What's on February – August 2013



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The University of Leicester's arts centre – open to all

Comedy

8 - 24 February 2013

A great mix of stand-up, theatre, discussion and children's shows just for Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival



Ollie Smith: 27

Friday 8 February at 8pm £9 / £7 ftler



Balancing on a knife-edge between hilarity and poignancy, and armed with nothing but dry wit and fading dreams, Ollie speculates on his own untimely demise in this darkly-comic solo show, as he struggles to secure his own legend alongside such greats as Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison and Amy Winehouse. www.OllieSmiths27.co.uk

1 hour (no interval). 16+ years. May cause offence. Some flashing lights (not strobe)

Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England; circuit Live Art Festival (Leicester) and Emerge (Leeds)



Abnormally Funny People Saturday 9 February at 8pm £12/£8 for

Stand-up

A group of gifted stand-up comedians strut their funny stuff.

Some sit down and stand-up, others stand on chairs and stand-up, others simply stand up and stand-up. All but one of them is disabled. They are all funny people. Tonight's bill includes Steve Day, Liz Carr, Don Biswas and Steve Best.

www.abnormallyfunnypeople.com

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2 hours. 16+ years. May cause offence

Funny Bones

Sunday 10 February at 2pm FREE

There has been a huge increase in the profile of disability and disability awareness recently. This discussion seminar explores what this means for the comedy industry, and the experiences and aspirations of comedians and audiences. www.makemehappy-online.co.uk





To stay in touch, get more details, video links and FREE online booking: embracearts.co.uk | Fi Embrace Arts @embracearts

Silver Stand-up Competition

Thursday 14 February at 7pm £5 / £3.50

Following its huge success in 2012, this unique evening will showcase the shortlisted entrants aged 55 and over, all vying for the coveted Silver Stand-up and Silver Stand-up Newcomer awards.

If you have a strong funny bone and would like to enter, contact info@comedy-festival.co.uk

1 hour 30 mins. 16+ years. Will probably contain strong language

Gareth Berliner and Kiruna Stamell in

The short and the long of it ...

Saturday 16 February at 8.30pm £10 / £8 fWr

A raucous romp of rudeness and hilarity that challenges assumptions we all make.

This new romantic comedy written and performed by newly-weds Gareth Berliner (stand-up comedian) and Kiruna Stamell (comedy actress, Life's Too Short) gives hope in an age of body fascism, where myths and Hollywood lead us to believe love is only for the traditionally beautiful. www.kirunastamell.net. www.garethberliner.com

1 hour (no interval). 16+ years. May cause offence

The Gramophones Theatre Company in

End to End

Sunday 17 February at 8pm £7 for

From Land's End to John O'Groats in 18 days by as many modes of transport as possible on just £1 a mile. Three women tell the tale of their unique journey, their trials and tribulations, and the unexpected acts of kindness they encounter along the way. www.gramophonestheatre.com

1 hour (no interval). 12+ years

HandMade Theatre in

The Flying Machine Family friendly

For children

Saturday 23 February at 10am, 11.15am, 1pm and 2pm £5 / £15 party of four

Climb aboard the flying machine and get ready for a magical adventure. Be a member of the crew on a journey through the skies in this interactive theatre session, with lots of fun props for children and their families to play with. www.handmadetheatre.co.uk

45 minutes (no interval). 4 – 9 years. Younger children with an adult welcome Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England



School and community group sessions available Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 February.



Stand-up





Paul Currie: Kids' Comedy Family friendly

Sunday 24 February at 3pm £7 / party of four £25 for

Paul Currie is a skilled puppeteer who has worked on popular kids' shows such as CBeebies 'Big & Small', 'Sesame Tree', 'Big City Park' and Jim Henson's 'Pajanimals'. Also an accomplished stand-up comedian, circus tutor and performer, Paul uses all his skills to create an hour of fun for the whole family.

This is absurdist clowning at its best. Leave all reasoning at the door - and prepare for nothing. www.comedycv.co.uk/paulcurrie

1 hour. 5+ years

up

For children





 See Laurence's new show for Edinburgh Festival 2013 at Embrace Arts on Saturday 29 June

Beyond Compère presents

Laurence Clark: Inspired

Sunday 24 February at 8pm £9 / £7 fWr

Laurence Clark gets called "inspirational" quite a lot - and it really ticks him off! But it turns out nothing is quite what it seems. Laurence brought this unique show to Embrace as a work in progress last June. Runner-up in the Amused Moose Comedy Awards for best show, you can now see it in all its post-Edinburgh Fringe glory. www.laurenceclark.co.uk

I hour (no interval). 14+ years

Commissioned by the London 2012 Festival in partnership with Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.

Open House 2013 Family friendly

Saturday 29 June, 12 noon – 4.30pm

FREE fun for all the family

- Try some taster arts, crafts and dance sessions
- Visit our crafts market featuring makers from across the region
- Find out more about our exciting creative courses and workshops
- Enjoy music at lunchtime
 Licensed Arts Bar café open

For details, visit www.embracearts.co.uk or call us on 0116 252 2455.



Discover more from our shows and exhibitions by taking part in our exciting cultural learning programme, which includes:

- School and community group performances and workshops
- Youth Arts Award with discounted tickets
- Continuing professional development for teachers
- Meet the Artist residency programme

Find out more by contacting arts-education@le.ac.uk

Fully-accessible disabled changing facility now available

Live art

Hatch: Scratch 2013

Sunday 9 June,

6pm until late FREE

Hatch: Scratch returns to Embrace for another evening of the unexpected, unpredictable and unforgettable. See the performance art of tomorrow, have a chance to shape how it develops, and enjoy a drink in the bar with everyone afterwards. www.hatchnottingham.co.uk

16+ years. May contain nudity, loud noises or strong language



Dance

David Toole and Lucy Hind in

Extra-Ordinary

Friday 17 May at 8pm f10/f8 fWer

A duet. One with no legs. One with no clue. A most extraordinary journey of self-discovery awaits acclaimed actor and dancer David Toole and his biggest fan, naïve Lucy Hind, in this funny, moving and poignant production. David's "mesmerising dancing" was described by The Daily Telegraph as one of the highlights of the Paralympics 2012 opening ceremony. www.departsltd.com

1 hour. 12+ years

We are looking forward to hosting more dance events as part of Leicester's Let's Dance International Festival 2013. Check out **www.**embracearts.co.uk

Spoken word

It's spangling ... it's spontaneous ... it's poetry ... it's SPRING workshops and performances

Sunday 24 March, 11am - 8pm

Leicester's many open mic poetry groups give space on stage to Young and Old, the In-Betweens of Place, Language, Body and Mind. Finale with Jean Binta Breeze, dub poet, patron of WORD, mentor to many. Licensed Arts Bar café open for food and drink. Supported by www.renaissanceone.co.uk

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Visual art

Gallery open 9.15am – 6pm Monday to Friday

We are also open some weekends but please visit **www.**embracearts.co.uk or call us on 0116 252 2455 weekdays to check beforehand

Exhibitions

Art and architecture

Monday 8 April – Friday 17 May

Is architecture art? Investigate the influences that architecture has on art, exploring how buildings can be the inspiration for artists' work and embedded in their practice. Features works by printmaker Sarah Kirby, textile artist Ruth Chalk, sculptor Steffie Richards, painter Maxwell Jackson, architect Adrian Baynes, and photographers Andy Sunbeam, Chris Pickup and Michael Westmoreland.



Exhibition open evening

Thursday 11 April

5pm Talk by Alan Caine, followed by viewing, 6pm – 8pm

The Figure in the City

Throughout the exhibition in the window gallery

Recent work by Year 10 pupils from Judgemeadow Community College

Crafts on sale

Perfect for that special gift – or why not treat yourself?

Your chance to buy beautiful and unique works by some of the region's finest makers in our newly-extended shop in the foyer.

Original prints and cards now available,

plus jewellery, ceramics, silk scarves, textiles and cushions.

To suit all budgets from less than £10 to £100.



Graham Ensor: new work, Abores Project

Fragment

Tuesday 28 May – Friday 19 July

Three very different East Midlands artists (Amber Gibbs, Joe Moran and Kate Dacasto) explore where we stand within the reality of a time of continuous change and fragmentation.

Associated events FREE

Preview party

Thursday 23 May, 6pm – 8pm

Artists' talk

Wednesday 5 June at 2pm

With Amber Gibbs, Joe Moran and Kate Dacasto









Best practice

A programme of continuing professional development events for visual artists. Limited places so please book in advance

Airtime

Wednesday 27 February at 2.30pm FREE

Discuss current issues in the visual arts with other artists, curators and art organisations at this free event from AIR, the voice of visual and applied artists.

3 hours

Protect Your IP

with Villayat 'Wolf' Sunkmanitu

Wednesday 13 March at 1.30pm FREE

Discover more about intellectual property (IP) issues such as artists' rights, social networking and data mining. Plus how to make a web album to showcase work. www.wolf-photography.com

2 hours

Meet the Artist: Graham Ensor FREE

Monday 19 – Friday 30 August (weekdays), 11am – 2pm

Another opportunity to see an artist in action. Pop in to meet Graham and talk to him about his work.



Sculpture in the Garden 2013: A Change of Heart

Sunday 30 June – Sunday 27 October

The 12th year of the University of Leicester's annual exhibition in the Botanic Garden in Oadby, curated for the second time by Almuth Tebbenhoff FRBS.





The £1.5 million new galleries appeal

An innovative space accessible to all for sculpture, workshops and events.

Please help us extend our home at the Richard Attenborough centre to create a new wing for contemporary visual arts. Every £10 donated will attract a £7.50 match from Arts Council England.

To support the appeal or for more information, contact Ave Vinick at 0116 252 2176 or ary4@le.ac.uk

The Arts Council England interest-free loan scheme, the easy and affordable way to buy and collect contemporary art and craft on sale in exhibitions at Embrace Arts.

Typical 0% APR

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University of Leicester, Richard Attenborough centre, PO Box 138, Lancaster Road, Leicester LE1 7HA.



For children



29 May – 9 June 2013

Krazv Kat Theatre in

The Waving Cat of Japan

Wednesday 29 May at 11am and 2.30pm £7 / party of four £25 fVer

A tropical storm, a wicked sorceress, a not-so-smart Prince and three tricky tasks to perform before midnight? Yikes! Luckily, Maneki Neko – the waving cat – is on hand to help in this visually-exciting new Japanese-style fantasy with actors, puppets, music and magic tricks.

With fully-integrated sign language throughout. www.krazykattheatre.co.uk

50 minutes. 3 – 7 years

Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, and the Esmée Fairburn Foundation.

Pic: Teresa O'Neil



Sunday 2 June at 10.30am and 2pm £7 / party of four £25 fVer

Watch with amazement as all that glitters, shines and sparkles unfolds before your very eyes in this new interactive performance for under 4s and their parents / carers from Liz Clark and Oksana Tyminska.

1 hour. For 6 months - 4 years

Tailored creative movement sessions for disabled young people (4 - 16 years) and their families / carers by

Turned On Its Head.

Sundays 24 February and 17 March, 3pm – 5pm. £5 per child per session; accompanying adults free

Nottingham Playhouse Roundabout 40th Anniversary production

White Peacock by Gill Brigg

Saturday 8 June at 10.15am and 1.30pm £5 / party of four £15

In the moonlit garden, dip your feet in the pond, lie under Sam's favourite tree, shelter in his den from the storm. Share the tingle of excitement of a first kiss, and discover something amazing about the white peacock. White Peacock is a participatory play for audiences of just six young people and six companions in a purpose-built micro-theatre, and offers a unique experience rich in action, colour, sound, touch and emotion. www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

50 minutes. For 11+ years with profound learning disabilities and autism

Supported by ACE Strategic Touring and Nottingham Playhouse

For information on our other Spark Festival events visit www.embracearts.co.uk



SEN school and community group sessions available on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 June.













Local music

Embrace Arts is pleased to support local music on behalf of the University of Leicester

Our associated group scheme is open to any Leicester-based amateur or semi-professional music group. For more details, please contact arts-centre@le.ac.uk

Leicestershire Chorale: O Eve!

Saturday 16 February, Fraser Noble Hall at 8pm £10 (£12 at the door) / £5 / £1

Choral and secular works from composers as diverse as Byrd, Esenvalds and La Rocca. 1 hour 15 minutes plus post-concert refreshments

Brian Humpherson Quintet with Nicole van de Kuinder (vocals)

Friday 8 March at 7.30pm £8/£6

Featuring Don Blakeson: trumpet; Chris Wright: saxophone; Martin Slipp: bass and Dougie Wright: drums. 2 hours

Parkin Presents

Friday 15 March and Saturday 22 June Each gig at 8pm £6 / £4

Cherry-picked piano pop. 2 hours 45 minutes

Knighton Chamber Orchestra

with The Tudor Choir

Conductor: Paul Jenkins

Saturday 20 April, Fraser Noble Hall at 7.30pm f8/f6

The Glory of Mozart: An evening of Mozart's arias, his Oboe Concerto and the Requiem. 2 hours 30 minutes

www. knight on chamber or chestra. co. uk

University of Leicester Sinfonia

Conductor: Michael Sackin; Leader: Elizabeth Murphy with Jonathon Wakefield (flute)

Saturday 15 June, Fraser Noble Hall at 7.30pm £8/£6

Premier of Flute Concerto by Sonja Grossner, plus Brahms: St Anthony Variations; Beethoven: Overture – Egmont; and Brahms: Symphony No 3 in F major. 2 hours

Knighton Chamber Orchestra

Conductor: Paul Jenkins

Saturday 22 June, Fraser Noble Hall at 7.30pm £8/£6

Bruch: Romance for Viola (soloist Mirka Arnold): Sibelius: The Swan of Tuonela (soloist Linda Backhouse); Shostakovitch: Piano Concerto No 2 (soloist Marguerite Beetson) and Brahms Symphony No 2. 2 hours 15 minutes

Cantamici: Blessed Cecilia, Appear and Inspire!

Saturday 29 June, Fraser Noble Hall at 7.30pm £10 / £8 / £3 (under 19s)

Choral music from Benjamin Britten and Argentinian folk music and rhythms of the Missa Criolla, complete with percussion band. 2 hours

Bardi Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Paul Hilliam

Bardi Young Musician's Concert Series 2013

Sunday 7 July, Fraser Noble Hall at 2.30pm £10/£8/£3 (under 19s)

Providing performance opportunities and a showcase for the talents of young players in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. 2 hours 30 minutes. www.bardi.org.uk

These events are produced and managed by the performers and hosted by the University of Leicester. Performances are at Embrace Arts unless otherwise stated

Student music

For information on the University's five student music societies, contact su-musicassociation@le.ac.uk.

Details of their concerts from the Embrace Arts box office

The Arts Bar is the licensed café bar at Embrace Arts. Run by the University of Leicester, it is open from 10am to 8.30pm Mondays to Fridays and at weekends when there are performances and classes, subject to change.

Supported by EM Jazz, PRS for Music Foundation and Jazz Services

Leicester Jazz House presents

Andrew McCormack Trio

Friday 1 February at 8pm £10 fWer



Pianist and composer Andrew McCormack returns to Embrace with his current trio (Chris Hill – bass and Troy Miller – drums) to perform tracks from their new CD and other tunes.

www.mccormackmusic.com



John Turville Trio

Friday 1 March at 8pm £10 fWr

John Turville – piano, Dave Whitford – bass and Ben Reynolds - drums

John celebrates the release of a new recording, 'Conception', whose unique sound ranges from contemporary classical music, tango and poignant jazz ballads to reinterpreted versions of George Shearing and a striking cover of Radiohead's 'Scatterbrain'. www.johnturville.com



Robert Mitchell solo piano

Friday 5 April at 8pm £8 fWr



On his first solo tour, the award-winning pianist and Steinway Artist performs material from his new album 'The Glimpse', which features his new compositions for left hand only, inspired by the few who established this approach and the social history of left handers. www.robertmitchellmusic.com



Alan Barnes – saxophones / clarinet and John Horler - piano

Friday 3 May at 8pm £10 fWer

Virtuoso multi-instrumentalist and LIH regular Alan Barnes this time plays with pianist John Horler, who is probably best known for his long collaboration with John Dankworth and Cleo Laine. www. johnhorler.co.uk

Season ticket just £30 for all 4 gigs - save £8 on full-price tickets Hot and cold food available. Licensed bar. All gigs last 2 hours 30 minutes

Classical music

The Coull Quartet

Both concerts start at 7.30pm £15 / £12 fWer

Friday 15 February: Russian Winter

Life and death, masterly entertainment and a true lost masterpiece are all part of tonight's programme from this popular chamber ensemble: Glazunov: Prelude and Fugue in D minor; Shostakovich: Quartet No 11 in F minor op 122; Haydn: Quartet in F op 77 no 2: Tchaikovsky: Quartet No 3 in E flat minor op 30.

1 hour 55 minutes

Friday 10 May: That's Life

Exuberance, energy, wit and wisdom all feature in these works, produced by three musical geniuses at different stages in their careers: Haydn: Quartet in E flat op 76 no 6; Britten: Quartet no 1 in D op 25; Schumann: Quartet in F op 41 no 2.

1 hour 40 minutes

Pic: Jack Liebeck

Charles Owen: lunchtime piano recital

Wednesday 17 April at 1pm £7 fWr

The critically-acclaimed piano virtuoso Charles Owen returns to Embrace for this year's lunchtime recital supported by The Ernest Mathieson Beguest, playing: Bach: Partita no 3 in A minor BWV 827: Brahms: Eight Piano Pieces op 76: Skriabin: Sonata in G sharp minor op 19. www.charlesowen.net

60 minutes (no interval)

Roger Coull and Philip Gallaway - violins; Rose Redgrave – viola; Nick Roberts – cello

Pic: Danielle King

Free lunchtime **Soundbites**

Tuesdays, 5 February – 12 March and 16 April – 2 July. starting at 12.45pm

Enjoy musical and dance entertainment on every scale, from school orchestras to local soloists. All performances last no more than an hour. Food and drink on sale at the Arts Bar.



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Box office open 9.15am – 6pm, Mondays – Fridays and one hour before all performances (closed Bank Holidays, 28 March and 2 April 2013)



February					
Fri 1	Leicester Jazz House: Andrew McCormack Trio	8pm	Jazz	£10	f₩r
Fri 8	Ollie Smith: 27	8pm	Comedy	£9/£7	fWer
Sat 9	Abnormally Funny People	8pm	Comedy	£12/£8	f₩er
Sun 10	Funny Bones	2pm	Comedy	FREE	
Thurs 14	Silver Stand-up Competition	7pm	Comedy	£5 / £3.50	
Fri 15	The Coull Quartet: Russian Winter	7.30pm	Classical music	£15/£12	fWer
Sat 16	The short and the long of it	8.30pm	Comedy	£10/£8	f₩r
	Leicestershire Chorale	8pm FNH	Local music	£10/£5/£1	
Sun 17	The Gramophones Theatre Company: End to End	8pm	Comedy	£7	fWer
Sat 23	HandMade Theatre: The Flying Machine	10am / 11.15am /	Comedy	£5 / £15 for 4	
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Sun 24	Paul Currie	3pm	Comedy	£7 / £25 for 4	f₩r
	Turned On Its Head movement session	3pm	Take Part	£5	
	Laurence Clark: Inspired	8pm	Comedy	£9/£7	f₩r
Weds 27	Airtime	2.30pm	Visual art	FREE	
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March					
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Fri 8	Brian Humpherson Quintet	7.30pm	Local music	£8/£6	
Weds 13	Protect Your IP	1.30pm	Visual art	FREE	
Fri 15	Parkin Presents	8pm	Local music	£6/£4	
Sun 17	Turned On Its Head movement session	3pm	Take Part	£5	
Sun 24	SPRING	11am - 8pm	Spoken word	FREE	
April					
Fri 5	Leicester Jazz House: Robert Mitchell	8pm	Jazz	£8	f₩r
Mon 8	Art and Architecture exhibition	opens	Visual art	FREE	
Thurs 11	Art and Architecture: talk and open evening	5pm - 8pm	Visual art	FREE	
Weds 17	Charles Owen: lunchtime piano recital	1pm	Classical music	£7	f₩r
Sat 20	Knighton Chamber Orchestra with The Tudor Choir	7.30pm FNH	Local music	f8/f6	
May					
Fri 3	Leicester Jazz House: Alan Barnes and John Horler	8pm	Jazz	£10	f V er
Fri 10	The Coull Quartet: That's Life	7.30pm	Classical music	£15/£12	fWer
Fri 17	,	7.30pm 8pm	Dance	£10/£8	<u> </u>
	David Toole and Lucy Hind: Extra-Ordinary			FREE	f₩r
Tues 28 Weds 29	Fragment exhibition	opens	Visual art For children		
	Krazy Kat Theatre: The Waving Cat of Japan	11am / 2.30pm	For Children	£7 / £25 for 4	f ⊘ er
June					
Sun 2	Turned On Its Head: Shiny	10.30am / 2pm	For children	£7 / £25 for 4	f₩r
Weds 5	Fragment: artists' talk	2pm	Visual art	FREE	
Sat 8	Nottingham Playhouse Roundabout: White Peacock	10.15am / 1.30pm	For children	£5 / £15 for 4	
Sun 9	Hatch: Scratch 2013	6pm	Live art	FREE	
Sat 15	University of Leicester Sinfonia	7.30pm FNH	Local music	£8/£6	
Sat 22	Knighton Chamber Orchestra	7.30pm FNH	Local music	£8/£6	
	Parkin Presents	8pm	Local music	£6/£4	
Sat 29	Open House 2013	12pm - 4.30pm	Special event	FREE	
	Cantamici Choir	7.30pm FNH	Local music	£10/£8/£3	
July					
Sun 7	Bardi Young Musician's Concert Series 2013	2.30pm FNH	Local music	f10/f8/f3	
August					
Mon 19 -	Meet the Artist: Graham Ensor	11am - 2pm	Visual art	FREE	

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venue: Main hall

Select a performance:

Saturday, December 1 8:00 pm

Ticket prices (all prices include VAT)

Full Price	£6.00
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Under 19s	£4.00
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