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Anton Lesser



Laurie Lee in Words & Music

Red Sky at Sunrise:
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The Royal & Derngate
Sun Sept 24th

Anton Lesser (Game of Thrones, Endeavour, Wolf Hall and Royal & Derngate's The Two Popes) and Charlie

Hamblett (Killing Eve, Ghosts) star in Laurie Lee's extraordinary story told in a captivating weave of music and his own words.

Red Sky at Sunrise follows Lee through his much-loved Cider with Rosie trilogy, when he famously walked out of the Slad valley one midsummer morning, and ended up fighting with the International Brigades against Franco's forces in the Spanish Civil War.

A 'breathtaking' musical programme by Orchestra of the Swan journeys from the lush Gloucestershire countryside made famous in Cider With Rosie, to the arid landscapes of Spain. Featuring music from Vaughan Williams, Britten, Turina and De Falla, with Northampton-born guitarist Mark Ashford.



Dial M For Mayhem

The Royal & Derngate
Mon 3 Feb – Sat 8 Feb '25

A rollicking comical and poignant yarn set in 1991 of a group of travelling actors from south of the Scottish border as they conquer the beautiful unforgiving landscape of the Highlands and Islands village hall circuit to bring those remote tranquil communities Frederick Knott's classic 1950's thriller 'Dial M For Murder'.

Set against a backdrop of the unpredictable Scottish weather complete with internal company squabbling, the antics of a shepherd and his TV watching sheep dog, a flatulent ageing soap star and a long lost caber tossing love. Add to the mix a twinkle-eyed AA man and a missing child's pet black rat called Norman, and the scene is gleefully set for back stage chaos and laugh-out loud hilarity of the play within the play!



Ben Elton:
Authentic Stupidity

The Royal & Derngate
Wed 6 Nov

Following the huge success of Ben Elton's critically acclaimed sold-out UK tour in 2019, which marked his return to live comedy after a fifteen year hiatus, the undisputed godfather of modern stand-up is going back on the road with his new show – Authentic Stupidity.

Ben says 'Since my last live tour a whole new existential threat has emerged to threaten humanity! Apparently Artificial Intelligence is going to destroy us all! Well I reckon our real problem isn't Artificial Intelligence it's good old fashioned Authentic Stupidity! Forget AI! It's AS we need to be worrying about!'

Ben Elton first exploded into the national consciousness back in the 1980's hosting Channel 4's ground breaking Saturday Live and he's been setting the standard for gag filled, taboo busting, tonsil rattling, mind expanding stand-up comedy ever since!



Pretty Woman:
The Musical

The Royal & Derngate
Mon 9th - Sat 14 Sept 24

Make a date to see Hollywood's ultimate rom-com, live on stage, when this smash-hit musical visits Royal & Derngate in September 2024. Once upon a time in the late '80s, Vivian met Edward and her life changed forever. Be swept up in their romance in this dazzlingly theatrical take on a love story for the ages – and get to know these iconic characters in a whole new way – in a sensational show that took London's West End by storm, guaranteed to lift your spirits and light up your heart. With a blazing rock score from Grammy® winners Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance (Summer of '69, Heaven), direction and choreography by Tony Award® winner Jerry Mitchell (Kinky Boots, Hairspray) and a book by the original movie's director Garry Marshall & screenwriter J.F. Lawton, a powerhouse creative team representing the best of music, Hollywood and Broadway ensures you'll have a pretty magical time at Pretty Woman: The Musical.



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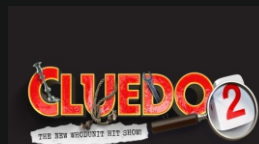
Jessica Mills, make-up artist



Cinderella

The Royal & Derngate
Fri 6 Dec – Tue 31 Dec

Don't miss our hilarious, fun-filled 2024 pantomime, Cinderella, with a star-studded cast. Strictly champion Joanne Clifton will be dazzling as the Fairy Godmother, alongside Cbeebies' favourite Andy Day, as Dandini, the Prince's sidekick. Gordon Cooper and Matt Daines play the hilariously wicked Step Sisters, and are joined by the award-winning comedian Dave Bibby as Buttons, Rodney Vubya as Prince Charming (direct from Frozen, West End) and the wonderfully talented Marcavia McCarthy as Cinderella! It's never too early to book, and with lavish sets, hilarious jokes and fun for the whole family, what's not to love? So don't be late for the ball... get your tickets now!



Cluedo 2

The Royal & Derngate
Tue 26 – Sat 30 Nov

A brand new murder mystery stars West End & TV star Jason Durr as Colonel Mustard and award winning actress and Strictly Come Dancing champion Ellie Leach as Miss Scarlett. Set in the 60s, broke rock n roll legend Rick Black has not had a hit for years. Settling into his new, expensive home, Graveny Manor, he is desperate to revive his fading career... and will do anything to get it back. To reveal his comeback album, Rick assembles his supermodel wife The Honourable Emerald Peacock, his manager Colonel Eugene Mustard, long-time roadie "Professor" Alex Plum, Annabel Scarlett his trusted interior designer, and housekeeper Mrs White who came with house and knows all its secrets. But someone is missing... Rick's song-writing partner "The Reverend" Hal Green disappeared mysteriously when Rick's career went downhill. Without him, has Rick still got it? And where did that butler come from? As the bodies pile up, the guests become suspects, potential victims and detectives, as they dart from room to room to escape the killer and survive the night.

FRANKENSTEIN

Frankenstein

The Royal & Derngate
Tue 12 Nov – Sat 16 Nov

A new story inspired by the classic novel by Mary Shelley. Written and directed by Séan Aydon. 1943. Whilst Europe tears itself apart, two women hide from their past at what feels like the very end of the world. And one of them has a terrifying story to tell...

"I created life. You don't believe me but it's true. I didn't start from scratch of course but out of portions and odd ends I made something – alive. But what I created... it wasn't a superhuman. It was a monster."

This new thriller inspired by the classic gothic novel and complete with a stunning original score explores the very fabric of what makes us human and the ultimate cost of chasing "perfection". Frankenstein is an electrifying reimagining of the world's favourite horror story that will set minds and spines tingling.



Footloose

The Royal & Derngate
Tue 29 Oct – Sat 2 Nov

Based on the the 1980's big screen hit, Footloose The Musical bursts on to the Derngate stage this Autumn, performed by our local award-winning group Northampton Musical Theatre Company. Ren McCormack a teenage city boy is forced to move to Bomont – a small rural town in America where he learns rock 'n' roll and dancing have both been banned by the local preacher. Ren then decides to try and change this and works to get the whole town up on its feet! This full-of-energy musical, packed with popular songs including Holding Out For A Hero and Let's Hear It For The Boy along with the title track Footloose, will get you wanting to be up on your feet dancing.

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