

May - September 2023

COLCHESTER ARTS CENTRE



Box Office: 01206 500900
www.colchesterartscentre.com

HOW TO BOOK

Book online at www.colchesterartscentre.com

By phone 01206 500900

By email ticketing@colchesterartscentre.com

In person, our box office is open Monday-Friday 10am-2pm, Saturday 10am-5pm

Please note that our tickets are now digital, it's all part of our endeavour to be a paperless venue and reduce our carbon footprint.

We are also a Cashless venue which means no more coins or bank notes and hopefully less queuing at the bar! We accept all major credit cards (not AMEX).

WHERE WE ARE

Colchester Arts Centre is based in a converted church situated in Church Street, which lies off Head Street in the town centre.

PARKING

St Mary's multi-storey car park. Entrance is on Balkerne Hill, then cross the pedestrian bridge to the Arts Centre. Discounted parking is available when booking tickets.

ACCESSIBILITY

We extend a warm welcome to all who visit Colchester Arts Centre. As an organisation, we follow the social model of disability - which looks at breaking down external barriers disabled people face.

The building has step-free access, a range of toilet facilities including all-gender toilets, disabled access toilet and baby-change facilities.

Complimentary P.A or companion tickets are available are available for all performances bookable online/through our box office.

If you have any access requirements for your visit, please add to the comments box when booking online or contact our box office, 01206 500900 or email accessibility@colchesterartscentre.com and we will do our best to meet whatever access requirements you may have.

Further information can also be found on the accessibility page on our website. We hope you enjoy your visit.



GAME CHANGER

Our Thinker in Residence, Vijay Patel continues his work with us. During the next year Vijay will devise and lead on a Tendring specific Game Changer project which looks at increasing arts/culture in Jaywick. He will also continue to support the arts centre's growth in accessibility, programming for Wonderful Wednesdays and remaining on our board of trustees. Since 2021, Vijay has introduced access riders within the organisation, access hosts at events, held focus groups on wheelchair accessibility and programmed a range of inclusive and diverse shows within the programme. If you would like to get in contact email Vijay@colchesterartscentre.com



FOLK

MONDAY 8 MAY

JANICE BURNS & JON DORAN

Anglo-Scottish duo with a shared love of traditional music. Janice & Jon's compelling storytelling comes alive through tight vocal harmonies and sensitive interplay between mandolin, bouzouki, and guitar.

Tickets £12/£10 concs
Doors 7.30pm

MONDAY 15 MAY

THE DRYSTONES

A folktronica fusion that sees Alex Garden and Ford Collier's trad instruments bent out of shape by Evan Carson's pounding electro-percussion. From humble beginnings busking on the streets of Somerset, they have come to the fore of a generation of folk acts bringing a new energy to timeless traditions.

Tickets £12/£11 concs
Doors 7.30pm



MONDAY 22 MAY

TALISK

Ground-breaking, chart-topping, genre-bending, globetrotting, instantly enthralling... it's little wonder that Talisk rank highly amongst the most in-demand folk-based groups to emerge from Scotland in the last decade and more.

Tickets £17/£16 concs
Doors 7.30pm

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

WILL POUND & JENN BUTTERWORTH

A chance meeting at a folk session in 2018 led to Will and Jenn's music travelling around the world as a viral TikTok sensation in lockdown. In their live shows they play a game of musical cat and mouse; improvising and responding to each other, weaving virtuosic performances that are unique and in-the-moment.

Tickets £13/£12 concs
Doors 7.30pm

FOLK EXTRA

TUESDAY 13 JUNE

KARINE POLWART

Award-winning Scottish songwriter, folk singer, and storyteller. A rare chance to enjoy Karine in an intimate, conversational solo performance. Expect a clutch of new songs and wonder tales.

Tickets £23
Doors 7.30pm

WORLD

FRIDAY 23 JUNE

BRANCO STOYSIN

A beautiful melange of classical, Jazz and Folk stylings... an evening of music to heal and replenish your heart, soul, and ears! Branco is an extraordinary yet entirely natural-sounding acoustic guitarist. Blending original music, classical, jazz, fingerstyle and Serbian traditional folk effortlessly. Branco's evocative, neo-impressionist writing has both warmth and elegance, whilst retaining an edge of energy and invention.

Tickets £10/£8 concs
Doors 7.30pm



TUESDAY 4 JULY

RAGHU DIXIT

Often hailed as India's biggest cultural & musical export, Raghu Dixit's unique brand of infectious, happy music transcends age, genre, and even language. His music is strongly rooted in Indian traditions and culture and is presented with a contemporary, global sound.

Tickets £22.50
Doors open 7.30pm



TUESDAY 11 JULY

BANTU CONTINUA UHURU CONSCIOUSNESS

Seven-piece band from Soweto, South Africa. Their music has been described as afro-psychedelic future pop, and they sing in all 11 of the official languages of South Africa.

Tickets £15
Doors 7.30pm



FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

JUAN MARTIN

Voted into the top 3 flamenco guitarists in the world by Guitar Player USA, Juan Martin has toured the world with his guitar and compositions. His exquisite style is enhanced through minimal amplification to capture his very pure flamenco sound.

Tickets £18/£17 concs
Doors 7.30pm

EARLY MUSIC

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST

BLONDEL: OWRE KYNGE WENT FORTH

Henry V and the battle of Agincourt, told in words and music

A brilliant mix of authentic mediaeval music and well-chosen contemporary texts. Blondel give an engaging and spirited performances of Medieval and Renaissance wind music on shawms, bagpipes and recorders, fiddle and gittern. The music performed was composed during the lifetime of Henry V (1387-1422) and is divided into sections depicting important stages in his life. The texts are taken from three sources: Holinshed's Chronicles, Shakespeare's 'Henry V' and 'The Archer's Story' by Esmond Knight. The spoken texts narrate the story of the battle, its build-up and aftermath from different points of view.

Pay What You Can

Doors 1.30pm, concert 2pm



GIGS

TUESDAY 2 MAY

RODDY WOOMBLE

Wooble continues his unique and restless trajectory, gently stepping away from his previous acoustic/folk intentions in favour of a more explorative light.

Tickets £20
Doors 7.30pm

THURSDAY 11 MAY

JO QUAIL + DEAD SPACE CHAMBER MUSIC

Internationally acclaimed composer and virtuoso cellist from London. Quail combines an eloquent mastery with innovative evocative techniques, to realise her complex, evocative music for audiences worldwide.

Tickets £12
Doors 7.30pm



THURSDAY 18 MAY

THE WEDDING PRESENT: 24 SONGS

Indie royalty!
Tickets £22.50
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 20 MAY

IAN PROWSE & AMSTERDAM – PELE FIREWORKS 30TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR
Known to his fans as the 'Scouse Springsteen', Ian Prowse is a guitarist, singer-songwriter, frontman of Amsterdam and previously frontman of indie band Pele. Raised on protest songs and inspired by the likes of Paul Weller and Elvis Costello.

Tickets £17.50
Doors 7pm

TUESDAY 23 MAY

COME + LOST MOVIES

Cult American alternative rock band, formed in Boston by Thalia Zedek (Live Skull), Chris Brokaw (Codeine), Arthur Johnson and Sean O'Brien.

Tickets £16 advance, £18 door
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 26 MAY

LIMEHOUSE LIZZY – SOLD OUT

Doors 7pm

MONDAY 5 JUNE

ASUNOJOKEI

Japanese post-black metal/blackgaze group formed in Taitō in 2014.

Tickets £11
Doors 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

LES MOTS RIENT TÔT

A Latino folk trio with guitar, vocals, violin and drums. With original songs in both French and Spanish Les Mots Rient Tôt's musical universe is an intoxicating mix of poetry, energy and generosity. Les Mots Rient Tôt are based in Avignon, twinned city with Colchester and are performing as part of an artistic exchange programme between our two cities.

Tickets £10/£8 concs
Doors 7.30pm

THURSDAY 15 JUNE

THE FILLERS

The world's first and best tribute to The Killers. Formed in late 2006 in Bury St. Edmunds.

Tickets £16.50
Doors 7pm

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

COLCHESTER INSTITUTE PRESENTS...

The best new bands and solo artists in town on one bill.

Tickets £8
Doors 6.30pm

TUESDAY 20 JUNE

FIONA BEVAN + ADAM BEATTIE

A striking double bill; Fiona Bevan is a multi-platinum singer-songwriter with a sweet, fiery voice and indie folk sound. Beattie is a singer-songwriter and guitarist; intricate finger-picked guitar with a distinctive voice steeped in smoke and honey.

Tickets £10/£8 concs
Doors 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

SUFFOCATION

+ CHESTBURSTER + JOTNARR

Rising to prominence with their legendary 1991 debut album Effigy of the Forgotten, US Death Metal legends Suffocation bring their brutally heavy, insanely fast downtuned riff assault to Colchester. Diehards only.

Tickets £18
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

MOTORPSYCHO

EEclectic prog/psych rock titans from Trondheim, Norway. Formed in the 1980s as an alternative metal band with a unique blend of grunge, heavy metal and indie rock.

Tickets £20
Doors 7.30pm



SUNDAY 25 JUNE

BEAUTIFY JUNKYARDS + MEZZOTINT + ABRASIVE TREES

Portuguese group influenced by English acid folk, Brazilian Tropicália and contemporary electronica.

Tickets £7
Doors 7pm



TUESDAY 27 JUNE

BAUSHIG

Entirely acoustic, and improvised with a crazy energy. The guitar sound mixes hard flamenco with symphonic minimalist music. The double bass becomes queen of the microtonality while the drums deploy melodies of timbres at the speed of light.

Tickets £7/£6 concs
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 1 JULY

MICK FEST 2023: THE UTOPIA STRONG, KAVUS TORABI, ELF TRAPS & MORE

It's back! Another day of psych, krautrock, alternative happenings curated by Colchester's finest and most long-standing Box-Office hippy.

Tickets £15
Doors 1.30pm

THURSDAY 6 JULY

MATT SIMPKINS & BEN BROWN: PISSABED PROPHET

Masters of melody, high-priests of harmony, and evangelists for eccentricity. Their music is big, round and orange.

Tickets £8/£7 concs
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 8 JULY

STEEMY DAN

Dynamic 10 piece performing Steely Dan's wonderfully crafted songs including timeless classics such as Rikki Don't Lose That Number, Josie, Peg, The Fez, & many more.

Tickets £16/£14 concs
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 14 JULY

THE BRIT FUNK ASSOCIATION

A 10-piece collective including founder members and pioneers of Brit Funk from Beggar & Co, Hi-Tension and ex-members of Light of the World and Incognito. Bless the funk!

Tickets £26.50
Doors 7.30pm

JAZZ

SUNDAY 16 JULY

HALF A CENTURY: 50 YEARS OF OTWAY AND BARRETT

An amazing and irreverent performance by two master entertainers be prepared for everything from bare-chested theremin playing to wah wah wheelie bin as the duo jump from one hit and 40 near misses to another.

Tickets £20/£18 concs
Doors 7pm

FRIDAY 21 JULY

THE BLOCKHEADS + THE PUNK FREUD

The welcome return of The Blockheads, who have been performing here since 2000.

Original members are joined by new lead singer Mike Bennett.

Tickets £30/£28 concessions
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 22 JULY

SOLSTICE & TRILOGY DOUBLE BILL

Stars of the New Wave of British Progressive Rock, re-energising the musicianship, ambition, scope and invention of classic seventies prog with a drive that persists to this day.

Tickets £15
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 28 JULY

LIA MICE + MEEMO COMMA + A'BEAR + XYLITOL

An evening of female psychedelic electronica; live vocal sampling, stunning AV visuals and cosmically inspired beats.

Tickets £8/£7 concs
Doors 7.30pm



MONDAY 31 JULY

ROEDELIOUS & CHAPLIN: KING OF HEARTS

A unique collaboration; Roedelius is one of the most prolific musicians of the German avant-garde and a key figure in the birth of Krautrock, synthesizer pop and ambient music. He is joined by pianist/composer/actor Christopher Chaplin, the youngest son of Charlie Chaplin.

Tickets £20
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST

JG THIRLWELL: SILVER MANTIS

New York based composer, producer and performer who work under multiple pseudonyms. If there is a common thread to his varied musical styles, it is a dramatic intensity and an evocative, cinematic quality.

Thirlwell has worked with artists such as Karen O, Swans, Nine Inch Nails, Lydia Lunch and Nick Cave.

Tickets £20
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 25 AUGUST

CONTROL VOLTAGE – AN EVENING OF CONTEMPORARY ELECTRONIC MUSIC

Southend's popular night dedicated to the synapse-tickling, knob-twiddling delights of analogue synth returns to Colchester by popular demand!

Tickets £7/£6 concs
Doors 7.30pm

MONDAY 28 AUGUST

OBITUARY

American death metal band formed in Tampa, Florida, in 1984.

Tickets £22.50
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

THE GUNS 'N ROSES EXPERIENCE + PURE JOVI

Two bands, one huge rock show

Tickets £18 advance/£23 door
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

MICK HARVEY: THE INVISIBLE BLUE UNICORNS

Mick Harvey (The Birthday Party/The Bad Seeds) presents material from his new album of duets with Mexican singer Amanda Acevedo alongside Berlin's Sometimes with Others and J.P. Shilo.

Tickets £22
Doors 7.30pm

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

TEΠΙΛΟΤΑ + WEAPON EYES

London-based duo whose work interrogates the haptic, social and liberating relationships with technologies old and new; using feedback synthesizer and computer-aoustic bass.

Tickets £7/£6 concs
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

THE STYLE COUNCILLORS

The world's one and only tribute to The Style Council.

Tickets £20 advance
Doors 7pm

TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

MIRANDA SEX GARDEN + BLEEDINGBLACKWOOD

The beast has arisen! Expect a barrage of intense soundscapes, ethereal vocals, and seductive incenscapy. This unholy reunion is not to be missed.

Tickets £20
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

FAUX FIGHTERS UK

SOLD OUT
Doors 7pm

SUNDAY 28 MAY

TALINKA

Talinka creates a new, distinctive sound that explores the unique and diverse journeys of four British musicians: Jenny Bliss, Yaron Stavi, Gilad Atzmon (internationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist affinity) and his wife Tali Atzmon. The music is at times haunting, connecting with deep, moody jazz standards and a new international form of World Music. The unusual choice of instruments and combination of personalities creates an amalgam of past and present, East and West.

Tickets £16/£14 concs
Doors 7pm

SUN 11 JUNE

TRISTAN

Jazz, Funk & Soul... It's tough to sit still when listening to Netherlands-based R&B band Tristan. The quintet has a keen sense of classic soul, funk, and pop. Funky rhythm guitars, Hammond, Fender Rhodes and synths, and a rhythm section playing solid grooves and tight, punchy arrangements. All this underpins singer Jaycilee's soulful vocals. It will take you back to that great warm sound of the 70's, with a fresh breeze of influences from the present.

Tickets £16/£14 concs
Doors 7pm

SATURDAY 15 JULY

ELECTRO JAZZ ORCHESTRA

This Colchester band formed in 2022, when Keith (conductor), Natalie (vocals) and Simon (drums) got talking about big bands. The idea was to bring the concept of the 'Big Band' into the 21st Century. As well as the traditional band, for arrangements that need more, technology is used to provide anything from strings to percussion in a seamless mix of warm air and something called Ableton Live! This allows the band to perform all sorts of tracks, from all sorts of eras.

Tickets £15
Doors 7.30pm

SUNDAY 23 JULY

ASPYRIAN

London-based trio blending jazz with an array of folk music traditions from different corners of the world. Influenced by an eclectic mix of soulful songwriters and alternative bands, the result is an ensemble sound that is captivating and truly unique.

Tickets £15/£13 concs
Doors 7pm

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

NO BIG DEAL

Instrumental trio composed by Michael Raggatt (keys), Chris Castellitto (drums) and Nick Webster (bass guitar). Since their long time experience as session musicians, they have a wide variety of musical influences from Herbie Hancock to Radiohead and Vulfpeck to J Dilla.

Tickets £15/£13 concs
Doors 7pm

PERFORMANCE

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Our regular season of innovative and sometimes experimental performance work chosen by director Anthony Roberts. All shows are Pay What You Can Afford and start at 8pm.

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY

DAVID HOYLE: HEDDA (AFTER IBSEN)

Set in a Lynchsque inspired world of dream imagery, drama, bespoke sound design, music and chanteuse style singing; the iconic avant-garde performer David Hoyle is HEDDA in this one-person, screening/film reimagining that moves past the obvious to create a darkly surreal show that doesn't reduce it to our binary traditions. Shot on location at Soho Theatre. HEDDA (after Ibsen) is a 21st century unpicking of Ibsen's original text from inside the hinterland of Hedda's imagination. Created, written and directed by Jen Heyes.

WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

RINKOO BARPAGA: MADE IN (INDIA) BRITAIN

Roo is a deaf Punjabi boy from Birmingham, living in a world that wasn't made for him. Through pain and laughter, Roo narrates the impact of ableism and racism throughout his childhood and adult life, leading him to confront one key question: "Where do I belong?" A coming-of-age story about discovering your community and the journey that follows. All performances will be in BSL, Spoken English and Closed Captions.



WEDNESDAY 24 MAY

SILENT FACES: GODOT IS A WOMAN

Since Beckett wrote Waiting for Godot, he and his estate have notoriously challenged - often legally - non-male companies that wish to perform it. Silent Faces return with their trademark style of playful, political, physical theatre in a whip-smart interrogation of gender, authorial copyright, and the cultural significance of Madonna's 1989 album, Like a Prayer.



WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST

LOUISE ORWIN: FAMEHUNGRY (WIP)

A one woman nose-dive into the helter-skelter world of TikTok, The Algorithm and what it's like to live your life online. Made in collaboration with a TikTok star, award winning performance artist Louise Orwin asks what a future might look like if all roads lead to TikTok. This is a work-in-progress performance, exploring early show ideas.

Admission Free

Doors 2.30pm, show 3pm



SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

I HEAR VOICES THEATRE: POETS DAY

Don Fletcher Park and Mervin Mule are back! "Poets Day" inhabits a strangely familiar landscape; brimming with fading artists, assorted eccentrics and bus-pass bohemians. Two brand new half hour adventures in this popular absurd radio series; which has so far exceeded all expectations and not become the subject of legal proceedings... Recorded before your very ears at the Company's spiritual home. Colchester Arts Centre.

Tickets £8/£7 concs

Doors 7.30pm, show 8pm



POETRY

EMOTIONAL MADNESS WITH MARYANN & MATES

An evening of spoken word and poetry hosted by Mary-Ann Ambrose. A mixture of emotions, a roller coaster of fun and sadness.

TUESDAY 16 MAY

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST

Tickets £3

Doors 7.30pm



TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

JOHN HEGLEY: FRESH FROM THE FRINGE

Newly honed pieces from the John's Edinburgh Festival show along with former favourites fleshing out the freshness. Songs, poems, drawings, cardboard creatures, and Mister Galimore's four simple rules for marking your neighbour's French vocabulary test.

Tickets £10/£8

Doors 7.30pm



DANCE

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

NAVRATRI: THE GLORIOUS GUJARATI FESTIVAL OF DANCE

Join us for a family-friendly, interactive afternoon of lively beats and colourful celebrations in honour of Navratri! Experience the energy and joy of this traditional Indian dance festival, with live music by the Satwara Community group and Gujarati folk dance workshops by Jaymini's Bollywood Dance.

Pay What You Can

1-5pm

CABARET

WEDNESDAY 19 JULY CARLI NORRIS: INTIMATE

Shamelessly riding on the success of her sell-out show Viva Burlesque, Carli Norris now brings her one-woman show to the Arts Centre, and promises gossip from her years in the acting world, a few long-winded jokes, and satirical songs, with not a nipple-tassel in sight. Probably.

Tickets £15/£12 concs
Doors 7.30pm



SATURDAY 19 AUGUST COLCHESTER PRIDE PRESENTS: A BIG CAMP CABARET!

Taking place a week after the main event, Colchester Pride keeps the party going with an evening of fabulous entertainment! Expect all your favourites, including drag artists, burlesque, live music, dance and comedy. All proceeds go to Colchester Pride.

Tickets £10/£8 concs
Doors 7.30pm

PARTY

SATURDAY 13 MAY EUROVISION NIGHT

Watch the Eurovision with us on a big screen with live commentary and entertainment tbc. Hosted by Colchester Pride. Proceeds split between Colchester Arts Centre and Colchester Pride

Pay What You Want, minimum donation £3.
Doors 7.30pm

SATURDAY 27 MAY THE OUTHOUSE PRESENT A MARVELLOUS MASQUERADE BALL

Get ready for a night to remember as we raise money for the Mayors Charities. Live music from JamJar plus a dazzling array of talent to keep you entertained. As this is a masquerade ball, a mask is a must! Be bright, bold, and creative, or come classy, elegant and refined.... we don't mind, just bring your fabulous self and let's have a ball!

Tickets £15
Doors 7pm

FAMILY

SATURDAY 6 MAY THE BUBBLE SHOW

Join Mr. Bubbles with his extraordinary soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes! The Bubble Show is a unique blend of magic, storytelling, and bubble art! Enjoy bouncy bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, smoke bubbles, square bubbles, giant bubbles, and even fire bubbles! Actor, storyteller, and Guinness World Record holder, The Highland Joker, is one of the top bubble artists in the world. Suitable for ages 3-12 years old.

Tickets £10/£8 concs
Family Ticket (admits 4) £30
Doors 1.30pm, show 2pm



SATURDAY 13 MAY COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS

Like the name says it's a Comedy Club 4 Kids! Cracking entertainment for everyone over six years old and under 400 years old (no vampires). The best comedians from the circuit doing what they do best... but without the rude bits!

Tickets £10/£8 concs
Family Ticket (admits 4) £30
Doors 1.30pm, show 2pm



SATURDAY 10 JUNE THE MIGHTY KIDS BEATBOX COMEDY SHOW

Hey kids and kidults, Jarred and Hobbitt are back with an all-new action-packed beatboxing and comedy hoopla! Guaranteed LOL's and interactive fun for the entire family. An inclusive show for wallflowers and show-offs alike; throw some shapes, shake your booty, or keep it firmly in your seat... It's a whole heap of infectious, doozy fun!

Tickets £12/£10 concs
Family Ticket (admits 4) £35
Doors 1.30pm, show 2pm

SATURDAY 8 JULY LYNGO THEATRE: JACK & THE BEANSTALK

Fee Fi Fo Fun! Expect lots of surprises, a gripping story and beautiful images as Jack sells his cow for 5 magic beans and finds himself in the land above the clouds. It's a show for the over 3's (and their giants) with enormous shoes, tiny houses, showers of silver and gold and a big, leafy explosion!

Tickets £7/£6 concs
Family Ticket (admits 4) £22
Doors 1.30pm, show 2pm



SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER WI-FI WARS (FAMILY FRIENDLY)

Wi-Fi Wars returns with the live comedy game show where you all play along! This is the family friendly version there will be different games and quizzes at each show, if you fancy coming to this AND the adult evening show. Recommended for ages 6+.

Tickets £10/£8 concs
Family Ticket (admits 4) £30
Doors 1.30pm, show 2pm

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SHOW 22-31 DECEMBER

THEATRE OF WIDDERSHINS: THE GINGERBREAD MAN & A POT FULL OF MAGIC

Back by popular demand. Two tasty tales served up with all the Widdershins' trademark ingredients of puppets, pop-up sets and original music. Suitable for children aged 3 years +

Tickets £6.95
Family Ticket (admits 4) £25
Shows 11am & 2pm

COMMUNITY

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

For fun loving seniors

Comedians, singers and novelty acts aplenty served up with afternoon tea!

Friday 9 June
Friday 7 July

Doors 1.30pm, 2-4pm
Tickets £5.00

COMEDY

Please note all performances start 30 minutes after door time.

SUNDAY 7 MAY

MARK SIMMONS: QUIP OFF THE MARK
SOLD OUT
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 12 MAY

SIMON BRODKIN: SCREWED UP
SOLD OUT
Doors 7.30pm

SUNDAY 14 MAY

ANGELA BARNES: HOT MESS
SOLD OUT
Doors 7.30pm

SUNDAY 21 MAY

HAL CRUTTENDEN:
IT'S BEST YOU HEAR IT FROM ME
After 21 years and 224 days Hal's back being single. But it's all going to be fine. Instead of getting the therapy he clearly needs, he's made a cracking show about it.
Tickets £19/£18 concs
Doors 7pm



TUESDAY 6 JUNE

SIMON DAY IS DAVE ANGEL ECO WARRIOR:
LIVING THE DREAM
Star of The Fast Show and King Gary returns with a brand-new show. Meet Dave Angel - the man who invented saving the planet and has dedicated his life to lowering carbon emissions and getting a pound note - Dave Angel reveals in speech and song how he has juggled a remarkable life of petty crime, domestic bliss, and his early forays into the British porn industry. WALLOP! Supported by Billy Bleach and Tommy Cockles.
Tickets £22
Doors 7.30pm



THURSDAY 8 JUNE

SUZI RUFFELL: SNAPPY
SOLD OUT
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 16 JUNE

TOM DAVIS: WORK IN PROGRESS
SOLD OUT
Doors 7.30pm

THURSDAY 29 JUNE

CLIVE ANDERSON: ME, MACBETH & I
The host of Whose Line Is It Anyway, Loose Ends and Talks Back takes to the road with his much-anticipated first ever solo tour, in a one-man show guaranteed to be funnier than Shakespeare's greatest tragedy.
Tickets £20/£19 concs
Doors 7pm

SUNDAY 9 JULY

TOM HOUGHTON: ABSOLUTE SHAMBLES
The multi-viral, social media sensation is back and is once again delving deep into his ludicrous life as he tries to smarten up the not so honourable aspects of himself. Looking at the pitfalls of online celebrity, the perils of post-palace living and the quest for true happiness.
Tickets £15/£13 concs
Doors 7pm

THURSDAY 27 JULY

LAUGH OUT PROUD! THE LGBTQIA+ COMEDY NIGHT WITH MARK CRAM, DANE BUCKLEY AND SHELF
London's brand new LGBTQIA+ Comedy night comes to Colchester! Featuring the best in established and upcoming acts from the community on the UK comedy circuit. This night is all about giving acts and audiences alike a fun and friendly place to express themselves, kick back, have a laugh and good time in an inclusive and welcoming comedy club environment.
Tickets £12/£10 concs
Doors 7.30pm



SUNDAY 30 JULY

CERYS BRADLEY: NOT OVER THINKING THINGS 2019 (Edinburgh Preview)
Did Cerys cause their parents' divorce? Are they too mean to their work colleagues? Did they just make that interaction awkward? Is a new year's resolution ever going to be enough

to fix their personality? In this surreal and silly interactive stand-up show/birthday party, you get to decide. Cerys is a non-binary comedian and Autistic Excellence Award Winner at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2022.
Pay What You Can Afford
Doors 7pm



SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

WIFI WARS

The live comedy game show where you all play along! Hosted by comedian Steve McNeil and aided by Guinness World-Record-Breaking tech whizz, the award-winning Rob Sedgebeer!
Tickets £10/£8 concs
Doors 7.30pm

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

URZILA CARLSON: JUST NO
Multi award-winning South African-New Zealander returns to the UK with a brand-new show. Urzila has garnered a worldwide following, thanks to her hit NETFLIX comedy special Overqualified Loser.
Tickets £16.50
Doors 7.30pm

FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

MARKUS BIRDMAN: PLATINUM
Markus Birdman has thundered back into comedy with a hit Edinburgh Fringe show and recently supported Jason Manford at the Palladium. Markus suffered a stroke in 2021, he wants to tell you about it, not to create feelings of pity, more a sense of awe & fawning admiration.
Tickets £15.50/£13.50 concs
Doors 7.30pm

THE LAUGHTER ZONE COMEDY CLUB

FRIDAY 5 MAY

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

FRIDAY 7 JULY

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

The place to be for Stand-Up Comedy. We get all the new comics on their way up! Eddie Izzard, Michael McIntyre, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr all appeared at the arts centre before they were famous (and in some cases afterwards as well)! Bar open throughout.

Tickets £14/£12 concs
Doors 8pm

WORKSHOPS

SUNDAY 30 JULY

CERY'S BRADLEY: ZINE WORKSHOP QUEER MINDS

Led by comedian and autistic performer Cerys Bradley, this workshop invites neurotypical and neurodiverse people to come along and explore how we communicate, using creative writing to build a collaborative zine, that will be printed and shared at Cerys' comedy shows and online. This workshop is free to attend but advance booking is essential please contact ticketing@colchesterartscentre.com to reserve a place.

TUESDAY 29 AUGUST

LOUISE ORWIN: EVERYTHING IS ART

A workshop designed for participants aged 13-17 years old. Beginning with the premise that everything can be art, and anyone can be an artist. This is a workshop designed to help young people think about art making; to help express themselves; and to think critically about how we use social media. Through a series of creative exercises based on TikTok content - think making a trending workshop dance as a group; making short 30 second performances about things we believe in and want to share; creating workshop group memes and using meme-culture to create performances with each other.

Admission Free, booking essential.
Doors 9.45am, 10am-1pm

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2023

HUNT & DARTON THE MUM SHOW WORKSHOPS

A shout-out to Mums, we need you!

Dynamic live art duo Hunt & Darton (creators of H&D Café, Kids Business and proud mums) are on a mission to find their mum tribe. Join their series of Autumn workshops in Colchester and Tendring to help empower anyone who identifies as a mother. If you're a young mum, feel disadvantaged or have experienced mild-moderate mental health issues this could be just the tonic for you. The mum pack will form a collective to create celebratory work about the triumphs and trifles (yum) of motherhood. Think frank guided conversations, and creative challenges peppered with entertaining exercises (free-dancing, shouting, sing-a-longs) and dollops of self-care fun. Childcare provided if needed.

Interested?

Email emma@colchesterartscentre.com



FILM

CLASSIC HORROR NIGHTS

Vintage horror classics with daft cocktails and candles.

TUESDAY 9 MAY

CAPTAIN KRONOS, VAMPIRE HUNTER (1974)

THURSDAY 22 JUNE

THE SORCERERS (1967)

THURSDAY 13 JULY

CURSE OF THE CRIMSON ALTAR (1968)

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

PETER CUSHING PEOPLES' CHOICE

Tickets £5

Doors 7.30pm, film 8pm

CLASSIC HORROR SPECIAL

FRIDAY 30 JUNE

FRANKENSTEIN UNCHAINED! WITH JASON FREDERICK & MADELINE SMITH

Discover the music of Frankenstein through an interactive musical lecture by Jason Frederick, followed by an original instrumental performance of Mary Shelley's timeless story "Frankenstein" - narrated by Madeline Smith (Star of Frankenstein & The Monster From Hell, Theatre of Blood and more!).

Tickets £10/£8 concs

Doors 7.30pm, film 8pm

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

THE BRAIN THAT WOULDN'T DIE – WITH A LIVE SCORE BY JASON FREDERICK

Experience the classic Atom Age horror film, with a new original score performed live-to-picture by composer Jason Frederick, as well as an opening short film and clips from the documentary 'Hollywood in the Atomic Age: Monsters! Martians! Mad-Scientists!'

Tickets £8/£7 concs

Doors 7.30pm, film 8pm



MARKET

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

FROCK SWAP

De-clutter your wardrobe and swap it for a new look!

Drop off your items from 9.30am - 10.15am
Swapping begins at 10.30am

Non-swappers and charities from 11.30am-12pm

Free admission for swappers

£2 minimum donation to charity from non-swappers

WALKS

COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR

With High Steward Sir Bob Russell

14 MAY

28 MAY

11 JUNE

25 JUN

9 JULY

23 JULY

6 AUGUST

20 AUGUST

3 SEPTEMBER

17 SEPTEMBER

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An entertaining and fact-filled walk. Pre-booking essential

Tickets £5

Tours start 10am

VINYL SESSIONS

Each month listen to an album in its entirety and always on vinyl.



**SUNDAY 21 MAY
CREATION RECORD LABEL
SPECIAL**



**SUNDAY 18 JUNE
THE JAM
SOUND AFFECTS**



**SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
Album tbc.**

Tickets £3

Doors 12pm, starts 12.30pm

BEER

WEDNESDAY 31 MAY –

SATURDAY 3 JUNE

36TH COLCHESTER SUMMER BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

Real ales, ciders and perry's from all over the country plus bottled Belgian Beers alongside English wines from Mersea Island Vineyard. Soft drinks available. Free admission to card-carrying CAMRA members at all times.

Admission free until 3pm each day, £3 thereafter.

Open Daily 12pm-10.30pm

DIARY

MAY

TUE	2	RODDY WOOMBLE	GIGS
WED	3	WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: DAVID HOYLE – HEDDA AFTER IBSEN	PERFORMANCE
FRI	5	THE LAUGHTER ZONE COMEDY CLUB	COMEDY
SAT	6	THE BUBBLE SHOW	FAMILY
SUN	7	MARK SIMMONS: QUIP OFF THE MARK SOLD OUT	COMEDY
MON	8	JANICE BURNS & JON DORAN	FOLK
TUE	9	CLASSIC HORROR NIGHTS: CAPTAIN KRONOS, VAMPIRE HUNTER	FILM
THU	11	JO QUAIL + DEAD SPACE CHAMBER MUSIC	GIGS
FRI	12	SIMON BRODKIN: SCREWED UP - SOLD OUT	COMEDY
SAT	13	COMEDY CLUB 4 KIDS	FAMILY
SAT	13	EUROVISION SONG CONTEST PARTY	PARTY
SUN	14	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL – TOUR X	WALK
SUN	14	ANGELA BARNES: HOT MESS - SOLD OUT	COMEDY
MON	15	THE DRYSTONES	FOLK
TUE	16	EMOTIONAL MADNESS WITH MARYANN & MATES	POETRY
WED	17	WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: RINKOO BARPAGA: MADE IN (INDIA) BRITAIN	PERFORMANCE
THU	18	THE WEDDING PRESENT	GIGS
SAT	20	IAN PROWSE & AMSTERDAM - PELE FIREWORKS 30TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR	GIGS
SUN	21	VINYL SESSIONS - CREATION: RECORD LABEL SPECIAL	VINYL
SUN	21	HAL CRUTTENDEN: IT'S BEST YOU HEAR IT FROM ME	COMEDY
MON	22	TALISK	FOLK
TUE	23	COME + LOST MOVIES	GIGS
WED	24	WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: SILENT FACES – GODOT IS A WOMAN	PERFORMANCE
FRI	26	LIMEHOUSE LIZZY - SOLD OUT	GIGS
SAT	27	A MARVELLOUS MASQUERADE BALL FOR THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES	CABARET
SUN	28	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL – TOUR A	WALK
SUN	28	TALINKA	JAZZ
WED	31	36TH COLCHESTER SUMMER BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL	BEER

JUNE

THU	1	36TH COLCHESTER SUMMER BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL	BEER
FRI	2	36TH COLCHESTER SUMMER BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL	BEER
SAT	3	36TH COLCHESTER SUMMER BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL	BEER
TUE	6	SIMON DAY IS DAVE ANGEL ECO WARRIOR: 'LIVING THE DREAM'	COMEDY
THU	8	SUZI RUFFELL: SNAPPY - SOLD OUT	COMEDY
FRI	9	FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB	COMMUNITY
FRI	9	THE LAUGHTER ZONE COMEDY CLUB	COMEDY
SAT	10	THE MIGHTY KIDS BEATBOX COMEDY SHOW	FAMILY
SUN	11	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL – TOUR B	WALK
SUN	11	TRISTAN	JAZZ
TUE	13	KARINE POLWART	GIGS
WED	14	LES MOTS RIENT TOT	GIGS
THU	15	THE FILLERS	GIGS
FRI	16	TOM DAVIS: WORK IN PROGRESS - SOLD OUT	COMEDY
SAT	17	FROCK SWAP	SWAP
SUN	18	VINYL SESSIONS - THE JAM: SOUND AFFECTS	VINYL
TUE	20	FIONA BEVAN + ADAM BEATTIE	GIGS
WED	21	SUFFOCATION + CHESTBURSTER + JOTNARR	GIGS
THU	22	CLASSIC HORROR NIGHTS: THE SORCERERS	FILM
FRI	23	BRANCO STOYSIN	WORLD
SAT	24	MOTORPSYCHO	GIGS

May - September 2023

SUN	25	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL - TOUR X	WALK
SUN	25	BEAUTIFY JUNKYARDS + MEZZOTINT + ABRASIVE TREES	GIGS
TUE	27	BAUSHIG	GIGS
THU	29	CLIVE ANDERSON	COMEDY
FRI	30	FRANKENSTEIN UNCHAINED! WITH JASON FREDERICK & MADELINE SMITH	FILM

JULY

SAT	1	MICK FEST 2023	GIGS
TUE	4	RAGHU DIXIT	GIGS
THU	6	MATT SIMPKINS & BEN BROWN - PISSABED PROPHET	GIGS
FRI	7	FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB	COMMUNITY
FRI	7	THE LAUGHTER ZONE COMEDY CLUB	COMEDY
SAT	8	LYNGO THEATRE: JACK & THE BEANSTALK	FAMILY
SAT	8	STEEMY DAN	GIGS
SUN	9	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL - TOUR A	WALK
SUN	9	TOM HOUGHTON: ABSOLUTE SHAMBLES	COMEDY
TUE	11	BANTU CONTINUA UHURU CONSCIOUSNESS	WORLD
THU	13	CLASSIC HORROR NIGHTS: CURSE OF THE CRIMSON ALTAR	FILM
FRI	14	THE BRIT FUNK ASSOCIATION	GIGS
SAT	15	ELECTRO JAZZ ORCHESTRA	JAZZ
SUN	16	HALF A SENTRY: 50 YEARS OF OTWAY AND BARRETT	GIGS
WED	19	CARLI NORRIS - INTIMATE	CABARET
FRI	21	THE BLOCKHEADS + THE PUNK FREUD	GIGS
SAT	22	SOLSTICE & TRILOGY DOUBLE BILL	GIGS
SUN	23	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL - TOUR B	WALK
SUN	23	ASPYRIAN	JAZZ
THU	27	LAUGH OUT PROUD! - THE LGBTQIA + COMEDY NIGHT	COMEDY
FRI	28	LIA MICE + MEEMO COMMA + A'BEAR + XYLITOL	GIGS
SUN	30	CERY'S BRADLEY: ZINE WORKSHOP - QUEER MINDS	WORKSHOP
SUN	30	CERY'S BRADLEY: NOT OVER THINKING THINGS 2019	COMEDY
MON	31	ROEDELIOUS & CHAPLIN: KINGS OF HEARTS	GIGS

AUGUST

FRI	4	THE LAUGHTER ZONE COMEDY CLUB	COMEDY
SUN	6	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL - TOUR X	WALK
FRI	18	JG THIRLWELL: SILVER MANTIS	GIGS
SAT	19	COLCHESTER PRIDE PRESENTS: A BIG CAMP CABARET!	CABARET
SUN	20	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL - TOUR A	WALK
SUN	20	BLONDEL: OWRE KYNGE WENT FORTH	EARLY MUSIC
FRI	25	CONTROL VOLTAGE	GIGS
MON	28	OBITUARY	GIGS
TUE	29	EMOTIONAL MADNESS WITH MARYANN & MATES	POETRY
TUE	29	LOUISE ORWIN: ART IS EVERYTHING	WORKSHOP
WED	30	LOUISE ORWIN: FAMEHUNGRY (WIP)	PERFORMANCE

SEPTEMBER

FRI	1	THE LAUGHTER ZONE COMEDY CLUB	COMEDY
SAT	2	THE GUNS 'N ROSES EXPERIENCE + PURE JOVI	GIGS
SUN	3	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR B WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL	WALK
SUN	3	NAVRATRI: THE GLORIOUS GUJARATI FESTIVAL OF DANCE	DANCE

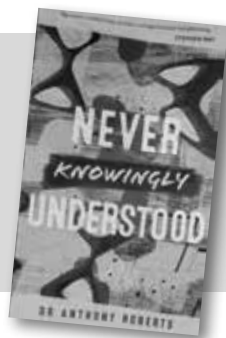
TUE 5	JOHN HEGLEY: FRESH FROM THE FRINGE	POETRY
FRI 8	JUAN MARTIN	WORLD
SAT 9	WI-FI WARS (FAMILY FRIENDLY)	FAMILY
SAT 9	WI-FI WARS	COMEDY
SUN 10	VINYL SESSIONS	VINYL
TUE 12	URZILA CARLSON: JUST NO	COMEDY
THU 14	CLASSIC HORROR NIGHTS: PETER CUSHING PEOPLES' CHOICE	FILM
FRI 15	MARKUS BIRDMAN: PLATINUM	COMEDY
SAT 16	MICK HARVEY: THE INVISIBLE BLUE UNICORNS	GIGS
SUN 17	COLCHESTER HERITAGE TOUR X WITH SIR BOB RUSSELL	WALK
SUN 17	NO BIG DEAL	JAZZ
THU 21	TEP/NOTA + WEAPON EYES	GIGS
FRI 22	THE STYLE COUNCILLORS	GIGS
SAT 23	CLASSIC HORROR NIGHTS SPECIAL: THE BRAIN THAT WOULDN'T DIE	FILM
SUN 24	I HEAR VOICE THEATRE: POETS DAY	PERFORMANCE
MON 25	WILL POUND & JENN BUTTERWORTH	FOLK
TUE 26	MIRANDA SEX GARDEN + BLEEDINGBLACKWOOD	GIGS
SAT 30	FAUX FIGHTERS UK + FOXYMOP + STEREOPHONIES	GIGS



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