNS ONLY

Part of the Warwick at 60 Talks
MINA SMALLMAN
A Better Tomorrow, Life Lessons in Hope and Strength
Tue 4 Nov 7.30pm

We hear from Mina Smallman, an activist who has lived through the unimaginable. On Saturday 6 June 2020, her daughters, Bibaa Henry and Nicole Smallman, were killed in a park by a male stranger as they celebrated Bibaa's birthday. Mina talks to Doreen Foster, Warwick Arts Centre's Director, her words a beacon of hope, which call for all of us to step up, and work together for a better future.

Theatre £20 (£18)
Integrated captions

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Part of the Warwick at 60 Talks

GARY YOUNGE

Pigeonholed: Creative Freedom as an Act of Resistance Thu 6 Nov 7.30pm Chaired by Kwame Kwei-Armah OBE.

Gary Younge, an honorary graduate of the University of Warwick, delivers his incisive, personal essay live. A powerful reflection on race, racism and writing from the Orwell Prize-winning journalist, he explores the 'burden of representation'. Gary offers reflections on how to navigate representation, power and responsibility while keeping your job, sanity and freedom both as a human being and as a writer.

Theatre £20 (£18)
Integrated captions
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throughout 2025 to celebrate the University of Warwick's landmark 60th anniversary.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL Sat 8 Nov 7.30pm

Captivating short films packed with extreme journeys, intriguing characters and stunning cinematography. Join the world's top outdoor filmmakers and adventurers as they climb, ski, paddle, run and ride through the wildest corners of the planet! From Arctic kayaking to the

longest terrain-flying wingsuit line in history, you'll be left breathless.

Theatre £19 (£17.50)

Age 12+

This is a relaxed performance

Part of the Warwick at 60 Talks DAVID OLUSOGA Mon 17 Nov 8pm

Professor David Olusoga OBE speaks to Kwame Kwei-Armah OBE, Chair of Warwick Arts Centre's Advisory Board in an event exploring Black British History, as we look back at 60 years since the UK's first Race Relations Act. Where do we find ourselves, as a nation, socially, culturally and politically, in 2025? How far have we come and how far do we still have to go?

Hall £26 (£23), U26s £23 Age 16+ Integrated captions

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SUSIE DENT
Word Perfect
Sat 22 Nov 2pm

A brand-new show about the joys of the English language with Britain's best-loved wordsmith - lexicographer, author and Queen of Dictionary Corner, Susie Dent. Funny, insightful and head-scratching, Word Perfect reminds us just how unpredictable, wayward, and utterly magical our mother tongue can be.

Theatre £32

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS WITH GORDON BUCHANAN Sun 15 Feb 7.30pm

Join the award-winning wildlife photographer and filmmaker as he recounts thrilling encounters with pandas, grizzlies, tigers and more. Learn about the mud, sweat, and tears, and tender interactions that have shaped his extraordinary career.

Theatre £34 (£32) U16 £23

WARWICK AT 60 TALKS

The University of Warwick is a place where different perspectives drive through open and thoughtful debate. Featuring celebrated authors and campaigners, these talks address issues around race and identity, how these shape society and affect individual and collective states of wellbeing and belonging.

The Warwick at 60 Lectures are part of a series of events taking place throughout 2025 to celebrate the University of Warwick's 60th anniversary.

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MUSIC

YEH DOSTI!
Celebrating 50 Years of Sholay
Sun 28 Sep 7.30pm

Marking the 50th anniversary of the iconic Bollywood film, Sholay. Featuring mesmerising dance performances choreographed to the film's legendary soundtrack that bring to life the energy, drama, and romance that made Sholay a timeless classic. Experience the unforgettable dances and songs that have defined Bollywood cinema.

Theatre £28 Age 16+

IMAGINE LENNON Thu 2 Oct 7.30pm

Celebrating the legacy of John Lennon, with Tyson Kelly - renowned for his portrayal of Lennon in Broadway's Let It Be and as one quarter of the world's #1 Fab Four tribute, The Bootleg Beatles. A captivating journey through the music of Lennon (and McCartney), from Please Please Me to Double Fantasy.

Theatre £32 Age 12+ JAZZ FRIDAYS Fri 3 Oct – Fri 12 Dec 5.30pm – 7.15pm

Our weekly foyer programme of live jazz, hosted by The Aaron Moloney Trio. This event also features an open jam session for local musicians in the second half. On the first friday of each month, we also welcome special guest musicians to join the sessions.

If you would like to find out more about participating in the jam session, please contact programming@warwick.ac.uk. Come and Play.

Gallery Foyer FREE

THE VAN MORRISON ALUMNI BAND Sat 4 Oct 7.30pm

Renowned saxophonist and collaborator Leo Green brings together a group of incredible musicians - all of whom have played with Van Morrison - to celebrate the Irish songwriter's enduring genius. The project carries Sir Van Morrison's personal endorsement, underscoring its authenticity and significance.

Theatre £37, £33, £28 Age 14+ GANAVYA Sun 5 Oct 2pm

Following 2024's lauded Daughter Of A Temple (Gilles Peterson's BBC 6 Music Album of the Year), Tamil Nadu-raised singer/transdisciplinarian ganavya returns with Nilam. Co-produced by Nils Frahm, ganavya's vocals convey both stillness and movement, offering a quiet, tender expression of gratitude and connection.

Studio £24.50 (£17) All ages

SISSOKO, SEGAL, PARISIEN, PEIRANI Les Egarés Sun 5 Oct 7.30pm

More than a record, Les Egarés is a play space, a poetic asylum inhabited by two duos who've excelled in the art of cross-fertilising sounds and transcending genres: Ballaké Sissoko (kora) and Vincent Segal (cello) on the one hand, and Vincent Peirani (accordion) and Émile Parisien (sax) on the other.

Theatre £29 U26s £15 Age 7+ George Hinchcliffe's
THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN
40th Anniversary
Wed 8 Oct 8pm

Four decades (and 400,000,000 plucks) after they formed in 1985, George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain are still thrilling audiences with their offbeat humour and four-stringed virtuosity. A white-knuckle shopping-trolley dash through every kind of musical genre imaginable.

Hall £33, U26s £25 Age 5+

THE BILLY JOEL SONGBOOK Sun 12 Oct 8pm

Acclaimed singer/pianist Elio Pace and his incredible band pay homage to one of the most iconic musicians, singer-songwriters and composers of the 20th century, Billy Joel. Featuring more than 30 hits including The Longest Time, She's Always A Woman, An Innocent Man and Uptown Girl.

Hall £31.50, £25.50 All ages

JOHN GRANT Mon 13 Oct 8pm

In the wake of 2024's The Art of The Lie, the adventurous John Grant returns to Coventry.

If his records are beautifully cut jewels, his star shines even brighter on stage - Grant's endearing deeply personal sagas triggering a rapturous response from his audiences.

Hall £44, £38, £34 Age 14+

QUEENZ:
Drag Me to the Disco
Thu 16 Oct 8pm

Direct from London's West End and their Las Vegas debut, join Queenz for an electrifying live vocal drag-stravaganza, with more sequins, surprises, and showstopping vocals than ever before! Queenz are ready to drag you to the dance floor and serve up an unforgettable fusion of fun, glamour and Disco Divas!

Hall £33 Age 14+ DERVISH Sun 19 Oct 7.45pm

The legendary Dervish are "an icon of Irish music" (BBC). Fronted by much-loved singer Cathy Jordan, their instrumental line-up of fiddle, flute, bouzouki, mandola, bodhran and accordion draw from seemingly limitless depths of talent, finesse, subtlety and fiery energy.

Theatre £27, U26s £17 All ages

BJÖRN AGAIN Sun 19 Oct 8pm

The internationally acclaimed ABBA celebration was created way back in 1988 by Australian musician/manager Rod Stephen. Since then, Björn Again has been hailed as the most successful tribute show of all time, even earning endorsements from the original members of ABBA.

Hall £43, £38, £28, £23 All ages LAST FEW SEATS

THEON CROSS Wed 22 Oct 7pm

Theon's unique approach to the tuba has restored it to a long-forgotten prominence as a crucial part of the contemporary jazz ensemble. Through his combination of technical mastery and deep musical knowledge, the power and originality of Theon's playing has reinvented the tuba's place in modern jazz.

Studio £18 All ages

SIMON & OSCAR The Songs of Ocean Colour Scene Fri 24 Oct 7.30pm

Intimate acoustic performances of big hits, anthems, deep cuts and choice picks from Ocean Colour Scene's rich songbook – all performed by OCS's very own Simon Fowler and Oscar Harrison.

Theatre £34.50 All ages

NATHAN CARTER Sun 26 Oct 7.30pm

With a sound that traverses pop, Irish folk, country music and timeless ballads, Nathan has out-sold the likes of Beyonce in Ireland, performed for the Pope, and sold-out venues across the world!

Hall £37 All ages

THE CORY BAND PRESENTS: JOHN WILLIAMS World famous award-winning brass
Sun 26 Oct 3pm

Visit distant galaxies, meet iconic superheroes and witness the magic of wizards, as the award-winning brass band presents a musically mouth-watering line-up of John Williams' most thrilling film themes, including Star Wars, Harry Potter and ET.

Theatre £27, U26s £20 All ages

TOYAH
Celebrating The Best of Toyah
Thu 30 Oct 7.30pm

A pioneering figure in the UK's new wave and post-punk movements, Toyah Willcox has made an indelible mark on the entertainment industry with her unique voice and electrifying stage presence. Expect to hear It's A Mystery, I Want To Be Free, Echo Beach, Good Morning Universe and more.

Theatre £40, £35, VIP £102 Ages 14+

TUJHE DEKHA

Come Fall in Love Again - Celebrating 30 Years Of Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge Sun 2 Nov 7.30pm

Relive the magic of one of Bollywood's most iconic films as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (DDLJ). Featuring live performances, dazzling dance routines and all the hits from the movie including Tujhe Dekha Toh, Mere Khwabon Mein, and the iconic Palat. Whether you're a lifelong fan of the movie or discovering its magic for the first time, this promises to be an unforgettable evening for all ages.

Theatre £28.50 Age 12+

JASMINE MYRA Fri 7 Nov 7.30pm

Elevating, uplifting and beautifully arranged, Jasmine's sophomore album Rising builds on the success of her breakthrough album Horizons to deliver a major statement from one of UK Jazz's new stars. Rising is a confident and vibrant follow up that joins the musical dots between Myra's influences - Kenny Wheeler, Bonobo and Shabaka Hutchings – while delivering something unique, beautiful and profound.

Theatre £20.50 All ages

RAT PACK: A SWINGIN' CHRISTMAS AT THE SANDS Sat 8 Nov 8pm

With stars from the West End's The Rat Pack: Live From Las Vegas, a stylish, fully-choreographed show. Featuring Fly Me To The Moon, Mr Bojangles and That's Amore, relive the flair, class, camaraderie and comedy of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jnr.

Hall £38, £33, £28 All ages NORTHERN LIVE Do I Love You Sun 9 Nov 3pm

Keeping the Faith to the original sounds of the underground movement that started on the dance-floors in the North and eventually swept the nation. An 11-piece band featuring four lead vocalists performs over 30 original Northern Soul smashes.

Theatre £29 All ages

GARETH MALONE

Sing-Along-A-Gareth: 50 Years of Song

Sun 9 Nov 7.30pm

Backed by his live band and singers, Gareth, with his infectious energy and joy for music, will lead the audience through a setlist of iconic songs from the '60s to today.

This is more than just a concert; it's a shared experience. And just when you think there couldn't be room for any more hit the show will culminate in a super medley of increasing intensity and joy which has everyone dancing in the aisles.

Hall £36.50

All ages

THE HORNE SECTION'S HIT SHOW Thu 13 Nov 8pm

They have two series of their own Channel 4 TV show, an iTuneschart- topping podcast and now they're tuning up their instruments once more to tour the country: it's the Horne Section's Hit Show!

Hall £30.50 Age 12+ TICKETS SELLING FAST

BARB JUNGR Sings Dylan & Cohen Fri 14 Nov 7.45pm

Award-winning singer and writer, and "Our greatest interpreter of Dylan's songs" (says Billy Bragg), returns with a collection of Dylan and Cohen's most iconic songs, mixing her award-winning interpretations with a selection of challenging new arrangements from these classic songbooks.

Studio £23 Age 16+ HUGH CORNWELL Come And Get Some Fri 14 Nov 7.30pm

Songwriter Hugh Cornwell and band perform 1979's seminal Nosferatu album in full for the first time alongside choice cuts from The Stranglers' catalogue and solo delicacies. Plus special guests, '60s garage rock and Wall Of Sound exponents, The Courettes.

Theatre £34.50 All ages

LEVEL 42 Sun 16 Nov 8pm

Level 42 revisit their landmark sixth album, 1985's The World Machine. The double Platinum-selling LP set the band on the path to true super-stardom. Hear Something About You and Leaving Me Now, alongside many other of their classic era-defining hits. Plus Special Guest, Roachford.

Hall £43, £39 Age 14+ STANDING TICKETS ONLY QUEEN OF THE NIGHT A Tribute to Whitney Houston Wed 19 Nov 8pm

Direct from the West End, a celebration of the life and music of one of the greatest singers of all time. Experience the ultimate tribute to Whitney Houston's remarkable musical repertoire in an electrifying production filled with live music, captivating choreography, and powerful vocals.

Hall £38, £34, £30, £23, £13

*Please note that Whitney – Queen of the Night is a tribute production and is not endorsed by or affiliated with the Whitney Houston Estate.

GLAMROU Drag Mother Fri 21 Nov 7.45pm

Renowned Iraqi queen Glamrou, and renowned Iraqi queen Glamrou's Mother, fight for the spotlight with their competing narratives of what really happened. Come get lost in this drag hall of mirrors, where one queen's truth is another queen's fiction. Featuring live music, live comedy and live delusion, the Muslim drag sensation is here to activate your Freudian wounds. With a stiletto.

Studio £20

Age 16+ FLOOK Celebrating 30 Years Sat 22 Nov 7.45pm

What began in 1995 as a ground-breaking union of musicians and instruments has continued as a unique musical offering through five albums and countless outstanding performances. Thirty years on, the virtuoso Anglo-Irish quartet still blend fiery technical brilliance with delicate ensemble interaction.

Studio £24 All ages

THE BIG SING
Carols at Christmas
Sun 23 Nov 3pm

The Big Sing choir bring a groundbreaking, modern twist to Christmas carols that we all know and love. Featuring show-stopping arrangements to well-known carols such as Oh Holy Night, The First Noel and Joy to the World, they even promise to get you singing along with them! The Big Sing are more than just a choir. Made up of hundreds of people in the community, this show will also feature 100 school children from local Primary Schools.

Hall Adult £24 U16s £19

All ages

PETER KNIGHT & JON SPIERS Sun 23 Nov 7.45pm

Folk royalty, both musicians have made significant contributions to the English folk scene via their work with Steeleye Span and Bellowhead respectively. Now, with the Gigspanner Big Band and as a duo, they continue to change the perception of what traditional music can be.

Studio £24 All ages

THE STYLISTICS
Greatest Hits
Thu 27 Nov 8pm

The legendary Philadelphia soul group perform their greatest hits, including their Grammynominated masterpiece You Make Me Feel Brand New, along with such classics as I'm Stone In Love With You, Let's Put It All Together, Sing Baby Sing, Rockin' Roll Baby, and many more.

Hall £40, £37 All ages FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS
Sat 29 Nov 8pm
Hall £40, £31.50
Age 14+
SOLD OUT

JESSE COOK In Concert Sun 30 Nov 7.45pm

Jesse and his extraordinary band return to the road in celebration of Libre, his 11th studio album and a JazzTrax Album of The Year. Expect a unique brand of rhythm and rhumba from the lauded Canadian guitarist, producer and film maker.

Studio £29.50 All ages

ELIZA CARTHY & JON BODEN'S WASSAIL Mon 1 & Tue 2 Dec 7.45pm

Long before the tradition of carolling, festive revellers would go house-to-house, exchanging songs for money, food and ale. Coming from the old English waes hael, 'wassail' is a toast wishing good. Presenting seasonal material, among a stage of illuminated Christmas trees,

they will take audiences back to some of the oldest songs in the English canon, spreading good cheer and lighting up the darkest days of the year.

Studio £28 All ages

BOLLYWOOD HUNGAMA '90s & Noughties Sat 13 Dec 7pm

Step into a world of nostalgia and timeless melodies with a night dedicated to celebrating the golden era of Bollywood music from the '90s and Noughties. This magical evening will feature the soulful renditions of chart-topping classics originally brought to life by legendary artists like Udit Narayan, Kumar Sanu, Sadhana Sargam, Anuradha Paudwal and many more, performed by two of our talented, captivating professional vocalists.

Studio £22 Age 16+

DOWN FOR THE COUNT SWING ORCHESTRA Swing Into Christmas Tue 9 Dec 7.30pm

Celebrate the festive season in style as the 30-piece Down For The Count big band, with added strings, recreates the best music of the Swing Era, including I've Got You Under My Skin, Winter Wonderland, and many more.

Hall £43 (£23), £39 (£21), £35 (£19), £31 (£17), £28 (£15.50) Age 7+

THE ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND Fri 12 Dec 7.45pm

Widely regarded as the UK's premiere seasonal folk show. Featuring the combined talents of Simon Nicol (Fairport Convention), Kellie While (Albion Band) Simon Care (Edward II), Blair Dunlop (Albion Band) and the Guvnor himself, Ashley Hutchings MBE, this show takes you on a guided tour through the Christmas customs of Britain.

Studio £28.50 All ages

ROB LAMBERTI PRESENTS: Perfectly George Sat 31 Jan 8pm

Featuring the incredible voice of Rob Lamberti, this dynamic show tactfully and appropriately tells the story of George Michael's musical career through the vast repertoire of songs that made him an icon to so many. From Wham! all the way through to the diverse eras of George's hugely successful solo career, including

timeless hits like Careless Whisper, Faith, I'm Your Man, Club Tropicana, and so many more.

Hall £47, £42, £37, £33.50 Suitable for all

NYJO PRESENTS: Blue Note Reimagined Thu 5 Mar 7.45pm

Under the leadership of National Youth Jazz Orchestra Resident MD Olivia Murphy - the award-winning composer, conductor, and rising star of the British jazz scene - the NYJO's 18-piece ensemble perform exciting new arrangements of classics from the iconic Blue Note Records catalogue.

Studio £17.50 All ages

COMING SOON
THE BEST OF TUBULAR BELLS I, II & III
Sun 22 Feb 8pm
Hall £64.50, £49.50, £39.50, £29.50

BOYZLIFE
Sun 22 Mar 7.30pm
Hall £45, £40, £34. VIP Package including Meet and Greet £153

MAMMAL HANDS Thu 30 Apr 7.30pm Theatre £26

COMEDY

Please note: some comedians use very strong language and express controversial opinions. Please come prepared. All our comedy is for ages 16+ unless otherwise stated.

A-LIST MEMBERSHIP

If you've kicked yourself for missing out on those soldout- before-you-know-it nights with performers like Chris McCausland or Sara Pascoe, join the A-List for £25 per year.

We promise you'll be the first to know about key and highprofile events, and you'll also have a window to buy those tickets before everyone else.

DEAD RINGERS The 25th Anniversary Tour

Sat 27 Sep 3pm & 7.30pm

To mark its 25th anniversary, BBC Radio 4's legendary topical satire show takes to the road.

Starring long-standing cast members Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis MacLeod, and Duncan Wisbey, expect a heady trip through a quarter century of classic sketches and unrivalled impressions.

Theatre £35, £33, £31 Age 14+ SOLD OUT, RETURNS ONLY

EMMANUEL SONUBI Life After Near Death Fri 26 Sep 7.30pm

Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Newcomer nominee Emmanuel explores his life after surviving heart failure, facing the cause of the trauma, and the funny ways we all find to keep going when life gets hard. It's about turning life's toughest moments into comedy gold, finding the punchlines in perseverance.

Studio £21 (£19) Age 14+ SOLD OUT, RETURNS ONLY

STEVIE MARTIN Clout Fri 3 Oct 7.30pm

Stevie (Taskmaster, The Horne Section TV Show) has been doing online comedy for a while (45 million views worldwide). But now she's now returning to live comedy. It's like her online stuff, but she'll be on a stage, and you can't pause her to get a snack.

Studio £21
Age 16+
TICKETS SELLING FAST

COBO
Comedy Shutdown Black History
Month Special
Sat 4 Oct 7pm

Acts: Diesel (BBC New Comedy), Richard Blackwood (MTV, ITV, BBC, CH4), Limahl Germain (Comedy Central Live), Loyiso Gola (Live At The Apollo, Comedy Central) If you haven't experienced the magic of COBO (Comedy of Black Origin) before, brace yourself for an evening of rip-roaring belly laughs as their Black History Month Special brings together some of the most talented comedians on the circuit.

Studio £23.50

Age: 16+

NINA CONTI Whose Face Is It Anyway? Sat 4 Oct 8pm

The virtuoso ventriloquist, BAFTA nominee and British Comedy Award winner presents an unparalleled, unscripted new show that delves deep into who we are,

hijacking faces to spark a bold, hysterical reality warp. Nina (and Monkey) have regularly sold out shows across the world – all without moving her lips! Hall £39, £35.50, £30 Age 14+

OMID DJALILI Namaste Thu 9 Oct 8pm

The Persian Comedy Powerhouse peacefully bows to his inner anger and unleashes a torrent of comedic vitriol upon the current state of this dangerously messed up planet. No government gets a green card. No audience member leaves the theatre with an ounce of laughter left in them.

Hall £33 Age 16+

RIA LINA Riabellion Fri 10 Oct 7.45pm

Following her debut tour, Riawakening (Top 10 Best Standup Shows of 2024 - Telegraph), Ria realised she wasn't just awake, she was ready to rebel. Expect a relentless stream of hilarity as she explores the delight

of throwing life up in the air after years of following the rules.

Studio £20 (£18) Age 16+

MYRA DUBOIS
Cosmic Empath
Fri 17 Oct 7.30pm

Myra questions where her great gift for compassion comes from. Her up-bringing? Her ancestors? The Cosmos? Who can say? All we know is that with Myra's trademark killer wit and a singing voice that's truly like no-one else's, it's going to be out of this world!

Theatre £27 Age 18+

JACK DEE Small World Fri 17 Oct 8pm

Culture Wars' The Environment are just some of the topics that Jack spectacularly fails to address (or even mention). Instead, for reasons known only to him, he doubles down on his fascination with the meaningless small things of life, like Zoom protocol, and the world of radiators.

Hall £33 Age 14+

KAE KURD What's O'Kurd Sat 18 Oct 5pm & 7.45pm

The stand-up sensation and social media star returns for his highly anticipated new show. An in-demand comedy writer, Kae is also co-host of the hit podcast Ain't Got A Clue, voice of ITV's Loaded In Paradise, and a Live at the Apollo hit.

Studio £21 Age 16+

JOSH WIDDICOMBE
Not My Cup of Tea
Sat 18 Oct 8pm

By now Josh has almost certainly mastered the art of stand-up, either that or he's wasted the last 15 years of his life. Decide for yourself tonight. It will be shorter and with lower production values than Taylor Swift's Eras Tour, but funnier and with more references to tea.

Hall £33 Age 14+ SOLD OUT, RETURNS ONLY GLENN MOORE
Please Sir, Glenn I Have Some Moore
Sun 19 Oct 7.30pm

Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee Glenn has written too many jokes again. Expect a fast-paced whirlwind of punchlines from one of the greatest joke-writers of his generation. As seen on Live At The Apollo and Have I Got News For You.

"The best showcase of pure joke-writing skill" (Guardian).
Studio £18.50 Age 14+

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR FULL COMEDY LINE-UP AS WE GET THE BIGGEST AND BEST NAMES IN COMEDY AND MAY NOT HAVE MADE IT INTO OUR BROCHURE.

ARDAL O'HANLON Not Himself Sat 1 Nov 7.30pm

After an alarming experience at the supermarket, Ardal reflects on who he is as a man and a comedian. He examines his own ethnic and religious background. And thinks twice about the very core of his identity as a voice of reason. Is everything a big lie?

Theatre £28 Age 16+

JOANNE MCNALLY Pinotphile Sat 1 Nov 8pm

Hailed by Variety as One to Watch, the comedian and podcaster has been keeping herself busy since her record-breaking The Prosecco Express tour by ruining men's lives (and her own). But now she's back; still single, still unfertilised, and laden with irreverent, ridiculous and hilarious war stories.

Hall £33 Age 14+

BRING YOUR OWN BABY COMEDY CLUB
Thu 6 Nov 1pm
The multi-award-winning comedy club for parents
returns with another amazing line-up of
top-flight comedians.
Studio £16

JOSH JAMES Doin' Alright Thu 6 Nov 7.45pm Viral comedy star Josh presents his highly anticipated debut tour. Join him as he guides audiences through the life of an 'Essex Man', the uniqueness of English culture and trying to do well for himself. As seen on The Lateish Show, Big Brother's Late & Live, and opening for Mo Gilligan.

Studio £19 Age 16+

DARA Ó BRIAIN

RE: Creation

Thu 6 Nov 8pm

After the international success So, Where Were We? - which sold out 173 venues across 20 countries and was named UK Comedy Tour of the Year 2023 (Chortle) - Dara's new show sees the Irish comedian doing his favourite thing: standing in a theatre, telling stories and creating madness.

Hall £33 Age 14+ BSL interpreted

CHRIS MCCAUSLAND Yonks! Fri 7 Nov 8pm & Wed 4 Feb 8pm

A masterclass in stand-up comedy, which has been literally yonks in the making, from the comedian who

triumphed on Strictly Come Dancing last year. His last appearance at the arts centre sold out, so get your tickets now!

Hall 7 Nov £33, 4 Feb £38 BSL interpreted Age 16+

HELEN BAUER Bless Her Thu 13 Nov 7pm

Helen - co-host of the Trusty Hogs podcast - is back and is struggling. She has spent the last year being forced to hang out with someone she doesn't like and who honestly does not like her. It's tense, it's uncomfortable, they won't leave.

Studio £19.50 Age 16+

GRIFF RHYS JONES
The Cat's Pyjamas
Thu 13 Nov 7.30pm

Join Griff as he shares more funny observations and comic stories. The show always varies as Griff rambles on the developing national permacrisis. Age. Family. Fraud. Nostalgia. The TikTok generation. Crocodile

smuggling and noodling in Australia. Travel, dogs, hotels, drink and midnight trains. He takes questions from the audience and lets rip as his associations wander.

Theatre £30 Age 16+

THE HORNE
SECTION'S HIT SHOW
Thu 13 Nov 8pm
For full details see page 40.
Hall £30.50
Age 12+
TICKETS SELLING FAST

SARA PASCOE I Am A Strange Gloop Fri 14 Nov 8pm

Have you ever been awake in the middle of the night and thought something so smart that you couldn't wait for the world to wake up so you could tell them? This is that thought - in that it doesn't make much sense and is a bit weird on reflection.

Hall £29 Age 14+

THE DESI CENTRAL COMEDY SHOW Sat 15 Nov 7pm

Desi Central returns with another hilarious line up... so round up your friends & family and join us for an uplifting night of laughter with this infamous tour! Featuring Dinesh Nathan (BBC, Comedy Central Live), Preet Singh (British Comedian of the Year Semi Finalist, BBC AN), Tej Dhutia (BBC AN) and more!

Studio £22

SUZI RUFFELL The Juggle Sat 15 Nov 7.30pm

It's hard to be good all the time. A good mother, good daughter, good partner, good friend, good person. To be ambitious but not ruthless. The juggle. Suzi is exhausted and she hasn't even started. This is a stand-up show and a support group!

Theatre £21 Age 14+

JENNY ECLAIR Jokes, Jokes, Jokes Live! Fri 21 Nov 7.30pm In celebration of the release of her hilarious memoir Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, comedian, novelist, and professional show-off Jenny presents a brand-new autobiographical show. Still gigging to sell-out crowds after 40 years, she invites you to look back at what she can remember before she forgets everything.

Theatre £27 Age 14+

ROB BECKETT Giraffe Thu 20, Fri 21 & Sat 22 Nov 8pm

Yes! Bobby Beckles is back on tour. Smashing the life out of the M25, M1, M5 and any other road that's in his way. From Bromley to Brisbane, the new show from the host of Sky's Rob Beckett's Smart TV and Rob & Romesh Vs. is going worldwide.

Hall £33 Age 14+

RUSSELL KANE
Hyperactive
Fri 5 & Sat 6 Dec 8pm

Whirlwind, FitBit-breaking comedian, presenter, actor and author, Russell is out on the road again, setting it on

fire with his unique recipe of sharp wit and 'storming physical comedy' (Mail On Sunday). He is high-energy, high-octane, and hyper-active!

Hall £33 Age 14+

ANGELA BARNES Angst Sat 6 Dec 7.45pm

Angela is a worrier. Whatever it is, she'll worry about it. But don't let that worry you – she'll worry enough for the both of you. Her hilarious show has some stories of success and sound logic, but mostly features stories of failure, a lack of wisdom ... and loads of jokes.

Studio £19 Age 14+

LIVE AT CHRISTMAS

with Sam Campbell, Lucy Beaumont, Tom Rosenthal, Sharon Wanjohi and John Robins Thu 11 Dec 7.30pm

A festive spectacular featuring Taskmaster champion, Edinburgh Comedy Award winner and 'the new king of alternative comedy' Sam Campbell, plus BAFTA nominee Lucy Beaumont, Plebs and Friday Night Dinner star Tom Rosenthal, and superstar-in-themaking Sharon Wanjohi. Hosted by podcast hero and all-round vibe magnet John Robins.

Hall £31 Age 14+

MARK SIMMONS Jest To Impress Sat 31 Jan 7.30pm

Dave's Funniest Joke of the Fringe 2024 winner had a ground-breaking 200+ date sell-out tour lasting two years. Now he's back with even more expertly crafted one-liners alongside his off-the-cuff jokes based on random audience suggestions.

Theatre £24 Age 14+

DESIREE BURCH The Golden Wrath Fri 13 Feb 7.45pm

There comes a day when you look around and wonder 'is the world a raging bin fire, or is it perimenopause? The answer, my friend, is yes'. The authentic, curious, and gleefully irascible, storyteller and comedian leads a

madcap voyage through the Middle Ages - AKA the midlife crisis.

Studio £20 Age 18+

CHRIS RAMSEY Here Man Thu 19 Feb 8pm

Following overwhelming demand (mainly from his wife, Rosie, who wants him out of the house), Chris is back with his follow-up to 2020 which saw him perform to over 100,000 people nationwide - albeit thanks to Covid, not in the year intended and with a regrettable tour title.

Hall £33 Age 14+ LAST FEW SEATS AVAILABLE

CALLY BEATON
Namaste Motherf*ckers
Sat 21 Feb 7.45pm

Combining Cally's comedic and storytelling prowess with extracts from her provocative, stereotype-busting book of the same name, Namaste Motherf*ckers has at its heart a story of radical reinvention – taking Cally from meetings in boardrooms to treading the boards.

Studio £21 Age 16+

PAUL MERTON AND SUKI WEBSTER'S Improv Show
Sat 21 Feb 8pm

Following critically acclaimed seasons in London and Edinburgh, Paul and Suki, two of the UK's leading improvisers, present an evening of wonderfully unscripted cutting-edge comedy. Joyful silliness with fabulously funny improvised games, scenes, stories and laugh out loud surrealism.

Hall £30 Age 14+ COMING SOON

GARTH MARENGHI
This Bursted Earth Book Tour
Sat 28 Feb 7.30pm

From the fevered imaginata of Horror Fiction's Grand Frightener Garth Marenghi, author of Sunday Times-Bestselling Garth Marenghi's TerrorTome and Garth Marenghi's Incarcerat, come three freshly rancid tales of ... This Bursted Earth.

Theatre £22

Age 16+

THE ETERNAL SHAME OF SUE PERKINS Sat 14 Mar 8pm

You may know her as Bake-Off Sue, Taskmaster Sue, Just A Minute Sue, or the Sue that gives you travel envy - but stand-up Sue is full of surprises. In her first live show in over a decade, she shares the unlikely happenings from a career in the spotlight.

Hall £32.50 Age 16+

RAY BRADSHAW CODA Fri 20 Mar 7.45pm

One in six UK adults will lose their hearing in their lifetime; two of those are Ray Bradshaw's parents. The multi-award-winning comedian is back with a brand-new heart-warming and funny show all about growing up as a CODA: A Child of Deaf Adults.

Studio £21 (£18) Age 14+ TOM DAVIS

Spudgun

Sat 21 Mar 8pm

Tom is back on the road, firing out his freshly cooked observations on life's hot topics.

Hall £31 Age 14+

COMING SOON

CHLOE PETTS
Big Naturals
Sun 1 Mar 7.45pm

Chloe Petts returns with a brand-new tour, delving where she's never delved before: this is a show about sex. Expect routines about Page 3, lad culture and most importantly, big, fat naturals.

Studio £20.50

TOM ROSENTHAL
Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I Am
Sat 21 Mar 5pm
& 7.45pm

The much-awaited return to stand-up from the star of Friday Night Dinner (C4) and Plebs (ITV) showcasing Rosenthal's sharp observational squawking.

Studio £21 Age 14+

JUDI LOVE All About the Love Sat 23 May 8pm

Back with a brand-new show packed with hilarious home truths about the hustle of juggling motherhood, work, and everyday life.

Hall £34

FESTIVE FUN

Rat Pack A SWINGIN' CHRISTMAS AT THE SANDS Sat 8 Nov 8pm Hall £38, £33, £28 All ages

THE BIG SING
Carols at Christmas
Sun 23 Nov 3pm
Hall £24
All ages

ELIZA CARTHY & JON BODEN'S WASSAIL Mon 1 & Tue 2 Dec 7.45pm Studio £28 All ages

DOWN FOR THE COUNT SWING ORCHESTRA Swing Into Christmas Tue 9 Dec 7.30pm Hall £43, £39, £35, £31, £28

SEASONAL MAKERS' MARKET Tue 9 Dec 4pm – 9pm

CHRISTMAS LECTURES Wed 26 Nov & Wed 10 Dec 7pm Hall £6 1hr 30mins / Age 8+

LIVE AT CHRISTMAS with Sam Campbell Tue 11 Dec 7.30pm Hall £31 Age 14+

THE ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND Fri 12 Dec Studio £28.50 All ages

BBC CONCERT ORCHESTRA
Christmas at the Movies presented by Katie Derham
Fri12 Dec 7.30pm
Hall £45.50 (£44.50) - £23.50
(£22.50) U26s £18.50

Strictly Theatre Co
CHRISTMAS WITH ANTON DU BEKE
Tue 16 Dec 7.30pm
Hall £64, £62, £54
Age 8+

THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA Sat 29 Nov – Sun 28 Dec. Theatre £20.50, £17.50, £13 1hr / Ages 3+

GET CREATIVE

Our creative learning programme brings together people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds through creativity and to build a sense of belonging in our spaces. We encourage curiosity, explore ideas and celebrate community engagement across artforms.

To book or find out more about any of the activities visit warwickartscentre.co.uk or email creativelearning@warwick.ac.uk

MINI CREATIVES

Every Tue from 7 Oct – Tue 9 Dec 10.30am – 12pm

Join musician Natalie Mason for sessions that focus on music, and storytelling for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups. Our multisensory space for early years inspires imaginations, encourages curiosity, and supports development. Don't forget to stay on for Baby Book Club on the first Tue of each month, 11.45am – 12pm for story time and to borrow books from our Mini Creatives library. In partnership with the University of Warwick Library.

Gallery Foyer FREE Drop-In Age 0-4

WORKSHOP WEDNESDAYS Every Wed from 8 Oct – Wed 10 Dec 1.30pm – 4pm

With a focus on creativity and wellbeing, our weekly artist and student-led workshops allow you to immerse yourself in a creative process, meet new people, and take some time for yourself to unwind and experience clay, printmaking, sculpture, music, textiles and more. Details of what is happening each week is available on our website.

Gallery Foyer FREE Drop-in All ages

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Gallery Foyer FREE Drop-in All ages

ELDERS' DANCE
Out of Whack
Every Tues from Oct 7 - 16 Dec 10am - 11.30am
(Break during Oct half-term)

Out of Whack is an Elders' Contemporary Dance Company for people aged 60+ who share a love of creative dance and public performing. They are a company of mixed experience dancers with a focus on creating new works to reflect the company's collective identity. Dance artist Molly Wright choreographs weekly classes that are creatively challenging and ambitious, leading to performance pieces that speak about collective identity.

To join the waiting list for Elders' Dance please email creativelearning@warwick.ac.uk

Helen Martin Studio £90 Age 60+ WAITING LIST ONLY

SHORT COURSES

Learn a new skill and get creative with our new courses that explore themes and processes linked to our gallery exhibitions.

REDUCTION LINOCUT PRINTMAKING with Alix Almond
Tue 14, 21 & 28 Oct 6pm – 8.30pm

Come and try your hand at linocut printmaking and create your very own limited-edition print. Over three sessions you will learn how to make prints using reduction linocut techniques, with demonstrations and guidance to create a multi-coloured image based on your own print idea. The techniques learned will enable you to carry on your printmaking journey at home. Suitable for beginners or those with some linocut experience. Prepare to be bitten by the printmaking bug!

Creative Learning Space, £90 for three sessions, including all materials, tea, coffee and biscuits. Age 18+

CLAY with Emily Hett Tue 11, 18 & 25 Nov 6pm – 8.30pm

Explore the wonderful process of ceramics! You will be introduced to hand-building techniques such as coil and

slab building to create your own sculptural or functional object. You will learn how to create pattern and texture using a range of techniques and bring each piece to life through different slip and glaze application. Great for beginners or those who want to extend their learning.

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SCHOOLS & EDUCATORS

We encourage children, young people and their educators from Coventry and beyond, to encounter the arts and campus life with a visit to Warwick Arts Centre. See a show, visit our gallery or enjoy our sculpture park. Ask us about workshops with professional theatre and dance companies. Take advantage of self-led visits supported by artist designed resources and spaces. To talk to our expert team and plan a visit, please get in touch at creativelearning@warwick.ac.uk

INSTRUMENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

Every year we fund free tickets for our classical concerts for secondary school students in Coventry, Warwickshire & Solihull who are studying music, learning an instrument, or just have a passion for classical music.

For more information email groupbookings@warwick.ac.uk

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Caring, Creative, Collaborative. Warwick Arts Centre is committed to regular, free and targeted engagement for the communities we serve. From artist-led workshops to free tickets, our community projects work in partnership with schools, organisations and people within our target wards in Coventry with an aim to bring creativity to all. These are our community projects for autumn 2025:

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE

An open and collaborative space for young people aged 15 – 22 from Coventry to work on shaping their leadership and creative skills. Through workshops, career talks and leading their own events they discover their voices and vision to shape the programme. As the young leaders of tomorrow, they work together to amplify their voices to advocate for the creative future of their generation in the city of Coventry and our region. Delivered in partnership with YMCA Heart of England.

THE CLASSROOM OF CREATIVITY

This programme inspires artists, teachers and pupils to work together to design creative activities through the visual arts, putting educators at the centre of our work with schools. Working with Coventry primary schools our aim is to embed creativity into the curriculum, and

develop both the academic, social and personal worlds of the children we work with.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We love to bring people together through creativity.

Working with a variety of community partners in

Coventry we offer a range of ways to engage with what
we do.

From ticket offers to community projects – see link warwickartscentre.co.uk/get-creative/ for more information. To find out more about any of our activities please visit warwickartscentre.co.uk or email creativelearning@warwick.ac.uk

YOUR DONATIONS COUNT

We believe the arts are a place we can all meet. Your donations, whatever the size, mean even more families in our community can enjoy performances and make memories they cherish.

Make a donation via our website or the contactless donation boxes in the foyer.

warwickartscentre.co.uk/join-support/donations/

Elevate your visit with cocktails, wine, or dinner at Benugo Bar & Kitchen

Before your show or film, come and try our freshly prepared, seasonal dishes. Indulge in 12" stone-baked sourdough pizzas, crafted with 24-hour proved dough, all complemented by a carefully selected range of cocktails, beers, and wines. And during school. holidays, kids can eat for just £1 - making it the perfect pre-show treat for the whole family.

Open daily for lunch and pre-show dinner *T&Cs apply.

Further information at warwickartscentre.co.uk/benugo

Ultimate Asian Buffet at Warwick Arts Centre

Located within Warwick Arts Centre, this set price, ultimate Asian buffet-style restaurant offers an expansive selection of dishes from across the globe.

With fresh ingredients, expert chefs prepare an array of mouth-watering meals tailored to your tastes.

Open daily for lunch and dinner. See website for details: pandamami-restaurant.com

YOUR VISIT

GETTING HERE

By train:

The nearest mainline station is Coventry. From Coventry station, you can catch a12X bus which takes about 15 minutes, or instead get a taxi. To plan your trip by train, visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

By car:

You can reach Warwick Arts Centre via the A45, A46, M40 and M42. When approaching Coventry, follow 'Warwick Arts Centre' or the 'University of Warwick' signs.

By bicycle:

We have convenient and sheltered bike racks outside the Arts Centre if you plan to travel to us by bike.

Car parking:

We have car parks on central campus, close to Warwick Arts Centre. For details of locations and current charges visit our website warwickartscentre.co.uk/visit—us/getting—here/

Parking charges apply during the day, after 5pm and at weekends. We also have card machines to pay for parking in our foyer areas. If you supply your email

address when booking, we will send you a pre–arrival email with useful information about your visit.

By bus:

We're connected to Coventry, Leamington Spa and Kenilworth with regular bus services. Warwick Arts Centre is around 100 metres behind the bus stop interchange. Bus numbers 12X, 11, U1, U2 and 14 are the main buses serving the campus.

Plan your journey with Network WestMidlands' Journey Planner: journeyplanner.networkwestmidlands.com For information on buses traveling to the University of Warwick campus, visit: nxbus.co.uk/coventry West Midlands Bus on Demand: This is a service that meets you wherever you are – a cross between a taxi and a bus.

You can book a ride via an app and be matched with other passengers heading in the same direction. It operates around the University of Warwick, including Kenilworth, Warwick Parkway, University Hospital Coventry, Leamington Spa & Wellesbourne campus. More info:

warwick.ac.uk/services/estates/transport/buses

National Express:

National Express: National Express is kindly offering a discounted travel offer for Warwick Arts Centre visitors.

The offer is for 25% off a Day Saver and is redeemed by following this link www.nxbus.co.uk/discoveroffer or use the code below

Discount code: NXCOP25

Tickets

Discounted tickets, where offered, are shown in brackets and are available to over 60s in full time retirement, recipients of JSA and full time students

ACCESS

Advance booking is encouraged. Call us or email in advance so we can readily provide assistance, disabled customers may also bring a companion FREE of charge. We are able to loan ear defenders, wheelchairs, and fidget toys to visitors on request.

Contact Box Office.

Warwick Arts Centre is pleased to have a Changing Places facility located on the ground floor of our building. Please head to our website

(<u>warwickartscentre.co.uk/accessible-building/</u>) for further details or ask for information from our Box Office.

There are 9 spaces for Blue Badge Holders on Health Centre Road between 6am and 6pm. The short stay (20 minute) spaces on Health Centre Road change to Blue Badge after 6pm taking the total to 24. There are 9 blue badge spaces behind Senate House between 6am and 6pm, increasing to 15 after 6pm. Register your Blue Badge with apcoa.co.uk or with the Box Office.

Wheelchair access at ground level to Butterworth Hall, Studio, Mead Gallery, Woods–Scawen Room, Box Office and Helen Martin Studio.

Lifts – there are two lifts in the building to provide access to the Cinema, Butterworth Hall balconies, Theatre and Theatre bar

Assistance dogs are welcomed and can be cared for during performances by prior arrangement.

Receivers for our Auri - Auracast Hearing Assist facility are freely available from the Box Office.

Accessible toilet facilities are available throughout the building on all levels.

ECO UPDATE

As part of our commitment to sustainability, this summer we embarked on changing all the lights in our theatre and studio to LED. We estimate that this will save us 46.9 tonnes of CO₂ per year.

We have recently updated our terms and conditions of sale and privacy notice. Keep up to date at warwickartscentre.co.uk/privacy-notice/. View our Code of Conduct at warwickartscentre.co.uk/code-of-conduct/

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Accessible performances –

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