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George’s Comedy Club

George’s Comedy Club runs on the first Friday of every month and brings you the very best, hand-picked comedians to Lancashire in an intimate cabaret setting.

Make sure you book early to avoid disappointment! This event sells out every single month!

Fri 3 May
MC Mike Wilkinson
Jarlath Regan
Daniel Muggleton
Rob Rouse
8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

Fri 5 Jul
MC Phil Ellis
Louise Young
Duncan Oakley
Dan Nightingale
8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

Fri 7 Jun
MC Ray Bradshaw
Josh Pugh
James Bran
8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

Fri 2 Aug
MC Hayley Ellis
Wayne Beese
Lost Voice Guy
Special Guest
8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

Line-ups are subject to change

Looking Ahead

Fri 20 Sep / 7.30pm
Tickets: £24
PG
An Evening of Eric and Ern

Fri 20 Sep / 8pm
Tickets: £15
18+
Dave Johns

Fri 22 Sep / 8pm
Tickets: £29
16+
Rhod Gilbert
The Book of John

Sun 29 Sep / 8pm
Tickets: £21.50
14+
Russell Kane
The Fast and the Curious
Box Office: 01254 582579

**CLASSICAL MUSIC**

**BBC Philharmonic**

- Ravel, Mother Goose (complete ballet)
- Prokofiev, Violin Concerto No.1
- Dvořák, Symphony No.9, ‘From the New World’
- Rory Macdonald, conductor

Ye-Eun Choi, violin

BBC Philharmonic return to Blackburn to conclude the 2018/19 Classics Series with a fairy-tale sound world, hints of the Russian Revolution and the New World Symphony. The evening will begin with a pre-concert talk by Simon Webb, General Manager at BBC Philharmonic, who will discuss the evening’s programme with Ye-Eun Choi.

**Fri 7 Jun / 7.30pm**

**Tickets from:** £18

*Subscriptions and concessions available*

**OPERA & DANCE**

**Northern Ballet**

**Puss in Boots**

Join Puss and Jack on their adventure as they meet a flurry of lovable characters, and even come face to face with royalty!

Bringing this much-loved children’s story to life, Puss in Boots is the perfect opportunity for your little ones to enjoy live ballet, music and theatre. With sell-out performances and a string of hugely successful CBeebies TV adaptations, Northern Ballet’s productions for children are not to be missed.

**Wed 1 May / 2pm & 4pm**

**Tickets: £7 / £6 child**

**Vienna Festival Ballet**

**Giselle**

The ultimate romantic ballet, Giselle is a tale of innocence, love, betrayal and madness. With music by one of the 19th century’s best composers, Adolphe Adam, and choreography by the late Nicholas Beriosoff, VFB’s traditional staging of this 1841 masterpiece moves from the sunny optimism of Giselle’s idyllic village life to an ethereal world of mystery and menace.

**Wed 15 May / 7pm**

**Tickets from: £16.50**

*Concessions available*

**Dusty & The Shades of the 60s**

The dynamic singer and actress Emily Clark stars in the show as Dusty and together with The Shades – three outstanding vocalists in their own rights – takes the audience back in time to relive the Swinging Sixties.

The production whisks you stylishly through a decade of Dusty’s unstoppable catalogue of smash hits including ‘I Only Want To Be With You’, ‘You Don’t Have to Say You Love Me’, ‘Son of a Preacher Man’, ‘I Just Don’t Know What to do With Myself’ and ‘You Don’t Own Me’.

**Sun 19 May / 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £22.50 / £20.50 conc P**

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**Thu 30 May / 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £26.50 Main floor
£29 Balcony 16+**

An all-singing, all-dancing comedy set in a department store, where four women with seemingly nothing in common, meet by chance and make fun of their woeful lives experiencing “The Change”. They soon bond as they realise that the menopause is no longer “The Silent Passage”, but an unavoidable stage in every woman’s life. The hysterical and uplifting Menopause The Musical will have you laughing, and singing, all the way home.

Starring Cheryl Fergison (EastEnders), Maureen Nolan (The Nolans), Rebecca Wheatley (Casualty) and Katherine Lynch (RTÉ’s “Wagons Den”).
Navi: King Of Pop

This incredible production stars the world’s leading MJ tribute artist Navi who is joined on stage by Michael Jackson’s iconic guitarist – Jennifer Batten. Navi is regarded as the world’s No.1 MJ tribute artist and was handpicked by Michael himself as his official body double. Michael also hired Navi to perform at two of his birthday parties where he gave Navi a standing ovation and described his performance as “Incredible”.

Sun 2 Jun / 7pm doors
Tickets: £24.50 / VIP £34.50 (inc. meet & greet) PG

Dirty DC

Dirty DC have always been renowned for their heavy stage presence, authenticity and most important the delivery of the music AC/DC has become so famous for. Between them they have more than 50 years experience playing in AC/DC Tribute Bands. This year’s WALK ALL OVER UK tour promises to unleash a torrent of hard rock to surpass the band’s already exceptional show.

Sat 13 Jul / 8pm
Tickets: £16.50 / £18.50 door 14+

Stiff Little Fingers

SLF make a welcome return to KGH. Over the years, their live shows continue to be special events of energy and power. Their studio albums demonstrate their passion and anger, each in its own way. After many studio albums and countless tours, Stiff Little Fingers find themselves more in demand than ever. They are currently working on a new album, and many of the new songs have been debuted at live gigs, with tremendous response from fans.

Fri 16 Aug / 7.30pm doors
Tickets: £24 / £27 door 14+

The Sixties Invasion

Featuring: Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich, The Tornados and Cupid’s Inspiration. Taking you on a magical rollercoaster ride to the most exciting musical time in history, with endless hits from the sixties and early seventies when pop’s greatest decade comes to life!

Wed 24 Jul / 7.30pm
Tickets: £29 PG

Parka Monkeys Club Night
Celebrate 00’s Indie

I Bet That You Look Good On The Dancefloor!
Take Me Out with all that huge, shout along indie you grew up with. Hate To Say I Told You So, but you need to Dry Your Eyes, take your Seven Nation Army and Get Ur Freak On!

Sat 29 Jun / 9pm
Tickets: £13 adv / £16 door 18+
Sing Together 10th Anniversary Concert
Sing Together are celebrating their 10th Anniversary with a special concert featuring: Sing Together School Children, The Cathedral Choristers, Blackburn Music Society, Blackburn People’s Choir, The Renaissance Singers and Blackburn and Darwen Band.

Thu 13 Jun / 7.30pm
Tickets: £6, £1 under 16s

The National Festival of Making
The National Festival of Making is a unique celebration of making, from the kitchen table to the factory floor. This FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL takes over the streets of Blackburn with music, markets, street food, art, performance, tours, talks and above all, an eclectic mix of making experiences for everyone to enjoy. Returning for the third year expect everything from innovative science experiments to heritage craft skill demonstrations. Crowned winner of the Best Non-Music Festival at the prestigious UK Festival Awards, who recognised the events inclusive atmosphere of discovery and celebration, the 2019 edition is not to be missed.

Sat 15 — Sun 16 Jun / All day
FREE

Last Choir Singing
‘That was the best night of my life’. This is just one of the comments received from the thousands of children who have performed in the ‘Last Choir Singing’ competition over the last 3 years. Now in its 4th year, the Last Choir Singing continues to bring joy to many children. 11 choirs have made it through the heats to the County Final.

Come and cheer them on as they compete for the title of Last Choir Singing County Winner!

Fri 21 Jun / 6pm
Tickets: £9 / £8 conc

The Warrior Monks
Direct from China, The Warrior Monks of The Southern Shaolin Temple with its high-octane kung fu mastery showcases China’s most accomplished and spirited kung fu performers. Made famous by Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon, the Shaolin style of kung fu dates back 1,500 years and brings with it the traditions, power and majesty of 32 dynasties of kung fu fighting.

Thu 11 Jul / 7.30pm
Tickets: £26.50

An Evening with Mark ‘Billy’ Billingham
Join TV’s most experienced, highest ranking and most decorated SAS leader and sniper - Mark ‘Billy’ Billingham (as seen on Channel 4’s SAS Who Dares Wins) for an exciting evening of inspirational speaking & stories.

There will be a Q & A and a chance to meet Billy himself.

Thu 23 May / 7.30pm
Tickets: £23.50 14+

Sing-a-long-a The Greatest Showman
Look out ‘cause here it comes....
Cheer on Hugh Jackman, lust after Zac Efren and hiss Rebecca Ferguson (…or maybe not) as you experience The Greatest Showman in the greatest way possible – with lyrics on the screen so you can join in as loud and proud as you want.

And it’s marching on to the beat we drum...
It couldn’t be easier or more fun!
Fancy dress is strongly encouraged and full audience participation essential.

YOU the audience will rewrite the stars!
Please note this is a screening of the movie not a live stage show

Sun 23 Jun / 1pm
Tickets: £16.50 / £12.50 conc PG

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kinggeorgeshall.com
**Tabby McTat**

Tabby McTat is a cat with the loudest of meee-ews and a best friend with a guitar. Together they sing their favourite songs delighting the crowds, until one day Fred disappears. Separated and alone, Tabby finds shelter and a new life with all the home comforts that any cat could dream of. However, memories of his life with Fred haunt him, and he sets off to search the streets for his long-lost friend.

From the team behind Tiddler and Other Terrific Tales and Zog, Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler’s Tabby McTat is a heart-warming tale of friendship and loyalty interwoven with original songs and a sprinkling of magic.

Suitable for children and families of all ages.

**Thu 25 Jul / 1.30pm & 4pm**

Tickets: £14 PG

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**Elmer the Patchwork Elephant Show**

Based on the classic children’s book series by David McKee, that celebrate its 30th Birthday in 2019, Elmer the Patchwork Elephant Show, is a celebration of individuality and the power of laughter!

Elmer The Patchwork Elephant Show, features a menagerie of 21 loveable puppets, tells the tale of an elephant that stands out – both with his patchwork-coloured skin and his sense of humour – but ultimately realizing that his friends have always valued his unique characteristics.

**Mon 19 Aug / 2pm**

**Tue 20 Aug / 11am & 2pm**

Tickets: £12.50 / Groups £10 1+

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**Seating Plans**

**Concert Hall**

Wheelchair spaces are limited and must be booked in advance with the KGH Box Office.

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**Windsor Suite**
Information and Booking

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Northgate, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 1AA
Box Office: 01254 582579
events@kinggeorgeshall.com
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Booking Info
Booking Fees
Booking fees apply, including cash sales: Phone/Counter £1.50 per transaction plus postage charge where applicable. Online bookings fees vary.

Online
www.kinggeorgeshall.com
Print your tickets at home at your convenience.

By Phone
01254 582579
The booking line is open from 10am – 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am – 3pm on Saturday.

In Person
Darwen Library Theatre Box Office will open 1 hour before the show start time until the end of the first interval.

Parking
The car and coach drop off point at the front of King George’s Hall gives access via a short ramp or a few steps.

Facilities for the deaf and hearing impaired visitor
Windsor Suite has a loop system. Please switch your hearing aid to the T position.

Registered assistance dogs
Assistance dogs are welcome. Water can be supplied on request.

Wheelchair access
There are a limited number of wheelchair spaces within King George’s Hall Complex. Please note that for Concert Hall performances, these spaces are only available on the main floor only. For standing events there will be a designated platform available. Please let us know your requirements at the time of booking. Wheelchair accessible toilets are available.

Assistance
If you cannot attend without the aid of a personal assistant we will supply you with a free ticket so that they can come with you. Please do not be offended if you are asked for documentary evidence, which would usually be your DWP DLA Certificate.

Assistance dogs
If you require specific assistance or advice in advance of your visit, please contact the Box Office team on 01254 582579.

For full details of King George’s Hall’s Terms and Conditions visit:
www.kinggeorgeshall.com/your-visit/terms-and-conditions/

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Online
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By Phone
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Parking
There are two designated parking spaces for disabled patrons in the Darwen Library Theatre car park.

Assistance
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www.darwenlibrarytheatre.com/about-us/admission-ticket-sales-terms-and-conditions/
Join us for a nostalgic trip down memory lane back to those good olde days with a Variety show packed with song, music & mirth!

Bar & Cafe open from 1pm

Enjoy a FREE cup of tea (or coffee) and biscuits served in the Interval.

Tickets: £4.50 / £3.50 Darwen Residents

In a BSL-interpreted event, two poets, Stephen Lightbown and Owen Lowry, will present poems and then take part in a lively discussion about accessibility in poetry.

In 1996, aged 16, Stephen became paralysed following an accident when he hit a tree whilst sledging in the snow in his hometown of Darwen. Twenty years after the accident he began writing poetry and writes extensively but not exclusively about life as a wheelchair user.

In 2019 his first poetry collection, Only Air, will be published by Burning Eye Books. Stephen will be returning to Darwen to not only read poems from his new collection but to also say thank you to the town who supported and rallied round him after his accident.

Come along and celebrate poetry in a relaxed and fully accessible atmosphere.

Tickets: £5 / £3.50 PG

Seating Plan

STAGE

Gentle Rake

Stepped Rake

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Fans of live stand-up comedy in Darwen are in for a treat when we deliver the cream of the UK and international comedy circuit to your doorstep every single month!

The comedians are hand-picked and curated to showcase the best of industry. We promise you’ll love them just as much as we do!

**Darwen Comedy Club**

**MC Alun Cochrane**

**Kevin Caswell-Jones**

**Noel James**

**Sat 4 May**

8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

**MC Mick Ferry**

**Tony Wright**

**Danny Ward**

**Sol Bernstein**

**Sat 1 Jun**

8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

**MC Martin Mor**

**Anth Young**

**Steve Shanyaski**

**Sat 6 Jul**

8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

**MC Dan Nightingale**

**Peter Flannagan**

**Roger Monkhouse**

**Lost Voice Guy**

**Sat 3 Aug**

8pm / Tickets: £12 adv / £14 door 18+

**Gary Delaney**

**Gagster’s Paradise**

A Mock The Week regular and recent star of the new Live At The Apollo series, Gary’s shows are renowned in the business for a near unrivalled volume of high-class gags. You should expect no different from this highly acclaimed show. Please note Coolio will not be appearing.

‘More quality jokes in one hour than most comics have in their entire careers… Quite brilliant’ ★★★★ Scotsman

Sun 9 Jun / 7.30pm

Tickets: £18.50 16+

**Suzi Ruffell**

**Nocturnal**

If you don’t have anxiety, I don’t think you’re concentrating! Suzi is worried about everything – from someone breaking into her flat, to human rights across the globe, to her cat’s quality of life – and it’s keeping her awake. Following last year’s critically acclaimed, sell-out run, this show is not to be missed.

‘Excellent hour of Stand Up’ ★★★★
The Sunday Times

Fri 17 May / 8pm

Tickets: £13 14+

**Comedy Chaos**

Steve Royle & Russell Brown’s Comedy Chaos For Kids includes non-stop fun for the whole family: comedy, magic, juggling, puppets and lots and lots of laughs!

Fri 31 May / 2pm

Tickets: £8.50 adult / £6.50 child 3+

**FAMILY**

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Made in Motown recreate the classic sounds & music of Detroit during the 1960s & 70s. If you’re a fan of The Four Tops, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Martha Reeves & many more Motown legends then this is a show not to be missed.

Sit back & enjoy the songs that were Made In Motown.

**Made in Motown**

**Sat 15 Jun / 7.30pm**

Tickets: £15 / £13 conc

Groups 4+ £12 / £15 door

Flanders and Swann

Join multi award-winning comedian Tim FitzHigham and BBC Radio 4 musical maestro Duncan Walsh Atkins* as they starch their beards and trim their dinner jackets, ready to bring you the wit and wordplay of those ingenious comedy songsmiths, Michael Flanders and Donald Swann.

Lifelong fans and the uninitiated alike will delight to see the boys breathe new life into the much-loved words and music of F&S, including all the classics, *The Hippopotamus* (Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud), *The Gnu*, *The Gas Man Cometh* and many more – plus a few hidden gems along the way!

**Flanders and Swann**

**Sat 13 Jul / 7.30pm**

Tickets: £20 / £18 conc

Martin Stephenson

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**Wed 17 Jul / 7pm doors**

Tickets: £16 / £18 door

PG

Martin Stephenson

Chris Difford is a Grammy nominated and double Ivor Novello Award winning lyricist who has brought us characters and sketches from everyday life, and has successfully turned the mundane into the beautiful, the urbane into the exquisite, for over 40 years.

With his collaborator, Squeeze co-founder Glenn Tilbrook, Chris has written some of the most enduring and best-loved songs of our time such as ‘Up The Junction’, ‘Cool For Cats’ and ‘Labelled With Love’, ‘Tempted’ and many others.

**Chris Difford**

**Fri 26 Jul / 7pm doors**

Tickets: £21.50 / £25.50 door

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Darwen LIVE 2019

Sun 26 May
1pm  Darwen School of Music
2.45pm  Matthew Finn
3.15pm  Dave May Band
4pm  Gaz Bailey
4.30pm  The Sacred Woods
5.15pm  Cat Perrin-Griffiths
5.45pm  The Laurens
6.30pm  Alex Buckley
7pm  Absolute Heroes

Mon 27 May
1pm  PR Music Tuition
2.45pm  Georgia Barker
3.15pm  Heroine
3.15pm  Dave May Band
4pm  Jay Thackery
4.30pm  Gemma Louise Doyle
5.15pm  Teri Birtwistle
5.45pm  Northern Wrath
6.30pm  Just Blake
7pm  Cherrybomb

FREE ENTRY

David Ford

Having gained a reputation as one of Britain’s finest songwriters and one of the very few with the willingness and expertise to tackle matters of politics and current affairs, Ford presents Animal Spirits, a new collection of songs regarding Economics and the part it plays in 21st Century life.

Fri 7 Jun / 7.30pm
Tickets: £15  PG

Chantel McGregor

As part of her 2019 U.K. and European tour, Chantel McGregor has included some exclusive and intimate solo acoustic shows. Chantel will be debuting new songs, reworking tracks from her previous two albums and performing some rare cover versions. This is a one off show not to be missed.

Sat 8 Jun / 7.30pm
Tickets: £13 / £15 door  PG

Julie Felix

What began for little Julie as simple home entertainment, as her father and his friends played Mariachi music into the small hours of the morning, has actually been this remarkable woman’s vocation for half a century... and fortunately for us... it still is!

Thu 13 Jun / 7pm doors
Tickets: £14 / £16 door  PG
National Theatre Live: Live Broadcast
The Lehman Trilogy

Academy Award-winner Sam Mendes (Skyfall, American Beauty) directs Simon Russell Beale, Adam Godley and Ben Miles who play the Lehman Brothers, their sons and grandsons.

On a cold September morning in 1844 a young man from Bavaria stands on a New York dockside. Dreaming of a new life in the new world. He is joined by his two brothers and an American epic begins.

This critically acclaimed and five-time Olivier Award nominated play features stunning set design from Es Devlin (NT Live: Hamlet) and will be broadcast live from London’s West End as part of National Theatre Live’s 10th Birthday season.

Thu 25 Jul / 7pm
Tickets: £14 / conc £13 12A

Excalibow

Intrepid string quartet Bowjangles present their most magical show so far - a theatrical, musical journey through myths, folklore, legends and a portal in a cello case in the quest to find the most priceless relic of all - a magical violin bow known as Excalibow.

Fri 10 May / 7.30pm
Tickets: £12 / £10 groups (10+) / £14 door PG

The Shaduows

Widely recognized as one of the Top Tribute acts capable of re-creating the authentic vocal and instrumental sounds from the past to the present. From the early days of rock n roll Elvis, Buddy Holly, Chuck Berry to Cliff and The Shadows to The Beatles, The MerseyBeat era, The Bee Gees, The Monkees, to Pink Floyd, Eric Clapton and Dire Straits.

Sat 11 May / 6.45pm doors
Tickets: £16.50 / £15.50 conc U

Pink Floydian

Pink Floydian are one of the most accurate Pink Floyd tribute bands in the UK today. Gathered together from the cream of the Northwest’s Floyd loving musicians, they deliver over two hours of Pink Floyd classics. The band sound extremely close to the original recordings, replicating the incredible sounds of Gilmour, Wright, Mason and Waters with precision and dexterity. The band are almost obsessive in their attention to detail, performing each song with note for note renditions of the original recorded album versions or Pink Floyd’s live versions.

Sat 18 May / 7.30pm
Tickets: £16 / £13 conc / £18.50 door 12+

An Acoustic Evening With Tony Wright

Tony Wright is best known as the singer for Bradford rock band Terrorvision. However, when he’s not touring with Terrorvision, he writes, records and tours under his own name with a setlist made up of songs he has written on his acoustic guitar – some upbeat, some melancholic, but all thought-provoking.

Sat 25 May / 7.30pm
Tickets: £15.50 PG

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National Theatre Live: Live Broadcast

All My Sons
America, 1947. Despite hard choices and even harder knocks, Joe and Kate Keller are a success story. They have built a home, raised two sons and established a thriving business. But nothing lasts forever and their contented lives, already shadowed by the loss of their eldest boy to war, are about to shatter. With the return of a figure from the past, long buried truths are forced to the surface and the price of their American dream is laid bare. Broadcast live from The Old Vic in London, Academy Award-winner Sally Field and Bill Pullman star in Arthur Miller’s blistering drama; All My Sons.

Tue 14 May / 7pm
Tickets: £14 / conc £13 12A

National Theatre Live: Live Broadcast

Small Island
Small Island embarks on a journey from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948 – the year the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury. The play follows three intricately connected stories. Hortense yearns for a new life away from rural Jamaica, Gilbert dreams of becoming a lawyer, and Queenie longs to escape her Lincolnshire roots. Hope and humanity meet stubborn reality as the play traces the tangled history of Jamaica and the UK.

A company of 40 actors take to the stage of the National Theatre in this timely and moving story.

Thu 27 Jun / 7pm
Tickets: £14 / conc £13 15

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