



Cheshire Rural
Touring Arts

Spring 2020



Live theatre, literature, music & dance
in Cheshire's rural venues & libraries

www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk



Cheshire Rural Touring Arts

Welcome to our 23rd year of rural touring in Cheshire. We are delighted to bring you some of the very best touring theatre, music, dance and family shows to village halls, libraries, studio spaces and school venues near you.

CRTA programmes aim to appeal to a wide range of ages and tastes. Our theatre shows this Spring include the comedy of The Last Quiz Night on Earth, a return for George Egg with Movable Feast, the satirical comedy of The Four Horseman and Quick Duck's coming-of-age comedy Yours Sincerely. For history buffs, we have an aviation and suffragette themed performance Clouds and A Brief History of Music's whistlestop tour of Western musical history. For some wonderful and personal storytelling we offer Home Sweet Home, an autobiographical show which is part circus, part theatre, and Pepper and Honey, a subtle play about cultural differences and biscuits.

Musically we bring foot stomping Truckstop Honeymoon and an inspired Austrian musician Peter Hudler with his Cello on Fire.

How to buy tickets: Tickets for shows are available direct from the venue via phone or email. Please note these venues are run by volunteer promoters and are not box offices open at all times. Some venues also offer online ticket booking.



Shows which have the online booking facility have this symbol in the brochure listing. Online tickets can be booked via our website www.cheshire ruraltouringarts.co.uk or via Ticketsource: www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshire ruraltouringarts Ticket booking contact numbers, emails and disabled access information for all venues can be found in the middle of the brochure.

Welcome to Cheshire Rural Touring Arts' Spring 2020 Brochure!

For children and families we have the story of the world's first dog, Ogg 'n' Ugg.

We are only able to offer these performances because of the hard working and dedicated volunteer promoters on CRTA, who alongside many other helpers and teams at the venue, put on a truly wonderful night out for audiences. Our promoters offer a warm welcome and support to visiting companies or bands and make this a really special night for everyone. If you are interested in volunteering at your local CRTA venue, then do speak to the promoter to find out how you can get involved.

We are committed to delivering the best small scale quality theatre, music, dance and family performances through our continued partnerships with Big Imaginations and Rural Touring Dance Initiative projects. We would not be able to continue to do this without the support of Arts Council England, Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East Councils and we thank them for this commitment to providing high quality performances in rural areas.

Ticket prices: Ticket prices vary for each venue and show, but all range within **£8 - £13** (however, tickets for children's shows may be cheaper).

Please check with the venue directly for the ticket prices

To contact CRTA for any queries about the work we do or any ticket booking problems please call: **01244 972835** or email crtat@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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Twitter: [@cheshiretouring](https://twitter.com/cheshiretouring)



New work in new spaces

Cutting Hedge aims to nurture and develop new audiences for contemporary theatre outside the usual urban landscapes. Pieces branded with 'Cutting Hedge' for CRTA will have been selected as high quality work which offers new, different or unusual content, style or subject.

Big Imaginations

CRTA are delighted to be part of Big Imaginations who support us and others to bring remarkable and high quality Children's theatre to our rural spaces in Cheshire.

Find out more at www.bigimagination.co.uk



Rural Touring Dance Initiative

We are delighted to be part of a 3 year RTDI programme from NRTF, The Place, Take Art and China Plate and funded by Arts Council, England.

The RTDI project is designed to increase the quality, quantity and diversity of dance in rural touring.

The RTDI will enable hundreds of rural performances to take place nationally as well as supporting dance artists, commissioning new work and creating opportunities for young people and communities to be involved in workshops and dance events.

To find out more visit the website:

www.ruraltouringdance.com

or contact Claire Smith, Project Manager

claire@nrtf.org.uk

RTDI is supported by Arts Council England. It is a partnership led by The National Rural Touring Forum with China Plate, The Place and Take Art.

RURAL TOURING DANCE INITIATIVE

Making the best dance happen in small spaces



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ENGLAND



the place

china
plate

take
art

Theatre Fideri Fidera

Ogg 'n' Ugg and the World's First Dogg



A long, long time ago there were no dogs – there were wolves, but we didn't like them and they didn't like us. But then along came Yorkshire hunter-gatherers Ogg 'n' Ugg who palled up with the wolves and invented our best friend, the dog.

Audiences can expect flying meat bones, sabre-toothed tigers, time-travelling sticks, rapping wolves, forest infernos, and lots and lots of fun before finally getting the chance to pat the world's first Dogg.

Inspired by the truly amazing evolutionary process where over thousands of years hunter-gatherers transformed the wolf into a perfect pet through domestication and selection, this play is in Three Weeks critic Caro Moses' words "something truly different and about something never tackled by a theatre company before".

★★★★★ "Vastly entertaining for both adults and children this caveman story is heartfelt and engaging... Theatre Fideri Fidera are a credit to children's theatre." New Perspective

★★★★★ "A brilliant mix of story, song, puppeteering... Genuinely funny and energetic and the adults in the audience were laughing just as much as the kids." Families Edinburgh Magazine



Friday 13th March - 1.30pm - Tarvin Community Centre 07824 545448

Saturday 14th March - 11am - Lion Salt Works 01606 275 066

www.theatre-fideri-fidera.com/shows/ugg-n-ogg/ | Suitable for ages 3+ but infants and babies are also welcome



THEATRE

Time and Again Theatre *Clouds*

Time and Again Theatre, a Cheshire-based company, bring their new play, *Clouds*, to rural touring audiences! *Clouds* is a two-act play entwining the pioneering days of early aviation with the fight for women's rights and the rise of the suffragette movement.

Winifred (Freddie) Baxter is determined to become the first Englishwoman to enter an air race and fly right around the country. Her instructor, Philip, is more concerned with maintaining his own reputation as a dashing aviator, than teaching Freddie about the Blackburn Type D monoplane.

Clouds takes Britain's 'last glorious summer' and slowly draws out the simmering tensions and stark inequality lurking beneath the surface of repressed Edwardian respectability.

The set includes a scale replica Blackburn monoplane.

★★★★ "A wonderfully atmospheric play, *Clouds* is an interesting snapshot – and reminder – of the battles that women fought, indeed are still fighting, in having a fair and equal world." Edinburgh Guide



Friday 13th March - 7.30pm - Kingsley Community Centre 07935 331 982

www.timeandagaintheatre.com | Suitable for ages 12+



THEATRE

Just Some Theatre *The Four Horsemen*



The Four Horsemen is a satirical comedy which brings the fabled Horsemen of the Apocalypse into a contemporary setting. Death and War see their lifelong friendship torn apart by jealousy and infighting after War begins a relationship with the upcoming Horsewoman hopeful Addiction. Pestilence introduces the team to his new disease, which sends victims through a dramatic enactment of the Seven Deadly Sins, and Famine struggles to bring together the team in a harmony they haven't seen since the Dark Ages.

This slick two-hander with high energy physical comedy and slick quick changes oozes enjoyment.

"This is theatre artistry and technical genius at its best! Pure magic!!!"
TheatreReviews.Design

Friday 20th March - 7.30pm - Neston Town Hall 0151 353 1928

Saturday 21st March - 7.30pm - The Electric Picture House, Congleton
01260 275 443

Saturday 4th April - 7.30pm - Kelsall Community Centre 01829 751 031

www.justsometheatre.co.uk | Suitable for ages 14+



THEATRE

Notnow Collective *Pepper & Honey*

"There are two types of people. The ones who move away. And the ones who stay and wait..."



Pepper and Honey is a new play about two women questioning the meaning of home. The play is timed to perfection in order to deliver a perfect Croatian pepper biscuit, in front of and with the help of the audience. The baking process is intertwined with a story of what it is like to settle in a different country, leaving and returning and making and breaking family traditions.

Pepper and Honey is a poignant, subtle and timely play about cultural differences, trying not to feel like a foreigner in your adopted country, and the conflict between upholding the traditions of the old country and embracing those of the new.

The show has been created with rural touring venues and audiences in mind.

"A very human, and at times, challenging story about what divides and unites us. Exquisitely acted and faultless production. Perfect for rural touring" David Lane, Rural touring promoter

Friday 27th March - 7.30pm – Grosvenor Museum 01244 972197

Saturday 28th March - 7.30pm – Cuddington and Sandiway Village Hall

01606 888 931 or email enquiries@cuddingtonandsandiwayvillagehall.org.uk

notnowcollective.com | Suitable for adults and children over 12



THEATRE

Quick Duck Theatre *Yours sincerely*



Will Jackson has accidentally stolen 300 second class stamps from the post office. But he's making them count. He's going to write letters.

From reconnecting with old friends and ex-boyfriends to run-ins with the marketing department at John Lewis, stamp collecting has never looked so sexy...

Based on real life correspondences; storytelling and lipsync cabaret collide in this queer coming-of-age comedy about the complications of 21st-century communication.

Yours Sincerely was originally produced by Birmingham REP Theatre and is hot off the heels of its incredibly successful Edinburgh fringe run.

★★★★★ **"An escalating comedy that takes you on a wild ride"**
The Skinny (review), Mirren Wilson

Thursday 26th March - 7.30pm – St Mary's Creative Space, Chester

01606 79348

Friday 27th March - 7.30pm – Lion Salt Works 01606 275 066

Saturday 28th March - 7.30pm – Audlem Public Hall 01270 811 250

or email Tava325@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/QuickDuckTheatre | Suitable for ages 14+ (adult themes)





George Egg *Movable Feast*

Following on from his popular visit to CRTA in Autumn 2018, George Egg returns to Cheshire with *Movable Feast*, his new show about making food on the move. It's time for Planes, Trains and Automob-meals (sorry).



Part stand-up comedy, part entertaining and absurd illustrated lecture, part cookery demonstration. On a stage set up like the interior of a garage George makes three plates of delicious food using unconventional items and absurd methods. Watch him demonstrate how to cook with an engine, get the most from the car battery and even utilise the air-conditioning.

Three plates of gourmet food cooked live in the most unconventional ways and with the opportunity to taste the results at the end, provided you can stop laughing.

"Egg flawlessly blends jokes, cooking tips, obscure facts, and some tongue in cheek poems" *Edinburgh Festivals Magazine*

Saturday 28th March - 7.30pm - Tarvin Community Centre 07824 545 448

Sunday 19th April - 7.30pm - Plumley Village Hall 01565 722 259

Sunday 5th July - 7.30pm - Crewe Lyceum Studio Theatre 01270 368 242

www.georgeegg.com | Suitable for ages 14+































SPRING DIARY

DATE	TIME	WHO	WHAT
Friday 13th March	1.30pm	Theatre Fideri Fidera	Ogg 'n' Ugg and the World's First Dogg
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Friday 27th March	7.30pm	Not Now Collective	Pepper and Honey
Saturday 28th March	7.30pm	Not Now Collective	Pepper and Honey
Thursday 26th March	7.30pm	Quick Duck Theatre	Yours Sincerely
Friday 27th March	7.30pm	Quick Duck Theatre	Yours Sincerely
Saturday 28th March	7.30pm	Quick Duck Theatre	Yours Sincerely
Saturday 28th March	7.30pm	George Egg	Movable Feast
Friday 3rd April	7.30pm	Box of Tricks	The Last Quiz Night on Earth
Saturday 4th April	7.30pm	Box of Tricks	The Last Quiz Night on Earth
Sunday 5th April	7.30pm	Box of Tricks	The Last Quiz Night on Earth
Saturday 4th April	7.30pm	Just Some Theatre	The Four Horsemen
Sunday 19th April	7.30pm	George Egg	Movable Feast
Thursday 23rd April	7.30pm	Truckstop Honeymoon	
Friday 24th April	7.30pm	Truckstop Honeymoon	
Saturday 25th April	7.30pm	Truckstop Honeymoon	
Saturday 25th April	7.30pm	Nearly There Yet	Home Sweet Home
Sunday 26th April	7.30pm	Nearly There Yet	Home Sweet Home
Friday 8th May	7.30pm	GreenMatthews	A Brief History of Music
Saturday 9th May	7.30pm	GreenMatthews	A Brief History of Music
Friday 15th May	7.30pm	GreenMatthews	A Brief History of Music
Friday 22nd May	7.30pm	KPS Productions and the Finishing Touch Company	And this is my Friend Mr Laurel
Saturday 23rd May	7.30pm	KPS Productions and the Finishing Touch Company	And this is my Friend Mr Laurel
Sunday 24th May	7.30pm	KPS Productions and the Finishing Touch Company	And this is my Friend Mr Laurel
Saturday 13th June	7.30pm	Peter Hudler	Cello on Fire
Sunday 14th June	7.30pm	Peter Hudler	Cello on Fire
Sunday 5th July	7.30pm	George Egg	Movable Feast












WHERE	POSTCODE	TELEPHONE	ARTFORM
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	07824 545 448	Theatre/Children
Lion Salt Works	CW9 6ES	01606 275 066	Theatre/Children
Kingsley Community Centre	WA6 8ED	07935 331 982	Theatre
Neston Town Hall	CH64 9TR	0151 353 1928	Theatre
The Electric Picture House, Congleton	CW12 1QN	01260 275 443	Theatre
Grosvenor Museum Lecture Theatre	CH1 2DD	01244 972 102	Theatre
Cuddington and Sandiway Village Hall	CW8 2LB	01606 888 931	Theatre
St Marys Creative Space, Chester	CH1 2DW	01606 79348	Theatre
Lion Salt Works	CW9 6ES	01606 275 066	Theatre
Audlem Public Hall	CW3 0AH	01270 811 250	Theatre
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	07824 545 448	Comedy/Theatre
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	01625 619 449	Theatre
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8PE	01477 544 467 / 07940 579 723	Theatre
Mollington Village Hall	CH1 6NT	01244 851 842	Theatre
Kelsall Community Centre	CW6 0SB	01829 751 031	Theatre
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	01565 722 259	Comedy/Theatre
Little Sutton Library	CH66 1QQ	0151 337 6800	Music
Neston Civic Hall	CH64 9PE	0151 353 1928	Theatre
Upton-by-Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	01244 380 068	Music
University of Chester, Creative Campus, Kingsway Theatre	CH2 2LB	Online tickets only www.kingswaytheatre.co.uk	Theatre
Crewe Lyceum Studio Theatre	CW1 2DA	01270 368 242	Theatre
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	01625 619 449	Music
Kettleshulme Village Hall	SK23 7QU	01663 719 221	Music
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	01829 760 422	Music
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472	Theatre
Crewe Lyceum Studio Theatre	CW1 2DA	01270 368 242	Theatre
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8PE	01477 544 467 / 07940 579 723	Theatre
Upton-by-Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	01244 380 068	Music
St Thomas Church, Parkgate	CH64 6SL	0151 353 1928	Music
Crewe Lyceum Studio Theatre	CW1 2DA	01270 368 242	Comedy/Theatre

ACCESS INFORMATION

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CREWE LYCEUM	    
CUDDINGTON & SANDIWAY VILLAGE HALL	     
GAWSWORTH VILLAGE HALL	P   
GOOSTREY VILLAGE HALL	P    
GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH HALL	P  
GROSVENOR MUSEUM	     
KELSALL COMMUNITY CENTRE	P     
KETTLESHULME VILLAGE HALL	P osp   
KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE	    
LION SALT WORKS, NORTHWICH	P     

LITTLE BUDWORTH JUBILEE HALL	P  
LITTLE SUTTON LIBRARY	  
MOLLINGTON VILLAGE HALL	  
*NESTON CIVIC HALL	P  
*NESTON TOWN HALL	P  
PLUMLEY VILLAGE HALL	P   
ST MARY'S CREATIVE SPACE	 osp   
TARVIN COMMUNITY CENTRE	P   
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UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER KINGSWAY THEATRE	P   
UPTON-BY-CHESTER VILLAGE HALL	  














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- P** Main car park / reservable parking upon request
-  Designated parking within car park and / or close to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach down to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach up to entrance
-  Inclined / ramp approach down from entrance
-  Level entrance
-  Total number of steps to entrance
-  Wheelchair access at side / rear
-  Lift / Platform Lift
- WC** Standard WC facility only
-  Wheelchair accessible toilet
-  Induction loop
-  Infra red system
- osp On street parking
- tsr Transfer space restricted

* Additional on-street parking is available on drive closer to main entrance.

For all other venues not listed here, please contact the venues directly for access information.

VENUES

VENUE	POSTCODE	CONTACT	TELEPHONE	EMAIL / WEBSITE	
Audlem Public Hall	CW3 0AH		01270 811 250	tava325@gmail.com	
Crewe Lyceum	CW1 2DA		01270 368 242	www.crewelyceum.co.uk	
Cuddington and Sandiway Village Hall	CW8 2LB	Helen Webster	01606 888 931	enquiries@cuddingtonandsandiwayvillagehall.org.uk	
Gawsworth Village Hall	SK11 9QY	Andrew Bennett	01625 619 449	andrew-bennett@sky.com	
Goostrey Village Hall	CW4 8PE	Janet Ollier	01477 544 467 / 07940 579 723	janet.ollier@gmail.com	
Great Budworth Parish Hall	CW9 6HL	Janet / Katy	01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472	david.hiatt@virgin.net / kathyhopkinson@uwclub.net	
Grosvenor Museum, Chester	CH1 2DD	Lucy Ashdown	01244 972197	lucy.ashdown@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	
Kelsall Community Centre	CW6 0SB	Jim Struthers	01829 751 031	jim.struthers2@gmail.com	
Kettleshulme Village Hall	SK23 7QU	Jo Butler	01663 719 221	jo.butler@kettleshulme.org	
Kingsley Community Centre	WA6 8ED	Anne Kavanagh	07935 331 982	anne.kavanagh1234@gmail.com	
Lion Salt Works, Northwich	CW9 6ES		01606 275 066	www.lionsaltworks.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk	
Little Budworth Jubilee Hall	CW6 9BU	Joan Johnson	01829 760 422	joan@johnsonlb.plus.com	
Little Sutton Library	CH66 1QQ		0151 337 6800	littlesutton.library@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	
Mollington Village Hall	CH1 6NT	Christine Jones	01244 851 842	chrisjones@hotmail.co.uk	
Neston Civic Hall, Hinderton Road	CH64 9PE	Pat Kynaston	0151 353 1928	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Neston Town Hall, High Street	CH64 9TR	Pat Kynaston	0151 353 1928	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Plumley Village Hall	WA16 0TR	Harry Allen	01565 722 259	tickets@plumleyvillagehall.co.uk	
St Mary's Creative Space, Chester	CH1 2DW		01606 79348	create@mrandmrstheatre.co.uk	
St Thomas Church, Neston	CH64 6SL	Pat Kynaston	0151 353 1928	pat.kynaston@btinternet.com	
Tarvin Community Centre	CH3 8LY	Fiona Lewis	07824 545 448	thearts@tarvincommunitycentre.org	
The Electric Picture House, Spindle Mill, Congleton	CW12 1QN	Petra Lea	01260 275 443	electricpicturehouse@gmail.com	
University of Chester, Kingsway Theatre	CH2 2LB		Online tickets only	www.kingswaytheatre.co.uk	
Upton by Chester Village Hall	CH2 1HX	Geoff Newton	01244 380 068	geoffreynewton008@btinternet.com	

THEATRE

Box of Tricks

The Last Quiz Night on Earth

The End of the World Quiz waits for no man, literally. Onwards ever onwards to our fiery decline. Round Three..."

It's the end of the world. The last night on earth. An asteroid is heading straight for us. Fancy going out with a bang?

It's the final countdown. Landlady Kathy invites you to the last quiz night on earth with Quizmaster Rav. He's the host with the most. But with time ticking, some unexpected guests turn up out of the blue. Bobby wants to settle old scores and Fran wants one last shot at love. Expect the unexpected right until the bitter end.

Following two sold-out tours of *Chip Shop Chips*, *Box of Tricks* brings explosive new comedy *The Last Quiz Night on Earth* to your local. So grab a drink and join us for a night you won't forget with plenty of drama. Let's get quizzical, quizzical!



Friday 3rd April - 7.30pm - Gawsworth Village Hall 01625 619 449

Saturday 4th April - 7.30pm - Goostrey Village Hall

01477 544 467 / 07940 579 723

Sunday 5th April - 7.30pm - Mollington Village Hall 01244 851 842

Doors open 6.00 for 6.30 for meal, performance starts 7.30

www.boxoftrickstheatre.co.uk | Suitable for ages 14+

MUSIC

Truckstop Honeymoon

Live performance of high energy original songs with banjo, upright bass and guitar. An American duo recently relocated to Wales. Hollering with all their hearts over a five string banjo and a doghouse bass, *Truckstop Honeymoon* live the life they sing about. Touring across three continents with a truckload of songs, Katie and Mike West tell stories about the strangeness of everyday life.

Their music combines elements of bluegrass, music hall jazz, and straight up rock'n'roll. They have released nine albums and a full length documentary film, produced over 200 albums for other artists, and received awards for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts.

'Truckstop Honeymoon work their way through an entertaining set flawlessly... the husband and wife duo have the crowd eating out of the palm of their hands.' Bring the Noise, UK



Thursday 23rd April - 7.30pm - Little Sutton Library 0151 337 6800

Friday 24th April - 7.30pm - Neston Civic Hall 0151 353 1928

Saturday 25th April - 7.30pm - Upton-by-Chester Village Hall

01244 380 068

www.truckstophoneymoon.com | Suitable for all ages

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Kaveh Rahmana – Nearly There Yet *Home Sweet Home*



“Wonderful and truly moving, a heartfelt exploration into belonging”

Home Sweet Home is a show which everyone can relate to. If you’ve been in a room full of people and felt like you didn’t belong there, or if you’ve had someone say something to you that made you feel really small but you didn’t say anything, then this is the show for you. It’s also really entertaining. People have laughed a lot while watching it. A few people cried too.

It starts in a front room but then lots of stories get told – stories about where names come from, about Freddie Mercury, about flooded houses, stories about

circus, and stories about holding a tiny child in your arms. You get taken away from that front room and then right back again.

Described as “wonderful and truly moving” and “a heartfelt exploration into belonging” by audiences, Home Sweet Home is funny, engaging, and accessible. Part-Iranian, part-Welsh, part-who cares, part-everybody-cares: Home Sweet Home uses circus, stand-up and plenty of true-to-life anecdotes to explore what it is to feel like you don’t belong.

Saturday 25th April - 7.30pm - University of Chester, Creative Campus, Kingsway Theatre

Online tickets only from www.kingswaytheatre.co.uk

Sunday 26th April - 7.30pm - Crewe Lyceum Studio Theatre 01270 368 242



MUSIC

GreenMatthews

A Brief History of Music

A Brief History Of Music takes in 600 years of musical history in 90 minutes! Beginning in the Middle Ages and ending up in the 20th century (and incorporating everything in between!) this fun and fast-moving show is a whistle-stop tour of Western musical history.

Featuring long forgotten songs and tunes (not to mention jokes!) GreenMatthews paint a vibrant and vivid picture of our musical DNA, mixing the familiar and the obscure, the raucous and the reflective, and the courtly and the commonplace.



Friday 8th May - 7.30pm - Gawsworth Village Hall 01625 619 449

Saturday 9th May - 7.30pm - Kettleshulme Village Hall 01663 719 221

Friday 15th May - 7.30pm - Little Budworth Jubilee Hall 01829 760 422



www.greenmatthews.co.uk | Suitable for adults and children aged 12+

THEATRE

KPS Productions & The Finishing Touch Company presents

...And this is my Friend Mr Laurel

by Gail Louw and Jeffrey Holland



MUSIC

Peter Hudler

Cello on Fire

A Solo Cello Show - no standard classical recital but an extraordinary mix of styles, ranging literally from Baroque to Rock. Austrian cellist Peter Hudler combines astonishing virtuosity with inspired musicianship.

The programme brings together specially commissioned works by contemporary musicians such as John Zorn with classical pieces from the likes of Bach and Debussy, plus a wide range of Jazz, Folk and cross-over music.

Peter Hudler introduces the pieces, explaining the background to them and including anecdotes and stories to keep it light for audiences. All together, it adds up to an entertaining and spectacular night full of cello surprises.



"Be prepared to put any pre-conceptions of what a cello can sound like to one side and be prepared to let Peter Hudler re-define this instrument for you." The Southside Advertiser, 2019

Saturday 13th June - 7.30pm - Upton-by-Chester Village Hall 01244 380 068
 Sunday 14th June - 7.30pm - St Thomas Church, Mostyn Square, Parkgate, CH64 6S 0151 353 1928

Jeffrey Holland (Hi-de-Hi, You Rang M'Lord) stars in this one-man show about friendship, memories and a couple of remarkable lives.

Set in Oliver Hardy's bedroom, the action takes place as Laurel pays a visit to his sick friend, recounting their past success as one of the greatest cinematic partnerships of the century and providing an in depth, humorous and touching account of the comedian's life.

Fulfilling a long held desire to pay tribute to his hero Stan Laurel, Jeffrey Holland tells this intriguing, funny and often poignant tale of friendship, love and dedication about one of Hollywood's great film comedians.

★★★★ 'spellbinding and magically, timelessly funny.'
 The Stage

There will be an additional post show conversation with Jeffrey Holland.

Friday 22nd May - 7.30pm - Great Budworth Parish Hall

01606 891 019 / 01606 624 472

Saturday 23rd May - 7.30pm - Crewe Lyceum Studio Theatre

01270 368 242

Sunday 24th May - 7.30pm - Goostrey Village Hall

01477 544 467 / 07940 579 723

www.myfriendmrlaurel.co.uk | Suitable for ages 8+



www.peterhudler.com | Suitable for ages 12+



To Book

To book for any of these events please call or email the venue direct at the number listed in the brochure.

Please note these telephone numbers are answered by volunteer promoters and are not box offices open at all times. If you experience any problems with ordering tickets, please call the rural arts officers on **01244 972835** or email **crt@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk**

Book online:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts

Ticket prices range from £8 – £13
(lower prices for Children's shows)

www.cheshireruraltouringarts.co.uk

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